

Oklee Precipitation By Einar Kvasager		
	Rain	Snow
Nov. 9	Trace	
Nov. 10		2.00
Nov. 11		Trace
Nov. 12		1.00
Nov. 13		Trace
Total	0.00	3.00

Oklee Herald

...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

OKLEE (RED LAKE COUNTY) MINN. 56742

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Wednesday, November 18, 2020

\$1.00



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Zion Lutheran Church in Oklee gets a face lift this summer-fall



Starting last year, many of the windows were replaced at Zion Lutheran. But the front had not been finished.

To access the windows in the front of the church, the bushes and other landscaping items were removed to make the job easier.

It was not a typical job for most to tackle. It took a little while to find the right person for the job to take on the large multiple windows on the front of Zion. There was also some repairs needed on the south side of the church that was taken care of.

The wood around the large front windows needed to be scraped and if the wood was bad, was replaced.

After many weeks of prep work, the final coats of paint were applied and the job was completed.

So come springtime the last thing to be completed will be the landscaping in the front.



The woodwork on the windows was painted white with the Cross painted gold and a few gold highlights around the entrance.

Calendar of Events

Wed, Nov. 18:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.

Thu, Nov. 19:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.

Fri, Nov. 20:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.

Sat, Nov. 21:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!

Sun, Nov. 22:
-Worship at the church – check inside for church times and places.

Mon, Nov. 23:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.

Tue, Nov. 24:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.

Wed, Nov. 25:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.

Polk County Sheriff's Office was closed to the public effective Wednesday, November 11, 2020

Due to the continued health concerns raised by the COVID-19 virus outbreak, the Polk County Sheriff's Office will be closed to the public effective Wednesday, November 11, 2020. This includes both the Crookston and Fosston sub-station offices.

All civil process, gun permits, data requests, and administrative activity will be initiated by calling 218-281-0431 or emailing PCSORrecords@co.polk.mn.us. Please see our webpage for application information. <https://www.co.polk.mn.us/221/Sheriffs-Office>.

Our response time may be delayed due to current events and our ability to retrieve information held by other agencies. We are committed to getting information back to you as timely as possible while keeping our employees and the community safe.

Please note that 911 emergency services will not change. The public should continue to call 911 for all emergencies with confidence that law enforcement, fire and emergency medical responders will respond. Our 911 operators may ask you additional questions due to the recommended protocols implemented in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

All non-emergency calls should be directed to 218-281-

0431. Be advised that you may be asked to submit information by e-mail or text to our office to assist with the processing of your call. Deputies responding in-person to non-emergency calls are following the Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines which recommend social distancing of 6 feet or more whenever the circumstances allow.

We value our relationship with residents of Polk County and we understand the need to stay connected to our community. Due to the unprecedented COVID-19, we ask your patience as this situation evolves. We ask that everyone follow the most current information set by the CDC and Minnesota Department of Health. Those guidelines continue to promote social distancing of at least 6 feet. Wash hands with soap and water or using hand sanitizer if hand washing is not immediately available. Cough or sneeze into your sleeve or a tissue. Most importantly, stay home if you are feeling sick and contact your medical provider as needed. We will continue to keep you informed as we receive new information.

Please take care of each other and be safe.

Sheriff Jim Tadmán



Back Row: Keira Morinville, Caden Lee, Peyton O'Neill, Brock Tvedt, Brody Moen, Marissa Schiebe, and Ella Moen. Front Row: Everett Svedson, and Azazel Chapman

RLC Rebels Cross Country Team Hosts Virtual Awards Night

By Mustang Stampede

On Sunday November 8, the Red Lake County Rebels hosted their awards banquet via Google Meets by Head Coach Mr. Randy Huie and Assistant Coaches Mrs. Hannah Kent and Mr. Devin Lambert. Brock Tvedt earned the "Most Outstanding Runner" for the RLC Rebels Boys Team and Marissa Schiebe earned the "Most Outstanding Runner" for the RLC Rebels Girls Team.

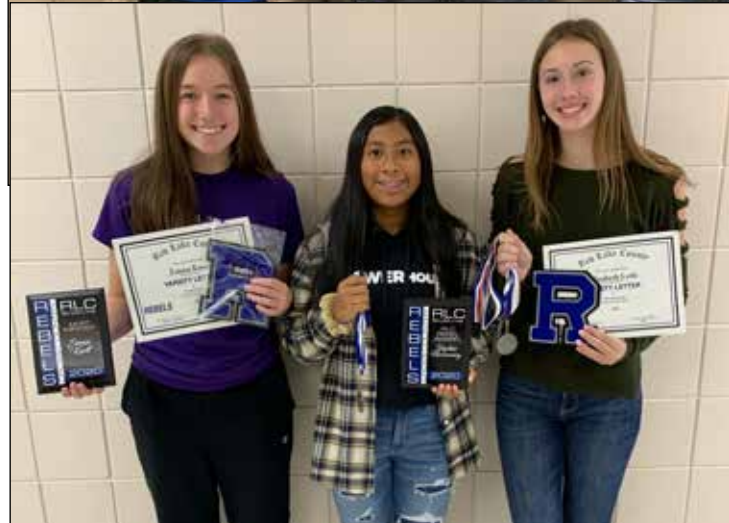
Earning the "Most Improved" award or the RLC Boys Team was Everett Svendsen, and earning the "Most Improved" award for the RLC Girls Team was Emma Knott. Brody Moen earned the "RLC Rebel Award" for the RLC Boys Team, and Daphne Harmoning won the "RLC Rebel Award" for the RLC Girls Team. Marissa Schiebe also won the "Team Record Breaker" award with the Girls Varsity 5K time of 22:08.20

Letter winners were Brody Moen, Brock Tvedt, Marissa Schiebe, Emma Knott, Caden Lee, Ella Moen, Caden Lee, Keira Morinville, Maverick Nelson, Peyton O'Neill, Everett Svendsen, Azazel Chapman, and Elizabeth Lytle.

Participations certificates were given to Damon Ferguson, Aurim Olson, Matthew Renner, Daphne Harmoning, Brody Hammer, Emma Hendrickson, and Nick Suchy.



Above: RLC Varsity Award Winners Everett Svendsen, Brock Tvedt, Brody Moen, and Marissa Schiebe displaying their awards.



Left: RLC Rebels Girls Cross Country team members Emma Knott, Daphne Harmoning, and Elizabeth Lytle displaying their awards.

Numbers keep rising - Polk, Pennington & Red Lake

Daily Inter-County Nursing Service Covid-19 updates:

November 16th:

There are 19 new cases to report in Pennington County, the ages of the individuals range from 20's - 60's. There has been one additional hospitalization in Pennington County.

There are 4 new cases to report in Red Lake County, the ages of the individuals range from teens - 40's.

November 15th:

There are 12 new cases to report in Pennington County, the ages of the individuals range from 30's - 70's.

There are 7 new cases to report in Red Lake County, the ages of the individuals range from teens - 50's.

November 14th:

There are 15 new cases to report in Pennington County. The ages of the individuals range from child - 90's, and there are currently 5 individuals hospitalized.

There are 3 new cases to report in Red Lake County. The ages of the individuals range from teens - 40's, and there are no current hospitalizations.

We are sad to report that there have been 2 additional deaths in Pennington County. The individuals were in their 70's and 90's. There is also one additional death in Red Lake County. The individual was in their 80's. Our deepest condolences go out to all of the individuals' families at this time.

We are reminding people to take extra precautions during this time and avoid large gatherings, practice social distancing, wear a mask when out in public, stay home if you are sick, and practice good hand hygiene. Stay safe everyone!

November 13th:

There are 35 new cases to report in Pennington County, the ages of the individuals range from 7 - 80's.

There are 8 new case to report in Red Lake County, the age of the individuals range from 5 - 60's.

There are currently 4 hospitalized cases in Pennington County and no current hospitalizations in Red Lake County.

November 12th:

There are 19 new cases to report in Pennington County, the ages of the individuals range from 7 - 80's.

