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By Einar Kvasager		
	Rain	Snow
August 27	0.01	
August 28	0.04	
Total	0.05	0.00

Oklee Herald

...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

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We will be closed
Monday September 7th
in observance of



Enjoy the day with your family and friends!

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Calendar of Events

Wed, Sept. 2:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.

Thu, Sept. 3:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.

Fri, Sept. 4:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.

Sat, Sept. 5:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!

Sun, Sept. 6:
-Worship at the church – check inside for church times and places.

Mon, Sept. 7:
-No Meal - Cafe Closed.

Tue, Sept. 8:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.

Wed, Sept. 9:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.

Your 2020 Census

Questions Answered Every Moment Counts

Responding to the 2020 Census is easy, safe, and important. Learn more about the questions we'll ask and how your answers will be used.

What Will I Be Asked?

As required by the Census Act, the U.S. Census Bureau submitted a list of questions to Congress on March 29, 2018. Based on that list, the 2020 Census will ask:

How many people are living or staying at your home on April 1, 2020. This will help us count the country's population and ensure that we count people once, only once, and in the right place according to where they live on Census Day.

Whether the home is owned or rented. This will help us produce statistics about homeownership and renters. The rates of homeownership serve as one indicator of the nation's economy. They also help in administering housing programs and informing planning decisions.

About the age of each person in the household. Similar to the recording of other demographic data such as the race and sex of each person, the U.S. Census Bureau creates statistics to better understand the size and characteristics of different age groups. Agencies use this data to plan and fund government programs that support specific age groups, including children and older populations.

What Won't I Be Asked?

The Census Bureau will never ask you for:

- Your Social Security number.
- Money or donations.
- Anything on behalf of a political party.
- Your bank or credit card account numbers.

If you've been asked to provide any of these, please report it at: <https://2020census.gov/en/avoiding-fraud.html>.

MPCA to expand electric vehicle charging network by more than 2,500 miles in Greater Minnesota

As the electric vehicle (EV) market continues to expand throughout the state, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) announced today it will fund the installation of up to 38 additional fast charging stations in Greater Minnesota, extending the existing EV highway corridor network by more than 2,500 miles. Fast chargers can fully recharge an EV with a 100-mile range in as little as 20 minutes, depending on the car battery.



RLCC Schools open on September 8th

Red Lake County Central will be opening normally for in person education at both the High School and the Elementary.

They will be working hard to keep COVID-19 under control with the help of the communities, parents, students and staff by:

1) Stay home when sick.

2) Social distance, 6 ft away and less than 15 minutes of continuous contact.

3) Wash hands and if can't use hand sanitizer.

4) Wear your masks

5) Clean and disinfect.

6) Fresh air-outside vs indoors, hvac systems, open windows and doors.

RLCC Schools can do this!

Pedestrian Safety

Teach kids to make eye contact with drivers before crossing the street. Whether your kids are walking to school, the park or a friend's house, here are a few simple tips to make sure they get there safely.

The Hard Facts

Unintentional pedestrian injuries are the fifth leading cause of injury-related death in the United States for children ages 5 to 19. Teenagers are now at greatest risk. Teens have a death rate twice that of younger children and account for half of all child pedestrian deaths.

Top Tips

Teach kids to look left, right and left again before crossing the street. Then remind them to continue looking until safely across.

Teach kids to put phones, headphones and devices down

when crossing the street. It is particularly important to reinforce this message with teenagers.

It's always best to walk on sidewalks or paths and cross at street corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible.

Children under 10 need to cross the street with an adult.

Every child is different, but developmentally, most kids are unable to judge the speed and distance of oncoming cars until age 10.

Be a good role model. Set a good example by putting your phone, headphones and devices down when walking around cars.

From: <https://www.safekids.org/walking safely tips>

School Bus Safety

Riding the school bus for the first time is a big step for your child. Help your kids get a gold star in school bus safety by following these tips.

The Hard Facts about School Bus Safety

School buses are the safest way to get children to and from school, but injuries can occur if kids are not careful when getting on and off the school bus.

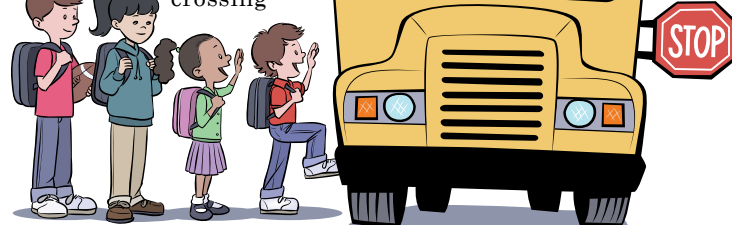
Top Tips for Riding the Bus

- Walk with your kids to the bus stop and wait with them until it arrives. Make sure drivers can see the kids at your bus stop.

- Teach kids to stand at least three giant steps back from the curb as the bus approaches and board the bus one at a time.

- Teach kids to wait for the school bus to come to a complete stop before getting off and not to walk behind the bus.

- If your child needs to cross the street after exiting the bus, he or she should take five giant steps in front of the bus, make eye contact with the bus driver and cross when the driver indicates it's safe. Teach kids to look left, right and left again before crossing.



