

**Oklee Precipitation
By Einar Kvasager**

July 10 to 16	Rain 0.00	Snow
Total	0.00	0.00

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Oklee Market Day scheduled for August 14th

Save the date: OkeeMarket Day will be held August 14, 2021. The road construction going on in Oklee has made some changes for our events this year. All the events will be held on the south end of town at the Pickleball Court block and Main Street area.

The Hero Hustle 5K for Organ Donation Awareness will start off the day events with registration at 8am and race start at 9am at the Veterans Memorial Site. Pre-Registration deadline for the 5K is July 23rd, get more info on our facebook page Oklee Market Day/ Hero Hustle 5K.

Crafter and Vendors will be set up outside this year, you can still register for a spot at no charge.

The Car Show is a poplar

event and will be moved to the south end of Main Street. Get to town before 10am to register your cars and watch for signs on where to enter.

Street games are tons of fun for kids and adults , they will be held on the south end of main street starting at 11am.

Cornhole Tournament has been a big event for Market Day and registration will be held at 10:30am-11:30am, get there early teams fill up fast. Bags will fly at 12:30pm to start the tournament.

A new event this year is the Scavenger Hunt, at 12:00pm come and get your list and rules and start the hunt to win prizes.

Pickleball Tournament will begin at 2pm, pre-registration is preferred but you can also register that day.

If you like to golf, try your skills out at the Chip Shot Challenge which will be held from 4pm-6pm near the softball fields.

Oklee Lumber Alumni Softball game is always a fun one to attend, that will begin at 5pm at the softball fields.

Sundown by Wild Wes will be playing music under the tent starting at 8pm - 11pm.

Oklee Quilting Supply is having a virtual quilt show online, check that out on facebook and vote for your favorite quilt.

Since we can't have our sidewalk chalk contest because of the street construction we have a drawing contest you can enter, send in your artwork by August 1st for a chance to win cash prizes.

Smoke on Wheels, Zion Lu-

theran Church and American Legion Frank Lund Post 159 will be serving food, TJ's Tavern will serve beverages and an ice cream truck will be available for treats.

For more information you can find all the events on Oklee Market Day facebook page. If your interested in supporting Oklee Market Day there will be donation jars around town and at our events please think about helping us make Oklee Market Day bigger and better with your help.

We want to thank all the sponsors for this event and all the Oklee residents for there cooperation since some streets will be blocked off throughout the day. Come on out and have some fun with us on August 14th.



Scene from 2018 Market Day in Oklee. This year it will a outdoor Market Day for the vendors and everything will be held down at the Pickleball Court area. This year's Market Day is August 14th.

Essentia Health relaxing visitor restrictions

As the prevalence of COVID-19 declines across our region, Essentia Health is returning to pre-pandemic patient visitation in our hospitals and clinics.

Like many health systems, Essentia responded to the public health crisis in spring 2020 by limiting visitors to our facilities. This was done to protect our patients, staff and the communities we serve. As COVID ebbed and flowed, we adjusted our policy accordingly. This past May, we relaxed it by allowing two adult visitors per patient across all clinic and hospital settings. Starting today, those restrictions will be lifted.

This decision was made carefully after evaluating several criteria, including the number of new COVID cases locally and the percent of hospitalized patients. These changes are based on the availability of space in each of our units. Thus, visitors may still be limited in certain units.

Similarly, some restrictions remain in place at our long-term-care facilities. Contact the long-term-care facility you're interested in for the most up-to-date information.

Please note that we will continue to follow guidance from the Centers for Disease Control

and Prevention, as well as state departments of health. Masks are required among everyone within our facilities and we'll continue to screen all patients and visitors for symptoms of COVID. Additionally, no outside food or beverages will be allowed.

Visitor restrictions remain in place for COVID-positive patients, as well as patients suspected to have COVID. We will continue to apply the prior exceptions related to visitors for patients that require assistance with communication, personal-care issues and in end-of-life situations. These exceptions need to be approved by the team caring for the patient.

Hospital & Clinic Visitor Guidelines

Essentia Health recognizes that family involvement is an essential component of total patient care and encourages visits of family and friends. However, since many patients, particularly those in the specialty units, are highly susceptible to certain communicable disease, and because their exposure to such disease may have serious consequences, visitation guidelines are to be followed.

Guidelines

for all Facilities

Masking Required

Everyone who enters an

Essentia Health facility must be masked at all times. Essentia Health continues to follow the Centers for Disease Control and state Department of Health guidelines, which requires masking in health care facilities.

We ask that you please come with your own cloth mask. If you don't have your own, we will provide one.

Learn more important information from the CDC about face coverings.

COVID-19 screening

Patients and visitors will be screened for COVID-19 upon entry.

Food and beverages

Patients and visitors may not bring outside food and beverages into Essentia Health facilities.

Space for visitors may be limited

Some departments/units may need to limit visitors at this time due to space limitations.

Guidelines for Hospitals

Adults and children may visit patients with the exceptions listed below. Instructions in handwashing and other recommended precautions, based on the patient's diagnosis, will be provided by the nursing staff.

Visitors who are not feeling well will be asked to consider

that their visit could pose a risk to the hospitalized patient. (In special cases, an ill visitor may be allowed to visit after consultation with the charge nurse and the patient's physician).

Any visitor with a known or recent exposure to any contagious disease should be evaluated and restricted from visitation.

Parents of young children, be aware of the potential for communicable disease transmissions to their visiting children, particularly if they are visiting the Pediatric Ward or adults with communicable illnesses.

Children must be supervised by a responsible adult.

NICU/PICU

Children may visit siblings only. In special situations, visitation by children other than siblings may be allowed, provided it is arranged in advance with the nursing staff.

In NICU, visiting children are screened by the Nursing Staff prior to their visit, to assure that the child does not have an infectious disease or has not recently been exposed to one.

In PICU, all parents are provided with health screening information and a screening tool at the time of admission.



Sydney Melby performed on July 15th at the "Music on the Porch". An Oklee native, Melby has had a passion for music all her life.

Outdoor Summer Concert Series in Fosston continues...

Summer and outdoor concerts go together! The Fosston Community Library & Arts Association (FCLAA) is sponsoring its outdoor concert series "Music on the Porch" beginning Thursday, July 8 and held each Thursday evening through the month. An amazing line-up of musicians has been selected for the series.

Kicking off the series were Jeff Menten and Paul Nye. Menten and Nye who offered up a unique blend of acoustic music that artfully weaves modern and old-time classic and celtic tunes with ragtime and blues. This duo has performed in Fosston before and last year's concert had to be performed online due to the state shutdown.

On July 15, Sydney Melby performed. An Oklee native, Melby has had a passion for music all her life. She started singing at a very young age and eventually learned piano and guitar to support her vocals. Her style is "a little bit of everything" but she primarily sticks to 60's, 70's and 80's folk and rock music.

The Occasionals are scheduled for the July 22 concert. This group is a rotating selection of Bemidji-based musicians who put their own spin on tunes from nearly every genre. They are a spinoff group of The Seasonals, a group that plays original music led by Eric Carlson and Katie Houg.

