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Wishing you all
a **Happy, Health
and Covid Free
New Year**

The 12 days of Christmas

"On the first day of Christmas, my true love gave to me, a partridge in a pear tree." The familiar lyrics of this tune are sung as part of Christmas caroling and holiday celebrations, reaching a crescendo each time singers belt out "five golden rings." The song is an English Christmas carol that was written in 1720. While it references plenty of gift-giving, it's easy to assume the song is about giving Christmas gifts. However, the 12 days in the song actually refer to the birth of Jesus Christ. The 12 days of

Christmas, also known as the Twelvetide, refers to the festive Christian season that celebrates the Nativity of Jesus.

In fact, the start of these days occurs on December 25 and extends until the evening of January 5th, the day before the Epiphany, known as Twelfth Night. Each day corresponds to a remembrance of different religious events or people. Christmas celebrants can celebrate well into the new year. Commemorating the 12 days of Christmas can include small festivities from Decem-

ber 25 to January 5.

On Twelfth Night, historically known for parties, modern-day fanfare can mark the culmination of the Christmas season - with the last of gift-giving occurring on the Epiphany. Gifting, hosting friends and family, attending religious services, participating in charitable events, or opening one's home to neighbors and those who can use some companionship are all ways to make the 12 days of Christmas more special.

Christmas Eve lights in Brooks and Plummer



Oklee Precipitation By Einar Kvasager

	Rain	Snow
Dec. 12	Trace	Trace
Dec. 13		Trace
Dec. 14		1.00
Dec. 15		Trace
Dec. 16		Trace
Dec. 17		0.50
Dec. 18		Trace
Dec. 19		Trace
Dec. 21		2.50
Dec. 23		2.00
Total	0.00	6.00



The Oklee Community Club handed out candy canes and Christmas coloring pages for all the students at RLCC Elementary. Pictured is Mrs. Jensen's 3rd grade class.



Numbers are dropping - Polk, Pennington & Red Lake

Daily Inter-County Nursing Service Covid-19 updates:

December 28th:
There are no new cases to report in Pennington County. There are 2 new cases to report in Red Lake County, the individuals are in their 20's and 40's.

December 27th:
There are 4 new cases to report in Pennington County, the individuals are in their teens, 40's, and 70's. One additional hospitalization.

There are 3 new cases to report in Red Lake County, the individuals are in their 20's, 40's and 50's.

December 25th - 26th:
There are 3 new cases to report in Pennington County, the individuals are in their 50's, 40's and a child.

There are 3 new cases to report in Red Lake County, the individuals are in their 40's, 30's and a teen.

December 24th:
There is 1 new case to report in Pennington County, the individual is in their 20's.

There are 3 new cases to report in Red Lake County, 2 children under 13 and one individual in their 50's.

It is with sadness we report another death in Pennington and Red Lake County the individuals were in their 80's. Our hearts go out to their family and loved ones at this difficult time.

December 23rd:
There are 2 new cases to report in Pennington County, the individuals are in their teens and 30's.

There are 4 new cases to report in Red Lake County, the individuals are in their teens, 30's, 40's, and 50's. One additional hospitalization.

December 22nd:
There are 3 new cases to report in Pennington County, the individuals are in their teens, 20's and 60's.

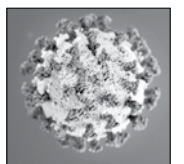
There is 1 new case to report in Red Lake County, the individual is in their 20's.

December 21st:
There are 2 new cases to report in Pennington County, one teen and one in their 60's. There is 1 new case to report in Red Lake County, the individual is in their 50's.

It is with sadness we report another death in Pennington County, the individual was in their 90's. Our hearts go out to their family and loved ones at this time.

With the Covid-19 Vaccine starting to be given there have been many questions that have come up. The following links provide some great information and can hopefully answer any questions that people may have.

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/.../coronavirus/vaccine.html>
<https://www.health.state.mn.us/.../coronavirus/vaxprocess.pdf>



Statistics (12-28-20)

410,138 Positive Tests
• 5,493,773 Complete Tests
• 2,952,115 People tested
391,248 Patients Who No Longer Need Isolation
• 21,460 Total Deaths
• 21,420 Total Hospitalized
As of this printing - Total Confirmed Cases in surrounding Counties:
• Pennington County: 880
857 recovered cases
8 active case
8 current hospitalization
14 death
• Red Lake County: 306
290 recovered cases
14 active case
3 current hospitalization
4 death
• Marshall County: 671
• Clearwater County: 647
• Beltrami County: 2,850
• Polk County 3,151
(as of 12-24-2020)
114 active cases
6 current hospitalizations
47 deaths

*** Notice ***

Oklee Herald Deadline

The Oklee Herald's deadline will be Thursday at noon for the next week due to New Years holidays.