There are 4 new case to report in Red Lake County, the age of the individuals range from teens - 40's.

There are 18 new cases to report in Pennington County, the ages of the individuals range from children - 80's.

There is 1 new case to report in Red Lake County, the individual is in their teens.

November 10th:

There are 13 new cases to report in Pennington County, the ages of he individuals range from 7 - 60's.

There are 3 new cases to report in Red Lake County, the individuals are in their 20's - 60's.

Again we realize their may be a discrepancy between our

numbers and those of the Minnesota Department of Health. However, at this time we are reporting them in real time and there is a delay in the Minnesota Department of Health's system.

November 9th:

There are 26 new cases to report in Pennington County, the ages of the individuals range from 11 - 80's.

There are 5 new cases to report in Red Lake County, the ages of the individuals range from 5 - 50's..



Statistics (11-16-20):

- 231,081 Positive Tests
- 3,472,833 Complete Tests
- 2,173,425 People tested
- 179,614 Patients Who No Longer Need Isolation
- 2,917 Total Deaths
- 13,251 Total Hospitalized
- As of this printing - Total Confirmed Cases in surrounding Counties:
 - Pennington County: 411 recovered cases
 - 88 active case
 - 25 hospitalization
 - 4 death
 - Red Lake County: 148 recovered cases
 - 120 recovered cases
 - 23 active case
 - 7 hospitalization
 - 3 death
 - Marshall County: 326
 - Clearwater County: 324
 - Beltrami County: 1,549
 - Polk County 1559 (as of 11-12-2020)
 - 501 active cases
 - 16 hospitalizations
 - 15 deaths



SO BUSINESSES CAN STAY OPEN

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Wed, Nov. 18: 7:00 p.m.
Confirmation at Zion.
Thu, Nov. 19: 4:00 p.m.
Bible Study.
Sun, Nov. 22: Check online at OkleeLutheran.org
Wed, Nov. 25: 7:00 p.m.
Confirmation at Zion.
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
Sunday: 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, Nov. 22: 9:00 a.m.
Worship at Immanuel. 10:00 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Wed, Nov. 18: 6:30 p.m.
Ekelund. 7:30 p.m. 8th Grade Confirmation.

Sun, Nov. 22: 8:30 a.m. Faith. 9:30 a.m. Facebook Live. 10:00 a.m. Faith Formation.
Wed, Nov. 25: 6:30 p.m. Bethany.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth
Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Wed, Nov. 18: 5 p.m.
Wednesday School.
Sat, Nov. 21: Mt Olive: 9:00 a.m.
Sun, Nov. 22: 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.

Wed, Nov. 25: Thanksgiving Eve: 5:00 p.m. Mt. Olive. 7:00 p.m. Nazareth.
Thu, Nov. 26: Thanksgiving Day: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri. 9:45 a.m. Oak Park.
www.facebook.com/clearwaterlutheranparish

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Nov. 18: 6:25 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Sun, Nov. 22: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.
Tue, Nov. 24: 10:00 a.m. Quilting.
Wed, Nov. 25: 6:25 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Wed, Nov. 18: 7:00 p.m. Parish Baord meeting at Lund.
Sun, Nov. 22: 9:00 a.m. Lund, 10:30 a.m. Sand Valley. 1:00 p.m. Confirmation grades 8th and up.
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. Facebook Live as well, Sunday at 10AM.

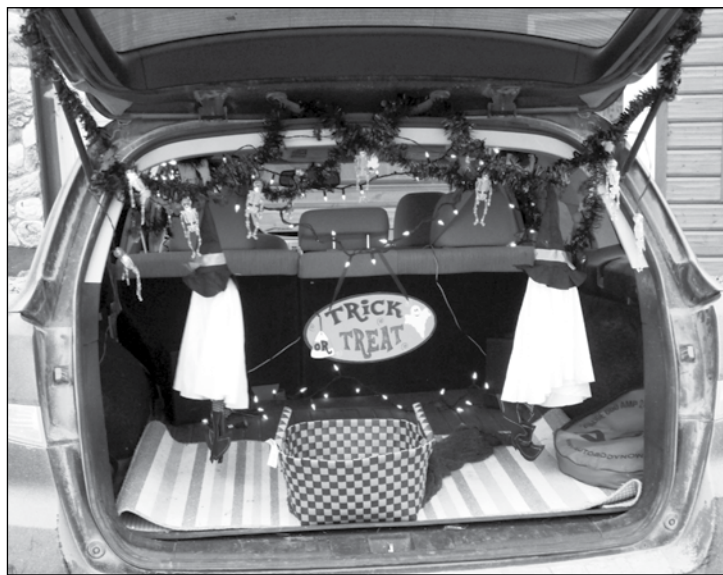
Oklee Senior Site Dining

November 23 - 27

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: Chicken strip, American fries, carrots, bread, milk, and dessert.
Tue: Tator Tot hotdish, tossed salad, bread, milk, and dessert.
Wed: Turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, stuffing, cranberries, milk, and dessert.
Thu: Thanksgiving Day - Closed
Fri: Closed.

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There were many creative Trunk's at the Trunk or Treat held in Oklee on Halloween night.



Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial Update

Donations to the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial have been received recently in memory of Elmer Hanson, Brooks. Elmer was well known in the Oklee Community for his involvement in the American Legion and his work at the Oklee School among other activities. Elmer served in the Army from 1952-1954. The contributions given in his memory were received from Barb and Cliff Melby, Don and LaVonne Brown and Iona Berry, Oklee and Carol Bachand, Brooks.

Please send contributions to the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial to Security State Bank, Box 69, Oklee, MN 56742, attn: Lori Melby. Any questions regarding the Memorial may be sent to Mary Lynn Bachand at marylbachand@gmail.com.

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Red Lake County Commissioners Minutes

RED LAKE COUNTY Regular Meeting Held October 27, 2020

Pursuant to adjournment of its last meeting the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners held its regular board meeting on October 27, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Chairman Remick called the meeting to order. All Commissioners were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Dudycha moved and seconded by Flage to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on October 13, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Simpson and carried unanimously to approve the following expenditures for the period:

Vendor	Amount
DS Solutions, Inc	\$ 2,289.10
Hoffman, Philipp, & Knutson, PLLC.	9,880.00
Lenes Sand & Gravel Inc.	3,475.00
Red Lake County SWCD	35,107.00
Riley Bros Construction	5,435.10
Sanford Health-Sioux Falls	2,756.74
Sanitary Service & Recycling, Inc	2,628.02
17 Vendors less than \$2,000	5,698.32
TOTAL	\$67,269.28

The motion included the following additional bills: \$193.57 to Dacotah Paper; \$59.50 expenses and \$80.00 per diem to John Dudycha; \$11.50 expenses and \$240.00 per diem to Al Remick.

The following Commissioner/Committee reports were shared:
Commissioner Meeting/Report Simpson: -None.
Dudycha: -County CARES Committee and Social Service Board meeting.

City of Oklee VACANT COUNCIL POSITION

Any qualified candidates who wish to apply, should submit a letter of application for consideration by the Council. The term would run until a special election can be arranged.

Please apply in writing to:
City of Oklee
Derek Cross, Clerk
PO Box 190
Oklee, MN 56742
035-36C

Crossword Solution

GLITZ	FCC	SLAP
RADIO	RIO	CHOIR
AMEND	USA	LUCRE
FASTING	THANKS	
SAY	BIAS	
LOG	CAFE	SPRANG
IRON	LOGS	SAVER
OBOE	ARGOT	NOVA
NISEI	KALE	KIEV
STERNS	ROMP	DRY
	HOLY	PUN
PARADE	MIRACLE	
ALGAL	ACE	ICHOR
LOOSE	SHE	THOUS
EDGE	EAT	YOU'RE

Sudoku Solution

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

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IMPORTANT PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD NOTICE

This will affect your 2021 property taxes and eligibility for Property Tax Refund.
Have you purchased or moved into a property in the past year? Contact your county assessor to file a homestead application if you or a qualifying relative occupy the property as a homestead on or before December 1, 2020.

