

Oklee Precipitation

By Einar Kvasager

	Rain	Snow
Sept. 25		0.02
Total	0.02	0.00

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...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

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Halloween and Covid-19!

Covid-19 has been scary enough for most of us since March 2020 when we were informed that a pandemic had been declared, not only for the United States but for the entire world.

Now fall is here, there seems to be some spikes in infections now that school/colleges are now open and what are we going to do for Halloween.

Many traditional gatherings are going to be reworked to lower the risk of Covid-19 infections, and the one coming up in October that many celebrate is Halloween.

Many of the traditional Halloween activities can be high-risk for spreading viruses. However, there are several safer, alternative ways to participate in Halloween.

Remember: If you may have COVID-19 or you may have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, you should not participate in in-person Halloween festivities and should not give out candy to trick-or-treaters.

Below is the recommendations from the Center for Disease Control (CDC)

Lower risk activities

- Carving or decorating pumpkins with members of your household and displaying them
- Carving or decorating pumpkins outside, at a safe distance, with neighbors or friends
- Decorating your house, apartment, or living space
- Doing a Halloween scavenger hunt where children are given lists of Halloween-themed things to look for while they walk outdoors from house to house admiring Halloween decorations at a distance
- Having a virtual Halloween costume contest
- Having a Halloween movie night with people you live with
- Having a scavenger hunt-style trick-or-treat search with your household members in or around your home rather than going house to house

Moderate risk activities

- Participating in one-way trick-or-treating where individually wrapped goodie bags are lined up for families to grab and go while continuing to social distance (such as at the end of a driveway or at the edge of a yard)
- If you are preparing goodie bags, wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 second before and after preparing the bags.
- Having a small group, outdoor, open-air costume parade where people are distanced more than 6 feet apart
- Attending a costume party held outdoors where protective masks are used and people can remain more than 6 feet apart
- A costume mask (such as

for Halloween) is not a substitute for a cloth mask. A costume mask should not be used unless it is made of two or more layers of breathable fabric that covers the mouth and nose and doesn't leave gaps around the face.

- Do not wear a costume mask over a protective cloth mask because it can be dangerous if the costume mask makes it hard to breathe. Instead, consider using a Halloween-themed cloth mask.
- Going to an open-air, one-way, walk-through haunted forest where appropriate mask use is enforced, and people can remain more than 6 feet apart
- If screaming will likely occur, greater distancing is advised. The greater the distance, the lower the risk of spreading a respiratory virus.
- Visiting pumpkin patches or orchards where people use hand sanitizer before touching pumpkins or picking apples, wearing masks is encouraged or enforced, and people are able to maintain social distancing.
- Having an outdoor Halloween movie night with local family friends with people spaced at least 6 feet apart
- If screaming will likely occur, greater distancing is advised. The greater the distance, the lower the risk of spreading a respiratory virus.
- Lower your risk by following CDC's recommendations on hosting gatherings or cook-outs.

Higher risk activities

- Avoid these higher risk activities to help prevent the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19:
- Participating in traditional trick-or-treating where treats are handed to children who go door to door
- Having trunk-or-treat where treats are handed out from trunks of cars lined up in large parking lots
- Attending crowded costume parties held indoors
- Going to an indoor haunted house where people may be crowded together and screaming
- Going on hayrides or tractor rides with people who are not in your household
- Using alcohol or drugs, which can cloud judgement and increase risky behaviors
- Traveling to a rural fall festival that is not in your community if you live in an area with community spread of COVID-19.

State, local health officials offering free COVID-19 testing in Thief River Falls on September 29 – October 1st

Testing is free and open to all, with or without symptoms



The Minnesota Department of Health is partnering with local public health officials to offer free COVID-19 testing on Tuesday, September 29th, Wednesday, September 30th and Thursday, October 1st. Testing is free and available to anyone who wants to be tested. The testing site will be set up in Huck Olson Memorial Civic Center.

"Many people who contract COVID have mild or even no symptoms, but some face life-threatening complications. All who have it are contagious. Testing helps people know if they have COVID-19 so they are informed and can help protect those around them who might be most vulnerable to serious complications," said Kayla Jore, Inter-County Nursing Service Director.

Tuesday, September 29th, Wednesday, Septem-

Roads & CARES funds discussed by Commissioners

September 22, the Board of Commissioners for Red Lake County met in their regular meeting room. All commissioners were present: Al Remick, John Dudycha, Ron Weiss, Anthony "Chuck" Flage and Chuck Simpson.