Calendar of Events

Wed, Dec. 30:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.

Thu, Dec. 31:
-New Year's Eve!
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news

Fri, Jan. 1:
New Year's Day!

Sat, Jan. 2:
-Support your local business - Shop Locally!

Sun, Jan. 3:
-Worship at church - check inside for church times and places.

Mon, Jan. 4:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.

Tue, Jan. 5:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.

Wed, Jan. 6:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.

The Key to a Happy New Year:

Don't Drink & Drive

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Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Wed, Dec. 30: No Confirmation this week.
Sun, Jan. 3: Online Services.
Wed, Jan. 6: 7:00 p.m. Confirmation.
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, Jan. 3: Services are available on GVTel Channel 35 at 11 a.m. on Sundays, and 7 p.m. on Wednesdays. Also check out their Facebook page.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Wed, Dec. 30: 9:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Worship on GVTel Channel 36
Sun, Jan 3: Worship online.
Wed, Dec. 6: 9:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Worship on GVTel Channel 36.

Three Kings Day
January 6



Bob & Phyllis Melby in Oklee, always have a nice display at Christmas time.

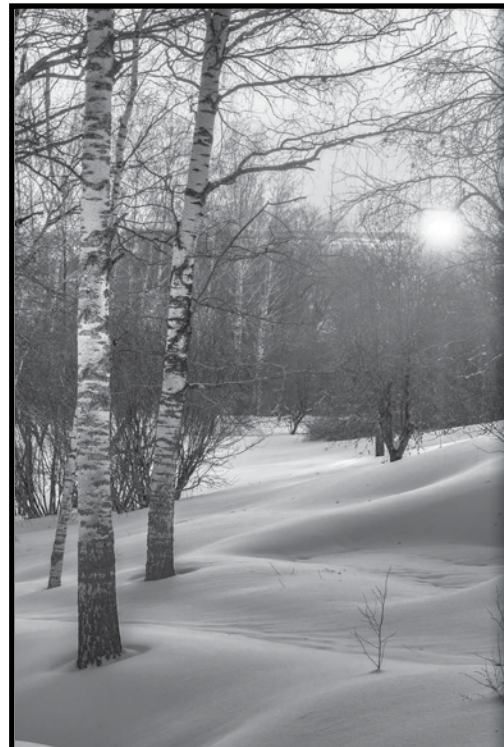


Joel & Jennifer Eck, in Oklee, were brightly lit up on Sunday night with colorful trees.

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Years

Happy 50th Anniversary
Love your Family
& Friends



Wishing You A Happy New Year

"We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and the first chapter is New Years Day."
- Edith Lovejoy Pierce

We wish all of our customers and friends a safe and prosperous New Year.

We will be Open Dec 31st til noon
and closed Jan 1st all day.
Happy New Year!

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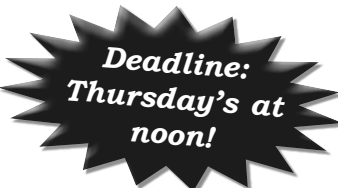
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NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS
OF POPLAR RIVER TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given that filing dates for township offices have been set for December 29, 2020 through January 12, 2021, between the hours of 5 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. each day at the home of the clerk. A \$2.00 filing fee is required by law.
Offices to be filled are one supervisor for a three year term and a treasurer for a two year term.
Election will be held at the Annual Township Meeting, March 9th, 2021.
Pam Gieseke, Clerk
Poplar River Township 040-41C