Safe Return to In-Person Learning 2021-2022

The Red Lake County Central Public School will continue to offer in-person learning to all students, as it did for the entire 2020-2021 school year. We will continue our efforts to maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff for the 2021-2022 school year by continuing to follow MDE, MDH and CDC requirements. As they evaluate the pandemic data and adjust requirements, our plan may have to adjust as well.

The district shall continue efforts to keep a high standard of safety and cleanliness to ensure we are able to stay in person.

These standards and requirements currently include:

1. Face Coverings - The current requirements make the wearing of masks optional.
2. Social Distancing is no longer required.
3. Health Screening - All students and staff are to conduct a daily health self-screening and stay home when sick. This is a good general health practice and was instrumental in slowing and preventing the

spread of colds, flu's and covid.

4. Close contact and quarantine guidelines are still as before, but we are hopeful for some updated information before school starts. We will continue to work with public health if needed.

5. Schools are required to report positive covid test cases to Public Health or MDH.

The current State Covid requirements do not require face coverings or vaccinations for the upcoming school year.

We are asking any community members who would like to see changes to this plan to contact the school.

By: Mr. James Guetter



Calendar of Events

Wed, July 21:

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

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

Thu, July 22:

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

Fri, July 23:

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

-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news

Sat, July 24:

-Support your local business – Shop Locally!

Sun, July 25:

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

Mon, July 26:

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

Tue, July 27:

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

Wed, July 28:

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

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

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Mon – Thu, July 19-22:
VBS at Salem 6:00 p.m.
Sun, July 25: 9:00 a.m.
Zion. 10:30 a.m. Salem.
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 Hammess
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, July 25: 10:30 a.m.
worship at Immanuel. No
Service at Ebenezer.

**GOODRIDGE AREA
LUTHERAN PARISH**
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Sun, July 25: 10:00 a.m.
Joint Parish Worship at Bethany

Oklee Senior Site Dining

July 26 - 30

No congregate meals served.
If you are over the age of
60 and you want a meal delivered to your home, call the Oklee Cafe 796-5666. Please call by Friday to order your meals from the menu below. If the cafe runs short, it will be Cook's Choice. A \$5.00 per meal donation is suggested.

Mon: Chicken drummies, hash browns, vegetable, toast, milk, and dessert.

Tue: ½ grilled ham & cheese sandwich, fries, vegetables, milk, and dessert.

Wed: Ham dinner, mashed potatoes, vegetables, bread, milk, and dessert.

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

Fri: Chicken fillet sandwich, fries, carrots, milk, and dessert.

**CLEARWATER
LUTHERAN PARISH**
Mt. Olive – Nazareth
Oak Park – St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Sat, July 24: Mt Olive: 9:00 a.m.
Sun, July 25: St. Petri: 8:00 a.m. Worship. Nazareth: 9:45 Worship. Oak Park: 11:00 a.m. Worship.
Find services and past sermons at www.facebook.com/clearwaterlutheranparish

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg,
Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, July 21: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Sun, July 25: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.
Tue, July 27: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions.
Wed, July 28: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson,
Lay Minister
Wed, July 21: 2:00 p.m. Sand Valley WELCA.
Sun, July 25: 9:00 a.m. Lund; 10:30 a.m. Bethany.
CDC safety guidelines for COVID-19 will be followed.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY
Fosston
Seth Johnson,
Interim Pastor
Sundays: 10:00 a.m.
Services will continue to be live-streamed on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/bethelfosston>) as an alternative to attending in person.

Red Lake County Cooperative Weed Management Program

Red Lake County SWCD received a \$15,000.00 grant in 2020 from the Board of Water and Soil Resources for the Cooperative Weed Management Program.

The main species that the program targets includes: Purple Loosestrife, Leafy Spurge, Absinth Wormwood, Wild Parsnip, and Spotted Knapweed. Bull and Canadian Thistles are also two species that have received attention because of the increased population throughout the county. These targeted invasive species were selected by the partners because of their confinement in certain areas and the belief that the County still has the ability to control them from spreading throughout the entire county.

If you are interested in receiving cost-share assistance for chemical spraying of invasive species on your pastureland/woodland you will need to make an appointment to come into the office to complete a Contract Agreement for cost-share for chemical spraying. Cost-share assistance is available at a rate of 75% of the total cost, up to \$500.00.

Please call before you come into the office to make sure the SWCD staff are in the office and able to assist you with the application.

A Payment Voucher will need to be approved by the SWCD Board before any reimbursement of chemical spraying costs can be made.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at 218-253-2593. 017-18C

Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial Update

A contribution to the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial was received recently from Dan Plante, Bemidji, in memory of his uncle, Morris Plante. Morris grew up in the Oklee area and served in the US Army during the Korean War. After leaving Oklee, Morris would return to visit his home town and enjoyed the Veterans' Memorial, and especially enjoyed the photos of veterans at the Oklee Cafe and recalling stories of many of them. Dan has purchased a block in memory of his uncle Morris Plante.

Einar and Carol Kvasager also made a donation to the Veterans' Memorial in memory of their friend, Sherlen Grove, who was well known in the

Brooks and Oklee area.

Donations to the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial may be sent to Security State Bank, Box 69, Oklee, MN 56742, attn: Lori Melby.

Any questions about the Veterans' Memorial should be directed to Mary Lynn Bachand at marylbachand@gmail.com.

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Cow moose and her calf in the Clearwater River in Emardville township. Photo submitted.

Official City of Oklee Minutes

**City of Oklee
Regular Council
Monday, June 14 2021
Oklee Café - 6.00PM**
Roll Call: Mayor Gulseth, Genova, Sandoval, Cyr and Olson, also present Schmitz, Cross and Tougas.
Meeting called to order at 6.00PM
May Minutes: Motion to accept May Minutes by Olson and seconded by Genova, motion carried.
May Financials: Motion to accept by Olson and seconded by Cyr, motion carried.

May Bills: Motion to accept by Cyr and seconded by Genova, motion carried.
Sheriff's report: generally quiet apart from, Young child got loose and was found and brought home, Tam next day kid got out again, he was sent to a foster home for a few days as this is not an isolated incident, the kid is now home.

Offensive Flag, Cross has spoken to the resident and explained how people feel about it, Sheriff Bernstein said it is covered by the City Ordinance and he will check with the county attorney on what can be done, Cross to send one more letter and to let Bernstein know the outcome.

Maintenance: All projects started, Ambulance Garage floor needs sealing other items mowing, trimming and burn pile. New concrete torn up as it was wrong level

South Park, going to get Ryan Sherman out there to level off the Dirt and concrete that has been hauled out there, Klasen has been used a little bit, mowing etc. Gazebo fascia to be done and Dock placed into the River.

Motion to close the Meeting at 6.39PM by Cyr and seconded by Genova, motion carried.

Mayor Lori Gulseth

City Clerk/Derek Cross 018C

Employees Meeting
Meeting called to order at 6:38 pm

Roll Call: Mayor Gulseth, Genova, Sandoval, Cyr and Olson, also present Cross and Tougas.