Oklee Seniors attend Card Making Class



Jo Lambert had a good time making cards at the Card Making Class held in Oklee on August 25th.



Vi Cote is working on one of four cards (kits) that Sue Beaudoin brought for the Card Making Class.



Bonny Cote attended the Card Making Class and did all four card kits that Sue Beaudoin provided. The class was sponsored by the Oklee Senior Site.

On August 25th, the Oklee Senior Site sponsored a Card Making Class held at the Oklee Hall.

Five people signed up and only 10 would have been able to attend in order to have the social distancing and the proper instruction from Sue Beaudoin.

The class went very well and plans for another are being discussed. Our next class may have a Halloween theme to it. Watch for details in the Senior Site News.

If you have ideas for Seniors to participate in that allow for social distancing, please contact Jo Lambert.



Iona Berry is holding the cards she made at the Card Making Class in the Oklee Hall.



Vi Cote, Jo Lambert and Irene Rosten holding up the four different designed kits that Sue Beaudoin (not pictured) brought to the Card Making Class.



Covid-19 numbers rise in Pennington...

Daily Inter-County Nursing Service

Covid-19 updates:

August 31st Update:
There is one new laboratory confirmed case in Pennington County, the individual is under 10 years old, recovering at home.

We are aware of additional cases in Pennington County and will share more information as we receive it. One additional case has been hospitalized.

There are no new laboratory confirmed cases in Red Lake County.

August 30th Update:
There is one new laboratory confirmed case in Pennington County, the individual is in their 60's, recovering at home.

There is one new laboratory confirmed case in Red Lake County, the individual is in their 40's, recovering at home.

August 29th Update:
There are five new laboratory confirmed cases in Pennington County, the individuals are in their teens, 40's and 50's, all recovering at home.

There are no new laboratory confirmed cases in Red Lake County.

August 28th Update:
There is one new laboratory confirmed case in Pennington County, the individual is in their 70's, recovering at home.

There are no new laboratory confirmed cases in Red Lake County.

There are three new laboratory confirmed cases in Pennington County, the individuals are in their teens, 40's and 60's, all are recovering at home.

There are no new laboratory confirmed cases in Red Lake County.

August 26th Update:
There are no new laboratory confirmed cases in Pennington and Red Lake Counties.

August 25th Update:
There is one new laboratory confirmed case in Pennington County, the individual is in their 50's, recovering at home.

There are no new laboratory confirmed cases in Red Lake County.

How long does someone that has tested positive for COVID-19 have to be isolated?
The length of isolation does somewhat depend on the situation with a particular individual, but generally, someone is considered infectious two days prior to showing symptoms and should be in isolation for 10 days from the start of symptoms and be fever free for 24 hours and have improvement of symptoms. If someone is

seriously ill and, in the hospital, that isolation period is typically longer and would be directed by their health care provider. People with no symptoms, but who have tested positive, should isolate for 10 days from the day they were tested. During a case interview, the case investigator discusses these timelines with the individual.

Statistics (8-31-2020):

- 75,864 Positive Tests
- 1,489,726 Complete Tests
- 67,656 Patients Who No Longer Need Isolation
- 1,817 Total Deaths
- As of this printing - Total Confirmed Cases in surrounding Counties:
 - Pennington County: 88
 - 79 recovered cases
 - 8 active case
 - 6 hospitalization
 - 1 death
 - Red Lake County: 29
 - 28 recovered cases
 - 1 active case
 - 5 hospitalization
 - Polk County: 200
 - 157 recovered
 - 4 deaths
 - Marshall County: 36
 - Clearwater County: 19
 - Beltrami County: 321

For the most updated information on COVID-19, see the following websites: **Minnesota's daily situation update** can be found at <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/situation.html>



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

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, GRUGLA & GOODRIDGE

Fr. Adam Hammess
The Catholic Parishes of Oklee, Grugla, and Goodridge are open Mask required 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

Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun, Sept. 6: 9:00 a.m.
Worship at Immanuel. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer.

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, Sept. 5: Mt Olive: 9:00 a.m.
Sun, Sept. 6: 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

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH

Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Sept. 2: Youth Group.
Sun, Sept. 6: 9:30 a.m. Worship.
Tue, Sept. 8: 9:30 Women's Bible Study.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH

Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, Sept 6: 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 starting May 31st.
We will continue to be on Facebook Live as well, Sunday at 10AM.

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Peterson Announces Congressional App Challenge

Washington D.C. - Representative Collin Peterson today announced the Congressional App Challenge (CAC) for students in middle and high school across Minnesota's Seventh District.
The CAC accepts computer programs (or apps) written in any programming language, for any platform (desktop/PC, web, mobile, raspberry Pi, etc.).
The Challenge's submission portal is now open. Students must register online and submit their app by October 19th. The competition welcomes all students who meet the eligibility requirements, regardless of coding experience.
The House of Representatives encourages students of all skill levels to participate in the Congressional App Challenge. Winners will be selected by a panel of judges. Winning apps will be featured on a digital display in the U.S. Capitol building and on the Congressional App Challenge website.
For further information about the Congressional App Challenge and to register for the competition, please visit www.CongressionalAppChallenge.us

Tri-Valley Public Transportation

T.H.E. Bus is available for anyone. There are no age or income guidelines. However, children under the age of four must be accompanied by an adult and children under the age of one must be secured in an infant seat.

