

Oklee Precipitation		
By Einar Kvasager		
	Rain	Snow
June 19	0.01	
June 21	0.49	
June 24	0.06	
Total	0.56	0.00

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Wednesday, June 30, 2021



Teresa Benson will celebrating 20 years as the operator of the Oklee Café on July 1st.
(This picture was in the Oklee Herald on July 12, 2001.)

20 years of Service at the Oklee Café

This story ran in the July 12, 2001 Oklee Herald.

As of July 1st, Teresa Benson is the new operator of the Oklee Café.

Teresa, or "T", as she likes to be called, is originally from Mound, which is on Lake Minnetonka.

"My dad worked for Tonka Toys," Teresa commented. "For Christmas one year we got nothing but Tonka Toys—we were all girls!" Right now she wishes she still had those old toys.

Her first taste of the restaurant business came as the age of 14 as a dish-washer in Spring Park. She worked at Embers for four years.

For many years, Teresa and her parents had been visiting with her aunt and uncle, Betty and Forrest Mostrom of Gonvick and in 1990, her parents moved to Gully to live. Her mother decided to take over the K-C Club café in Gonvick. "T" worked with her mother for two years and then took over the operation for an additional year and a half.

After giving up K-C's, Teresa went to work at the Trails End Bar. She moved to Thief River Falls and attended Northland Community College where she studied business management.

"All in all," she says, "I get more out of listening to my customers than my school training. The customer's wants and needs are more important."

After leaving Thief River Falls, Teresa returned to Gully and worked at the Sportsman's Lodge at Pine Lake and Trails End Bar until taking over the Oklee Café.

"I'm not in a rush to make a lot of changes in the café. Right now, I'll concentrate on getting things organized," Teresa says. "I've got a great crew and I appreciate the dedicated work they're doing. Even my mother, with a recent knee replacement has been coming in at 4:30 in the morning and baking."

The Oklee Café will continue to provide wholesome meals to the Senior Site as did the previous management.

Teresa has two children, both boys, ages 14 and 12. She likes living in this part of Minnesota but still finds it strange having to drive 50 to 60 miles just to

do her shopping.

Current:

Teresa is still full of laughter and fun and loves her Café. She offers good food and a happy fun atmosphere.

She has added a few special items to her menu such as the "McCliffy, a breakfast sandwich on an English muffin with one egg, cheese and choice of meat. And on some Friday nights she will have a Broasted Chicken, or Grilled Shrimp, or Walleye dinner from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. You have to watch for the ad in the Canary section to see what the Friday night special is and when it is happening.

The Ladies and Men of the community come in for the coffee/breakfast many days of the week. She serves off the breakfast menu until 11 a.m.

She makes the senior meals that get delivered or served in the Senior Dining Site next door. Though during Covid-19, it was only Meals on Wheels that came out of her kitchen at that time.

Now that the restrictions from Covid are being lifted, life in the Café is coming back to normal and there is activity around Oklee and its a great place to stop by for a quick cup of coffee and treat or have a full meal. Her hours are 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday to Thursday, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Fridays if she has her Friday night special (otherwise, she closes at 3 p.m. and Saturday she is open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Oklee Café is closed on Sundays.

On July 1st, starting at 1:30 p.m. there will be a celebration for Teresa Benson on her 20 year anniversary as operator of Oklee's Café. Come and join her for cake, coffee and conversation.



Don Stenberg, American Legion Chaplin, gave an invocation prayer asking for a wonderful fair this year.

Red Lake County Fair - 4H program, Senior Day and Baja were well attended

The Red Lake County Fair this year was much scaled down as compared to past years, but with the restrictions of Covid-19, just starting to loosen up it was difficult to make plans to far ahead. So the Fair Board decided to concentrate of three areas of the fair. The 4-H program, the Senior Day and the Baja races.

Thursday night, June 24th people could bring things in for the open class and the 4-H kids were busy also bringing their livestock to the barns and items to the school.

Friday morning at 8:30 a.m. the American Legion Color Guard presented the colors and raised the flag to open the Fair officially.

Many people continued to bring in items for the Open Class and 4-H. Shortly after that the judging began.