The meeting was called order by Chairman Remick and the pledge of allegiance was spoken.

County Highway Engineer Eric Hove came before the board with a couple of items. First was the re-designation plan for the Plummer project. About 3 miles will be re-designated. A resolution was made with a motion by Simpson, seconded by Dudycha, motion carried.

Hove went to his next item of business, the MOA for Lousville Township that concerns the Huot Park area. DNR wants to build up a road, minor grading and fabric. Township is looking to use the County Engineer to save some costs. Hove reported that the County Attorney will look over the paperwork. A motion was made by Weiss, seconded by Flage to move forward with MOA.

Hove's final item was to approve the final payment for the CSAH 14 road project. The over-run was approximately \$5000, with the cost coming in at \$640,179.25. Wiess made a motion to approve payment, Dudycha seconded.

Just a few things were talked about at the meeting while Hove was present. Question on a red grass that has been seen in the fields, Answer: most likely purple blue stem and it is a beneficial grass as it feeds the birds. Money from FEMA from last years disaster has been received. Weiss mentioned there is a crossing in his district that need to be looked at. And Hove said the Triple D will be starting to crush gravel at the Oklee pits.

The minutes were looked over, a typo was found, corrected and approved with a motion by Flage, seconded by Simpson.

Committee Reports

Simpson had no meetings to report on.

Dudycha had a Tri County Corrections meeting. There were 152 total prisoners and the Juvenile building will need a new roof. He had a Zoom meeting with the Red Lake County Extension. He would like to have financial reports more often presented to the Board of Commissioners.

Weiss had attended the Tri County Corrections meeting also. He reported that Red Lake County's share will be increasing by 7.15% based on the average of 5 years of usage. Only 1 person in jail was from Red Lake County, no juveniles from our county.

Flage attended a TAC (zoom) meeting. Kittson and Marshall are looking for an engineer, they are in the process again. The Olso bridge is in discussion between the two states, the Casino Road is now at 60mph status. Trails were discussed and Dudycha had a question on how the bridges are built on the trails, because as a horse rider, many times the bridge board spacing are to widely spaced to take a horse across. Would like to see that fixed.

Flage also had a Inter-County Nursing meeting. Discussion was about Covid-19 and the issue of family gatherings (funerals/weddings) seems to be the main reason for our number increases. Drive through Flu Shot clinics will be set up shortly. And mass testing is going to happen in Thief River Falls (Sept. 29-30 and Oct. 1) at the Huck Olson building. Covid testing is done in the nursing homes twice a week.

Remick reported he had a personnel meeting with Weiss. The Radio Board has grants available and he will let the Sheriff's Dept. know. He also attended a Extension meeting - not much to report, 4-H, budget the same, etc.

Expenditures were looked at and approved for payment by a motion by Simpson, seconded by Dudycha, roll call, carried.

Human Resources Angie Lundeen had three things to discuss with the board. First was a issue with the new steps chart due to the study they had done last year. The reason for doing the study was to get aligned with the other counties in the area and no one would

lose money. However, there are five incidents that are coming up where a fix has to be put in place for the five person. She feels that these five need to be on the old step grid so they don't lose money. This only applies to the current five. A new person starting would not be affected. And if a person transfers to different position, this would not apply. Just for the five current positions, the new step increase would cause a drop in wages. Weiss made a motion that the five persons this affects in their current position, to use old grid, if new or promoted from that position, use new grid. Flage seconded. Carried.

The payroll calendar was the next issue discussed. Most months there are two payroll periods, but occasionally there are three. When an employee hits their 5 year longevity mark, the employee gets a \$15 a month increase. This question was about when it starts and when they receive it. A motion was made that employees will get credit for the 5 year longevity, in the month which they are eligible. Motion by Weiss, seconded by Simpson, carried.

The third item is how years of service is counted. An employee had 12 years of service and left the position, later was hired again a number of years later and has been in new position for 5 years. So is that person a 17 years of service or 5 years of service. Normally, it would only be the new position that is counted. However, in the hiring document that was accepted by the county, the 12 years are to be counted. At-

torney Mike LaCoursiere concurred. A motion by Simpson to accept the contract agreement on years of service to include the 12 years, making the total years of service 17, seconded by Flage. Four in favor, Dudycha voted nay. Carried.