What Is a qualifying relative?
For agricultural property, a qualifying relative includes the child, grandchild, sibling, or parent of the owner or owner's spouse. For residential property a qualifying relative also includes the owner's uncle, aunt, nephew, or niece.

When do I apply?
You must apply on or before December 15, 2020. Once homestead is granted, annual applications are not necessary unless they are requested by the county assessor. Contact the assessor by December 15, 2020, if the use of the property you own or occupy as a qualifying relative has changed during the past year.

If you sell, move, or for any reason no longer qualify for the homestead classification, you are required to notify the county assessor within 30 days of the change in homestead status.
Red Lake County Assessor's Office (218) 253-2596
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Raffle winners

A drawing was held at Shorty's Place in Golly for the winners of the Deer Hunter's Raffle. That is put on by the Gully area Sportsman's Club and the Clearwater Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club. First prize of a Tikka T3X

Hunter 6.5 Creedmoor was Todd Roue. Second prize of a Browning T-Bolt Sporter 22 Magnum was Justin Friborg. Third prize of a TriStar TT-15 over/under 12 gauge was Angela Paulson. Fourth prize of a Orca 26 quart cooler was Karen Ofthelie.

Weiss: -Attended meetings of the 1W1P Committee discussing projects and cover crop program contracts.

Flage: -Inter County Nursing meeting discussing the Coronavirus pandemic.

Remick: -Meetings of the NW Emergency Communications Board, SWCD, and the County CARES Grant Committee reviewing funding requests.

County Assessor Michelle Nelson met with the board regarding the Enbridge Pipeline, (Southern Lights) LLC., Notice of Settlement from the MN Department of Revenue. Enbridge and the Department of Revenue agreed to settle the Tax Court appeal for the 2018 assessment year, payable 2019, with the settlement documents being signed by the Tax Court on October 5, 2020. The two parties agreed to reduce the Minnesota Apportionable Value from \$266,583,500 to \$235,000,000. Nelson informed that the Order for Judgement includes the reduced values for all the affected counties; Red Lake County has (8) parcels that are affected by the court ordered settlement. Nelson has calculated \$4,818.00 of tax that Red Lake County must abate to Enbridge. The parcels are: PIN #02-5104-000 for \$1,410.00; PIN #02-5105-000 for \$1,244.00; PIN #04-5301-010 for \$512.00; PIN #04-5302-010 for \$464.00; PIN #07-5601-000 for \$242.00; PIN #11-6002-000 for \$122.00; PIN #15-6600-000 for \$352.00; PIN #16-6509-000 in amount of \$472.00. Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Flage and carried by unanimous vote to approve the tax abatements as presented, and hereby authorize the County Auditor to issue payment to Enbridge Pipelines (Southern Lights), LLC.

Auditor Schmitz provided an update on the CARES Grant Program. The Grant Committee met on October 26th to review applications for the second round of funding. There were 22 applications received from area businesses and 20 were approved for funding. Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Flage and carried unanimously to grant authority to the County CARES Grant Committee to determine program funding allocations and distribution of payments at the discretion of the CARES Committee and following the county program guidelines.

The board discussed extending the Round-2 Grant Program deadline to November 9, 2020 to allow additional time for more businesses to apply. The County Board concurred to extend Round-2 up until November 9th at noon. Results will be reported at the next County Board meeting.

There being no further business the regular board meeting adjourned on November 10, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

Attest:
Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

Allen Remick, Chair,
Board of Commissioners
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Plummer Residents Please Note:

Due to the Thanksgiving Day Holiday garbage will be picked up in the afternoon on Wednesday, November 25th.



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Oklee Santa Claus Day Notice

Due to the current concern with Covid-19 Santa will not be coming to the Oklee Hall to visit this year. We want to keep Santa safe for Christmas delivery.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will continue to wear their masks but remember he can still see you. Happy Holidays from the Oklee Community Club and Santa & Mrs. Claus



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Home Loans

Buying a home may be one of the most important financial decisions of your life.

When it's time to finance your new home, we can help. Come in and visit with one of our loan officers. We'll answer all of your questions and explain your options. **And if you act now, you can take advantage of very attractive interest rates.**



Security State Bank will be closed Thanksgiving day Nov. 26th

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Carter Williams runs down the field, protected by Brayden Swendra. Photos by Kelly Melin



Brayden St. Marie 81, Carson Lambert, 30 and Gerald Melin, 20 making a tackle. Photos by Kelly Melin

Red Lake County Rebels Host Parents Night

By Leilah Van Dam and Peyton Fish

On Friday, November 5, the Red Lake County Rebels honored parents while they played the Lake Park Audubon Raiders in Red Lake Falls. The Red Lake County Rebels improved their record with two wins and one loss.

In the first quarter of the game, the Rebels scored a touchdown by Paul DeHate for an 11-yard run. The two Point Conversion Run by Blaine Schmitz with a time of 9:14 left in the first quarter. At 3:37 left in the quarter, Zak Kennett

made a touchdown, and the two-point conversion pass was unsuccessful. With 1:08 left in the quarter, a touchdown from Blaine Schmitz to Bailey Hince for a 14-yard run. Paul DeHate made the two-point conversion run.

In the second quarter, Carter Williams made a touchdown with a fifty-two-yard run, and Zak Kennett made the two-point conversion. Andrew Johnson had the next touchdown, but the two-point conversion was unsuccessful.

In the third quarter, one touchdown was scored by Ty-

ler Eskeli for a nine-yard run. The two-point conversion was unsuccessful.

In the final quarter, Tyler Eskeli scored another touchdown for the rebels, with the two-point conversion being unsuccessful. The Red Lake County Rebels' next game is November 21 in East Grand Forks against the Polk County West Thunder in their first playoff game of the 2020 season. The Rebels are coached by Head Coach Brian Remick, Assistant Coaches Kory Baril, Seth Schmitz, Trevor Page, and Aaron Moll.

RLCC Menus

November 23 - 27
Oklee

Monday: Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Quesadilla, lettuce salad, fresh vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** BBQ with w/g bun, chips, baked beans, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Bakery roll, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Cheesy bread with sauce, lettuce salad, fresh vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Thanksgiving Day! No School.
Friday: No School.
Plummer

Monday: Breakfast: Bagel w/cream cheese, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Taco in a bag, refried beans, corn, lettuce, tomato, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Ham patty on bun, cheese slice, curly fries, carrots, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Waffles, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Tator tot hotdish, peas, dinner roll, cookie, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Thanksgiving Day! No School.
Friday: No School.



Deadline:
Fridays at noon!