At 1 p.m. the Senior Citizens gathered at the Oklee Hall. There were people from all around the county coming to see the "Looney Lutherans". It was a large crowd of about 80 seniors ready for the show, which was wonderful and afterwards, a light lunch with a beverage and then BINGO.

Lots of nice prizes were given out and each round of Bingo there were 3 winners, then you cleared your board for the next round. The last round was a black out which also had three winners.

There were booths set up in the gymnasium for Garden Valley, Inter-County Community Council and Red Lake Social Services. Hope everyone signed up for their give-a-ways.

Also Saturday, the 4-H held their Style Review and other events.

Saturday was a beautiful day and there was lots of traffic along the highway as many trucks pulling their racers were heading to the South Park where the Baja Races were being held.

The Ganes-Go-Getters had a booth out there serving icy



American Legion Post 159 members presented the colors at the start of the 2021 Red Lake County Fair.

pops in nicely decorated flannel holders, water, chips and pop. The Bite Me Grill from Plummer had a food truck out at the site and looked like lots of burgers and chips were being served.

The races are set up as heats of 6-8 cars in a group of 4 cyl. or 6 cyl. or 8 cyl. Those heats were first on the track. The winners of those heats get to go out again in the finals. The 6 cyl. and 8 cyl. trucks were

the next heats and again, the winners of those heats are in the finals.

The Oklee Herald is waiting for the official results to publish in next weeks paper.

Sunday, there was still some activities in the school with the Open Class and the 4-H exhibits and at 2 p.m. the 4-H held their awards program. These kids benefit from the generous donations from many

businesses in the County. It is greatly appreciated by the 4-H kids and they work hard to earn the awards.

By 4 or 5 p.m., most everything had been pickup up, put away, and plans for next year were on list of to do's.

Hopefully, next year, the Red Lake County Fair Board can plan a full Fair with lots of activities for all ages and fun for all.



Racers lined up for the second heat in the 4cyl. class at the Baja Races held at the South Park (Fair Grounds).



The Looney Lutherans were a hit with the seniors at program held on Friday at 1 p.m. These gals were a hoot and they really got the seniors involved in the act.



Hailey Hanson during judging of her poultry.



Paige Olson and Trista having a little ride around town.

Calendar of Events

- Wed, June 30:**
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
- Thu, July 1:**
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news
- Fri, July 2:**
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.
- Sat, July 3:**
-Support your local business - Shop Locally!
- Sun, July 4:**
-Worship at the church - check inside for church times and places.
- Mon, July 5:**
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.
- Tue, July 6:**
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.
- Wed, July 7:**
-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
Sun, July 4: 9:00 a.m. Zion.
10:30 a.m. Salem.
Tue, July 6: 7:00 p.m. Block Party meeting at Zion.
Sermons are on GVTCL 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. - Grygl. 12:00 p.m. - Goodridge.
Goto: <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 4: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Immanuel. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Sun, July 4: No Services this Sunday.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

July 5 - July 9
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: Closed - Fourth of July.
Tue: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, cream gravy, corn, milk, and dessert.
Wed: Baked chicken, 1/2 baked potato, vegetable, milk, and dessert.
Thu: Taco on fried bread w/ all the trimmings, milk, and dessert.
Fri: Grilled cheese, chili, coleslaw, milk, and dessert.

"Life is what we make it, always has been, always will be." - Grandma Moses

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Sat, July 3: Mt Olive: 9:00 a.m.
Sun, July 4: St. Petri: 8:00 a.m. Worship. Nazareth: 9:45 a.m. 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, June 30: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Sun, July 4: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.
Tue, July 6: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions.
Wed, July 7: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, July 4: No Services this Sunday.
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.

Sudoku Solution

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

ATTENTION

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The Red Lake County Economic Development Corporation can help you start your own business or expand an existing one. We are here to assist with a five (5) year loan for an amount up to \$20,000 at 2% APR. The business must be located in Red Lake County.
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Let's Have A Celebration!

Why you may ask!



BECAUSE - The Oklee Cafe under the management of Teresa Benson is now at 20 years of great service!

Join us in the celebration of 20 years of good food and lots of memories on July 1st at 1:30 p.m.

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Email: kellefsoncvso@hotmail.com

Deadline: Fridays at noon!

Community Block Party!

Serving: BBQ's, Beans, Chips, and water. Bring your own beverage if you'd like something different.