Cam Fanfulik, NWRDC Executive Director has been enlisted to help Red Lake County with the CARES funds they county has received. Cam called in with updates on the CARES funding project. He said he sent a contract for the Commissioners to look over and sign if it is agreeable. NWRDC will not charge for items listed on the contract. The board looked over the contract and agreed. A motion was made by Weiss, seconded by Dudycha to approve the contract. Carried.

The Commissioners would like an application for business to fill out for applying for CARES monies that Red Lake County has available to them. A \$5000 grant will be issued to qualifying business who apply. An October 1st deadline for the October 10th distribution was decided. There will be a committee of 2 commissioners, a person from the Social Services, a person from the Sheriff's Dept., and a couple of persons from NWRDC to go through the applications.

A few questions on townships and CARES were asked and Cam will find out the answers and report back.

The board of commissioners then moved on to the budget part of their meeting.

Their next meeting is October 13, 2020 at 10 a.m. in the Red Lake County Courthouse.

RSVP Event held

August 26th

Everything has changed due to the Covid-19 pandemic and of course, since we can't gather in large groups, many new ways to celebrate achievements have been created.

Instead of gathering this year for the RSVP Recognition lunch, they held a Drive By Pie & Coffee in Brooks and Red Lake Falls for the Red Lake County RSVP volunteers.

Pictured is Jennifer Erdmann, Ms. Konickson, who received a piece of pie and coffee and Tammy Frohlich.



Covid number rise in both counties...

Daily Inter-County Nursing Service

Covid-19 updates:

September 26th - 28th: There is one new laboratory confirmed case in Pennington County, the individual is in their 70's.

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

September 25th:

There are two new laboratory confirmed cases in Pennington County, the individuals are in their 60's and 30's.

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

September 24th:

There are two new laboratory confirmed cases in Pennington County, the individuals are in their 50's and teens, recovering at home.

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

September 23rd:

There are three new laboratory confirmed cases in Pennington County, the individuals are in their 80's, 60's and 20s, recovering at home.

There are two new laboratory confirmed cases in Red Lake County, the individuals are in their 70's and 30's. recovering at home.

September 22nd:

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

September 21st:

There are no new laboratory confirmed cases in Pennington County.

There are no new laboratory confirmed cases in Red Lake County. One case previously reported has been re-

assigned to a different county.

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>**

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.

Question:

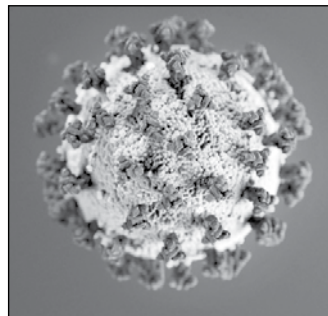
Just a curious question that a few of us were chatting about: if Red Lake County had 2 new cases yesterday, and 3 new cases today, how can there only be 3 "active cases in isolation?"

Answer:

Inter-County Nursing Service

Thank you for the question. We track all active cases and their isolation dates. There are times that someone's isolation period is completed close to the time of reporting because it is based on when symptoms started.

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



Statistics (9-28-2020):

- 97,638 Positive Tests
- 2,003,115 Complete Tests
- 1,397,865 People tested
- 87,330 Patients Who No Longer Need Isolation
- 2,015 Total Deaths
- 7,546 Total Hospitalized
- As of this printing - Total Confirmed Cases in surrounding Counties:
- Pennington County: 121 112 recovered cases 8 active case 7 hospitalization 1 death
- Red Lake County: 45 39 recovered cases 5 active case 5 hospitalization 1 death
- Marshall County: 53
- Clearwater County: 28
- Beltrami County: 450
- Polk County: 298 (as of 9-24-2020) 243 recovered 4 deaths



Calendar of Events

Wed, Sept. 30:

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

Thu, Oct. 1:

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

Fri, Oct. 2:

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

Sat, Oct. 3:

- Support your local business – Shop Locally!

Sun, Oct. 4:

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

Mon, Oct. 5:

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

Tue, Oct. 6:

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

Wed, Oct. 7:

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

Thu, Oct. 8:

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

Fri, Oct. 9:

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

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Wed, Sept. 30: 7:00 p.m. Confirmation at Zion.
Sun, Oct. 4: 9:00 a.m. Zion, 9:00 a.m. SS at Salem. 10:00 a.m. SS at Zion. 10:30 a.m. Salem.
Tue, Oct. 6: 7:00 p.m. Zion Council meeting.
Wed, Oct. 7: 4:00 p.m. 1st Communion at Zion. 7:00 p.m. Salem WELCA. 7:00 p.m. Confirmation at Zion.
Sermons on GVTEL Channel 35 (10 am Sunday & 2 pm Tuesday), also on Facebook or YouTube.