Legal
STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF RED LAKE
IN DISTRICT COURT
NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
CASE TYPE: QUIET TITLE
Grace M. Reck,
Plaintiff,
vs.
Robert S. Dupont, his heirs, successors, and assigns, Marshall Dupont, Angie Dupont, and Tara Dupont, and all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, interest, or lien in the real property described in the complaint herein, Defendants.
Civil No.63-CV-20-168
SUMMONS
THIS SUMMONS IS DIRECTED TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:
1. You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the Complaint in this action, which is herewith served upon you, by serving upon the undersigned an Answer or other proper response within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
2. THIS LAWSUIT MAY AFFECT OR BRING INTO QUESTION TITLE TO REAL PROPERTY located in Red Lake County, State of Minnesota, legally described as follows:
Lots 8, 9, and 10, Block 21, Champagne & Dow's Addition to the City of Red Lake Falls, Red Lake County, Minnesota
The object of this action is quiet title of real property.
Dated this 4th day of December, 2020.
/s/ Timothy G. Richard
Timothy G. Richard
(MN #028371X)
SERKLAND LAW FIRM
10 Roberts St N |
PO Box 6017
 Fargo ND 58108-6017
(701) 232-8957
trichard@serklandlaw.com
ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF
ACKNOWLEDGMENT
The undersigned hereby acknowledge that sanctions may be imposed pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 549.211, subdivision 2, upon a determination that this pleading violates the provision.
Dated this 4th day of December, 2020.
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1. **You're looking for a bite to eat!**
Local school & senior menus posted weekly. Restaurants and bar specials posted.
2. **You need a job (or a new job)!**
The latest job listing are posted in the classifieds section.
3. **You've outgrown your apartment or house!**
Homes for sale & apartments for rent posted in the classifieds.
4. **Your car went kaput or needs some work**
Watch the Canary section for vehicles for every budget.
5. **You want to know who passed away in your area.**
Obituaries are posted weekly in the Canary section.
6. **You need a carpenter, electrician, or a realtor!**
Professional services listed in the classifieds.
7. **You get to see your relatives, friends and neighbors in pictures from area events.**
8. **Keep up on school events!**
Lunch menu, sports calendar, plays and more!
9. **If you read a story you like, you can tear it out and save it!**
10. Your newspaper is inexpensive and recyclable!

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COUNTY PROJECT - BIDS CLOSE

Tuesday, January 26th, 2021

RED LAKE COUNTY

RED LAKE FALLS, MN 56750

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS - Bids will be received until 10:00 AM, Tuesday, January 26, 2021, by Robert Schmitz, County Auditor, at the Auditor's Office in the Red Lake County Court House, 124 Langevin Ave, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750, for the construction of the project listed below. Bids will be opened publicly by Erik Hove, County Engineer, or a designated representative, on behalf of the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners.

S.A.P. 063-653-002 & S.A.P. 063-622-004 - Oklee ADA Improvements

The Major quantities of work include: 19 EA Remove Luminaire; 4719 LIN FT Remove Curb & Gutter; 2557 S Y Remove Bituminous Pavement; 22057 S F Remove Concrete Walk; 2959 C Y Excavation - Common (P); 1391 C Y Common Embankment (CV) (P); 360 C Y Aggregate Surfacing (CV) Class 2; 1078 C Y Aggregate Base (CV) Class 3; 1818 C Y Aggregate Base (CV) Class 5; 274 TON Bituminous Patching Mixture; 5582 S Y Mill Bituminous Surface; 4832 TON Type SP 9.5 Wearing Course Mix (2,B); 4851 LIN FT 4" PE Pipe Drain; 28 EA Adjust Valve Box-Water; 45.8 LIN FT Const Drainage Structure Design G; 24.0 LIN FT Const Drainage Structure Des 48-4020; 25512 S F 4" Concrete Walk; 5081 S F 6" Concrete Walk; 4792 LIN FT Concrete Curb and Gutter Design B624; 609 S Y 6" Concrete Driveway Pavement; 553 S F Truncated Domes; 19 EA Luminaire

Plans and proposals may be procured by purchase from the Red Lake County Highway Department, 204 7th Street Southeast, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750.

Information and Bidding Documents for the Project can be found at www.questcdn.com. Bidding Documents may be downloaded from the website for a nonrefundable fee of \$35 by inputting Quest project number **7438158** on the website's Project Search page.

The website will be updated periodically with addenda, lists of registered plan holders, reports, and other information relevant to submitting a Bid for the Project. All official notifications, addenda, and other Bidding Documents will be offered only through the website www.questcdn.com. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from other sources.

Complete Plans, Bid Proposals and Specifications:
QuestCDN: \$35.00 (electronic download - includes tax)
Counter Price: \$50.00 (includes tax)
Mailed: \$58.00 (includes tax)

Bids must be accompanied by a cashier's check or bidder's bond made payable to the Red Lake County Treasurer in the amount of at least 5% of the total bid.

The Red Lake County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept any bid or reject any or all bids, waive irregularities, and award the contract in the best interest of Red Lake County.
Robert Schmitz - Red Lake County Auditor 041-43C

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C.P. 63-21-01
Crush and Stockpile Aggregate, Oklee Pit, Red Lake County, MN

Description of Work: Crush, Screen and Stockpile 55,000 C.Y. of Aggregate Surfacing Class 1 in the Oklee Pit located 2 miles south and 1 mile west of Oklee, MN.