Pickleball

Come join us on Wednesday, July 14th for the first ever Community Block party! Hosted by the Oklee Lutheran Parish. Starting at 5pm and ending at 9pm.

Games included: Cornhole and Yard Yahtzee. These are located next to the pickleball and volleyball courts in Oklee. If you have a favorite yard game feel free to bring it along.

Everyone in the community is welcome! Bring your chair and enjoy an evening of conversation, games, food, and fun.

Our Offices will be CLOSED on July 2nd in observance of Independence Day

The Grygla Eagle, Leader Record, McIntosh Times & Oklee Herald

Then join hand in hand, brave Americans all By uniting we stand, by dividing we fall. - John Dickinson

FIREWORKS SAFETY MONTHS
JUNE 1 - JULY 31

Humane Society of Polk County Inc.

June 4, 2021
June 4, 2021, the Board of Directors of the Humane Society of Polk County is pleased to announce the appointment of 7 recently elected board members to the Board of Directors as of June 1, 2021, as follows:
Diane Christianson - President (218-289-4347)
Serena Stoeck - Vice President (320-766-4380)
Nancy Sykes - Treasurer
Tim Menard - Member at Large
Angelika Huglen - Member at Large
Arianna Wambach - Member at Large
Mary Solberg - Member at Large

Carol Weber will continue her service to the Humane Society of Polk County Board of Directors as Secretary. Johanna Sunder was also named as the new facility Manager of the Humane Society of Polk County Inc.
The new Board of Directors would like the community to know that we are working diligently in creating an improved living space for the animals in our care and are working hard to renovate and make improvements to the facility. The Board met on the evening of June 3, 2021 and talked about numerous topics. One of the bigger items talked about was the disposition of the Thrift Store on the second level. The Board of Directors collectively decided to close and clear the second level's Thrift Store and formed a committee to talk about further ideas to utilize that space for the animals. We are no longer accepting donations for the Thrift Store at this time. More information will be shared on this via a press releases when it becomes available. The Board members also created various committees such as: the Thrift Store, Beautification, Grant Writing, Donations, and Ox Cart Days/Community Involvement.
The Board of Directors will also like the community to know that they have approved a Foster Pilot Program. The

Foster Program is crucial for the well being and quality of life for the animals in the Humane Society of Polk County Inc. This program will be managed jointly between the Boards Vice-President Serena Stoeck and the Humane Society's Manager Johanna Sunder. If you are interested in becoming a potential foster family for one of our animals, please send an email with your contact information (name, email, phone number, address) to Serena at serenaraestoeck93@gmail.com or reach out to her via her number listed above.

Other items that were discussed at the meeting were how we can improve our record keeping and records with donations. The Board also decided to be involved in the Ox Cart Day festivities on August 16th-22nd 2021. Again, more information will be shared throughout the summer about our involvement.
The Humane Society of Polk County Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization with the purpose of the prevention of cruelty to animals, the relief of suffering among animals, and the extension of humane education. It is policy of the Society to provide humane care and treatment for all animals needing protection in Polk County; to seek to return lost animals to their owners; to seek suitable homes for animals without owners and to provide euthanasia when necessary. There are many ways to become involved in the Humane Society of Polk County Inc. such as being a volunteer or donations. To donate stop by the Humane Society and fill out the donation request form or give the facility a call and they will direct you in the right direction. Volunteers are always needed with help with the animals, the facility grounds, or community events. The Board would like the community to know we will be having upcoming beautification day(s) and volunteer events. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please send an email to serenaraestoeck93@gmail.com.
call the Humane Society to speak with the Manager Johanna Sunder, or stop by and fill out a Volunteer Request Form.

Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial Update

Recently the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial received orders for 2 granite blocks to add to the total number of granite blocks placed in the walkways. There are now 333 blocks honoring and memorializing area veterans and those with connections to the area!