Curb-to-curb services is available, allowing those with special needs more comfortable, safe and convenient method of transportation. All of our buses are handicapped accessible and lift-equipped. All of our drivers are trained and certified.

To reserve a seat, please call one business day prior to the scheduled trip - 1-800-201-3432.

T.H.E. Bus Passenger Information

Please have the following information available when calling to schedule a ride:

Location/City where you will board the bus, Location/City of your destination, Hours/When pick-up is needed, and Appointment time will be helpful.

Other Rules: Only large items you are able to carry will be allowed on the bus. Please keep cell phone use at a minimum as a courtesy to others.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

September 7 - 11

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: Closed for Labor Day!
Tue: Taco on fried bread w/all the fixings, and dessert.

Wed: Liver & onions, mashed potatoes, gravy beets, and dessert.

Thu: Chicken drummies, hash browns, carrots, bread, and dessert.

Fri: Goulash hotdish, corn, bread, and dessert.

Accident Damages To Two Vehicles, Two Persons Hurt

On the afternoon of August 8th, 2020, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report of a two-vehicle crash at the intersection of 250th St. SE and 140th Ave. SE in Terrebonne Township.

Michael Louis Knott (64) of Red Lake Falls was southbound on 140th Ave. in a Volvo semi. Randy Allen Lamb (41) of Oklee was westbound on 250th St. in a Chevy Avalanche, and he had four children with him

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City of Oklee BIDS INVITED

1. Empty house of all clothing, furniture, trash and appliances. Including any trash around the property. Dispose of all Debris/Trash.
 2. Demolition and removal of Condemned house, make good area. Any Dirt/Infill required will be provided by the City of Oklee.
- Contact Derek Cross
Oklee Clerks Office - 218-796-5183.
Mailing Address
City of Oklee - PO Box 190, Oklee, MN 56742.
Proof of Insurance will be required.
Please call with any questions.
Closing date for bids, September 11, 2020.
Bids opened on September 14, 2020

Letter to The Editor

To the voters and citizens of Oklee,

As some of you may or may not know, at the August 10th meeting of the City Council, I informed my fellow council members that I was resigning my position as a council person.

The reason for my resignation from the Oklee City Council was a decision that I did not want to make but was forced to under Minnesota law. The Attorney General prohibits that cities may not contract to purchase land or sell land to their City Council members.

As you may or not know, I have sold my home on Main Street and have purchased a different home in Oklee. I also wish to purchase the lot next to the house I purchased from the Oklee Economic Development Board which would be an addition to the new home.

Unfortunately the law prohibits me to purchase the lot next to the home I purchased as long as I am on the City Council. This was the only reason for my decision to resign from my council seat.

In a world as such as we live in, I do not agree with this law, but I must obey the law that is written.

Before I resigned my council

seat, I informed my fellow council members of my decision to resign and explained to them that I did not want any suspicion or legal breach of the law to be associated with the purchase of the city owned property or the Oklee Economic Development board.

During my four years as a City Council member, I and my fellow council members as well as the Mayor have accomplished an amazing record of improvements to the city. All of this would not have been accomplished without the co-operation of my fellow council members, the Mayor and you, the citizens of Oklee.

Before I resigned from the City Council, I filed to run for another four year term as a City Council member in the November election. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve on the Oklee City Council. I hope that you, the citizen and voter, recognize that I was forced to resign my seat on the city council by law if I wanted to buy the lot next to my new home. I humbly ask you for your vote in November for re-election to the City Council seat in the upcoming election. I will continue to represent you, the voters and citizens of Oklee to the best of my ability.

Sincerely, Matthew Genova
Oklee MN

Sudoku Solution

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

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Celebrating Labor Day

"America was built by men and women like you who never give in and never give up, and never stop believing in that great American Dream."

- President Ronald Reagan

In 1894, President Grover Cleveland declared Labor Day a national holiday honoring the contributions and achievements of American workers. We celebrate Labor Day the first Monday in September.

Bank Closed
September 7th
Labor Day



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Oklee Centennial Cookbook Recipe Corner - From page 88

LaVonne's Spinach Salad LaVonne Radniecki

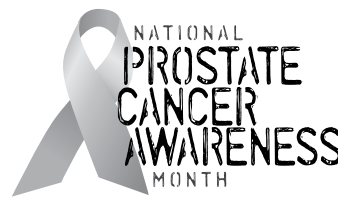
Dressing:

2/3 cup vegetable oil
1/4 cup red wine vinegar
2 tsp lemon juice
2 tsp soy sauce
1 tsp sugar
1 tsp dry mustard
1/4 cup diced onion
1/2 tsp curry powder
1/2 tsp salt
1/2 tsp seasoned pepper
1/4 tsp garlic powder
1/2 Tbsp worcestershire sauce

Combine in a jar. Cover and shake until well mixed. Set aside.