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City of Oklee Notice

The City of Oklee is requesting that if there is significant snowfall, that all persons remove their vehicles off the streets as soon as possible for snow removal.

Sudoku Solution

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

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RLCC Menus

January 4 - 8

Oklee

Monday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, cheesy baked potatoes, vegetables, donut holes or uncrustable, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Omelet, toast, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Hamburger patty w/bun, curly fries, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Waffle w/syrup, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Pizza or Hot Pocket, lettuce salad, cottage cheese, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Pork fritter, mashed potatoes, dinner roll, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Cold subs, chips, carrot sticks, fruit, and milk.

Plummer

Monday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken noodle soup, PB sandwich, salad, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Egg wrap, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Hotdog w/bun, baked beans, chips, carrot sticks w/ranch, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Meatballs, mashed potatoes, gravy, carrots, dinner roll, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: French toast sticks, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli Normandy, dinner roll, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Pizza, bread sticks, celery & peppers, fruit, and milk.



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

Basketball:

Girls Varsity

Tue, Jan 5: 6:00PM
Red Lake Falls @ Oklee School

Thu, Jan 7: 6:00PM
Warren/Alvarado/Oslo @ Oklee School

Tue, Jan 12: 6:00PM
Bagley @ Oklee School

Fri, Jan 15: 6:00PM
Away vs. Warren/Alvarado/Oslo @ W-A-O High School

Tue, Jan 19: TBD
Away vs. Win-E-Mac @ Win-E-Mac High School

Basketball:

Boys Varsity

Thu, Jan 7: 6:00PM
RLC vs. Fosston @ Fosston High School

Tue, Jan 12: 6:00PM
RLC vs. Climax Shelly @ Red Lake Falls High School

Mon, Jan 18: 6:00PM
RLC Basketball vs. Goodridge-Grygla @ Goodridge.

Tue, Jan 19: 6:00PM
RLC Basketball vs. Kittson County Central Red Lake Falls High School

Thu, Jan 28: 6:00PM
RLC Basketball vs. Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears Clearbrook-Gonvick High School

Wrestling: Varsity

Tue, Jan 5: Tri 5:00PM Away vs. Multiple Schools Walker-Hackensack-Akeley High School

Tue, Jan 12: Triangular TBD Away vs. Multiple Schools @ Mahnomen High School

Tue, Jan 19: Triangular TBD Multiple Schools Oklee School

Wednesday, December 30, 2020

COVID-19 vaccine myths debunked

The information from this article is from the Mayo Clinic.

Vaccines are perhaps the best hope for ending the [COVID-19](#) pandemic. Two pharmaceutical companies have applied for Food and Drug Administration (FDA) emergency use authorization for new COVID-19 vaccines, and a limited number of vaccines will be available before the end of the year.

It's likely you've heard claims about these COVID-19 vaccines on social media or from the people in your life. Also, the rapid development and approval of these vaccines may make you hesitant about safety or effectiveness.

Let's set the record straight on some of the myths circulating about COVID-19 vaccines.

Myth: COVID-19 vaccines are not safe because they were developed and tested quickly.

Fact: Many pharmaceutical companies have invested significant resources into developing COVID-19 vaccines quickly because of the worldwide effects of the pandemic. This emergency situation warranted an emergency response. That does not mean the companies bypassed safety protocols or performed inadequate testing.

Mayo Clinic will recommend the use of those vaccines that it is confident are safe. While there are many COVID-19 vaccine candidates in development, early data are encouraging for the Pfizer vaccine, which likely is to be the first

authorized for emergency use by the FDA. This vaccine was created using new technology based on the molecular structure of the virus that allows it to be free from materials of animal origin and synthesized by an efficient, cell-free process without preservatives. This vaccine developed by Pfizer/BioNTech has been studied in approximately 43,000 people.

To receive emergency use authorization, biopharmaceutical manufacturers must have followed at least half of the participants in their vaccine trials for at least two months after completing the vaccination series, and the vaccine must be proven safe and effective in that population.

In addition to the safety review by the FDA, the Advisory Committee on Immunization has convened a panel of vaccine safety experts to independently evaluate the safety data from the clinical trial. Mayo Clinic vaccine experts also will review the available data. The safety of COVID-19 vaccine will continue to be closely monitored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the FDA.