David and Mary Lynn Bachand and family, Oklee, purchased a granite block in memory of their good friend Edward Halvorson, rural Fosston, who served in the US Army in Vietnam. Edward worked along side the Bachand brothers farming, and he was also an important and special family friend. The Melby siblings, David and Gloria Melby - St. Cloud, Susan Harmoning - Red Lake Falls, Mary and Don Rindahl - Bemidji, Judy Melby (Richard, deceased) - Thief River Falls, Mike and Sue Melby - Moorhead, Dale and Becky Svaren - Twin Valley, Bob and Phyllis Melby, Carolyn and Roy Rystad, and John and Lori Melby all of Oklee purchase a granite block in memory of Allan (Skip) Melby. Allan served in the US Air Force from 1957-1961. A donation was also received from Jeanie O'Neill, Oklee in memory of Allan (Skip) Melby.

Contributions to the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial are used for perpetual care and could include landscaping and lawn care, flag replacement, and other needs to maintain the property. The Oklee Garden Club volunteers have taken on the responsibility of watering and caring for flowers that have been planted at the Memorial Site. Donations to the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial may be sent to Security State Bank, Box 69, Oklee, MN 56742, attn: Lori Melby. Questions about the Memorial should be directed to Mary Lynn Bachand at marylbachand@gmail.com.

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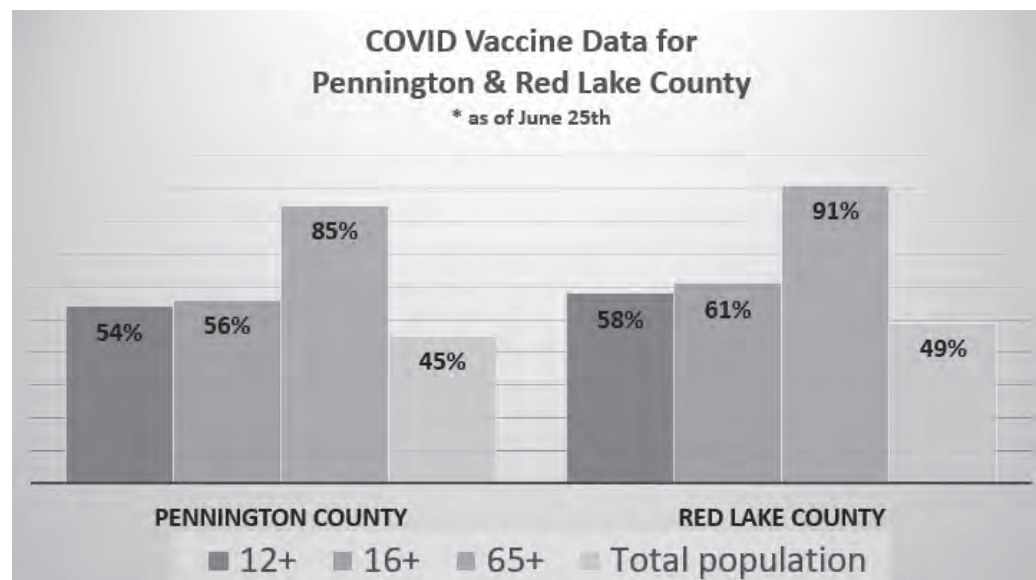
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Oklee Centennial Cookbook Recipe Corner - From page 46

Olive Garden Zuppa Soup Linda McCloskey

1 lb ground Italian sausage
1-1/2 tsp crushed red peppers
1 large white onion, diced
4 Tbsp bacon pieces
2 tsp garlic puree
10 cups water
5 cubes chicken bouillon
1 cup cream
3 large potatoes
1/2 of a bunch of kale



Sauté the sausage and crushed red peppers in a pan. Drain the excess fat and refrigerate while you prepare the other ingredients.
I chopped up the meat after it was cooked to be more fine. In a soup pot, sauté the bacon, onions, and garlic for about 15 minutes or until the onions are soft. Mix the chicken bouillon and water and then add it to the onions, bacon and garlic. Cook until boiling. Add the potatoes and cook until soft, about 30 minutes. Add the cream and cook until thoroughly heated. Stir in the sausage. Add the kale just before serving.

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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.

2021 Oklee Summer Recreation Schedule

July 5 - 9

Monday - July 5
No Activities

Tuesday - July 6

10:00 PeeWees doubleheader at Oklee vs Fosston.
1:00 – 2:00 - Games for everyone at Oklee, all ages.
2:00-3:30 – Cadets & Girls Softball practice at softball fields.