1 pkg (10 oz) fresh baby spinach
5 strips bacon, cooked and crumbled
1 can or fresh bean sprouts
1 can water chestnuts
3 hard boiled eggs, sliced
diced green onion (optional)

Tear spinach into bite size pieces, place in large bowl. Add egg, bacon, water chestnuts and bean sprouts, onion. Toss gently. Just before serving, pour dressing over spinach and toss gently. Yield 6-8 servings.



September 7 - 11

Oklee

Monday: Labor Day!
Tuesday: Breakfast: Bakery roll, cereal, fruit, and milk.
Lunch: Hot dogs or polish, baked beans, chips, potato salad, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: S'mores, cereal, fruit, and milk.
Lunch: Stuffed crust pizza, lettuce salad, cottage cheese, fresh veggies, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, cereal, fruit, and milk.
Lunch: Chicken nuggets, fried rice, veggies, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, and milk.
Lunch: Cold subs, chips fresh veggies, fruit, and milk.

Plummer

Monday: Labor Day!
Tuesday: Breakfast: Egg Wrap, cereal, fruit, and milk.
Lunch: Hotdog on bun, baked beans, Sun Chips, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Apple Strudel, cereal, fruit, and milk.
Lunch: Pork Riblet, au gratin potatoes, green beans, PB sandwich, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Bagel w/cream cheese, cereal, fruit, and milk.
Lunch: Hamburger w/bun, cheese, pickles, fries, peas, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Poptart, cereal, fruit, and milk.
Lunch: Chicken patty w/bun, tator triangles, corn, fruit, and milk.

How to clean cloth face masks

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has recommended that people wear cloth face coverings in public settings where social distancing measures are difficult to maintain.

Even as the world begins to unpace, wearing masks seems likely to continue.

According to Penni Watts, Ph.D., RN, an assistant professor of nursing at the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Nursing, masks are designed not to prevent the wearer from getting ill, but to protect other people from getting the virus.

Masks protect others from your germs when you cough or sneeze. They're also an effective way to help people to avoid touching their faces.

Masks are exposed to the elements and germs each time they are worn, meaning they will require cleaning. Even though Harvard Health suggests COVID-19 may live more readily on hard surfaces than fabric, the CDC urges people to give cloth face masks the same level of care as regular laundry.

How to clean and sanitize a backpack

Backpacks are useful tools for students and adults alike. From hiking supplies to school books to sports equipment, backpacks can store just about anything. As veritable workhorses, they're bound to get dirty and can benefit from periodic cleaning.

While it may be tempting to simply throw a backpack into the washing machine, it is important to check the care instructions first.

Some canvas, nylon and fabric backpacks can go in the wash, but those made of leather or those with intricate details should not. Backpack manufacturers also advise against putting backpacks in a dryer.

Here are steps to cleaning a backpack.

1. To get started, begin by removing any items from the backpack, including all of the pockets. If necessary, use a vacuum to get crumbs out of the backpack.

2. Check the care label to see if there are washing instructions. This will determine if you should wash it by hand or if it can be put in the machine.

3. If the bag can be machine-washed, turn it inside out first or place it in a pillowcase so that the straps and zippers will not be caught. Then wash it on a gentle setting with a mild detergent and lukewarm water. If the bag should be hand-washed, use lukewarm water and a soft sponge or a

gentle bristle brush. The outdoor retailer REI says you do not want to harm any protective coatings on the pack.

4. Zippers need occasional cleaning to remove dirt, sand or crumbs. Many zippers have water-resistant coatings so do not scrub them. Use a lubricant made for zippers to help them slide smoothly.

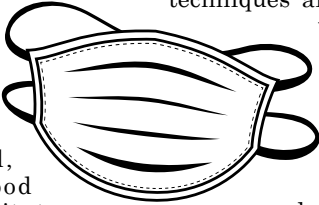
5. Hang the bag to air dry upside down. It likely will dry more quickly outdoors, but avoid direct sunlight, which can compromise the integrity of the fabric or discolor the backpack.

6. Do not store or use the backpack until it is completely dry.

7. Sometimes a backpack may need to be disinfected to prevent the growth of fungus or bacteria. Athlete's foot fungus can easily transfer from socks and shoes to the backpack if gym clothes are left in the bag. The Spruce says to skip chlorine bleach and use a pine oil or phenolic disinfectant or a disinfectant wipe, such as Pine Sol or Spic-n-Span. Lysol brand disinfectant also can be used and is available in liquid formula or spray.

If a backpack is waterproof, only wash it once or twice per year; otherwise, you may reduce the pack's ability to repel water. Use cleansing wipes to spot clean when necessary.

Backpacks can get grimy quickly. Routine washing can freshen them right up.



single use. Paper filters should be replaced after each use. HVAC filters are washable, but manufacturers warn that their effectiveness decreases with each wash. Medium weight nonwoven interface used as filter material is typically washable.

Various health agencies do not condone using steam or microwaves to clean cloth face masks, as these sanitizing techniques are not as effective as regular laundering.