RLCC Mustangs Volleyball

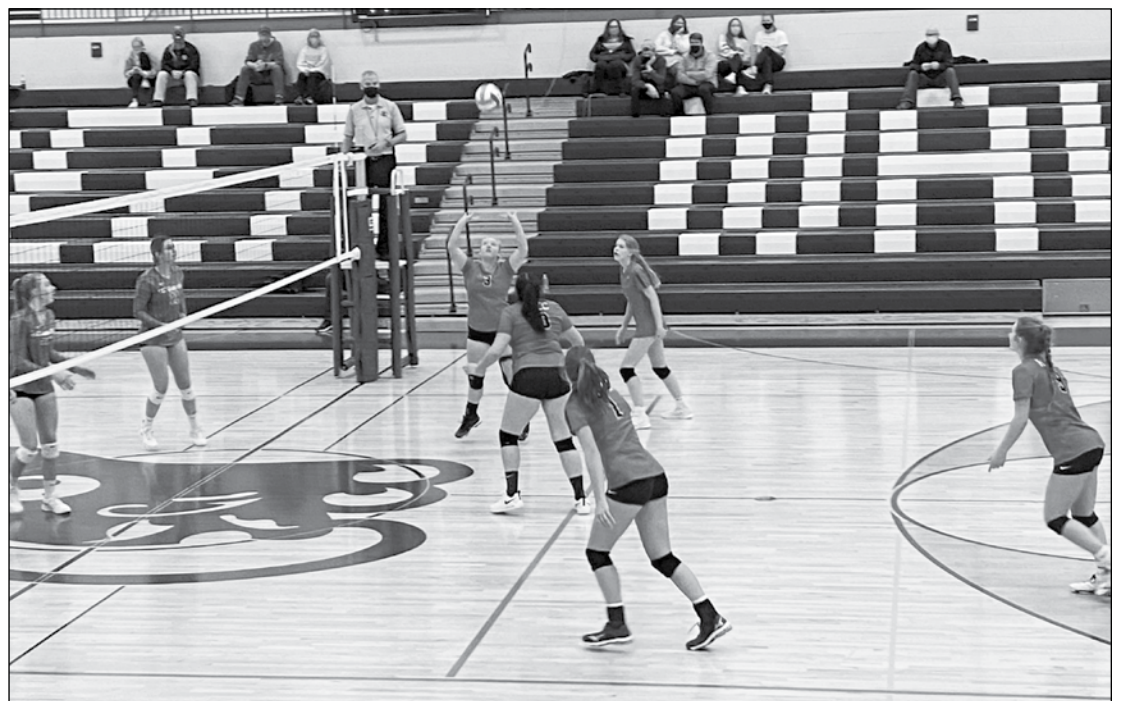
By Aurimy Olson

The Red Lake County Central Mustangs volleyball team played the East Grand Forks Green Wave for the second time this season on Monday, November 9th in East Grand Forks. EGF managed to pull out a win against the

Mustangs in 3 sets with scores of 15-25, 14-25, and 17-25. Stats for the Mustangs were Marissa Thomas and Shawna Majeres both with 4 kills, along with Kia Bachand having 3 kills and 2 aces. Bailey Sherman had 10 assists.



Junior, Cari Bachand making a back-row attack. Photos by Kim Olson



Senior Katelyn Suchy setting. Photos by Kim Olson



Shawna Majeres hitting as an outside. Photos by Kim Olson



Schedules subject to changes - please check the school web site at <https://www.rlcc2906.org/>

RLCC Girls
Volleyball

Thu, Nov 19: 5:00PM
Away vs. Stephen-Argyle
Central Stephen-Argyle
Central High School

Fri, Nov. 20: 5:00PM
Red Lake Falls @ Plummer School

Mon, Nov 23: 5:00PM
Away vs. Win-E-Mac @ Win-E-Mac School

Mon, Nov 30: Sections
7:00PM @ Away vs. Multiple Schools

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November 2020 Health Points

November is National Diabetes Month

This year's focus is on taking care of youth who have diabetes.

Diabetes is one of the most common chronic conditions in school-age youth in the United States, affecting about 193,000 youth under 20 years old. Regardless of their age, sometimes youth who have diabetes need support with their diabetes care. That's why it's important to help your child or teen develop a plan to manage diabetes, and work with their health care team to adjust the diabetes self-care plan as needed.

Tips to Help Youth Who Have Diabetes Manage blood glucose levels

Keep their blood glucose in the target range and make sure they take their medicines as prescribed to prevent or delay other health problems.

Encourage healthy habits.

Try following a meal plan, get enough sleep, and aim for regular physical activity.

Seek mental health support.

Encourage them to connect with other youth who have diabetes, stay alert for signs of feeling down and anxious, and be prepared to seek help

with your youth.

Monitor for diabetes complications.

Earlier diagnosis and treatment of complications, including heart, kidney, and eye diseases, can improve overall health.

Stay prepared for emergencies.

Prepare for the unexpected by packing a "go kit" that includes medical supplies and equipment.

<https://www.niddk.nih.gov/health-information/community-health-outreach/national-diabetes-month/toolkit>

November is National COPD Awareness Month

COPD, or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, is a progressive disease that makes it hard to breathe.

COPD is a major cause of disability, and it is the fourth leading cause of death in the United States. COPD develops slowly. COPD can cause coughing that produces large amounts of mucus, wheezing, shortness of breath, chest tightness, and other symptoms. Symptoms often worsen over time and can limit your ability to do routine activities. Severe COPD may prevent you from doing even basic activities like walking, cooking, or taking care of

yourself.

Most of the time, COPD is diagnosed in middle-aged or older adults. The disease is not contagious, meaning it cannot be passed from person to person.

COPD can often be prevented. Cigarette smoking is the leading cause of COPD. Most people who have

COPD smoke or used to smoke. However, up to 25 percent of people with COPD never smoked. Long-term exposure to other lung irritants—such as air pollution, chemical fumes, or dusts—also may contribute to COPD. COPD has no cure yet, and doctors do not know how to reverse the damage to the lungs. However, treatments and lifestyle changes can help to stay more active and to slow the progress of the disease.

<https://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health-topics/copd>

Web Poison Control Tool

Web Poison Control recently developed an app, webPOISONCONTROL, a free online tool and app that provides instant triage recommendations and follow up for acute, unintentional poison exposures.

When should I use the webPOISONCONTROL tool?

webPOISONCONTROL® can help you decide if it's safe to stay home, or if a call to Poison Control or visit to an emergency room is required. Use webPOISONCONTROL if the exposed person meets all these criteria:

No serious symptoms. If the individual collapses, has a seizure, has trouble breathing or can't be awakened, call 911 right away.

Most substances. webPOISONCONTROL can help -a drug or medicine, household

product, flower, leaf, berry, seed, bite or sting, or an inhaled gas.

Single substances (only one product) involved. The drug or product can have multiple ingredients, but webPOISONCONTROL can't handle multiple drugs or products at this time.

Unintentional. No self-harm or suicide attempts. When self-harm is involved, immediate evaluation by a healthcare provider, usually in an ER, is always advised.

Age 6 months to 79 years. Special issues arise in the very young or in older adults.

Not pregnant! We haven't addressed risks to the fetus or the pregnant mom.

Otherwise healthy. If you have a serious pre-existing medical condition, don't use this tool. Call Poison Control at 1-800-222-1222 instead to make sure there are no special considerations for your disease.

Human. Don't use this tool for your pets! Toxicity differs between species.

You can Download the free webPOISONCONTROL® app.

For more information: <https://www.webpoisoncontrol.org/about-us>

Parenting Tips

10 Classic

Parenting Tips

- What you do matters
- You cannot be too loving
- Be involved in your child's life
- Adapt your parenting to fit your child
- Establish rules and set limits
- Help foster your child's independence
- Be consistent
- Avoid harsh discipline
- Explain your rules and decisions
- Treat your child with respect

I would like to add one more to the list, a parent is not above telling their child they are sorry when they are. I think it shows the child their worth.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Official City of Oklee Minutes

City of Oklee Regular Council Meeting

**Tuesday, October 13th
Oklee Café, 6.00PM**

Roll Call: Mayor Burthwick, Cyr, Brekke and Olson, also present Sherriff Bernstein, Matthew Genova, Wanda Wright, Gale Schmitz, Tougas and Cross.

Meeting called to order at 6.03PM

September Minutes.

Motion to accept by Cyr and seconded by Brekke, motion carried.

September Financials

Motion to accept by Olson and seconded by Cyr, motion carried.

September Bills

Motion to accept by Cyr and seconded by Olson, motion carried.

Sheriff's Report

A lot of nuisance stuff going on. Barking dogs kids running around after school. Drug arrests in town, Bernstein also commented that the 15000 to get rid of the Bishop house was money well spent. Clarks house mentioned, Cross said no contact as of yet.

Ambulance Garage.

A discussion on the Ambulance garage, regarding the state of the floors, doors and possibly getting gutting. Darrell Tougas to get bids for flooring and gutters, council approved door replacement and to paint the walls.

Maintenance

Ponds Discharged and going good, Lift station recalibrated, Hydrants flushed and flagged. Siren moved and working. Been working on 412 and 612 Bourdon Street,

hauling dirt in to fix up the lots after houses have been removed. South Park discussion on who is in charge of the South Park. In the past we have been given permission to dump dirt out at the park to fill in an area.