Wednesday - July 7

1:00 – 2:00 - Games for all ages in the gym.
2:00 - 3:30 Practice for Cadets/PeeWees/Softball at the softball fields, Mites (ages 7 - 8) behind the school.

Thursday - July 8

10:00 – Cadets Doubleheader vs Win-E-Mac at Oklee.
10:00 – Bantams and Ponies Girls Softball Doubleheader at Win-E-Mac. Bus leaves Oklee at 8:45, Brooks at 9:00, Brooks at 9:10.

Fridays

No scheduled activities.

Red Lake Falls Library

The Summer Reading Program begins next Tuesday with crafts & snacks all day long on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Kids up through age 18 are eligible to participate by stopping by the library to sign name & age. Those who check out books can register for 4 weekly prizes and all registrations go into the grand prize drawing of a \$50 cash card. This summer's theme is "Reading Colors Your World" and activities and prizes will focus on art, painting, coloring and colorful things.

New adult fiction includes "In Her Tracks" by Robert Dugoni, "Sooley" by John Grisham, "Golden Girl" by Elin Hilderbrand, "The Bullet" by Iris Johansen, "A Distant Shore" by Karen Kingsbury, "The Stepsisters" by Susan Mallery, "The Perfect Murder" by Kat Martin, "Hidden" by Fern Michaels, "Legacy" by Nora Roberts, "Eternal" by Lisa Scottoline, "finding Ashley" by Danielle Steel, and "Jackpot" by Stuart Woods.

New adult non-fiction includes "At Home: Evocative & Art-forward Interiors" by Brian Paquette; "The Complete Salad Cookbook" compiled and edited by America's Test Kitchen - a fresh guide to 200+ vibrant dishes using greens, vegetables, grains, proteins, and more; and "Stampede: Gold Fever and Disaster in the Klondike" by Brian Castner.

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The Summer Rec Book Club made homemade lemonade while discussing the book they just read, "Making Lemonade".

Writers & Writing by Michael Tidemann

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



Until Then poignant, inspring

Despite an abundance of World War II novels and non-fiction over the past several years, one novel stands out in its depiction of soldiers and civilians.

Until Then by Gail Kittleson of St. Ansgard, Iowa, tells the separate yet slightly merging stories of two main characters – Dorothy Woebeking, a Waterloo, Iowa, Army nurse, and Rupert Laudner, a British constable. Kittleson's Woebeking character is inspired by real-life Army nurse Dorothy Worst, whose photo appears on the cover, and who lived just down the street from the Sullivan brothers.

While we may wonder about the connection between the two main characters, that comes at the end when Woebeking tends to a dying soldier who hands her his late wife's hankie – probably one of the most touching points of the novel.

Woebeking and Laudner have several differences. He's older, a World War I veteran, while she's a young nurse, learning about life as she hones her skills in combat zones in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Laudner has a family, while Woebeking is just beginning to think about starting hers.

Their similarities come in

their shared experiences of losing someone – a family member in Laudner's case and someone close in Woebeking's.

Kittleson's extensive research paints a realistic background that draws us into a world of multi-dimensioned characters. We feel their pain and anguish and admire their incredible sacrifices.

Kittleson's description of Woebeking tending to a soldier's last moments is abso-

lutely heart-rending.

Her patient's breathing stopped, so she checked his heartbeat. Nothing. She eased a sheet up and made the sign of the cross on his forehead.

"I commend your soul to God. May you rest in peace." She lifted his dog tag, but his name swam in blood.

Eventually his family would receive his simple metal ID, along with the contents of his pockets and what he carried in his knapsack. In some American kitchen, his mother would hold this cold tag to her heart and call out his name. Long before his effects reached her, somebody would have cleaned it up.

Turning toward the fresh influx of wounded, Dorothy focused on the first GI she came to. Not that she left the other one behind – not in her heart.

Kittleson's descriptions of the daily terror Londoners faced from V-2 rockets is spine-tingling. She places us with them in the bunkers, wondering if this could be their last moment of life.

This novel is a great contribution to World War II-era literature.

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



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Gail Kittleson
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The Cadets played at Mahanomen to improve to 4-0.



The Looney Lutherans played to a full room of Seniors Citizens on Friday afternoon.