Also, never microwave non-fabric dust or N95 respirator masks if you are using them. They can catch fire or be rendered useless.

Cloth face masks can help safeguard against germs like the novel coronavirus. However, they need to be cleaned regularly to remain sanitary.

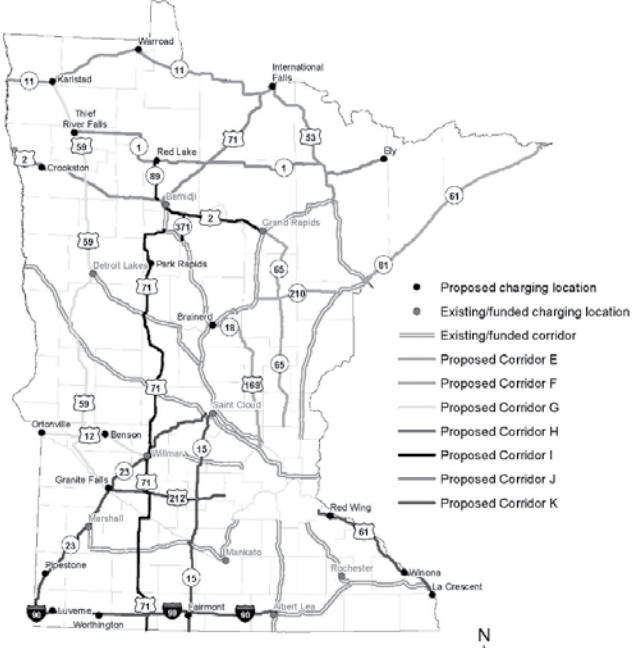
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Wear a mask in public spaces.
Get tested if you have any symptoms.
Answer if your health department calls.
STAY SAFE MN

Charging Stations
Continued from page 1.
goals while supporting Minnesota's green economy and our growing EV market."
Between 2018 and 2019, the number of EV registrations in Minnesota nearly doubled, but gaps in the charging network may dissuade potential buyers who want to travel freely and not worry about where they can recharge. In the last two years, MPCA expanded Minnesota's EV charging network along highway corridors by approximately 1,100 miles and funded 25 Level 2 charging stations, each with two charging ports, in local communities.
The new \$2.6 million grant opportunity leverages funds from the national Volkswagen settlement to build out a network of fast charging stations so EVs can travel farther across the state. Applicants will be asked to place five to seven fast chargers along specific segments of roadway. A map of Minnesota's existing and proposed charging corridors is included here and available on the MPCA website.
"When we've asked Minnesotans how we should spend funds from the Volkswagen settlement, building EV infrastructure is one of the most

widely supported proposals," added Rebecca Place, MPCA's electric vehicle program administrator. "We are planning for the future by ensuring each charging station has a back-up station and enough electrical capacity for future expansion."
The grants are intended to help reduce vehicle emissions in Minnesota by encouraging use of EVs rather than gas-powered cars. Passenger vehicles are one of the largest sources of climate-changing greenhouse gases and air pollution in Minnesota, accounting for nearly 70 percent of total GHG emissions from the transportation sector.
Learn more about this grant opportunity in an online training session on September 15, 2020. Applications for grant funds are due by November 25, 2020. For more information, visit the MPCA's grants web page at https://www.pca.state.mn.us/air/ev-fast-charging-station-grants.



Red Lake County Sheriff's Report

On 08/19/20, Gary Andrew Oleisky (54) of Oklee was cited with misdemeanor falsely reporting crime. This resulted from Mr. Oleisky repeatedly making public nuisance reports to law enforcement about activities that are not unlawful. Mr. Oleisky will be summonsed to appear in Court in Red Lake Falls in September.
In the early morning hours of 08/21/20, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report of an altercation at the

American Legion in Plummer. Red Lake County deputies responded and investigated the incident. They identified the involved parties as Austen Blaine Brateng (22) of Grygla and Landon James Ales (22) of Thief River Falls. Mr. Brateng and Mr. Ales were both cited for misdemeanor disorderly conduct. All parties were separated and the situation was resolved without taking anyone into custody.

On the evening of 08/21/20, an Oklee resident informed a deputy that their four-year-old child and their three-year-old child had snuck out of their house and they needed help finding them. The Oklee Ambulance and Oklee Fire Department provided assistance and the children were found within fifteen minutes. They were returned to their mother unharmed.

On the afternoon of 08/23/20, Renee Cecilia Veselka (41) of Erskine was cited for speeding on Hwy. #59 south of Brooks.

On the afternoon of 08/23/20, Jason Alexander Werthman (22) of Thief River Falls was cited for speeding on Hwy. #59 south of Brooks.

On the evening of 08/23/20, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report of an ATV being driven in a reckless manner at the park in Oklee. A deputy responded and counseled the driver.

On 08/24/20, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report of a prohibited individual possessing a firearm at a location within Red Lake County earlier this month. That matter is still under investigation.