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OKLEE, GRYGLA & GOODRIDGE
Fr. Adam Hamness
Sun, Oct. 4: 8:00 a.m. St. Francis – Oklee. 10:15 a.m. – Grygla. 12:00 p.m. – Goodridge.
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
Saturday: St. Joseph RLF 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: Brooks Sunday 8:00 a.m. St. Joseph 10:00 a.m.

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun, Oct. 4: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Immanuel. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Wed, Sept. 30: 7:00 p.m. Ekelund (outdoor).
Sun, Oct. 4: 8:30 a.m. Faith. 9:30 a.m. Facebook Live. 7:00 p.m. Grade Six Zoom.
Wed, Oct. 7: 7:00 p.m. Bethany (outdoor).

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.

** 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.

Please keep cell phone use at a minimum as a courtesy to others. Due to allergies, please keep cologne/body spray/perfumes to a minimum. Shirt, shoes and appropriate clothing are required.

For Polk, Red Lake and Clearwater county stops: Every Monday – Grand Forks.

Every 2nd Tuesday – Mahnommen.

Every 4th Tuesday – Thief River Falls

Every 1st, 3rd, & 5th Wednesday – Fargo/Moorhead.

Every 2nd & 4th Friday – Bemidji.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive – Nazareth
Oak Park – St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseth
Wed, Sept. 30: 5 p.m. Wednesday School.
Sat, Oct. 3: Mt Olive: 9:00 a.m.

Sun, Oct. 4: St. Petri: 8:00 a.m. Worship. 9:15 a.m. SS; Oak Park: 8:30 a.m. SS. 9:45 a.m. Worship; Nazareth: 10:00 a.m. SS. 11:00 a.m. Worship.

Find services and past sermons at www.facebook.com/clearwaterlutheranparish

Wed, Oct. 7: 5 p.m. Wednesday School.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Sept. 30: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Sun, Oct. 4: 9:30 a.m. Worship.
Tue, Oct. 6: 9:30 a.m. Women's Group.
Wed, Oct. 7: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, Oct. 4: 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
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. Radio service continues on 96.7FM 10:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service. And on Facebook Live as well, Sunday at 10AM.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

October 5 - 9

No congregate meals served. If you are over the age of 60 and you want a meal delivered to your home, call Oklee Cafe 796-5666 or Jo Lambert at 796-4527 to order a meal the day before by 2 p.m. A \$5.00 per meal donation is suggested.

Mon: Fried ham sandwich, chicken noodle soup, milk, and dessert.

Tue: Hamburger patty, hash browns, green beans, bread, milk, and dessert.

Wed: Chicken drummies, macaroni salad, carrots, milk, and dessert.

Thu: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, cream gravy, vegetable, milk, and dessert.

Fri: Goulash hotdish, corn, toast, milk, and dessert.

Red Lake County "CARES Act-Small Business Grant" applications

In early August, Red Lake County was eligible to receive \$531,102.00 of Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds, as assigned through the State of Minnesota.

The Red Lake County Board approved to allocate up to \$318,000 of this funding toward a County Small Business Relief Fund program in the form of up to \$5,000 in Individual Grants for our small businesses in the County to assist with business income losses due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Grant applications will be reviewed by a committee comprised of County Officials on a weekly basis until the allotment of funds has been exhausted. The deadline date for applications is: October 10, 2020. Applications are available at:

Red Lake County Auditor
124 Langevin Ave
PO Box 367
Red Lake Falls, MN 56750
Application can also be found at the Red Lake County website at www.co.red-lake.mn.us
For more information, contact Bob Schmitz, Red Lake County Auditor at 218-253-2598. 028-29C

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Minnesota State High School League votes to move football, volleyball back to fall

The Minnesota State High School League, in a special meeting of the board of directors last Monday morning, voted to move football and volleyball back to the fall.

On Aug. 4, the league moved football and volleyball to a spring season amid concerns over the coronavirus pandemic.