Tougas had announced his retirement at a previous meeting, he provided a resignation letter confirming he will retire October 31st 2021.

A discussion on the sealed bids for the items from the Bishop property, Genova thought we should have asked more money but it was pointed out we just wanted to get rid of all the stuff and the discussion got heated between Cyr and Genova at which point Genova left the meeting. The council then told Cross to keep things as they are, but cross did say he would check legally if we are in compliance.

Look into opening a savings account, with something like \$200.000 to \$250.000 invested to get a better rate.

Kelly Brekke Announced he would be resigning from the Council effective as of November 1st, he is moving to his new house outside of the City limits, Brekke said he had enjoyed his time on the Council and thanked everyone.

Motion to accept his resignation by Olson and seconded by Cyr, motion carried.

Motion to close the meeting at 7.25pm by Brekke and seconded by Olson, motion carried.

Mayor Burthwick

Derek Cross/City Clerk
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Jesse Dessellier's ghostly graveyard Trunk.



Oklee Locker had no Trunk, but they did have treats!!.



Above: Oklee Lumber, Inc, had a Fish Pond set up at their location.

To the left: Bob the Painter/Artist was in town.



The Kelly Brekke family was making the rounds at the Trunk or Treat in Oklee.



Archer Mickelson's first Halloween with parents Nicole & Nick.

SPECIAL AGRICULTURAL HOMESTEAD

The special Agricultural Homestead Provision was created to extend homestead status (which can result in lower property taxes) to those property owners, or their sons and daughters, who actively farm the land. The 1999 Minnesota Legislature passed legislation that extended the homestead classification to certain farmland that is not immediately adjacent to an owners place of residence. The 2000 legislation also extended the homestead to members of homestead or non-contiguous farmland under the following conditions.

Agricultural property consisting of at least 40 acres shall be classified homestead to the same extent as other agricultural property if all the following criteria are met:

- 1- The owner, or the owners spouse, or child, grandchild, sibling or parent of the owner or owners spouse either on the person's own be-half as an individual or on be-half of a qualified entity in which they are a partner, shareholder, or member actively farms the agricultural property,
- 2- The owner of an agricultural property is a MN resident,
- 3- Neither the owner nor their spouse may claim another agricultural homestead in MN,
- 4- The owner does not live farther than four townships or cities or a combination of four townships or cities from the agricultural property, and
- 5- Be listed as a farmer/operator by the Farm Service Agency (Form 156-EZ)
- 6- File a Schedule F with their federal Income tax return.

The following definition constitutes "actively farming" persons engaged in actively farming must participate in the day-to-day labor, administration, and management of the farm. They must assume all or a portion of the financial risks and they must participate in any profits and losses.

Additionally:

The farmland must be a minimum of 40 acres in size and: The farmland must meet the definition of agricultural property contained in MN Statutes 273.124, Subd. 14(b) Land enrolled in CRP or RIM do not qualify for the homestead classification, It will continue to be classified as agricultural. This special homestead provision is only available to qualified individual who make application by the filing deadline of December=r 15, 2020. To find out how to apply for the special agricultural homestead and receive the proper applications contact:

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Writers & Writing by Michael Tidemann

Tidemann started his journalism career at the Bismarck Tribune in 1978 and began college teaching career as a graduate teaching assistant at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion in 1977. He has worked at newspapers in Iowa and the Dakotas and his work has appeared in Overdrive, Writer's Journal, the San Diego Union-Tribune and Snowmobile. (Michael Tidemann writes from Estherville, Iowa. His author page is amazon.com/author/michaeltidemann.)

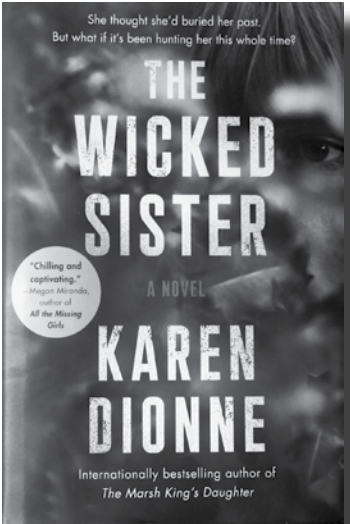
UP writer presents enthralling mystery

The true test of great plot development is the mystery. Karen Dionne does a masterful job of creating a mystery with plenty of twists and turns in The Wicked Sister recently released by Putnam.

Dionne, who lives in suburban Detroit, chose Upper Peninsula Michigan for the setting for her story that pits Rachel, who has been voluntarily confined to an asylum after witnessing the deaths of her parents Peter and Jenny, against her sister Diana, a beautiful but sinister psychopath who has been afflicted with antisocial behavior since birth. Rachel believes she was responsible for killing her mother with a rifle only to have her father use the same weapon to take his own life.

When Rachel is released from the asylum, we hope she can find peace at her former home with her sister Diana and aunt Charlotte. Not all is as idyllic as one would hope, however. Rachel and Diana's wildlife biologist parents Peter and Jenny had invited Jenny's sister Charlotte into their sprawling 10-bedroom home set on 4,000 acres of Upper Pen-

insula Michigan wilderness, a decision later resulting in tragedy. Through contrasting "now" and "then" points of view from Rachel and Jenny, we come to realize that Diana's psychosis is far more serious than anyone realizes, and in time her parents are ready to commit her involuntarily.



**The Wicked Sister
Karen Dionne
Putnam
ISBN 9780735213036
\$27**



Snow White and the Seven Drawf's was the theme of this Trunk or Treat on Halloween night.



At the same time, Rachel begins to uncover the real truth behind her parents' murders. While at first she believed she was responsible, the real blame becomes apparent as she begins to relive events from her past that clarify her own role as well as that of her sister and aunt.

Dionne does a remarkable job of creating a sense of place in the UP. The setting becomes as much of a character as the people. The animals Rachel calls on to help her cope with her search for the truth, and later her flight to safety, take on human attributes that transcend young Rachel's imagination and find validity of Rachel's mind as an adult.

Dionne also paints her characters with a broad palette. Every character has good and bad points, often making us wonder where the true blame lies for three murders that come before the stunning conclusion.

This is a must-read for mystery fans, or anyone with an interest in UP Michigan.

(Michael Tidemann writes from Estherville, Iowa. His author page is amazon.com/author/michaeltidemann.)

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What to Do if You Have COVID-19

If you have tested positive for COVID-19, you must separate yourself from others and watch yourself for symptoms such as fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, headache, muscle pain, sore throat, fatigue, congestion, or loss of taste or smell. This is to protect yourself, your family, and your community.

If you need medical care, follow the instructions on the back page.

Separate yourself from others



Stay home. Do not go to work, school, or any other place outside the home. Stay home until all three of these things are true:

- You feel better. Your cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms are better. and
- It has been 10 days since you first felt sick. and
- You have had no fever for the last 24 hours, without using medicine that lowers fevers.



Stay away from other people in your home. As much as possible, stay in a separate room and use a separate bathroom, if available.



Wear a facemask if you need to be around other people, and cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Wash hands thoroughly afterward.



Avoid sharing personal household items. Do not share food, dishes, drinking glasses, eating utensils, towels, or bedding with other people in your home. After using these items, wash them thoroughly with soap and water. Clean all frequently touched surfaces in your home daily, including door knobs, light switches, or faucets.



Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol. Avoid touching your face with unwashed hands.

Please carefully review additional information provided to you by the health department and CDC's webpage on [Cleaning and Disinfection for Households \(www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/cleaning-disinfection.html\)](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/cleaning-disinfection.html).

WHAT TO DO IF YOU HAVE COVID-19

Monitor your symptoms



Symptoms start → 0 1 2 3

4 5 6 7 8 9 10

11 ← You can go back to normal activities

FILL IN YOUR INFORMATION TO KNOW WHEN YOU CAN GO BACK TO YOUR NORMAL ACTIVITIES.