On the evening of 08/26/20, the Spot Bar contacted the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office and requested assistance in removing an individual from their establishment. A Red Lake County deputy responded and found Patricia Ann Berberena (57) of Red Lake Falls at the bar and she was refusing to leave after being asked by an employee and the owner. Ms. Berberena was removed from the bar and brought to her residence. She was cited for misdemeanor trespassing.

Mitch Bernstein 08/28/20

kids' corner

ANIMAL FACT:
THE CHOW CHOW AND THE SHAR-PEI ARE THE ONLY DOG BREEDS THAT HAVE THIS COLOR TONGUE.
ANSWER: BLACK

Dog Care Word Find
Find the hidden words in the puzzle.
CARE COLLAR COMFORT DOG
FOOD LEARN LICENSE PUPPY
SHELTER TRAINING TREATS TRICKS
S G P Y D N E V N O Q S
T S N O Y S N R A E L D
W R O I N P F Q C E T E
N F I E N D P O K L R R
D L C K I L U A R E A
E I D Z K L A R P E A C
L D O G A S H R A T S W
J H D R L D V B T L S H
C O M F O R T F E E P E
F E V H W M F K U H E E
S M L R R T Q E Z S I N
Z H N V N N N Z D Z N A
Get Scrambled
Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.
T S I N D A T S Y A
ANSWER: Sit and stay

THIS DAY IN... HISTORY
SEP 5
• 1774: THE FIRST CONTINENTAL CONGRESS MEETS IN PHILADELPHIA.
• 1836: THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS ELECTS MILITARY HERO SAM HOUSTON ITS FIRST PRESIDENT.
• 1997: THE WORLD LOSES MOTHER TERESA, A HUMANITARIAN WHO DID SUBSTANTIAL WORK WITH THE POOR. SHE WAS 87.

New Word
OBEDIENCE
compliance with an order, request or law

CRYPTO FUN
Determine the code to reveal the answer!
Solve the code to discover words related to writers. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 8 = D)
A. 2 11 20 23 11 9 26
Clue: To write or create
B. 8 12 22 16 5
Clue: Rough copy
C. 26 8 15 5
Clue: Correct or modify
D. 15 8 26 22 9
Clue: Thoughts about a course of action
ANSWERS: A. compose B. draft C. edit D. ideas

WORD SCRAMBLE
Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to writing.
RECTSOCR
ANSWER: Corrects

Oklee Herald Early Files

Eighty Years Ago August 29, 1940

A want ad for help: Wanted—school girl to stay with me and work for room and board. Prefer a girl who speaks French, but this is not necessary.

A considerable number of people from Oklee and vicinity attended the golden wedding celebration of Mr. and Mrs. Bjorgulv Bjornaraa last Sunday.

Northern Minnesota baseball league's all-stars scored a 7-6 triumph in 10 innings over the all-star aggregation from the Red River Valley league, at Crookston on Sunday.

Mrs. Jean Malwitz of Red Lake Falls is spending the week with her grandmother, Mrs. Mary Walker in Equality.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Larson, a baby boy, Tuesday, August 27th.

Strayed — to my place, a brood sow with litter of pigs. Owner may have same by identifying and paying for this ad. Fred Bernier.

Leo Berry left here Tuesday for Grand Forks to join the Navy. He was accompanied by Miss Catherine Radniecki, Arthur Lerohl and Iver Gjernes who returned home the same day.

Seventy Years Ago August 31, 1950

Miss Doreen LaCoursiere, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie LaCoursiere of Oklee and Robert Duckworkth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Duckworth of Crookston were married in St. Francis Xavier's parsonage on Monday.

Lost River, currently flowing at an easy pace and at a low level, is yielding some big fish to local anglers. Knute Rolandson caught a 8 pound northern and Don Bruggeman a 12 pound northern.

A pink and blue shower was held Sunday afternoon at the Arthur Arveson home for little Arnell Eileen Arveson.

At the Oak Theatre this week's features are: Clark Gable and Loretta Young star in "Key to the City"; Abbot & Costello are "Meet the Killer" with Boris Karloff and Bing Crosby and Fred Astaire star in "Holiday Inn."

Sixty Years Ago September 1, 1960

Recruit Petty Officer 2/c Paul Daniel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Daniel of Brooks graduated from boot camp training at the Great Lake Naval Station.

Time reverts back to normal Tuesday - Next week we'll get that hour we gave up last spring to "daylight saving time."

Mrs. John Kimball is visiting at the Ed Rustan home after having recently returned from Saigon, Vietnam, where she has spent the past three years with the U.S. Foreign Service. From here she will go to Washington, D.C. for ten months and then go to Yugoslavia.

Gloria Gunderson, Annette Langie and Myron Bratvold accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Marlyn Haugen to the roller

skating party in Thief River Falls that was sponsored by Ebenezer Luther League with their guests being the Salem and Plummer Leagues.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Nelson of Oklee announce the engagement of their daughter, Ardell to George Olson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ingvald Olson, also of Oklee.

Fifty Years Ago September 3, 1970

Lawmen from three counties plus officers of the Minnesota Highway Patrol — hunted for an escapee from the forestry came in Carleton county Monday night in the Cisco area south of Brooks. The escapee said to be from the Hallock area, was in a minimum security camp near Duluth.