Interview process for applicants, no minutes taken meeting closed at 9pm.

Mayor Lori Gulseth

City Clerk/Derek Cross 018C

City of Oklee Emergency Meeting 3:00 PM June 16, 2021 Oklee Hall

Roll Call: Mayor Gulseth. Mathew Genova and Paul Cyr

Meeting called to order at 3.00PM. There was a discussion on the New Hire for the vacant Maintenance position. Motion by Genova to employ Joe Larson, Paul Cyr Voted against but he made it clear it was not against Joe Larson, but on the process after what he had thought had already been decided at the Monday meeting.

The vote was tied Mayor Gulseth then spoke, also making it clear she was not happy with the process and she also thought it had been decided at the Monday meeting, she did Vote for Joe Larson, so the outcome of this was the council agreed to employ Joe Larson.

Motion by Genova to employ Joe Larson, Cyr voted against, Mayor Gulseth Voted for Larson, motion carried.

Meeting Closed at 3.30 PM. Motion to close the meeting by Cyr, seconded by Genova, motion carried

Mayor Lori Gulseth

City Clerk/Derek Cross 018C

ANNUAL DISCLOSURE REPORT City of Oklee, Minnesota Annual Disclosure of Tax Increment Districts for the Year Ended December 31, 2020

TIF District Name/Number	TIF 1 - 1
Current net tax capacity	4,986
Original net tax capacity	509
Captured net tax capacity	4,477
Principal and interest payments due in 2021	10,966
Tax increment received in 2020	8,602
Tax increment expended in 2020	8,242
Month and year of first tax increment receipt	June, 2011
Date of required decertification	December 31, 2036
Increased property taxes to be paid from outside the district if fiscal disparities Option A applies	0

Additional information regarding each district may be obtained from: Mr. Derek Cross, Clerk-Administrator, City of Oklee, PO Box 190, Oklee, MN 56742, Phone: 218-796-5183 018C

Sudoku Solution

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

Oklee Centennial Cookbook Recipe Corner - From page 86

Strawberry (or Raspberry) Spinach Salad Donna (Jensen) Larson

Dressing:

In shaker or jar with tight fitting lid, combine:
2 Tbsp lemon juice
2 Tbsp white (or white wine) vinegar
1/3 cup sugar
1 Tbsp vegetable oil
1/2 tsp poppy seeds

Shake well and refrigerate until ready to use. Dressing can be made several days ahead of time and keeps in fridge for several days.

Salad:

1 pkg pre-washed spinach leaves (one 6 oz or 8 oz bag)
8 oz (1-1/2 cups) sliced strawberries (or whole fresh raspberries)
1/2 med cucumber, scored or peeled, sliced and cut in half
1/4 small red onion, sliced thin
1/4 cup sliced roasted or honey roasted "Almond Accents" (or toast your own almonds)

Assemble salad ingredients in large bowl. Shake dressing again and pour over salad. Mix gently and serve immediately. You can reserve almonds and sprinkle on after adding dressing and mixing, if you like. You can add well-drained mandarin oranges and/or diced avocado, as well or instead of other ingredients on this salad. This is a family favorite and is a great way to entice children to eat their spinach!



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TIPS FOR PREVENTING HEAT-RELATED ILLNESSES



STAY COOL

- Wear lightweight and light-colored clothes
- Pace yourself
- Wear sunscreen



STAY HYDRATED

- Don't wait until you're thirsty to drink
- Avoid sugary or alcoholic drinks
- Replace salt and minerals



STAY INFORMED

- Watch for extreme weather alerts
- Know the signs of heat-related illnesses
- Monitor those at high-risk

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2021 Oklee Summer Recreation Schedule

July 26 - 30

The RLCC Summer Rec is going to a private viewing of the movie Space Jam in TRF on Wednesday, July 28 at 10:00 a.m.

Any summer rec participant is welcome. The cost is \$6, and this includes a pop and popcorn. Concessions will also be open if they want to buy anything on their own. Bus leaves Oklee at 9:00, Brooks at 9:15, Plummer at 9:25. Please call either the Plummer School or Oklee School to sign up ahead of time, Kids need to be signed up by the end of the day Monday, July 26. The movie is approximately 2 hours long.

RLCC News

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS
The High School office will be open Monday – Thursday from 6:00 am until 4:00 pm started on Tuesday, June 1st.



July 2021 Health Points

July is UV safety Month

Most skin cancers are caused by too much exposure to ultraviolet (UV) light. UV rays are an invisible kind of radiation that comes from the sun, tanning beds, and sun-lamps. UV rays can damage skin cells.

Protection from UV rays is important all year, not just during the summer. UV rays can reach you on cloudy and cool days, and they reflect off of surfaces like water, cement, sand, and snow. In the continental United States, UV rays tend to be strongest from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

How to Protect Your Skin From the Sun

Shade- You can reduce your risk of sun damage and skin cancer by staying in the shade. Your best bet to protect your skin is to use sunscreen or wear protective clothing when you're outside—even when you're in the shade.

Clothing- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants and skirts, which can provide protection from UV rays. If wearing this isn't practical, try to wear a T-shirt or a beach cover-up. Clothes made from tightly woven fabric offer the best protection. A wet T-shirt offers much less UV protection than a dry one, and darker colors may offer more protection than lighter colors. Some clothing is certified under international standards as offering UV protection.

Hat- Wear a hat that has a brim all the way around that shades your face, ears, and the back of your neck. A tightly woven fabric, such as canvas, works best to protect your skin from UV rays. Avoid straw hats with holes that let sunlight through. A darker hat may offer more UV protection.

Sunglasses- Sunglasses protect your eyes from UV rays and reduce the risk of cataracts. They also protect the tender skin around your eyes from sun exposure.

Sunglasses that block both UVA and UVB rays offer the best protection.

Sunscreen- Put on broad spectrum sunscreen that blocks both UVA and UVB rays and has an SPF of 15 or higher before you go outside. Don't forget to put a thick layer on all exposed skin. Get help for hard-to-reach places like your back. Sunscreen works best when combined with other options.

Sunscreen is not recommended for babies who are 6 months old or younger. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration recommends keeping infants out of the sun during midday and using



The RLCC Cadets finished the season with a 7-3 record. Pictured in the back are Peyton Jensen, Thor Thompson, Eli Magnell, Jett Hanson, Jackson Morinville, Olin Eskeli, Owen O'Neill. Sitting are Sawyer Carlson, Trevor Lee, Jacob Lee, Marshall Gagner. Front is Oliver Melin.

<https://www.cdc.gov/food-safety/communication/bbq-iq.html>

Stress May Turn Hair Gray, but Calm May Reverse It

Now, researchers say they can measure what is happening when hair grays, and provide early evidence that it can sometimes be reversed.

Hair color is lost, and strands turn gray as melanin, a pigment found in the skin, eyes, and hair declines.

Before hairs emerge from the scalp, they grow under the skin in follicles that receive chemical and electrical signals, including stress hormones, from the body. Once they emerge, hairs harden, and t molecular structure is preserved and reflected in their pigmentation.

