

Oklee Precipitation
By Einar Kvasager

	Rain	Snow
Aug. 1	Trace	
Aug. 2	Trace	
Aug. 3	0.1	
Aug. 4	0.02	
Total in.	0.12	0.00

Oklee Herald

...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

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Come to Oklee for Oklee Market Day this Saturday

On August 12, 2017, the streets of Oklee will once again be filling up with people coming to enjoy a day of fun.

There are many events planned for the 2017 Oklee Market Day.

On the intersection of 2nd Ave. and Main Street, an information tower will be located with all the events planned for the day and their starting times. Oklee Market Day Staff will be wearing Staff Shirts for questions about events and times.

Many of the businesses in Oklee are holding specials along with in-store drawings. Visit and shop and get your name in the drawings.

Starting the day off are two events.

The first one is a Key Hunt starting at 8:00 a.m. There will be 6 keys hidden in the downtown area where the Market Day activities are being held. Only one will open the lock. Prizes will be awarded for all keys, the key that opens the lock, will be the big winner. The other will be an Organ

and Tissue Donor Awareness 5K Walk/Run. Registration opens at 8:00 a.m. with the race starting at 8:30 a.m. Entry fees this year are \$20 per individual and no family entry.

Guaranteed a t-shirt if registered by July 22nd.

Pre-register on Oklee Market Day's Facebook page: Oklee-Market-Day. Download the form and mail it in to Oklee Market Day, PO Box 152, Oklee, MN 56742 also

forms at T & R, Oklee Lumber and Cenex.

If you're here for the shopping then this is the time you are waiting for: 9:00 a.m. the Craft Vendors will be open at the Oklee Community Hall at the RLCC High School and outside vendors will also be set up. There is always room for more vendors of all types, Craft, Produce and Flea Marketers. Contact Jena Dessellier at 218-791-9233 (text or call). Cost for a spot is only \$25.

Vendors that have registered for your shopping pleasure are: Lemongrass Spa, Wildtree Products, Andie's Homemade Naturals, Plexus Worldwide, Honey & Lace, LulaRue clothing, Homemade Crocheting, Paparazzi, Clever Container, Tupperware, Keep Collective, Oh for Cute Creations, Bake Sales, Oh, Scrap!, Princess House, Uffda Simply Rustic, Norwex, Flee Market, Red Barn 94, Lilla Rose, Avon, Scentsy & jewelry, Lipsense/Senegense, Homemade Cards, Mama's Creations, Pop Bottle Flowers, Shop Stevie with Amber, Magnolia and Vine, and Versa Handbags. Vendors are still lining up.

One of the popular places to stop by is the Oklee Market Day Quilt Show that starts at 9:00 a.m. at the RLCC High School. If you have a quilt to show, it is not too late to enter it. There are four categories: Twin & Larger quilts; Smaller quilts and other projects; Heritage quilts and other projects; and Kids 16 and under division. People's choice awards in all four categories. Contact Toni at 218-796-5151, 800-777-7403 or 218-688-2251 to register your quilts and projects by August 10th.

Bonus Event: Bed turning at 10:30 a.m. and there will be Lucky Buck drawings for women, men, and kids.

The Annual Car and Motorcycle Show is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. This is the second

year for the motorcycles, so if you have a special two or three wheeled cycle, add it to the show. So bring your decked out autos and motorcycles and enjoy the day.

"Sundown" by Wild Wes will be furnishing the music. Stroll down Main Street just south of the Oklee Cafe and check out the fantastic collection of cars and motorcycles. Call Linda at 218-689-5038 with any questions.

10:00 a.m. brings the Sidewalk Chalk Art Contest with judging at 1:00 p.m. Bring your own chalk and decorate up the town. Register on Main Street between Oklee Quilting Supply and the Security State Bank. Winners will be announced at 3:00 p.m.