Last Monday, the board voted 14-4 to have volleyball in the fall. Football passed 15-3. Volleyball will start on September 28th with 10 days of preseason practice and the first competition as early as

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Red Lake County Sheriff's Report

October 8th. Volleyball will have an 11-week season and 14 dual competitions.

Football will start practices on September 28th with the first competition to be on October 9-10. The season will consist of a 6 game regular season and a 2-week postseason. The postseason format is still TBD.

Based on Minnesota Department of Health recommendations, fall volleyball will have no fans. Football will allow 250 people total.

Red Lake County Sheriff's Report

On 09/18/20, two Red Lake County deputies went to Bemidji to assist local law enforcement with activities related to the visit by the President of the United States. The Red Lake County deputies assisted with traffic control and airport security.

On the evening of 09/18/20, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report of a burglary/theft at a residence in Oklee. It appears that several items of property were taken from the home and the case remains under investigation.

On the evening of 09/19/20, Nicholas Rae Sjulstad (27) of Casper, WY was cited for speeding on Hwy. #59 near Brooks.

Fur Trade in NW Minnesota's Historic Northwest

Here in northwest Minnesota, a global trade network flourished from 1730 to 1850. The small, slow-moving waterways and abundant poplar trees made excellent habitat for beavers. Trappers, traders, and voyageurs canoed the Red, Rainy, and Mississippi Rivers...bringing goods to and from markets around the world." Thus begins the text for a new and far-reaching museum exhibit about life in northwest Minnesota that existed right here in our own back yard.

Stop by at the City of Oklee Building and learn about our past. The displays are changed out approximately every four months.



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The Red Lake County Economic Development Corporation can help you start your own business or expand an existing one. We are here to assist with a five (5) year loan for an amount up to \$20,000 at 2% APR. The business must be located in Red Lake County.
For more information, contact the Red Lake County Economic Development home office at 1-218-253-2897.
Or call Mike Spurgin, 218-465-4648; Allen Bertilrud, 218-684-1315; or Kelsey Gervais, 218-686-5114. 043-43C (2x/mo.)

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Oklee Centennial Cookbook
Recipe Corner - From page 450
Granola
Jacquie Knutson (Doris LaJambe's granddaughter)
2-1/2 cups quick oats
1/2 cup brown sugar
1/3 cup honey
1/3 cup butter, melted
1/4 cup bran, optional
1 tsp cinnamon
1 tsp vanilla
1/2 cup chopped dried cherries
1/2 cup dried cranberries
1/2 cup chopped dried apricots
1/2 cup sliced almonds
1/4 cup coconut
Mix all ingredients except dried fruits. Mix well and bake on buttered cookie sheet 20 – 25 minutes at 325 degrees, stirring occasionally until light brown. Remove and stir in dried fruit. Spread out into cool cookie sheet. Store in airtight container in fridge. Do not freeze. Makes 5 cups.
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On the evening of 09/20/20, Dustin Albert Mertens (39) of Roseau was cited for speeding on Hwy. #222 in the city of Oklee.

On 09/21/20, a formal criminal complaint was filed, charging Jeffrey Richard Wiese II (37) of Williston, ND with felony stalking and gross misdemeanor harassment. The criminal complaint alleges Mr. Wiese sent over 100 text and phone messages to his estranged wife within a 24-hour period. These messages placed the victim in fear of harm. The current whereabouts of Mr. Wiese are unknown and a warrant for his arrest has been issued.

On 09/22/20, Arturo Alcozar III (34) of Thief River Falls was arrested in Thief River Falls. Red Lake County held an active warrant for his arrest. The warrant was for violating the terms of his supervised probation. Mr. Alcozar is also facing local charges in Pennington County and he will be turned over to Red Lake County authorities once those matters are resolved.

On the afternoon of 09/24/20, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report of a combine fire in a field northwest of Oklee in Barnes Township. The Oklee Fire Department and the Oklee Ambulance responded to the scene. The Plummer Fire Department was also called upon to assist. The fire was extinguished, but the combine was severely damaged. No injuries were reported.
Mitch Bernstein 09/25/20

STORY TO SHARE!