Using high-resolution scanners, scientists can detect small color changes in single strands of human hair.

Researchers measured color loss in single strands of human hair from 14 volunteers who kept diaries to document the weekly levels of stress they experienced. The results were striking: As the volunteers experienced more stress, their hair lost pigment. But as the stress eased, their hair regained color, says Martin Picard, PhD, associate professor of behavioral medicine at Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City, who led the research.

https://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/954379?source=WNL_mdpls_210709_msc-pedit_nurs&uac=118550DK&spon=24&impID=3495341&faf=1their

Parenting Tips

What is Human trafficking? Human trafficking involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion to obtain some type of labor or commercial sex act. It can happen in any community and victims can be any age, race, gender, or nationality. Traffickers might use violence, manipulation, or false promises of well-paying jobs or romantic relationships to lure victims into trafficking situations.

The United States follows the widely used “3P” paradigm: prosecution, protection, and prevention, to combat human trafficking.

Safety Tips
Be aware of your surroundings. Put your phone down. Go in groups. Be mindful of people or being followed. Approach business employees to tell your concerns even if it turns out to be a false alarm. Look out for one another. The Department of Homeland Security has good advice and tips.

<https://www.dhs.gov/blue-campaign/what-human-trafficking>

Crossword Solution

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Writers & Writing by Michael Tidemann

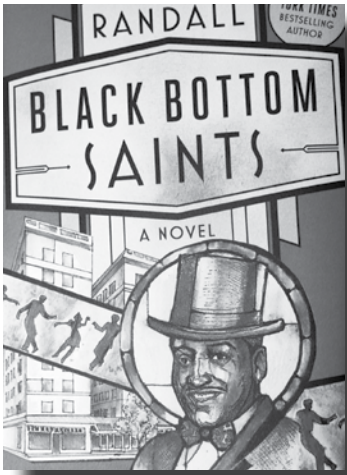
Tidemann started his journalism career at the Bismarck Tribune in 1978 and began college teaching career as a graduate teaching assistant at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion in 1977. He has worked at newspapers in Iowa and the Dakotas and his work has appeared in Over-drive, Writer's Journal,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

Black Bottom Saints celebrates Detroit's golden age

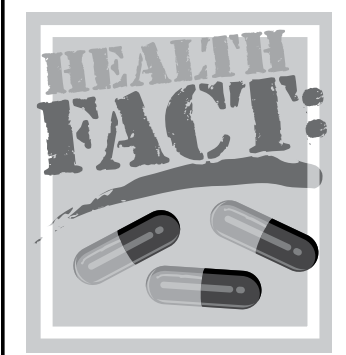
Black Bottom Saints, a retelling of the glory days of Detroit, is a step back to when Motor City – and Motown – were not just household words but the powerhouses of the nation's auto and music industries.

Detroit-born author Alice Randall, author of Rebel Yell and the smash country hit “An American Girl” recorded by Patricia Yearwood, presents a cast of characters – some famous and some not – who helped create Detroit's golden age.

At the heart of the novel is Ziggy Johnson, based upon Joseph “Ziggy” Johnson who wrote articles for the Michigan Chronicle and founded the Ziggy Johnson School of the Theatre and who inspired Randall to become a writer. The fictional Johnson lies dying in the hospital as tells the stories – often heroic and always poignant – of the people who built Detroit. Randall also ends each chapter with a drink recipe honoring each Black Bottom Saint. Randall honors such luminaries as Robert Hayden, Joe Louis, Ethel Waters, Tallulah Bankhead, Martin Luther King Jr., Della Reese, Nat King Cole and Sammy Davis Jr.



Black Bottom Saints
Alice Randall
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TRUE OR FALSE?
MARINATING FOODS THAT WILL BE GRILLED CAN REDUCE THE FORMATION OF CANCER-CAUSING CHEMICALS FROM FLAME-LICKED FOODS.
ANSWER: TRUE

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Grill

SPANISH: Parrilla

ITALIAN: Griglia

FRENCH: Grill

GERMAN: Grill

Crossword Puzzle

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- ACROSS**
1. Metal frames on a grill
 4. Cup-shaped spoon
 5. Midwestern state (abbr.)
 7. Writing fluid
 8. Venison
 9. Comes together
- DOWN**
1. Cooking food over a flame
 2. Place to eat a meal
 3. Chicken or turkey
 6. Unpleasant emotion

1. Grilling 2. Table 3. Poultry 6. Fear
Down 9. Gatherers
Across 1. Crates 4. Ladle 5. IL 7. Ink 8. Deer
Answers:

THIS DAY IN...
JUL 21
HISTORY

- 1661: CONFEDERATE FORCES WIN THE FIRST BATTLE OF BULL RUN DURING THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR.
- 1949: THE U.S. SENATE RATIFIES THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY.
- 1970: THE ASWAN HIGH DAM OPENS IN EGYPT.

New word
CHAR
partially burn to blacken the surface

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Prize winners for the first week of the Summer Reading Program are Jack Audette, Ryken Dufault, Nolan Johnson and Wylie Lehrer.

Lots more prizes are available for the winning by kids who check out books. Craft & popcorn days are Tuesdays & Wednesdays, but young readers are welcome to come in anytime to check out books and register for prizes.

New adult nonfiction includes “Keep Sharp: Build a Better Brain at Any Age” by Sanjay Gupta, MD, CNN Chief Medical correspondent featuring a simple 12-week program; “Kennedy’s Avenger: Assassination, Conspiracy, and the Forgotten Trial of Jack Ruby” by Dan Abrams and David Fisher; and “Think Again: The Power of Knowing What You Don’t Know” by Adam Grant - “The bestselling author of ‘Give and Take’ and ‘Originals’ examines the critical art of rethinking: learning to question your opinions and open other people’s minds, which can position you for excellence at work and wisdom in life.”

Did you know?

GRILLING COOKS FOOD DIRECTLY OVER HEAT, WHILE BARBECUING USES HEAT THROUGH CONVECTION OF HOT AIR. GRILLING IS FAST WHILE BARBECUING IS SLOW.

GET THE PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?
ANSWER: GRILLED STEAK



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The smell of freshly cut grass is actually the scent that plants release when in distress. 85% of plant life is found in the ocean.
Oak trees don't produce acorns until they are 50 years old.
Bananas grow pointing upwards.
It is genetically impossible for a rose to come in color blue.
The bigger the orange the sweeter and sweeter it is.