If you have symptoms:

My symptoms started on _____ (fill in date). I am starting to feel better and have been fever-free for 24 hours. I still need to stay home and away from others through _____ (10 days after your symptoms started).

If you do not have symptoms:

I tested positive for COVID-19 on _____ (fill in the date), but do not have any symptoms. I still need to stay home through _____ (10 days after the day you were tested).

IF YOUR SYMPTOMS GET WORSE, YOU HAVE DIFFICULTY BREATHING, OR YOU NEED MEDICAL CARE:

Contact your health care provider. Call ahead. Do not use public transportation, ride-sharing (such as Uber or Lyft), or taxis if you need to go to a clinic or hospital.

If you need emergency medical attention any time during the isolation period, call 911 and let them know that you have been diagnosed with COVID-19.



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What to Do if You Have Had Close Contact With a Person With COVID-19

To protect yourself, your family, and your community, you must separate yourself from others, get tested and watch yourself for symptoms such as fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, headache, muscle pain, sore throat, or loss of taste or smell. Follow these instructions for at least 14 days after the last day you were in close contact with the person who has COVID-19.

Separate yourself from others



Stay home. If you need medical care, it is important that you follow the instructions below. Do not go to work, school, or any other place outside the home.



Stay away from people who may be at high-risk for getting very sick from COVID-19, including older adults, those living in long-term care facilities, and people with health conditions like asthma, diabetes, heart disease, liver disease, severe obesity, and those who have weakened immune systems.



If you become sick, separate yourself from other people in your home. As much as possible, stay in a specific room and away from other people in your home. Use a separate bathroom, if available.



Do not use public transportation, ride-sharing (such as Uber or Lyft), or taxis.



Wear a facemask if you need to be around other people, and cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Wash hands thoroughly.



Avoid sharing personal household items. Do not share food, dishes, drinking glasses, cups, eating utensils, towels, or bedding with other people in your home. After using these items, wash them thoroughly with soap and water.



Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol. Avoid touching your face with unwashed hands.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU HAVE HAD CLOSE CONTACT WITH A PERSON WITH COVID-19

Get tested



Contact your health care provider or visit the [Minnesota COVID-19 Response website \(https://mn.gov/covid19/for-minnesotans/if-sick/testing-locations/index.jsp\)](https://mn.gov/covid19/for-minnesotans/if-sick/testing-locations/index.jsp) to find testing times and locations near you. Get tested even if you do not have symptoms. If your test results are positive, follow recommendations for cases of COVID-19. You may need to remain at home for longer than 14 days. Even if your results are negative, you need to stay home for 14 days. If you develop symptoms after testing negative, get tested again.

Stay home

It is possible to get COVID-19 up to 14 days after having contact with someone who has COVID-19.

Stay home and away from others for 14 days. The 14 days begin the day after you last had contact with the person who has COVID-19. Even if you have a negative COVID-19 test during that time, you need to stay home for the full 14 days. It can take 2-14 days for COVID-19 to develop, so even if you test negative once, you could still develop COVID-19 later and spread it unknowingly.



Last day of contact with person with COVID-19 → 0 1 2 3

4 5 6 7 8 9 10

11 12 13 14 15 ← You can go back to normal activities

FILL IN YOUR INFORMATION TO KNOW WHEN YOU CAN GO BACK TO YOUR NORMAL ACTIVITIES.

I last saw the person with COVID-19 on _____ (fill in date). This means I need to stay home and away from others through _____ (14 days after last day of contact with the person with COVID-19).



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Mask up,
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Is it COVID-19?

COVID-19 symptoms can include fever, cough, and shortness of breath. This may be similar to other illnesses, like the flu and common cold. Many people with COVID-19 have mild or few symptoms, and some may have no symptoms at all.

If you are able to manage your symptoms at home, you don't need to seek care or get a COVID-19 test. Contact your medical provider for any symptoms that are severe. For medical emergencies, such as difficulty breathing, call 911.

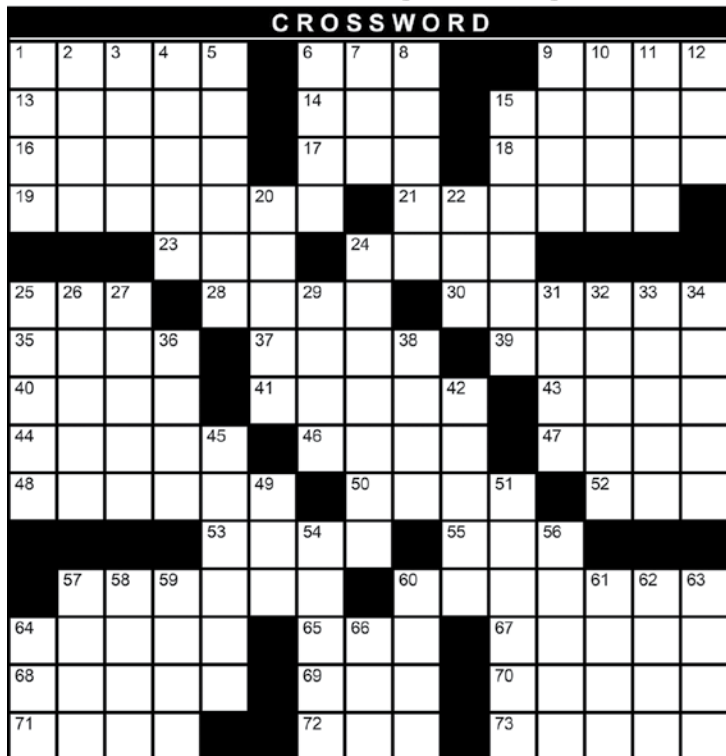
SYMPTOMS	COVID-19	FLU	COLD	ALLERGIES
Cough	Often	Often	Sometimes	Sometimes
Fever	Often	Often	Rarely	Never
Body aches	Often	Often	Rarely	Never
Shortness of breath	Sometimes	Sometimes	Rarely	Rarely
Headache	Sometimes	Often	Sometimes	Sometimes
Fatigue	Sometimes	Often	Sometimes	Sometimes
Sore throat	Sometimes	Sometimes	Sometimes	Never
Loss of taste or smell	Sometimes	Rarely	Rarely	Rarely
Diarrhea	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	Never
Chest pain or pressure	Rarely	Rarely	Never	Never
Runny nose	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Often
Sneezing	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Often
Watery eyes	Never	Never	Never	Often

This list is not all-inclusive.



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ACROSS
1. Glamour's partner
6. Prime time monitor, acr.
9. Prelude to a duel
13. Video killed this type of star?
14. Orinoco or Grande
15. Temple Square performers, e.g.
16. Set straight
17. *Thanksgiving is on the fourth Thursday in this country
18. Filthy dough
19. *Opposite of Thanksgiving, traditionally
21. *The day's offering
23. Declare
24. Unacceptable in a juror

25. Fire fuel
28. Thé alternative
30. Jumped or leapt
35. Chipping choice
37. Plural of #25 Across
39. Coupon clipper, e.g.
40. A woodwind
41. Vernacular
43. The brightest star
44. One born to Japanese immigrants
46. a.k.a. leaf cabbage
47. Capital on the Dnieper
48. Rear of a ship, pl.
50. Boisterous play
52. Not sweet, as in wine
53. Has divine power
55. None intended, often
57. *Macy's offering

60. *34th Street offering
64. Relating to pond scum
65. Highest card in "War"
67. Blood of the gods, Greek mythology
68. Like unbagged tea
69. Female
70. Thousands, for short
71. Microsoft browser
72. *What we do on Thanksgiving
73. ____ welcome!