~~ Oklee Projects Update ~~



Above: The NE corner is completed at 2nd and Main and there will be some green spaces between the sidewalk and the road. That was a question I heard a lot recently. So yes, some areas will have green spaces for grass or trees in the future.

Left: The first colors are being placed on the City of Oklee's Municipal building. Brown is the trim strip and the siding going up is a dusty blue color.

Oklee Herald Early Files

Eighty Years Ago

July 3, 1941

Miss Lillian Fore, daughter of Mrs. Myrtle Fore of Oklee and Wallace Stromvold of Larimore, ND, both young people being well known in this community were married in the Zion Lutheran Church on June 28th with Rev. J.K. Lerohl officiating.

Miss Lois Medchill and Reinhardt F. Seeger, were married at the Zion Lutheran Church on June 26th.

A boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Grunde Austad on June 26th.

Statistics show that twice as much snow and rain fell in the last six months of 1941 as did in 1940. Precipitation in 1940 was 6.71 inches and it 1941 was 13.22 inches.

Melvin Lind and Marvin Tinnesand left Friday for Ft. Snelling for induction into the army. Vernon Gunvaldson is to report on July 7th.

Seventy Years Ago

June 28, 1951

Mrs. H.B. Rendal celebrated her 87th birthday anniversary at the Albert Berget home.

Volunteer workers are once again needed for a working bee at the local park site. Four previous sessions in the area have nearly completed clearing of underbrush and superfluous trees. Left to be done is mostly cleaning up.

Oklee lost their last game against Gully with a score of 8 to 4. This was Gully's first win of the season.

Gerald Horstman, aviation electronics technician, third class, USN, recently returned to the U.S. from the Far East about the aircraft carrier USS Philippine Sea.

Frankie Cyr took his brother Harold to Minneapolis Tuesday, where he will leave for Camp Stoneman, CA. Gilbert Thompson and James Turgeon accompanied them to Mpls.

Sixty Years Ago

July 6, 1961

The present drought is the most severe dry period for the past 60 years according to the official weather records which have been maintained by the Northwest School and Experiment Station in Crookston. So far since January to June of 1961 only 3.81 inches of rain has been received. Other dry periods were 1910, 1913, 1917, 1920, and 1936 where less than 6 inches were received in the first 6 months of the year.

A fire of undetermined origin Wednesday destroyed the barn on the George Rewertz farm at the south end of the village of Oklee.

Many times over the past week Oklee citizens have heard the proverb, "You'll never miss the water 'til the well runs dry." They heard it because it happened. Oklee's water system failed Wednesday night when the overworked pump broke down. The well, trying hard to partially atone for the shortage of rainfall, was producing 125,000 gallons a day. Meanwhile, local users are admonished to continue to conserve water.

Fifty Years Ago

July 1, 1971

George Spong Sr. of Oklee, was given a plaque for 22 years of service as a supervisor on the board of directors of the Red Lake County Soil and Water

Conservation District.

A new coin-operated car wash has opened in Oklee in connection with the KingKoin Laundromat. For a 35¢ deposit the device released a high-pressure wash, rinse and wax, running in five minute cycle.

Burglars entered the Gamble Store in Oklee early Thursday morning for the second time this year.

Earl Woods of Oklee announced this week that he has obtained a distributorship for the Mitey Mac loader, a product of Hydra Mac, Inc. and will do custom work and also rent out units.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hegge of Oklee announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan to Dale Spong, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Spong Sr. A September wedding is planned.

Miss JoAnn Wells, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wells of Bemidji was married to John Lerohl, son of Mr. Edgar Lerohl of Oklee with Rev. Charles Gunderson officiating the double ring ceremony.

Forty Years Ago

July 2, 1981

The Red Lake County Fair Board, Extension office and the Oklee Community Club and City Council have been working together to make the final arrangements for moving the Red Lake County Fair to Oklee in 1982.

Ron Paradis has recently opened his new antique shop in Brooks. It is located on the corner of Highway 92 and 59. Paradis removed the old gas station building and built a new building to house part of his antique collection.

Miss Kathy Pahlen left Saturday evening for Detroit Lakes by AmTrak for Rochester where she will spend a couple of weeks at the home of her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Moen and family.