CITY OF OKLEE SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CITY OF OKLEE SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT				
The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of financial information concerning the City of Oklee to interested citizens. The complete financial statements may be examined at the City Hall, P.O. Box 190. Questions about this report should be directed to Mr. Derek Cross, Clerk/Treasurer at (218) 796-5183.				
REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR GENERAL OPERATIONS (GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS)				
	Total 2020	Total 2019	Increase (Decrease)	Increase (Decrease)
Revenues				
Property taxes	\$ 250,562	\$ 249,447	\$ 1,115	0.45%
Special assessments	-	933	(933)	-100.00%
Licenses and permits	1,112	1,511	(399)	-26.41%
Intergovernmental	174,985	142,757	32,228	22.58%
Charges for services	38,311	44,778	(6,467)	-14.44%
Gifts and contributions	44,914	2,300	42,614	1852.78%
Investment earnings	1,110	1,585	(475)	-29.97%
Miscellaneous	19,280	8,523	10,757	126.21%
Total Revenues	\$ 530,274	\$ 451,834	\$ 78,440	17.36%
Per Capita	1,225	1,056	169	16.00%
Expenditures				
Current				
General government	\$ 179,050	\$ 194,988	\$ (15,938)	-8.17%
Public safety	51,260	59,212	(7,952)	-13.43%
Highways and streets	74,338	107,270	(32,932)	-30.70%
Sanitation	29,245	26,694	2,551	9.56%
Culture and recreation	192	2,933	(2,741)	-93.45%
Conservation of natural resources	586	145	441	304.14%
Economic development	22,829	1,097	21,732	1981.04%
Debt service				
Principal retirement	4,103	3,936	167	4.24%
Interest	1,163	1,330	(167)	-12.56%
Capital outlay				
General government	2,697	8,844	(6,147)	-69.50%
Highways and streets	26,800	8,550	18,250	213.45%
Pubic safety	30,000	-	30,000	100.00%
Total Expenditures	\$ 422,263	\$ 414,999	\$ 7,264	1.75%
Per Capita	975	970	6	0.58%
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$ 108,011	\$ 36,835	\$ 71,176	193.23%
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Transfers in	\$ 10,170	\$ 10,170	\$ -	0.00%
Transfers out	(10,170)	-	(10,170)	100.00%
Total other financing sources (uses)	\$ -	\$ 10,170	\$ (10,170)	100.00%
Total Long-Term Indebtedness	\$ 23,264	\$ 27,367	\$ (4,103)	-14.99%
Per Capita	54	64	(10)	-15.97%
Fund Balance - December 31	\$ 563,854	\$ 455,843	\$ 108,011	23.69%
Per Capita	1,302	1,065	237	22.27%

CITY OF OKLEE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION PROPRIETARY FUNDS December 31, 2020				
	Sewer Enterprise	Water Enterprise	Total	
Assets				
Current Assets				
Cash and pooled investments	\$ 120,484	\$ -	\$ 120,484	
Special assessments receivable	-	759	759	
Current	-	7,198	7,198	
Prior	-	2,939	4,976	
Accounts receivable	2,037	-	3,917	
Due from other funds	3,917	-		
Total Current Assets	\$ 126,438	\$ 10,896	\$ 137,334	
Noncurrent Assets				
Capital assets				
Nondepreciable	34,900	-	34,900	
Depreciable - net of accumulated depreciation	439,507	820,292	1,259,799	
Total Assets	\$ 600,845	\$ 831,188	\$ 1,432,033	
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities				
Accounts payable	\$ 332	\$ 841	\$ 1,173	
Due to other funds	-	69,207	69,207	
Due to other governments	-	176	176	
General obligation bonds payable	5,000	50,000	55,000	
Total Liabilities	\$ 5,332	\$ 120,224	\$ 125,556	
Noncurrent Liabilities				
General obligation bonds payable	\$ 8,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 108,000	
Total Liabilities	\$ 13,332	\$ 220,224	\$ 233,556	
Net Position				
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 461,407	\$ 670,292	\$ 1,131,699	
Unrestricted amounts	126,106	(59,328)	66,778	
Total Net Position	\$ 587,513	\$ 610,964	\$ 1,198,477	

CITY OF OKLEE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION PROPRIETARY FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020			
	Sewer Enterprise	Water Enterprise	Total
Operating Revenues			
Charges for services	\$ 51,311	\$ 96,927	\$ 148,238
Operating Expenses			
Contracted services	\$ 2,885	\$ 3,109	\$ 5,994
Utilities	1,294	4,406	5,700
Repairs and maintenance	16,690	14,408	31,098
Miscellaneous	1,008	814	1,822
Depreciation	35,022	51,019	86,041
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 56,899	\$ 73,756	\$ 130,655
Operating Income (Loss)	\$ (5,588)	\$ 23,171	\$ 17,583
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)			
Special assessments	\$ -	\$ 908	\$ 908
Interest expense	(360)	(4,750)	(5,110)
Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	\$ (360)	\$ (3,842)	\$ (4,202)
Change in Net Position	\$ (5,948)	\$ 19,329	\$ 13,381
Net Position - January 1	\$ 593,461	\$ 591,635	\$ 1,185,096
Net Position - December 31	\$ 587,513	\$ 610,964	\$ 1,198,477

CITY OF OKLEE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS PROPRIETARY FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020 Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents			
	Sewer Enterprise	Water Enterprise	Total
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Receipts from customers	\$ 55,535	\$ 104,549	\$ 160,084
Payments to suppliers	(25,447)	(22,323)	(47,770)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$ 30,088	\$ 82,226	\$ 112,314
Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities			
Transfers in	\$ -	\$ 65,290	\$ 65,290
Transfers out	-	(89,377)	(89,377)
Net cash provided by (used in) noncapital financing activities	\$ -	\$ (24,087)	\$ (24,087)
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities			
Special assessments received	\$ -	\$ 1,611	\$ 1,611
Principal paid on bonds	(4,000)	(55,000)	(59,000)
Interest paid on bonds	(360)	(4,750)	(5,110)
Net cash provided by (used in) capital and related financing activities	\$ (4,360)	\$ (58,139)	\$ (62,499)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 25,728	\$ -	\$ 25,728
Cash and Cash Equivalents at January 1	94,756	-	94,756
Cash and Cash Equivalents at December 31	\$ 120,484	\$ -	\$ 120,484
Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities			
Operating income (loss)	\$ (5,588)	\$ 23,171	\$ 17,583
Adjustments to reconcile net operating income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities			
Depreciation expense	\$ 35,022	\$ 51,019	\$ 86,041
(Increase) decrease in assets			
Accounts receivable	2,970	6,200	9,170
Due from other funds	(2,350)	-	(2,350)
Increase (decrease) in liabilities			
Accounts payable	34	246	280
Due to other funds	-	2,350	2,350
Due to other governments	-	(760)	(760)
Total adjustments	\$ 35,676	\$ 59,055	\$ 94,731
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$ 30,088	\$ 82,226	\$ 112,314

Protecting your private well(s) during drought

Home Water Homes and water Protecting your private well during drought

Approximately 75 percent of Minnesotans use groundwater as a drinking water source and almost all water used for agricultural irrigation comes from groundwater. During times of drought, it is even more important to be conscious of water use and maintenance of your well and equipment.

Groundwater levels in Minnesota

It is normal for groundwater levels to rise and fall during the year in Minnesota. With an influx of snowmelt and spring rain, we usually see levels increase, also known as recharge, in early spring and slowly decrease, also known as drawdown, later in the summer because of evaporation and less rain.

Shallow wells are usually the first to experience issues because of drought because of their proximity to the surface. These would include many Sandpoint wells that may only be 20 to 30 feet deep.