Myth: I already had COVID-19 and I have recovered, so I don't need to get vaccinated for COVID-19.

Fact: There is not enough information currently available to say if or for how long after infection someone is protected from getting COVID-19 again. This is called natural immunity. Early evidence suggests natural immunity from COVID-19 may not last long, but more studies are needed to better understand this.

Mayo Clinic recommends getting the COVID-19 vaccine even if you've had COVID-19 previously. However, those who have had COVID-19 should delay vaccination until about 90 days from diagnosis. People should not get vaccinated if in quarantine after exposure or if they have COVID-19 symptoms.

Myth: COVID-19 vaccines have severe side effects.

Fact: COVID-19 vaccines have been shown to have short-term mild or moderate vaccine reactions that resolve without complication or injury.

Early-phase studies of the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine show that it is safe. About 15% of people developed short-lived symptoms at the site of the injection. Half developed systemic reactions, primarily headache, chills, fatigue, muscle pain or fever lasting for a day or two.

Keep in mind that these side effects indicate that your immune system is responding to the vaccine. These side effects are common with vaccinations.

Myth: I won't need to wear a mask after I get vaccinated for COVID-19.

Fact: It may take time for everyone who wants a COVID-19 vaccination to get one. Also, while the vaccine may prevent you from getting sick, it is unknown whether you can still carry and transmit the virus to others after vaccination.

Until more is understood about how well the vaccine works, continuing with precautions, such as wearing a mask, practicing physical distancing and washing hands frequently, will be important.

Myth: More people will die as a result of a negative side effect to the COVID-19 vaccine than would die from the virus.

Fact: A claim circulating on social media is that the COVID-19 mortality rate is 1%-2% and that people should not be vaccinated against a virus with a high survival rate. However, a 1% mortality rate is 10 times more lethal than the seasonal flu. In addition, the mortality rate can vary widely based on age, sex and underlying health conditions.

In contrast, clinical trials of COVID-19 vaccines have shown only short-term mild or moderate vaccine reactions that resolve without complication or injury.

While some people who receive the vaccine may develop symptoms as their immune system responds, this is common when receiving any vaccine, and these symptoms are not considered serious or life-threatening. And you cannot become infected with

COVID-19 from COVID-19 vaccines. These are inactivated vaccines, not live-virus vaccines.

It's important to recognize that getting vaccinated for COVID-19 is not just about survival from COVID-19. It's about preventing spread of the virus to others and preventing infection that can lead to long-term negative health effects.

While no vaccine is 100% effective, getting vaccinated is far better than not getting vaccinated. The benefits outweigh the risks in healthy people.

Myth: COVID-19 vaccines were developed to control the population through microchip tracking or "nanotransducers" in the human brain.

Fact: There is no vaccine microchip, and the vaccine will not track people or gather personal information into a database.

This myth started after comments made by Bill Gates from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation about a digital certificate of vaccine records. The technology he was referencing is not a microchip, has not been implemented in any manner and is not tied to the development, testing or distribution of COVID-19 vaccines.

Myth: COVID-19 vaccines will alter my DNA.

Fact: The first COVID-19 vaccines to reach the market are likely to be messenger RNA, or mRNA, vaccines. Messenger RNA vaccines work by instructing cells in the body how to make a protein that triggers an immune response, according to the CDC. Injecting messenger RNA into your body will not interact or do anything to the DNA of your cells. Human cells break down and get rid of the messenger RNA soon after they have finished using the instructions.

Myth: COVID-19 vaccines were developed using fetal tissue.

Fact: These messenger [RNA COVID-19 vaccines](#) were not created with and do not require the use of fetal cell cultures in the production process.

Myth: COVID-10 vaccines cause infertility or miscarriage.

Fact: No, COVID-19 vaccines have not been linked to infertility or miscarriage.

A sophisticated disinformation campaign has been circulating online, claiming that antibodies to the spike protein of COVID-19 produced from these vaccines will bind to placental proteins and prevent pregnancy. This disinformation is thought to originate from internet postings by a former scientist known to hold anti-vaccine views.

These postings are not scientifically plausible, as COVID-19 infection has not

been linked to infertility. Also, no other viral infection or vaccination-inducing immunity by similar mechanisms has been shown to cause infertility. Antibodies to the spike protein have not been linked to infertility after COVID-19 infection. There is no scientific reason to believe this will change after vaccination for COVID-19. While there are no formal studies, the best evidence comes from women who got sick with COVID-19 while pregnant. While data clearly indicate pregnant women are at higher risk of hospitalization due to COVID-19 infection, there is no evidence of increased miscarriage rates.