Birdie Gunderson brought birthday greetings to Inga Johnson in Oklee last week. Others there were Mrs. Mable Bergerson and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sweno of Gully.

Thirty Years Ago

July 3, 1991

Jeff Bachand and Eron Mattison received a plaque for being named to the Minnesota Coaches Association All State Track team for 1991. The All State team is comprised of all participants that finished in the top nine in each event at the state track meet that was held on June 7 & 8 in Blaine.

Connie Lussier was involved in an accident in Clearwater County and upon investigation, it was discovered that the car was stolen from Alvin Jensen in Oklee.

A beautiful shower was held in honor of Mrs. Fran Tvedt and baby Beth Ann who arrived on May 28th.

The 82nd Annual convention of the Setesdals Laget was held on June 22nd. The streets were decorated with flags and banners as the sounds of Scandinavian music flowed through the air. Folks came from Florida, Washington, California, Illinois and Norway.

Darlene's Beauty Salon of Erskine has recently added a third stylist in the shop. Charlene Morinville of Brooks, is a 1976 graduate of Oklee High School and graduate of TRF Technical College Cos-

metology.

Twenty Years Ago

June 28, 2001

An enthusiastic crowd gathered at the Oklee School auditorium on June 23rd. They were gathered to celebrate the 92nd annual Setesdals Laget. Clarence Gagner was the Emcee at the Laget.

The Plummer American Legion held a Memorial Day program at the Park. The Plummer Community Choir sang "America the Beautiful and Rev. Bob Paulson was the featured speaker.

Amy Middleton and Chad Parsley together with their parents, John and Lois Middleton of McIntosh and Harold Parsley of Warroad and Myrna Lessard of Oklee announce their upcoming marriage.

A family reunion of the descendants of the late Mikkel and Gunda Nesland of Grygla was held on June 16th & 17th.

Postal increase of 1.6% goes into effect July 1st, though a first class mail single piece first ounce letter will remain the same at 34 cents.

Ten Years Ago

June 29, 2011

Winners of the Youth Group in the RLC Fair Talent show was Topanga Brown from Blackduck (1st place), Dominica Bernstein from Oklee (2nd place), and Kayla Olson from Oklee in 3rd place.

Winners in the Adult group were Shaphire Brown in 1st place from Blackduck; Brady Grove from Oklee in 2nds, and Tara Whitlock from Roseau in 3rd place.

Scott Grove of Oklee took 1st place in the mechanical Bull Riding Contest held on Friday night at the Red Lake County Fair.

The rain came down very hard and fast on Sunday afternoon, flooding streets and yards in Oklee. The Freedom Living Center was surrounded by water and the City Crew was out clearing storm drains to get the water out of the streets as fast as possible.

Joanne and Francis Bradley went to the Florian Polka Mass in Florian on Sunday. She said it was a beautiful services and she reported that the inside of the church is awesome.

Skyler Bergeson of RLCC High School was named to the Wells Fargo All-tournament team.

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This week's photo is of a bride and groom.

Last week's photo was of Ardis Hofstad, Barb Melby, Sheryl Wilde Fore, Sandy Radniecki, JoAnn Lerohl, Char Larson Brekken. They were also at the gathering with a group of men that was in a few weeks ago.

Everyone has a photo or two that would be great for this column. Please share them

Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteers Jo Lambert & Bonny Cote

POLK County Fair July 9th and Tri-Valley Bus

If you are interested in going to the Polk County Fair on July 9th and don't want to drive, Red Lake County Bus Service - T.H.E. Bus will do the driving for you.

Call 1-800-201-3432 and schedule a pickup up. They will let you know when they will pick you up and where and the cost is \$10.00 round trip.

You will arrive at 12 noon and leave at 4 p.m. for your ride home.

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.

There is no cost to this exercise program for seniors and I believe they supply any equipment that is needed. This is a fun way to keep your strength and balance and have fun with your friends, all at the same time.

A couple of changes:

Bingo has resumed but is moving to Thursday. 2:00 p.m. is the starting time but remember Thursday is the new day. All seniors are welcome. Come play, visit and win some prizes.

On Wednesday there is a group that plays cards. They start at 1:30 p.m. There are three tables available at the Site. Any card games are welcome. They are short Bridge players if anyone it interested in playing or learning.

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

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.