Mrs. Bob Wells and girls and Mrs. Selma Johnson were Thursday evening supper guests at the James Votava home in honor of Mrs. Johnson's birthday.

Miss Carole Leining left on Thursday for Karlstad where she teaches in the elementary school after spending the summer at the home of her parents, the Art Leinings.

The tenth anniversary of the organization of the Deer Park Garden Club was held Saturday August 29th.

Jan Roisland, Miss Oklee 1970, will appear in the 60th anniversary festival parade in Gonvick on Saturday. She is the daughter of Mrs. Bonnie Roisland of Oklee.

John R. Lessard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lessard of Brooks was recently promoted to the rank of Sergeant at Fort Sill, Oklahoma where he serves with a heavy artillery unit.

Forty Years Ago September 4, 1980

There are nine young ladies competing for the title of Miss Brooks with coronation planned for September 6th.

Dr. and Mrs. Harold Lindquist and family, Mrs. Ruth Lindquist, Ray and Alice Lindquist spent last Sunday with Willard Lindquist at their cabin on Big Sugar Bush Lake.

The Oklee School has purchased a new school bus, 48 passenger, with a Ford Diesel engine and a Bluebird body.

In Oklee Volleyball news - Connie Dugstad is the new C team coach, Brad Borene is coaching the B team an Ardis Hofstad coached varsity.

Thirty Years Ago September 5, 1990

Mark Coulter is Oklee's new High School principal. He is also qualified to teach in the Social Studies area. Joel Molyneux is the new 6th grade teacher of general science and the 7-8-9 grad Physical Science and 10th grade Biology teacher. The new teacher in the Elementary section was Twyla Fore.

Carrie Fellon was crowned as Miss Blast To Brooks on August 29th and she is a sophomore at Plummer High School.

There were many people that came to help Arnold Haugen celebrate his 87th birthday. Mustang Benji Hofstad was

one of the leading rushers for the game played against Laporte. He also added to the score with his successful touchdowns.

Larson Brothers Farm is site of Deer Park Garden Club tour — stating that it is an "A one of a kind farm."

Twenty-nine high school physics teachers, including Karen Peterson of Oklee High School, participated in Moorhead State University's Sharing Science Workshop this summer.

Twenty Years Ago August 31, 2000

A LaCoursiere and many other branches of that family held a family reunion in Quebec, Canada on July 21 to the 24th.

Cameron Lundeen of Oklee pulled a distance of 23.4' in the 4 year old class of the Kiddie Tractor Pull held as part of the Red Lake County Fair in Oklee on July 15th.

A Plummer Community Picnic was held on Sunday at the Plummer Park. The men grilled hamburgers and the rest of the delicious meal was potluck.

Lucille Kvasager and Gerda Koskela attended a bridal shower on Sunday for Jennifer Eck at the Samhold Lutheran Church in Gonvick. She is the bride-to-be of their nephew Joel Kvasager of Oklee.

Linsey Nicole Thompson was welcomed home by her parents, Daniel & Shelley Thompson and her brothers, Joshua, Jeremiah and Kyle and sister, Madison.

"Hole in One" Mark Bagaason of Clearbrook did it in Bagley at Twin Pines Golf Course on August 4th. In happened on the ninth hole (201 yards) with his new 7 wood.

Ten Years Ago September 1, 2010

A new business in Oklee is located upstairs in the Oklee Municipal Building — Keen Looks 2 is a consignment shop/thrift store that carries a variety of items for sale.

On August 21 & 22nd, Maple Lake Pavilion was the place to be if you liked country music. There were many great bands participating in the Mentor Country& Gospel Music Festival.

Susan Kay (Harwood) Monson and Randall Wayne Simms are happy to announce their engagement. An October wedding is planned.

Vi Bergh, Oklee oldest resident celebrated her 98th birthday recently. Here children hosted a party at the Freedom Living Center.

The grain harvest is continuing in the area and it won't be long before the soybeans, corn and sunflowers will be on their way to the market.

A benefit was held for Joseph Allen in Gonvick. He is the grandson of Inga & Floyd Johnson of Oklee.

Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteers Jo Lambert & Bonny Cote

Things are quiet in the Senior Site due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We have a base group that is manning the desk for Meals on Wheels and we are there on Monday from 10am to 1pm, Tuesday 11am to 12:30pm, and Wed. 11am to 12:30pm, Thursday 11am to 12pm and Friday 10am to 1pm.

We are closed this coming Monday due to Labor Day!

We are still looking for some volunteer drivers for the Meals on Wheels - This is not every day. At the most it would be once a week. We have three drivers right now, but would like some more to help out. If your interested call the office during the hours listed above.

Dates To Remember

Sept. 5: International Day of Charity.

Sept. 7: Labor Day.

Sept. 8: International Literacy Day.

Interesting Facts

Since Labor Day is right around the corner, here are

some interesting facts:

- Oregon was first to declare Labor Day
- Labor Day originates from Canada

- President Grover Cleveland in 1894, made Labor Day an official holiday.