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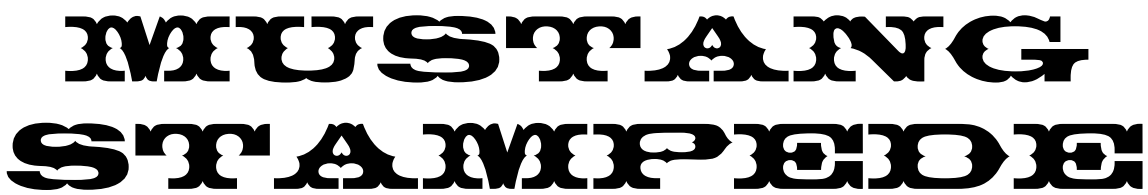
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Oklee Herald Early Files

Eighty Years Ago September 26, 1940

Mr. and Mrs. Aslak Knutson celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last Sunday at their home in Equality.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Ness entertained at a picnic supper on Thursday for members of the school faculty, Miss Rose Jensen and Miss Katherine Melby.

A good roads meeting will be held in Oklee auditorium on October 3, 1940 that evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Christ Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Gilfred Nelson and daughter, Lois of Grand Marais were visitors at the A.A. Berge home near Oklee the first part of last week.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Lillo was baptized at the Clearwater Church Sunday morning receiving the name Eugene Norland.

Seventy Years Ago September 28, 1950

A man stole a car belonging to Joe Magnell Monday night as it was parked on Main Street in Oklee. The theft was reported to Constable Tom Toulouse a few minutes after it took place and the area was alerted by two radio stations. A little more than an hour later the car was spotted heading toward Red Lake Falls from St. Hilaire.

A good Market Day with exhibits and the programs was successful, the ideal harvest weather kept many on duty in their fields.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Lerohl on September 21st at the Fosston hospital.

John Radniecki, Congressman Harold Hagen and others were looking over the flood conditions of the Red Lake River Saturday.

Sixty Years Ago September 29, 1960

A new game warden will again be stationed in the county beginning in the near future as the county has been without a warden for several years while Sportsmen's Clubs have been active in a campaign to have one stationed here.

First customer to roll into the driveway when Kenny Rolandson opened his new Rolandson Standard station here was Melvin Mathsen.

A large crowd attended the Olson-Blackstad wedding at Oak Park church Saturday evening.

A pink and blue shower was given in honor of Mrs. Roger Skjeren at her home Friday evening by a group of relatives.

The Plummer High School held their pre-homecoming bonfire Thursday night and a pep talk was given by Coach Emerson. Homecoming was Friday night and the Plummer team came out on top with a win of 13-0.

Fifty Years Ago October 1, 1970

The former Wayne's Tavern building in Oklee, damaged by fire in June is being torn down this week. Future use of the lot, now owned by Wally Groberg, is indefinite. The building was constructed in 1916 by L.M.

Berry and sold to Bill Singer in 1942, who sold it to Wayne Beck last year.

Oklee High School now has a Radio News Staff and they deliver the news of the shool over KTRF evey Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. Paul Cyr, Ludeen Jensen, Bekki Radniecki and Gail Lambert are the reporters.

Mr. and Mrs. John Reinbold of Brooks announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan, to Pvt. Luverne Stucy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Stucy of Oklee.

A Pink and Blue Shower was held last Wednesday afternoon honoring Mrs. Melvin Eskeli and infant son Steven at her home.

David Anderson, who has spent four years in the Air Force has been discharged and arrived home Sunday from Fairchild Air Force Base, Washington.

Forty Years Ago October 2, 1980

Oklee Homecoming Queen Candidates were Becky Basinger, Elaine Lessard, Janice Rustan, Holly Nelson and Mary Strand.

Early Tuesday morning, Mrs. Bronken and Bradley Borene each received phone calls from a gruff sounding male voice stating that there was a bomb in the Oklee School today. In almost all instances these types of bomb threats to schools are the prank of a youngster, but it was decided that the chance couldn't be taken and school was dismissed at 10:30 a.m.

Nature doesn't cooperate with teachers by providing them with the night sky for study during school hours and field trips and planetariums can be complicated and expensive, so Starlab, an inflatable polymer planetarium is being used in a number of Minnesota school districts as an aid for teaching astronomy.

There was a triple victory for the Bobcats at their last home game, A, B, & C teams all defeated Waubun.

Robert Flaten celebrated his 21st birthday Saturday with many guests coming over to help him celebrate.

Thirty Years Ago October 3, 1990

A new event in the Oklee Fall Festival and Appreciation Day was the morning walk. And one of the popular games is the Shoe Kick.