During natural infection, the immune system generates the same antibodies to the spike protein that COVID-19 vaccines would. Thus, if COVID-19 affected fertility, there already would be an increase in miscarriage rates in women infected with COVID-19. This has not happened.

Myth: I am allergic to eggs so I shouldn't get the COVID-19 vaccine

Fact: Neither the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine nor the Moderna vaccine contain egg.

Myth: COVID-19 vaccines must be stored at extremely low temperatures because of preservatives in the vaccines.

Fact: Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna have reported that their vaccines contain no preservatives.

Different vaccines have different storage requirements. For instance, the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine must be stored at minus 94 degrees Fahrenheit (minus 70 degrees Celsius), while Moderna has said that its vaccine needs to be stored at minus 4 degrees Fahrenheit (minus 20 degrees Celsius). Both of these vaccines use messenger RNA, or mRNA, to teach your cells how to make a protein that will trigger an immune response to COVID-19. However, messenger RNA is fragile and can break down easily. Storing messenger RNA vaccines, like these COVID-19 vaccines, in an ultracold environment keeps them stable and safe.

You should not worry about these temperatures. Vaccines are thawed before injection.

We encourage you to share this story with others.

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Red Lake Falls Library

The Red Lake Falls Public Library and all branches of NWRL will be closed on Friday, January 1. The RLF branch re-opens Saturday for regular hours.

Next week on Tuesday, January 5 the RLF branch begins its new hours schedule of Tuesday through Friday noon to 6pm, and Saturday 10 am to 2 pm.

Recent additions to the collection include "Seven Kinds of People You Find in Bookshops" by Shaun Bythell: "a cantankerously funny view of books and the people who love them. It does take all kinds and through the misanthropic eyes of a very grumpy bookseller, we see them all from the Person Who Doesn't Know What They Want (But Thinks It Might Have a Blue Cover) to the "Parents Secretly After Free Childcare;" and "The Earth Keeper: Reflections on the American Land" by N. Scott Momaday: One of the most distinguished voices in American letters, N. Scott Momaday has devoted much of his life to celebrating and preserving Native American culture, especially its oral tradition. Momaday recalls stories of his childhood, stories that have been passed down through generations, stories that reveal a profound and sacred connection to the American landscape... and he reminds us that the Earth is a place of wonder and beauty; a source of strength and healing that must be protected before it's too late." (amazon.com)

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Oklee Herald Early Files

Eighty Years Ago December 26, 1940

The Oklee High School basketball team were defeated at Clearbrook last Friday by a score of 47-23.

Miss Mae Bergeron and Miss Gloria Mersy who attend school in Winona arrived Friday to spend the Holidays at their respective homes here.

In justice court, Monday, A.P. Toupin presiding, Roger Smith was fined \$10 for assault on Clarence Ellickson. The fracas took place on Saturday. The fine was suspended on six months good behavior.

The \$5. 00 Cash prize awarded by the Oklee Commercial Club for the best decorated house for Christmas was awarded to William Seeger.

A considerable number of people from Gully and vicinity participated in a turkey shoot at the Henry Berg home near Gully on Sunday.

Seventy Years Ago December 28, 1950

The Bobcats will open the basketball season after a Christmas vacation by playing Wabasso here. The Wabasso squad plays in the southern conference with many good basketball towns, among these is Redwood Falls.

Little Arden and Crystal Lundeen spent Tuesday with their aunt Mrs. Louis Mandt while their parents were in TRF on business. They visited Tuesday afternoon at the Olaf Stolaas home.

Leon Nepper's home was recently 'hooked up' to electricity.

The Alvin Fore family were guests at the Adolph Hofstad home Christmas Eve.

Percy and Kenny Opsahl and Larry O'Neill returned home last Thursday from New Orleans and Texas.

Mrs. Coxa Knutson plans to leave tonight for St. Paul where she begins her new duties in the Minnesota State Legislature.

Sixty Years Ago December 29, 1960

A/IC Clyde M. Bendickson has been released from active duty in the Air Force. He is a graduate of Oklee High School, class of 1956.

The farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Timmerman of Emardville Township was destroyed by fire Monday afternoon. A neighbor George Westlake first noticed smoke coming from the building about three o'clock. The Plummer and Oklee rural fire trucks were called to the scene and brought the blaze under control after the building was severely damaged inside by fire and water. Later the fire were called back when the fire reignited due to smoldering in between the walls of the building. Firemen and neigh-

bors were able to remove most of the appliances and furniture from the building.