DOWN
1. Steffi of tennis
2. Tibetan teacher
3. Beware of these, in spring
4. Window treatments
5. Bay Area serial killer never captured
6. French Bulldog plus Pug
7. Alliance of former Soviet republics, acr.
8. Raccoon's South American cousin
9. Give the cold shoulder
10. Locket content, traditionally
11. Snob puts these on
12. Prior to
15. Necklace fasteners
20. Spiral-horned African antelope
22. ____-been
24. Mendicity
25. *Thanksgiving Day football hosts
26. Galactic path
27. One in a gaggle
29. *Utensil absent at Pilgrim's table
31. Colonel or captain
32. Steer clear
33. "When pigs fly!"
34. *Condiment of the day
36. ____-do-well
38. Without help
42. Allegro and lento
45. Get some air
49. Seed alternative
51. Jonathan Franzen's 2015 novel
54. Rental agreement
56. Chip snack
57. Weary walk
58. Bug-eyed
59. Tear down
60. Track competition
61. Cabbage in France
62. Displeasure on one's face
63. Gaelic tongue
64. Draft choice
66. Repeated Cuban dance step

STAY SAFE MN



Minnesota is proud to offer free at-home COVID-19 saliva testing for people who believe they need to be tested, with or without symptoms. These tests are currently available to Minnesotans who live in:

- Aitkin County
- Becker County
- Beltrami County
- Carver County
- Cook County
- Crow Wing County
- Dakota County
- Douglas County
- Itasca County
- Kandiyohi County
- Kittson County
- Le Sueur County
- Lyon County
- Mower County
- Nobles County
- Otter Tail County
- Pennington County
- Pine County
- Red Lake Nation
- Rock County
- Steele County
- Swift County
- Wilkin County
- Wright County

At-home saliva testing will soon be available to all Minnesotans.

Free COVID-19 Test at Home



The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) is offering Minnesotans more and different options for COVID-19 testing. You can now order a COVID-19 saliva test online that will be shipped to your home, along with a prepaid package to return it. When you are ready to take the test, you will log onto a website and do a video visit with a health care provider so they can give you instructions and make sure you do the test the right way. You then send the test to the lab in Oakdale, Minnesota, using the prepaid package. Once it arrives at the lab, you will get your test results by email as soon as 24-48 hours.

The saliva test is just as accurate as the nasal swab test and is also used at in-person testing locations across the state.

- The saliva tests checks whether you have COVID-19 right now and can spread it to others. It is not an antibody test that looks for whether you have had COVID-19 in the past.
- Both adults and children can use these tests. An adult 18 or older must request a test for a child.
- You can request up to five tests per household through the website.
- Saliva testing may not be right for those with low saliva production, such as children under age 4 or someone who has suffered a stroke.

Testing is free for every Minnesotan, whether or not you have insurance. If you do have insurance, you will need to provide your information so your insurance company can pay for your test. If your insurance does not pay for COVID-19 tests or does not pay enough, the state will cover the cost. If you do not have insurance, the state will pay for your test. You will not receive a bill.

Order a free at-home COVID-19 saliva test.

COVID-19 Test at Home:
<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/testsites/athome.html>

All Minnesotans can also visit saliva testing locations around the state.
COVID-19 community saliva testing events:
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Oklee Herald Early Files

Eighty Years Ago November 14, 1940

A warning to men to carry their Selective Service registration cards with them at all times has been reiterated by the Service headquarters. Men must carry their cards with them at all times or be liable to arrest.

A fine baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bert Walker, on November 12th.

Perhaps pupils and teacher of Shadow Lawn School were glad there was no school on Monday last when they saw what a blizzard developed during the day.

The hot lunch project will begin in Oklee School Thursday. It is expected that about 110 students will avail themselves of the opportunity to have a hot dish to accompany their regular noon lunch.

A miscellaneous shower was held on Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Haugen (Gladys Nelson) at the church on Wednesday evening. The couple was presented with many beautiful gifts.

Arthur Halvorson, who was struck by a car on the outskirts of Gully several weeks ago.

Seventy Years Ago November 16, 1950

A junior at Oklee High School is developing a well-known name for himself in the field of oil painting. He is Merlin Norberg, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Norberg of Trail.

The senior class of Plummer High School will present their class play, "Room No. 13," in the auditorium there. Cast members are Vivian Wimpiri, Morris Hemly, Merle Gustafson, Duane Durling, Rosella Waldal, Leona Kopp, Richard Larson and Gail Hofius.

Pfc. Lyle Nelson, who was wounded in Korea in Sept. has been released from a Tokyo hospital and he expects to return to Korea.

Sixty Years Ago November 17, 1960

Oklee Firemen fought a stubborn blaze for nearly 12 hours to save a Quonset barn owned by Everill Mercil from complete destruction. The alarm was sounded at 10:45 p.m. Wednesday night. At 3:30 a.m. another shift of men was called out to continue the fight. The fire was mainly confined to baled and loose hay in the loft of the building.

Bowling to be interrupted as machines are installed – a change-over to automatic pin setting equipment was begun on the six lanes at the Oklee Recreation. The steak-house side of the business will continue without interruption.

Those who helped Faith Burman celebrate her 13th birthday Wednesday were Linda Mathsen, Doris Engbretson and Beverly Wilson.

A 4 o'clock ceremony Novem-

ber 5th, Miss Ardelle Nelson, became the bride of George Olson. Rev. Saethre officiated the double ring ceremony at Zion Lutheran Church. Ardelle is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Nelson and George is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ingvald Olson.

Fifty Years Ago November 19, 1970

Ole Melby was recognized for his 25 years as president of the Red Lake Watershed District at a testimonial supper held in his honor.

A group of 14 deer hunters were back in Oklee Saturday with 14 deer, having filled up by 3 o'clock. One drive netted eight deer. All the hunters were local men with the exception of three men from the Twin Cities. Pictured were Harold, Paul and Steven Cyr, Michael, David, John and Howard Bachand, Ron Paradis, Goodwin Olson, and Alvin Jensen (all from Brooks or Oklee) and Howard Bergerson (Owatonna), and Walter and Ron Westby from the Twin Cities.

Emil and Kenny Malwitz left Thursday for Hackensack where they will stay at the Karl Malwitz cottage while they go deer hunting.

Forty Years Ago November 20, 1980

A recount was requested for the mayoral race in City of Oklee by candidate Alvin Jensen. The recount was held Tuesday, November 18th. The results of the vote tally on election night were as follows: Earl B. Swenson 167, Alvin Jensen 159. The incumbent retained office.

A 5 Star Rating for Oklee at the District 30 Solo Contest at Waubun. Winners were Diane Hanson – Clarinet Solo; Paul Gunderson – Baritone Solo; Shelly O'Neill – Soprano Solo; Pam Parenteau – Alto Solo; and Brenda Olson – Mezzo Solo.

The Brook-Plummer Presbyterian Church plans to hold a special service Sunday for Thanksgiving and re-dedication of the Sanctuary to the remodeling they have done this summer.

Thirty Years Ago November 21, 1990

A tragic event ended the life of Harold Ernest Lessard on November 12. He was unloading wheat from a grain bin on the Jim Knutson farm NE of Oklee. The grain stopped flowing and in an effort to start the flow again, he entered the bin through the lower door and the grain fell upon him in a suffocation force.

Oklee Senior Site Birthday celebrants were Elvin Srnsky and Marie Collette in October and in November, Clara Rad-niecki, Leona Brekke, K.B. Knutson, Slemma Larson, Ethel Paquin and Alexine Turgeon.

Olga Konickson was guest of honor at a party for her 80th

birthday on Sunday afternoon at the Plummer Senior Citizens Center.

Iona Berry, retired from Oklee School after 36 years on Wednesday, November 21st.

Mike Wicks of Oklee was the recipient of the Agriculture Merit Scholarship and the Albert Kopecky Scholarship at the U of M at Crookston.

Twenty Years Ago November 16, 2000

Shirley Vettleson has retired from the Head Start program after serving in it 24 plus years. Janet (Klasen) Halvorson was one of Shirley's first students in the summer Head Start program in 1969.

Kali Borene, 2nd grade Oklee student and daughter of Brad and Bonnie Borene was pictured wearing the badges she has earned for the points ears so far in the month of November. Kali is the first one in the entire elementary grades to reach 50 points in the reading program.