Mr. and Mrs. Korydon Chervestad attended the 25th wedding anniversary for John & Jane Kolstoe Sunday.

Selmer and Sis Christianson attended the confirmation services on Sunday for their granddaughter Candi Lancot of Fargo.

The Ruth Circle met at the home of Sharon Nelson on Wednesday evening with 7 members present.

For the week of September 24th to the 28th, the volleyball "Cats" went undefeated. It was an excellent week of volleyball for the Oklee girls with victories over Bagley and Norman County East.

Twenty Years Ago September 28, 2000

Commanders of the Plummer American Legion #623 (Les Hofstad) and the Oklee American Legion #159 (Elmer Hanson) distributed books on Farm Safety to the students of Oklee and Plummer's 4 – 6th grade classes on Tuesday.

At the City of Oklee Council meeting, one of the discussions was about the \$11,000 in outstanding water, garbage, and sewer bills. Instructions were given to Clerk Olson to send letters to those owing giving them a 10 day notice of their water begin shut off unless at least 50% of the amount owing is paid and arrangements for the balance to be paid set up.

Hollyhocks Homemakers Club raffled off a "Basket of Plenty" during the 29th annual Blast To Brooks. It was won by Dellas Paradis.

Ten Years Ago September 29, 2010

Zion Lutheran Church will be celebrating their 100th anniversary on October 2nd.

Oklee Market Day winners were listed in the paper and many photos of activities were printed. The winners of the 5K walk/run were Katie Lorenson 1st overall Female, Paul Melby, 1st overall Male, in the 13-19 age group was winner Peter Metzendorf, in the over 70 age group the winner was Lone Nelson. In the under 12 age category were Kaylee Eskeli and Alex Krack just to name a few.

The Red Lake County Rebels football team hosted the Barnesville Trojans who were ranked third in the state. The Rebels fell to the Trojans, 8-35.

The weather has been lovely this fall and the leaves are falling and it is time to start raking if the wind dies down.

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This weeks photo is of two young ladies that look like they were at the Thief River Falls Fair. They were life-long friends.

Last week's photo was of Audrey (Gunderson) Bergerson and Eileen (Johnson) Votava. Audrey graduated in 1953 and Eileen in 1954 from Oklee High School. They were good friends all their lives and both are now deceased.

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.

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. If you email a photo,

Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteers Jo Lambert & Bonny Cote

Fall officially began in September and runs through October, November, in some places, not here of course into December. We are lucky to see the seasonal transition through the month of October, maybe part of November. But Fall is definitely here. Going back to school, maybe a little different look this year, seeing students heading to the school is definitely a sign of Fall. Harvest time, watching the fields go from fields of grains to fields of newly turned soil or, stubble. Colorful falling leaves, have you been out walking, or driving lately, all the beautiful yellows and reds coming out. Also wind, so look quick before the leaves are all off the trees. Another is 'sweater weather' time to put the light weight clothes away and take out the sweaters. Also the time to maybe even clean out the closet.

And with Fall season not always following the calendar, giving us three months to prepare for winter, starting now is a good idea. One never knows, it could go from sunny and no breezes to three feet of snow with below freezing wind chills any time.

If you would like to order a

meal for delivery please call the Cafe at 218-5666 or Jo Lambert at 796-4527, before 2 p.m. the day before.

A Halloween themed Paper-craft taught by Sue Beaudoin will be held on October 8th at the Oklee Community Hall at 2 p.m. There is a sign up sheet in the Oklee Senior Site. This is open to any Senior Citizen, not just members of the Site, to join. Please sign up by October 1st. The sign up sheet in on the door of the Senior Site or call the Senior Site during open hours. There is a limit of 8 people so we can be spaced appropriately. Masks will be required during the class.

The Site is usually open 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.

If you can't make it during those times 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. Please remember

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe
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Kat DeHate and Kennadi of St. Michael, North Dakota visited Anna DeHate on Sunday. Also, Brandi DeHate was home for the weekend from college.

Anna had Bernie and Jill DeHate and Paul & Blake for biscuits & gravy (sausage) breakfast on Sunday morning.

Karen Tvedt went to Kinsey, Montana and visited her daughter Becky Opatz and husband for a few days.

Betty DeGelder stopped by on her 4-wheeler and visited Alice Jobe for a while.

Anne Traxler helped her granddaughter Brielle celebrate her 9th birthday this past week in Thief River Falls.

Brodie Traxler came for the weekend and went fishing with Sawyer.