The Brooks Plummer Presbyterian Church held their Christmas program at the Plummer Hall Friday evening under the direction of Mrs. Herbert Walter.

Fifty Years Ago December 31, 1970

There was a "LeMans" snowmobile cross-country type race, which featured a section on the Lost River in Oklee, where they left the river, climbed the bank and headed into the home stretch of the race. There were nearly 150 machines registered for the various events and stock classes and the crowd watching the race was prepared for the weather, nearly all wearing snowmobile suits.

Jack Davies, who is both a Minnesota State Senator and a professor of law has introduced a bill to change auto insurance to a no-fault system to reduce premiums and even out settlements in accidents.

Merald Halvorson went by plane to Milwaukee, WI, and returned with a moving van/truck for our new pastor who is arriving in January.

Many guests came to help Mrs. Caroling Haugen celebrate her 90th birthday on Wednesday.

Winners in the home Christmas lighting contest sponsored by the Plummer Commercial Club were Roger Skjervén, Ernest Pederson and Ray Franklund.

Forty Years Ago January 1, 1980

The Gene Roller home north of Oklee was damaged by fire on December 27th. The Oklee Fire Department was called to the site about 1 p.m. An insurance salesman discovered the fire when he called at the Roller home where no was home.

Merchandise from the November 30th burglary in Oklee was recovered were two chainsaws in a search of a residence north of Oklee. All items stolen were found except for the money and the C cell batteries.

Ron and Cindy Stoneouse of Oklee announced the birth of their daughter, Noel, born December 16, 1980. Grandparents are Mrs. Mrytle Stoneouse and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Champagne.

Joe Cyr of Oklee is a member of the 1980-81 wrestling team at the North Dakota State School of Science.

A 19 years old Lengby woman, Jean Hilliard, is resting in the Fosston Municipal Hospital after surviving a harrowing ordeal on December 20th. She was brought to the hospital and she was thought to be dead. They detected a faint whimper, but her temperature didn't register which meant her temperature was below 88 degrees.

Thirty Years Ago January 2, 1990

There was no paper for January 2nd in the early files.

Twenty Years Ago December 28, 2000

David Bachand was honored at the School Board meeting. He has served on the Board for 16 years as both a member and chairperson.

A open house was held at the new Red Lake County Highway Department Shop. There was a ribbon cutting ceremony with Commission Eddie Larson cutting the ribbon.

The Oklee School Student Council sponsored their annual Christmas Food Drive challenging grades 7 – 12. The 7th grade won and will be treated to a malt party.

The Oklee Café was a break-fast meeting place for just some of the 48 members of Vi Melby Bergh family who gathered together for the Christmas Holiday.

Reinette Walter was the honored guest when she celebrated her "big 50" birthday on Tuesday evening with a dinner party at the Hay Loft.

Ten Years Ago December 29, 2010

The National Honor Society at RLCC High School inducted five students: Senior Lacey Willett, and sophomores Stephanie Smith, Kevin Bray, Abigail Gerardy, and Amy Paquin.

RLCC High School received a \$1,000 grant to purchase two EIKI video projectors and two Da-Lite projection screens. They were purchased for the Art and Music departments.

The Red Lake County Central's wrestling team beat East Grand Forks Sacred Heart with a score of 43 to 36.

Christmas turned out to be wonderful with the weather cooperating and many families able to celebrate together.

Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteers Jo Lambert & Bonny Cote

Things are pretty quiet this time of year. We have a little bit of snow, the Christmas Holiday is over and New Years Eve is Thursday. Friday we start a brand new year.

With the Oklee Cafe closed into the middle of January, there is little traffic in the City Building where the Senior Site is located. If you are looking for a gift, you can call Bonny or Jo and make arrangements. We are not officially open but will try to accommodate if possible.

Erskine LSS is providing the meals while Teresa is gone. Remember that if you want to order a Senior Meal, you have to call Jo Lambert at 796-4527 or LSS Erskine at 687-2262.

Remember you have to call the day before in order to get a meal. And you have to call on Friday for Monday's meal.

If you have questions, please call the Senior Site at 796-5149 or Jo Lambert at 796-4527.

Dates to Remember

Dec. 31: New Years Eve.
Jan. 1: New Years Day!
Jan. 2: National Mew Year for Cats Day.

Jan. 4: National Spaghetti Day!

Jan. 5: National Bird Day.

Words of Wisdom

If at first you don't succeed, you get a lot of advice.