Congratulations to Lisa and Marlan Sorenson on the birth of their son Philip Edward who was born on November 5th at Northwestern Hospital in TRF.

A Syverson Family reunion was held on the original Hill River Township family home-stead, which is now owned by Arnold and Constance Syverson. Twelve of Theodore and Linda's 14 children are still living.

Ten Years Ago November 17, 2010

Three brothers lose nearly 300 lbs! – It all started in February 2009. Larry (Snook) was told by a doctor to walk 2 miles a day – brother Dave got involved and soon after that, Dale was on board and the pounds dropped off.

SSG John Kriesel spoke at the Oklee Veterans' Day program. Kriesel was a friend to Corey Rystad. That day he lost his legs and two buddies, Corey and Brian McDonough, when they drove over an IED while serving in Iraq.

Nathan Hofstad shot an 8 pint buck while hunting with his day north of Oklee on Saturday. He is the ten year old son of David Hofstad Nancy Hofstad of Red Lake Falls and the grandson of Edwin & Ione Olson of Trail.

It has been a typical November so far, gray and cloudy and chances of snow. So far, only a dusting but it is getting closer.

Coronavirus Links

United States Coronavirus information

Website: <https://www.usa.gov/coronavirus>

CDC - Center for Disease Control

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

World Health Organization (WHO)

Website: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

Minnesota Dept. of Health - Coronavirus Info

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

Mayo Clinic Link

<https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/coronavirus/symptoms-causes/syc-20479963>

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Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteers Jo Lambert & Bonny Cote

We are going to be switching over to a new system in December for paying for your Senior Meals. A letter will be sent out to all of our senior site members that regularly receive meals.

Instead of collecting the money at the Senior Site in Oklee for your meals, please keep track of the meals you receive starting December 1st. You will receive a statement in January or February for the December meals. The suggested donation amount is \$5.00 per meal, but you may donate more if you want. If you have questions, call the Senior Site at 796-5149.

The Site is 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.

Dates to Remember

Nov. 19 World's Men's Day
Nov. 26: Thanksgiving Day

Quote of the week

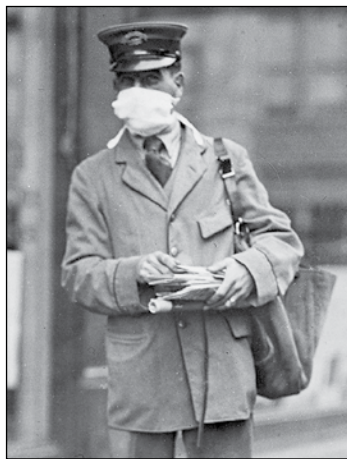
When something is important enough, you do it even if the odds are not in your favor.
- Elon Musk

Words of Wisdom

Life is like a coin. You can spend it any way you wish, but you can spend it only once.
There are only two lasting bequests we can give our chil-

dren: One of them is roots; the other wings.

Pandemic Facts



During the Spanish Flu, masks were a common sight because it helped stop the spread of the virus.

Letter carrier in New York wearing mask for protection against influenza. New York City, October 16, 1918 New York. (National Archives Identifier 45499319).

Pandemics have devastated human populations throughout history with diseases such as smallpox and tuberculosis.

A disease is not a pandemic merely because it is international or widespread; the disease must also be infectious. For example, even though cancer is widespread, it is not a pandemic because it is not

infectious.

The Spanish flu was sometimes called "the purple death" because the worst symptom, signally certain death, was known as "heliotrope cyanosis," when the lungs were starved of oxygen and the patient would turn purple, black, or blue.

The Spanish flu killed more Americans in one year than the combined total who died in battle during WWI, WWII, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War.

Due to lack of records, estimates of the number of deaths attributed to the flu range anywhere from 30 to 100 million people.

Things to Consider

Thanksgiving is just a week away and we are all thinking about how we should handle the Holiday.

It is hard to not have your family around the holidays. This year would be a good year to keep your family in your heart and have a small celebration without the big crowd. Just gather together with the few you have been seeing in the area, that we consider our pod of safety.

Same with Christmas - keep it small and just with the few you have been with in the area. A new year is coming and vaccines are on the way in 2021. Things will get back to normal soon.

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe
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Tammy Malwitz and her dog Elvis stayed two nights with her mom, Karen Tvedt.

Kevin, Brock and Ryan Tvedt hunted deer last weekend.

Anne Traxler visited her daughter Nancy and Al Olson. She was a supper guest, was well as grandson Brodie who was hunting with Al.

On Veteran's Day KTRF Radio had a nice program at 11:30 a.m. that came from Lincoln High School. There was a speaker who talked about Veterans and there were a couple of musical selections.

Wednesday evening, we got about an inch of snow. These were big flakes and some wind with it.

This was on channel 9, 4-5 pm on Fun Time Polka. A gal played the accordion and sang a song to the tune of "Them Old Cotton Fields Back Home." The song went like this...In

them old tater fields in North Dakota, just about a mile from Minnesota, When those potatoes got rotten, we would make au gratin (potatoes). There was another verse, but don't have it down. It was cute anyways.

On the radio, I heard a buck is fully developed at 4 years. This was on TV this past week. A guy who had been a bartender in the Bronx, New York during 1967, had a wild idea to bring beer to Vietnam to six guys, who were his patrons. So he left on a ship for Vietnam and two months later, he arrived in Saigon, Vietnam. He left in November. When he got there, he must have been talked to by some officials and he did some walking around and found four of the guys.

One had said, "What are you doing here?" They got their beer and visited. He wasn't able to leave for several days. Two of

the men were no longer there, one had been killed and the other had gone back home. Anyway, he wrote a book called "The Best Beer Run Ever." It sounds good.

November 10th was the 45th anniversary of the Edmund Fitzgerald going down in Lake Superior's White Fish Bay north of Michigan. Twenty-nine men lost their lives. Many are familiar with Canadian singer Gordon Lightfoot's song commemorating the event. The ship was hauling iron ore, headed for Detroit, Michigan.

The 45th annual CMA show was Wednesday night. Charlie Pride was awarded the Life Time Achievement Award. He was the first African American to become a country singer and is loved by many. Eric Church won Entertainer of the Year.

Have a good week!

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

The weather is cooler and winter is trying to remind us that she is on her way. Little spits of snow here and there seem to appear and tell us what is coming.

Covid 19 is surging all across the country and masking up seems to be the only safeguard we have right now. The vaccine is on the way but we need to go through the trials to prove its safety and effectiveness before it will be distributed to the general population. Not much longer to go so mask up and hang in there. Can you imagine what it must have been like during the Spanish flu epidemic in 1918? Many of the drugs we think to use today were not even invented then. Stay safe and stay well.

News of the death of Father Duane Pribula's sister has reached us. She is our cousin and she battled cancer for years. Our prayers and

sympathy goes out to the Pribula family. She is a cousin of Reinette Walter, Walt Novak and Jerome Novak. God rest her soul in peace.

Prayers go out to Kay Sharp who has been on the sick list for a while now. She lives in Plummer and is recovering from a stroke. Please keep her in your prayers.

It seems that we are going back to schools closing for a short time to stem the tide of Covid 19. The spread of this virus is insidious and keeping

distance from others is so important. With the holidays coming, many are not planning family gatherings. I know that I am not having dinner with the kids this year. I think I can wait a short time so that I have longer time later to enjoy them more. Too often we think we need that instant gratification but in this case we need to be patient.

Have a great week and get the tree out and put it up. Those lights are so bright and seem to brighten the spirit.

Who's Dat?



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This weeks photo is of a local family that lived near Oklee and raised their family.

Last week's photo was of Dennis and Elmina Bachand family (August 1965) in front of family home built by Dennis: (back) Jerome, John, Howard, Elmina, Dennis, Eileen, (front) Leonard, Duane, Marilyn.

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, please scan at 300 dpi (high quality) if you can. You can email to okleeherald@gmail.com.

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