Recently, Chris and Bobbie DuChamps's son Bryce and daughter Bret each got a bear

while hunting. They live by Erskine. They are Jim and Debbie DuChamp's grandkids.

Alice Jobe was a dinner guest Sunday at her brother Gerald Kukowski's and wife Lorraine. She also visited her nephew Mike and her brother Loren.

Visiting Roger and Lynn Gallant recently were daughter Jenny Wallace, Cheyenne, Kennedy Cayli (her two daughters). Also, Adam Gallant, Crystal, Ethan, Owen, Mia and Calle. They had attended a wedding at Honker Flats.

Tuesday, September 22nd, was Centenarian Day. The U.S. has a large number of people 100 years old and over, compared to 100 years ago. The life expectancy back then was about 48 years old.

There was more harvesting

to wear your mask.

Dates to Remember

Sept. 25: Heritage Day and National Daughter's Day!

Sept. 28: National Son's Day.
Oct. 1: International Day of Older Persons & International Coffee Day and National Homemde Cookie Day. Celebrate with a cup of coffee & a cookie.

***** Jokes *****

A mom texts, "Hi! Son, what does IDM, LY, & TTYL mean?" He texts back, "I Don't Know, Love You, & Talk To You Later." The mom texts him, "It's ok, don't worry about it. I'll ask your sister, love you too."

A man went to his lawyer and told him, "My neighbor owes me \$500 and he won't pay up. What should I do?" "Do you have any proof he owes you the money?" asked the lawyer. "Nope," replied the man. "OK, then write him a letter asking him for the \$5,000 he owed you," said the lawyer. "But it's only \$500," replied the man. "Precisely. That's what he will reply and then you'll have your proof!"

the past few days by Brooks. It may have been soybeans or something else. The farmers had nice weather so far for combining.

The leaves have been falling very fast and weather was beautiful for a few days. But that changed quickly. Rain and frost are coming.

I'd like to give a shout out to all the teachers and school staff who are working extra hard this fall to teach the kids under very trying circumstances. They are to be thanked and appreciated like never before.

The election is getting closer and frankly, I think most will be relieved when it is all over. The candidates are so mean what they say about the others.

Stay safe, enjoy the fall weather and be good to each other!

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

The weather has been changeable these past few days. Some of the days have been really golden and others not so golden. The day of the big Brooks sale of tractors was a wonderful day. It was warm, and mostly sunny and from what I heard the sale was well attended. It is Fall so we expect the downhill slide of the mercury. It is time to bring in the things that need to be stored for winter.

Madeline and Parnell Thibert of Dixon, Illinois came to Brooks on a mini trip from another trip to Colorado where they attended a wedding of their step grand-daughter. They visited with Clarence and Dianne Gagner. They celebrated Madeline's birthday on Wednesday with an impromptu gathering at Carol's Cozy for supper. Happy

Birthday Madeline.

On Tuesday Madeline and Parnell and the Gagners went to visit Roy and Joyce Thibert in Grand Forks. Roy and Joyce Thibert are the parents of Parnell and are former residents of Mentor.

On Wednesday Madeline and Parnell and Clarence and Dianne Gagner went to visit with Donna Bergeron at Greenleaf in Thief River Falls. Donna is the sister of Madeline and Clarence.

Sunday Tom and Sandy Cleary of Dixon, Illinois paid a surprise visit to Clarence and Dianne Gagner. They live in the area that Madeline and Parnell Thibert reside in and are friends with the Gagners. It is fun to have surprise guests.

A surprise guest at our house was Leonard Novak on Sunday. With the Covid rules, our family took it seriously and haven't gone to visit almost

anybody. Also nobody has come over much either. Leonard was passing through and decided to stop at the old foggies to see if we were okay. It was a great afternoon of visiting and kidding and I realized how much we miss that. Thank you, Leonard for thinking of us.

Recent visitors to the Clarence and Dianne Gagner home were Bonnie and Bill Bergquist of Jordan Minnesota. They stayed at the Oklee Inn. Clarence and Dianne and Sheryl and Arlan Fore of Oklee joined them for dinner at the Oklee Café. The Bergquists are second cousins of Dianne and Sheryl.

We hope you have a great week. Mask up and stay safe. I saw the prediction of the long range weather on "US Farm Report" and the winter looks wicked with polar vortexes in January and February. Not looking forward to that at all.

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