Money will buy – A bed,

but not sleep; A book, but not brains; Food, but not an appetite; A house, but not a home; Medicine, but not health; Luxury, but not culture; Amusement, but not happiness.

Joke

A linguistics professor was lecturing his class one day. 'In English', he said, 'A double negative forms a positive. In some languages, though, such as Russian, a double negative is still a negative. However, there is no language wherein a double positive can form a negative.' A loud voice from the back of the room piped up, 'Yeah, right.'

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe
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It was an enjoyable afternoon.

On the 21st, Saturn and Jupiter were visible for those lucky to see it. That was the last day. My sister saw the planets while in Phoenix the week before. It was in the 1500's since the last occurrence. Galileo, the Italian astronomer may have seen it as he was still alive at that time. He died at the age of 80, in the later 1500's. I hope some of you got to see it.

Saturday evening, on the Lawrence Welk show, a shout from way back, a boy about six or seven sang the song, "All I Want for Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth." His top teeth were missing. It was so cute. At the end he said, Merry Christmas." He also tried to whistle at the end. It was priceless. Lawrence Welk also introduced his grandson Lawrence Welk, the III, which I never knew about. It was a great show.

There was a snowstorm on Wednesday. We got an inch or less, but winds were pretty strong out of the north. North Dakota, Southwest Minnesota had stronger winds and poor visibility, some areas had roads closed. They maybe got more snow.

In the New England states a huge storm with lots of snow and 50-60 mph winds predicted for Christmas Day.

Wednesday, late in the afternoon, there were huge sundogs because of the cold. They were beautiful!

On Channel 11, they had a contest to name a Minnesota State Snowplow. Norwegian and Swedish names were suggested. Winners will be announced in January. Kind of cute idea!

I hope you had a blessed, happy and safe Christmas and Happy New Year!

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

The New Year is close upon us. Christmas was pretty quiet for some of us and a real day for reflection in some cases. We still had our traditional foods but not on such a high scale as other years. The food was still carefully crafted and cooked as usual. The leftovers will be taking a bit longer to get cleaned up but it was good. Gift opening still brought the oohs and aahs as usual. All in all it was a great Christmas.

Our churches have been decorated so very pretty this year. It seems that the Nativity scene has more meaning this year than most. Each one in every church seems to be featured in a such a way as to be the reason for the season. There wasn't any caroling in our church this year and that was missed by almost everyone. Our usual singing a medley of carols before Mass did not happen and was sorely missed as another reason to make the holiday special. It is one of the things I look forward to each year. Not this year.

When I was just a young pup, we went to my Polish relatives in Michigan to celebrate Christmas. On Christmas Eve they had the usual ember day meal, fish and cottage cheese

pierogy, no meat at this meal, and then rush to get dishes done so that we could get ready to go to church. One had to get to the church at least an hour before the Mass was scheduled because it filled up fast. Then the concert started. The choir featured many men, and women who sang the old Polish traditional carols from the old country. The men had beautiful voices and harmonized to perfection. The entire choir had many really beautiful songs in Polish that they sang. Close to the start of Mass they would sing a few carols in English. The priest was Polish so his sermon would be in English and in Polish. Many of the parishioners were Polish and only a few were people who just understood English. The Mass was in Latin in those days, so it was a very special time. So many people today don't like a priest who is from a foreign country because they can't understand them. Think of what the folks had to deal with back in the 1940's.

I loved going to my Aunts home for Christmas because the boys would go skiing down the hill behind the house or to the mountain, and their stories of the day were fun to

hear them recall about spills and thrills.

It was a time when we were praying that the war would stop, and a time when my cousin Frank might be able to come home on leave. I always would try to get to sit next to him at dinner. He had a great smile, even until he died in his 90's. After the war he came home with his English War Bride who got married in a repurposed parachute. I cherish her and the memories of her learning to

be an American in the family of Polish men, essentially. My aunt Anna had six boys no girls. It had to be hard to get acclimated to America just listening to the guys all the time. Yet she is the gentlest and sweetest lady I have ever known.

We hope your Christmas was full of blessings and peaceful. And with the New Year coming, we hope you will celebrate with hope and good fortune.

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This weeks photo is from 1918. One is the grandfather- and great-grandfather of some families north of Oklee.

Last week's photo was of Lola and David Plante. They lived south of Brooks and later moved to Maple Lake. Their son Kelly & Jennifer now live on the Plante farm. Lola live near Mentor and David is 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, please scan at 300

dpi (high quality) if you can. You can email to okleeherald@gmail.com.

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