- Many people take advantage of the Labor Day sales going on at Stores

- Following the deaths of a number of workers at the hands of the U.S. military and U.S. Marshals during the Pullman Strike, the United States Congress unanimously voted to approve rush legislation that made Labor Day a national holiday; President Grover Cleveland signed it into law a mere six days after the end of the strike

***** Jokes *****

Why is England known for being such a wet country? The queen has been reigning there for generations.

What did the time traveler do when he was still hungry after finishing his dinner? He

got up and went back four seconds. What did the time traveler do when he was still hungry after finishing his dinner? He got up and went back four seconds.

Why are Saturday and Sunday the strongest days of the week? The rest of the days are weak days.

A boy asks his father, "Dad, are bugs good to eat?" "That's disgusting. Don't talk about things like that over dinner," the dad replies. After dinner the father asks, "Now, son, what did you want to ask me?" "Oh, nothing," the boy says. "There was a bug in your soup, but now it's gone."

The Senior Site Craft Shop is going to be open by appointment. If you are looking for a gift, or just browsing to find a new treasure, call Jo Lambert at 218-796-4527, or if Bonny Cote is in the Oklee Herald office stop in. One of us will open the door for you.

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe
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Brielle Traxler spent the weekend with her grandmother Anne Traxler.

Brandie DeHate, daughter of Bernie and Jill DeHate, started college at Ely, MN which is close to the Boundary Waters Canoe area.

Amanda and Sean Roff, Evan, Lauren, and Becket, of Delano, MN visited Arnie and Barb Schmitz over the weekend. Amanda is their daughter.

Pake and Ashley Sorvig, Dawson and Katie also visited on Sunday.

Wednesday night, the Plummer Firemen had their monthly meeting.

There was a good turnout for Bingo on Wednesday night. People enjoy getting out and

socializing.

Harvesting has been going full swing the past week or so. Rain is in the forecast, maybe not much.

At least we don't have to deal with hurricanes like down south. Hurricane Laura had hit Wednesday. They were concerned about shelters because of all the people and social distancing. It sounded like the winds and rain would travel inland many miles covering many states.

I wish I had more news, but I do hear items that are interesting on the radio.

Wednesday is National Dog Day. It is amazing how many breeds of dogs there are.

I have a mural of the horses

of the world/ It has 63 horses on it, from A to Z. It includes the donkey, mule and zebra. It is interesting to see how the horses vary, because some may just be in only one country. Some are draft work horses, show horses, and other riding.

On Tuesday, the 24th, my great niece Sarah and Andy got married in Phoenix. My sister Phyllis and husband Joe Unruh of Warroad flew down there. It was 110° on Tuesday, too hot for me. I read in my Uncles book that it was common in the 30's to get married on Tuesday. Kind of weird, huh? Anyway, I told my great niece Sarah that for fun.

Until next time, Stay safe and be good to each other!

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

After a week of cooler weather then humid for a couple of days, a weather system went through on Sunday evening and gave us a good share of rain. The flowers and gardens drank it up quickly. Blooms once again will be profuse for a while.

Colleges have started classes and the virus has ticked up in numbers again. Some bars have been closed in the bigger cities and the wait for the numbers to come down is once again hanging up the progress of opening up fully. I guess being cautious is the word of the day.

I remember that when the polio scare hit Milwaukee. Everyone was scared that their

kids would get this dreaded disease, and that their kid would be in an iron lung for the rest of their lives. My mother and dad decided it would be better if we, my brother and I, would be better off in the country. My brother went to Iowa with my Dad's sisters' home on the farm. I was sent to Michigan. We had a great summer. Both of us enjoyed the family activities. I went berry picking, mushroom picking, and we went to the beach many times during that summer. When we had to come back to Milwaukee in the fall, we wished we were back at the relatives' home. The headlines in the newspaper that fall boasted the numbers of dead from the polio virus. Ten thousand succumb to Polio in Milwaukee County. It was a scary time. I was a bit lonesome for my family while I was gone, but I was really pampered by my loving aunt who had six boys and no girls of her own. That winter they had Dr. Salk working on a vaccine. He perfected one that would immunize us from the virus. Later there was a

booster that we took. The shot was free, and the booster was I think 50 cents a dose that was hidden in a sugar cube. Nobody wanted this virus, you could die, be in an iron lung with a shorter life or get the virus and become crippled with arms or legs in a state of disuse. My cousin got the type of polio that attacked the brain, bulbar polio, and it left him with really bad eyesight. Most people died from this type of polio.

Now I see how people are bracing against the mask, and so many who remember the old days of polio, didn't have something like a mask to brace against the disease they had to take their chances. Times change and people change so it is just a matter of what the culture has evolved to for perspective. We hope that all stay safe and that if you are asked to wear the mask, wear it. It doesn't pay to make enemies and argue about the mask and your rights, someone else might not feel as invincible as you do. Besides we want you around, we need you.

Have a great week.

Who's Dat?



Who's Dat?

This weeks photo is of a gal who lives in Oklee and is involved in many community events.

Last week's photo was of Ronald Mathson. He grew up in the area and graduated from Oklee High School.

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. You can email to okleeherald@gmail.com.

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