Having a newer, deeper well can help protect you from experiencing problems with lower water levels, but if your well is affected it may take a longer period of time to recover.

Measuring groundwater

You may be able to measure

the level of groundwater on your own, though this may be difficult and sometimes requires a water level meter, which can cost around 400 dollars. These meters have an electrical probe attached to a measuring tape. The probe is lowered into the well until a light or display indicates it has reached the water. The depth to water can then be read on the measuring tape.

Another method of measuring groundwater that may be less direct is using the United States Geological Survey's (USGS) Minnesota Active Water Level Network. Here you can see monitored wells throughout Minnesota, showing the measurement from low to high and when each well was measured.

Lastly, ask a licensed well drilling company or your neighbors. Well drilling companies are a great resource because they are always drilling new wells and have the appropriate equipment to measure the depth of water. A similar discussion can be had with neighbors nearby if they have gotten a new well or service since their well will likely be in a similar aquifer and depth as your own.

Reasons a well could stop producing water

Malfunctioning or worn-out

equipment

When you have a loss of water first look for issues with the pressure tank or well pump, these do need to be replaced every so often and can malfunction without any warning signs. Also, check the electrical connection to the well.

Clogged plumbing Sometimes mineral deposits can build up in plumbing lines, reducing the flow.

Low water level Indicators of low water levels include:

Sounds of the submersible pump sucking air.

The water from your tap may sputter, from air being pumped in.

Water from the faucet may appear cloudy or dirty.

Possible sand in the toilet tank.

If your well does go dry it may be temporarily caused by over pumping, this is called a cone of depression and usually resolves in a short period of time with decreased water use. However, if it stays dry for a long period of time and you have a submersible pump you may be able to get the pump lowered by a licensed well driller. Other options would be to invest in a storage tank in your home or drill a deeper well.

Testing your drinking water regularly is important, especially if air has entered the well. Air can change the chemistry of the geology and may release naturally occurring contaminants such as arsenic.

Ways to conserve water Many times a well may temporarily go dry or lower from increased water use. During times of drought and high temperatures, we tend to use more water for plants and animals, which can cause a cone of depression. These depressions usually resolve when the water use is lower.

A way to avoid this is to manage your water use. If you're near other homes pumping from the same aquifer, try to coordinate heavy water use. For example, try doing laundry on different days of the week to spread out water use.

Other ways to conserve water:

Take shorter showers. Let your lawn go dormant. Many grass species go dormant during a drought and come back once they receive enough water. For more information on lawns check out Water-saving strategies for the home lawn.

Fix leaky faucets and plumbing. Only wash full loads in the dishwasher and laundry. Install water-saving plumbing fixtures.

Bonny's Bits... okleeherald@gmail.com

I love looking through the Early Files of the Oklee Herald. There are so many interesting things in the old papers. Such as this graphic I found a week or two ago.

Today we are still using this ingredient, "pyrethrins" in sprays we use to keep ticks off our clothing when we are camping. You spray your clothes, let it dry and then it kills ticks that get on your clothes.

I don't think I would want to dust my home with it like the graphic says, because today's instructions for clothing say don't spray on your body, just

clothing and let it dry before wearing. I wouldn't want to breathe in the dust.

There are other products call Tick Tubes that you can purchase if you have a tick issue in your yard. These are cardboard tubes filled with cotton ladened they pyrethins. The mice and other rodents take the cotton to their nests, the ticks attached to the rodent, die, breaking the cycle of the tick and you have less ticks in your yard.

Just some info from the past, that still works today!

The Bug-Killing Daisy

Sixteenth century Persian farmers discovered that a colorful flower of the daisy family contained an ingredient we know today as one of man's most potent insecticides! They ground the "insect flower" and dusted their homes and crops with it.

After careful cultivation on mountainsides in Kenya — one of the few areas where growing conditions are right for the rare flower — production of the bug-killing daisy or pyrethrum has reached an annual 20,000,000 pounds.

Pyrethrins, the active agent in the flower, is fatal to bugs but is absolutely safe for use around plants, food and animals, in homes, dairies, and on farms. On the labels of all insecticides containing the potent agent, the word "pyrethrins" appears.

Statepoint Crossword "KIDS CLASSICS"

CROSSWORD

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- ACROSS
- E-wallet content
 - Pen
 - *Rubik's
 - Bryan Stevenson's "Just"
 - *-Wan Kenobi
 - Egyptian falcon-headed deity
 - Top of a steeple
 - *"-I-Am"
 - Vernacular
 - *"Walking" spring toy
 - *Purple dinosaur
 - Foot the bill
 - Smidgen
 - *KIDZ
 - Like a mattress?
 - Stay clear of
 - *Dumbo's were huge
 - *Arnold Lobel's "Frog and"
 - Emotional punishment
 - At the summit of
 - Young hooter
 - Shakespeare's home-town river
 - Increase rpms (2 words)
 - *Pinocchio or Baron Munchausen, e.g.
 - Retired, shortened
 - Soft palate vibrations
 - Bob of the boxing world
 - Bovine hangout
 - Give the cold shoulder
 - Unagi on sushi menu
 - *Place called Sesame
 - *Place for Pong and Pac-Man
 - Semolina source
 - It would
 - Mourning fabric
 - Arterial blood vessel
 - Atlantic catch
 - Partner of pains
 - Emeralds and rubies
 - *One of "Little Women"
 - Haul something heavy

- DOWN
- German river
 - Large edible mushroom,
 - Seed covering
 - Substitute for tender
 - *Shenzi, Banzai and Ed in "Lion King"
 - *One in a pocketful
 - Lawyers' league
 - Horizontal bar dance

- It's knee high by the Fourth of July?
- Strong desire
- Channel marker
- Eastern Standard Time
- What bullies do
- City in Japan
- Past tense of eat
- Popular salad dressing
- *Winnie and Paddington
- Derived from oats
- Utah city
- Thanksgiving turkey, e.g.
- Burn to a crisp
- Václav of Czechoslovakia
- Be theatrical
- *One of the Darling children
- Horse prod
- Letter opener
- More true
- Bygone Spanish money
- "He said, ___ said"
- Place that attracts visitors, pl.
- Ancient city in Africa
- Cooler climate conifer
- *"One, two, buckle my"
- Four years in the White House, e.g.
- *" of NIMH"
- * Walker, American Girl
- *"Matilda" and "The Gremlins" author
- *"The Three Musketeers" sword
- Tail action
- *"Huck's friend
- Sixth sense

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WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to parks.

F E D L I

Answer: Field

~~ Oklee Projects Update ~~



Picture from the window in the Oklee Herald office on Monday around noon. Rain pouring down and filling the areas where the curb and gutters are going to be.

CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to parks. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 12 = S)

A. 12 5 8 16 20 12
Clue: Schoolyard ride

B. 12 14 11 3 22 12
Clue: Team play

C. 22 3 9 9 12
Clue: Plant with a trunk

D. 22 3 2 8 15 12
Clue: Walking paths

Answers: A. swings B. sports C. trees D. trails



There has been lots of wildlife coming in to yards. Here is a deer looking for garden goodies but only found a few berries on the trees. Notice the felted horns on his head. Photos submitted.