Congregate Meals: We are working on getting the dining room open but in order to accomplish that, we will need volunteers to come in and set up for eating. 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, still need someone for Thursday.

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.

Dates to Remember

Wed, June 30: 1:30 p.m. Cards.

Thu, July 1: 2:00 p.m. Bingo - come win some prizes.

Tue, July 6: 2:00 p.m. will be Rummikub.

Plan Ahead – Tues, July 13: 5:00 p.m. Senior Potluck at the Cafe.

Have a Great Fourth of July and have a good week!

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

The storm came over the house full of sound and fury signifying nothing. I just robbed a line from Shakespeare. The rumbling was nice the lightning was not that big but we didn't get more than ten drops. I counted them. We just can't get a break.

Father's Day was celebrated by Clare and Dianne Gagner at Vergas visiting with Tim and Brenda Gagner, Stephanie Koralewski, and Leroy and Joyce Christiansen of Red Lake Falls. Tyler and Lynn Gagner of Battle Lake were also there to help little Bennet celebrate his 2nd Birthday.

On Monday and Tuesday Stephanie Koralewski, of Maple Plain came to Brooks and spent Monday and Tuesday. She is assisting her parents in their move to their next residence.

Wednesday afternoon Clarence and Dianne went to Brainerd to attend the Minnesota state postmasters convention.

Tim and Brenda Gagner of Vergas came to visit with and assist in helping with chores, on Friday and spent the day. Brittney and Mitch Grunig brought Kendall and stayed the night and went home on Saturday. Dianne said that they had a full week with lots of help.

On Thursday, Ray and Reinette Walter of Plummer, Jerome Novak of Brooks, Gerard Novak of Thief River Falls, and Leonard Novak of Warren went to Grand Forks to a funeral for Ron Mattson. Ron was the brother-in-law of Anita Mattson.

Last week I made a mistake when I wrote that Dave Nelson had passed away. I am sorry for the error It was John "Mark" Nelson who passed away. Please accept my apology for this error.

It looks to be a busy Fourth of July this year. There is the usual parades in Plummer and Trail, and Lots of things to go to. Keep safe when attending these events and have a great Fourth.

Enjoy the week.

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe

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Brett and Hannah Gerardy of Thief River Falls, are the proud parents of a baby boy born June 15th. His name is Jett Dean and is welcomed home by big brother Sawyer. Grandparents are Kim and Rory Nordheim and Tony and Sheila Gerardy. Great grandparents are Dean & Jan Lawrence, Shirley Vettleson and Wavell Sorenson.

Tony and Sheila had their granddaughters Briar and Blake Bernstrom over the weekend.

Alice Jobe visited Bunny DuChamp and Jean Carpenter on Friday morning at Greenleaf Assited Living in Thief River Falls.

Anna DeHate visited Faith and Wayne Guillemette on Sunday afternoon.

Jim & Debbie DuChamp, Chris and Bobbie DuChamp, Mark and Sue Berberich, Bryce

DuChamp nd his friend Anton Hickman went salmon fishing at Algoma, Wisconsin which is eat of Green Bay, WI. They got some nice salmon. Also, they visited Door County, WI, which has vineyards, shops, wine tasting, etc, which was lots of fun. They left Thursday for Wisconsin and returned Sunday night.

Diane DeHate came Wednesday night to Anna DeHates for a visit.

On Sunday, the 20th, we got six tenths of an inch of rain. Wednesday night it was one and half tenths maybe more to the north of town. Thief River had high winds, thunder and lightning.

Recently, a teenager sent a message in a bottle. He was from Rhode Island. It ended up on the coast of Portugal, almost straight shot east.

President Biden's 13 years old German shepherd dog died over the weekend.

St. Joseph's Mission Team from Brooks, Red Lake Falls, and Plummer along with their leaders, left Saturday, the 26th for Jamaica where they will help families with their homes

and worship with them. They are bringing rosaries and other items for the people. They'll be gone a week.

There will be a Market in the Park, available on the 4th of July in Plummer at Veteran's Park. Come for the 4th for a fun day with friends and family. Parade, tractor pull, food vendors, Woodpicks playing music, check out the museum. Darwaings for the gun raffle at 4 p.m. at the Musuem.

Have a good week.

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