Rain came down hard around noon in Oklee with thunder and dark clouds. The new storm pipes have not been installed yet on the building, so it was literally running straight down on the mess of construction on all sides of the building. Below the areas were curb and gutter work is being prepared for forms and concrete filled with water. After the rain, the crews continued to work where they could.



The grass should green up now that it got some moisture. But that means we will have to mow.

Oklee Herald Early Files

Eighty Years Ago July 24, 1941

Local water town was getting scraped, cleaned and painted on the inside and also painted on the outside this week.

Miss Hannah L. Erickson and Gunder Vake, were married at the Lutheran Parish on July 23rd by Rev. J.K. Lerohl. They will make their home north of Oklee.

The 22nd annual festival of Rev. J.K. Lerohl's parish as held Sunday at Salem Church. Ladies' Aids served dinner in the grove at old Garnes. Principal speaker was Dr. J.N. Brown, president of Concordia College, Moorhead.

Ole O. Melby and Peter Bergeron have been named members of the aluminum collecting committee for this county. Anyone willing to contribute aluminum to the nation may leave articles at either Bergeron's or Melby's store in Oklee. The metal will be used in airplane construction for defense.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Hofstad are the happy parents of a new baby boy born on Tuesday, July 15th.

Harvesting has begun on a small scale as yet. Haying is in progress.

Seventy Years Ago July 19, 1951

Linda Hegge, 3, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hegge, was hospitalized with head injuries after failing from a car driven by her father last week. The child released the catch on a back door of the auto while it was traveling at a moderate speed. Included was an editors note, that parents of small children should removed door latches from back seats so accidents like this don't happen.

A heavy rain with intermittent hail and high winds lashed this area late Saturday afternoon bring relief for dry crops but at the same time leaving spotty trails of damage.

A special business meeting of Immanuel congregation of Plummer was held Friday evening when the congregation voted in favor of withdrawing from the Oklee Lutheran Parish. The plan is to establish another parish with a resident pastor.

Polk County taxes have been hiked to \$810,040, an increase of \$157,240 over last year. County Commissioners attribute the higher levy to rising costs in county operation.

A son was born July 10 to Mr. and Mrs. Everill Mercil of Brooks.

Sixty Years Ago July 27, 1961

Mr. and Mrs. Ole Melby left here Monday for a visit to Norway. Mr. Melby, pioneer Oklee merchant who came here in 1910, was born in Norway and has not been back since coming to this country 54 years ago. He was 19 when he came to America.

Farmers are now faced with seeking to hang on for another year as a result of the drought which has wiped out the bright hopes for the best income levels in several years.

Corporal Alfred Olson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ingvald Olson of Oklee, was recently given special recognition by the First Marine Division at Camp Pendleton, CA.

Mary Ann Radniecki of Trail and Sharon Swanson of Goodridge were two of the 120 young people who attended All-States Camp No. 2 this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Stenberg announced the coming marriage of their daughter Barbara to Mr. Harold Skjonsby, of Rosholt, SD.

A birthday party was held last Monday evening at the John Rosten home honoring Mrs. Rosten on her birthday anniversary.

Fifty Years Ago July 22, 1971

A free gate and free grandstand performances will be attractions at the annual Red Lake County Fair, which begins Friday, July 23 in Red Lake Falls.

Alvin Jensen was appointed as Mayor of Oklee in a special session of the village council Monday night. He succeeds O.M. Sundrud, who has resigned.

A heavy downpour, which lasted throughout most of Saturday night, brought 1.83 inches of moisture as measured at Gonvick. Oklee reports the rainfall there was 2.6 inches. It has caused concern that grains now nearing harvest may be lodged and damaged.

On Sunday afternoon, July 11, Oscar and Signe Stenberg were honored at a Golden Wedding celebration in the Zion Lutheran church in Oklee.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bernier on July 14th at St. John's Hospital in Red Lake Falls.

Forty Years Ago July 23, 1981

Don Fournier, rural carrier, was recognized for 25 years of Federal Service at the Oklee Post Office on July 21st. Don has served as Oklee's rural carrier since October 1, 1957.

Local Senior Citizens attend Olympics and some brought home ribbons. Cecelia Bernier won the Sack Race and Dorinda Juneau came home with a vegetable basket door prize.

The Class of 1971 held their 10 year reunion at the Oklee High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Brad Nelson are the proud parents of a baby boy, Brent Michael born Friday evening. He is welcomed by his brother Ryan, Kyle Quinten and Tyler.

Oklee Horseshoe Nation League final standings: Wayne Vettleson 307; Rick Sherman 295, Glen Vettleson, 256, John Cyr 228, John Melby 210, Mark Nelson 205, Louie Violette 174, Pat Paquin 143, Marv Bronken 130, Roy Rystad 118, and Jim Dessellier 92.

Miss Grace Larson and Michael Dessellier exchanged marriage vows at 4:30 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church in Oklee.

Thirty Years Ago July 24, 1991

During the Senior Citizens Day program of the Red Lake County Fair on July 20th, Nicholas Knaack of Plummer read his winning essay on his grandparents, Vern and Vi Knaack.

Sylvia Steinert has been chosen as the 1991 Outstanding Senior Citizen of Red Lake County. She was honored at the Senior Day at the Red Lake County Fair on July 20th.

Monte Casavan was selected as Red Lake County's King

Agassiz for 1991-92. But Monte is very quick to attribute the success of his farming operation to a combined effort from his family.

Mary Westlake was guest of honor at a bridal shower held at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Plummer. A pink and blue shower was held on Sunday afternoon at the Plummer Senior Center honoring Brenda Peterson that same day.

Twenty Years Ago July 19, 2001

Arnie Lillo was nice enough to stop in at the Oklee Herald office for a short visit. Arnie is a metal smith and specializes in custom work. Some of his original pieces are quite well known. The most recent project dealt with the restoration of the famous 32 foot "Hermann" statue in New Ulm.

Rick Nelson, son of Norman & Ione Nelson of Oklee, announced in July that he is transferring form Northland Community College in TRF to Century College in White Bear Lake, in charge of developing a new sports management program.

On June 30th, the Oklee High School class of 1981 held their 20 year class reunion.

On July 8th, 2001, nearly 150 people gathered at the old school, now the Deer Park townhall. They enjoyed lunch and a program. Students and teachers (some were both students and teachers) enjoyed the day reminiscing.

From beginning to end - 13 years together: Jessi Dessellier, Trenten Boucher, Paul Beaudoin, Adam Stoneouse, Chris Nelson, Cole Mickelson, Johnathan Magnell, Rachel Schue, Amber Agnes, Ashley Gunderson, Cindy Lambert, Jessica Spong, and Sonja Kols-toe.

Ten Years Ago July 20, 2011

Security State Bank in Oklee welcomes two new employees, Janell Walstad and Mandy Roisland.

4-H Scholarship recipients this year were Lisa Bergeson, daughter of Rick and Linda Bergeson and Kristen Weiss, daughter of Ron and Sharon Weiss.

Trail School was open during the Fourth of July celebration and many came to look at the historic school.

Summer is here and the heat has hit the area this past week with temperatures in the 80's and 90's and cooling to the 70's in the evenings.

Clayton Larson's sisters are visiting for a few days. They are Eileen Johnson of Seattle, Marion Larson of St. Paul and Ardelle Daly of New Jersey.

Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteers Jo Lambert & Bonny Cote

Senior Meals: If you want to order a Senior Meal call the Oklee Cafe at 796-5666. Teresa is asking that Seniors call in their order for the week as soon as possible so she can order appropriately. So call in by Friday for the menu in this weeks paper. If you don't and call in later, you may get a Cook's Choice meal instead.

Craft Shop: is open four days a week - Mon - Tue - Wed - Fri from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. But if you are looking for a gift, and no one is there you can ask Bonny if she is in her office at the Oklee Herald or call Jo Lambert to make arrangements.

SAIL Class Starting soon: Jo Lambert and Carol Kvasager are being trained as coaches and hopefully the classes will start by the end of July or early August. The classes will be at 10:00 a.m. at the Oklee Hall.

You can sign up now, the paperwork is available. Stop by the senior site to sign up.

Weekly Activities
Bingo is on Thursdays. 2:00 p.m. is the starting time. All seniors are welcome. Come play, visit and win some prizes.

Wednesday is for playing cards. It starts at 1:30 p.m. There are three tables available at the Site. Any card

games are welcome. There are a few that like to play Bridge. If anyone is interested in playing or learning stop in.

Rummikub is on Tuesdays. They need 2 to four players and if you have played Rummy 500, you already know how to play this game. The only difference is it is played with tiles instead of cards.

Congregate Meals: With Teresa being gone so much recently with her family visiting, we haven't had a chance to visiti with her on opening congregare meals. And we still need a person for Thursday, so if you are interested in being a volunteer for the dining room, please let Jo Lambert know. We have Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday's covered.

Potlucks: Will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month for summer and fall at the Oklee Cafe at 5 p.m. Bring a dish to share and enjoy an evening of conversation and fun.

The next potluck is August 10th at 5:00 p.m.

Dates to Remember
Wed, July 21: 1:30 p.m. Cards.

Thu, July 22: 2:00 p.m. Bingo - come win some prizes.

Tue, July 27: 2:00 p.m. will be playing Rummikub. Come join in, it is a easy and fun

game to play.

Joke Time

A patient in a medical exam room.

Doctor: How old are your kids?

Patient: Forty-four and 39 from my wife who passed away, and from my second wife, 15 and 13.

Doctor: That's quite the age difference!

Patient: Well, the older ones didn't give me any grandkids, so I made my own.

"This is your great-grandma and great grandpa." I told my grandson as I handed him a photo of my parents. "Do you think I look like them?" He shook his head. "Not yet."

A retired man now volunteers to entertain patients in assisted living homes and hospitals. He visited one hospital in Brooklyn and brought along his portable keyboard.

After telling jokes and singing songs at patients' bedsides, he said farewell and, "I hope you get better."

One elderly gentleman replied, "I hope you get better, too."

Have a Great Week and stay cool. It's going to be a hot week.

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

Still no rain and I mean no rain. The willow tree next to my house is shedding it's leaves and it feels like fall already as the trees leaves are browning and falling in many yards. And it is hot. I don't believe we have ever had such hot weather for such a long time. Working in the sun is just plain inhumane.

Recently, Cindy Determan went to stay with her father Paul Beech in Slayton to hang out with him and her sister Cathy De Mars of Thief River Falls. She spent the week cleaning and helping him with duties that he seldom can do by himself. She said that they went out and about to town and took in some of the things that were going on in the area. It was a great week of laughter and relaxing with her Dad.

On Tuesday Cindy Determan went golfing at Fertile at the Sand Hills Golf Course. She joined with Clare and Patty Thompson of Lake Havasu, Arizona.

Cindy and Del also went to Maple Lake to join with Lamont and Mary Lou Deaver and 18 other guests. They ate Rhombus Pizza and enjoyed

their time at the lake. She said that the joke of the day was "Nobody fell in the lake".

On Saturday Leonard Novak of Warren Minnesota came to visit with Jerome and Barb Novak. He had to wake us from our naps before we knew he was at our house. He also visited with Walter (Danny) Novak and Adam Reese at the home farm on Saturday. His mission was to look at the crops. After a nice visit, he treated us to a supper at the Cozy Bar and Grill. It was a great visit even though he caught the Novaks sleeping.

This was a special news item. Marc Parenteau, Yvonne Hoeger, Mary Lou (Parenteau) Deaver, Lamont Deaver, Nancy (Parenteau) Stridde, Chuck Stridde, Ione (Parenteau) Brooks, went to dinner at Carol's Cozy Bar and Grill in Brooks. All of these folks are former Brooks residents and now live elsewhere. They came back to enjoy friends and places where they grew up. Marc requested that this item be in the paper. He is spending the summer at the lake this year.

The Bishop Adjunct will be at St. Joseph's Church on Sunday the 25th of July. It is a special day for the parish, to host the Bishop. Everyone welcome.

Dianne and Clarence Gagner went to Hamel at the City Park for the Robert and Rose Gagner family reunion. All of the living siblings of Robert and Rose attended. The attendees were Mae Wichterman, of Monticello, Angela Stone of Champlin Rolland Gagner of Erskine, Barb of Tucson Arizona, Clarence of Brooks, and Poncho Gagner of Brooks. This reunion was hosted by the grandchildren of Rose and Robert Gagner. There were around 90 in attendance. The ages of the oldest and youngest spanned 94 years Mae being the oldest at 94 and Kendall being the youngest at 4 months. Everyone had a wonderful time catching up and visiting.

Have a great week. Stay safe, with the Covid Delta virus once again surging in the country, please be careful. We need you around for a good long time.

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe
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On Saturday, the 10th, Anne Traxler and Anna DeHate attended the graduation party for George Duden at the Terrebonne Hall. He is the son of Vickie and Brad Duden.

On Wednesday evening, Anne Traxler attended the parade in Thief River Falls. Her grand kids were in it on floats. Brodie and Brielle Traxler were with their friends on floats.

On Sunday, the 11th there was a Centennial Farm celebration on the Hesse farm. They had a very nice lunch

served out in the garage. They had ham sandwiches, salads, chips, fruit, veggies, bars, cake and coffee. The guys gave combine rides and hay wagon rides.

Harriet Hess, Norman's daughter from Seattle came. Laurie Jones and Miranda, also Lisa and Justin.

The hotel that was in Plummer many years ago is out there. The house and barn are still standing. There were many relatives there. Alice Jobe and Anna DeHate enjoyed lunch and visiting.

Who's Dat?



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This week's photo is of local college student.

Last week's photo was of Irene (Cote) Dessellier. She was married to George Dessellier and they raised a large family, some of which still live in the area.

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.

If you mail a photo to the Oklee Herald office, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope so the photos can be returned. Mail them to: Oklee Herald, PO Box 9, Oklee MN 56742 Or stop by the office and I will scan your photo while you wait.



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