And the Old Time Plowing Demonstration is planned once again as a major event at Oklee Market Day at 11:00 a.m. If you want to participate, bring your pre-1960 tractor and a 2 or 3

bottom plow and come join in the fun of day gone by. And if you just love watching, there will be an area for spectators to meet the owners, check out the old tractors and equipment. A great learning experience for children and adults of all ages. Any questions contact Mike at 218-686-9558. It depends on weather and seasonal conditions.

Getting closer to noon, there are a number of food vendors ready to feed your hunger. The three local food service businesses in Oklee are the Oklee Cafe, Cenex C-Store and TJ's Tavern. But in addition to them, there will be other food stands set up on the streets. Zion Lutheran will be serving burgers and the American Legion Post #159 will

have brats and dogs. The Kart and The Snow Sled Inn Food Stands will be set up on the street.

Street Games will be starting at 1:30 p.m. for all ages on Main Street north of 2nd Ave. Not sure what games are planned yet, but I'm sure the organizers

will have a fun list of games for all ages to participate in. Could be a three legged race, egg toss, hula hoops, etc. Really don't know what is planned, but what ever the games are, they will be lots of fun.

A new event at Market day will be the ATV Pull starting at 2:30 p.m. behind D & R Grocery. Any questions contact Jarrod Larson at 218-686-8979.

At 3:00 p.m. there will be announcements of winners from the Car Show, Chalk Art Contest, the local Business Drawing winners, the Key Hunt winners, Lucky Buck winners, and Quilt Show winners.

Things are not done yet for



the Oklee Market Day. Events continue to bring fun for the evening hours.

Starting at 4:00 p.m. there will be a Chili / Wine & Beer Contest at the Oklee Hall. Contestants bring your homemade chili, wine and beer, and the recipe to the contest. If you have any questions call Jessi at 218-791-0926.

At 6:00 p.m. the 50/50 winner will be drawn for and other winners at the Hall.

Brady Grove, our local magician will entertain starting at 6:30 p.m. In addition to his bag of tricks, he will be blowing your mind with his mind readings. This is new for him and it could be very interesting addition to his repertoire.

Also at the Chili Cook-off contest, TJ's Bar will be set up and the Oklee Café will be serving supper in the hall before the evening of musical entertainment begins.

Starting at 7:15 p.m. at the Oklee Hall, Oklee is privileged to have the talents of Jordynn Johnsrud. With the Open Mic following at 8:15 p.m. if anyone wants to share their talents.

To finish off the Oklee Market Day, TJ's Tavern will have music approximately at 9:00 p.m.

Like Oklee Market Day on Facebook for more information and updates. Feel free to email any questions or comments to

Okleemd@gmail.com.

We would like to show our appreciation to all the Sponsors: Thank you for your support!!! D & R Grocery, Oklee, Field Drainage, Brooks, Garden Valley Telephone Company, Erskine, Homark Co. Inc, Red Lake Falls, William Muldoon, Red Lake Falls, Northwest Grain – CHS, Oklee, Oklee Volunteer Fire Department, Oklee Locker, Paradis Inc., Peatland Reds Inc., Red Lake County Co-op (Cenex), Red Lake County Insurance, Red Lake Electric Co-op, Security State Bank of Oklee, Simply Hair, Oklee, Thibert's Chev & Buick, Red Lake Falls, TJs Tavern of Oklee, Unity Bank North, Red Lake Falls, Wilcox Plumbing, Inc., Red Lake Falls, Oklee Quilting Supply, Inc.



Calendar of Events

Wed, Aug. 9:

-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.

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

Thu, Aug. 10:

-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.

Fri, Aug. 11:

-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.

Sat, Aug. 12:

-Support your local business – Shop Locally!

Sun, Aug. 13:

-Worship at the church of your choice.

Mon. Aug. 14:

-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.

Tue, Aug. 15:

-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.

-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards
-Senior Potluck at Café 5:00 p.m.

Wed, Aug. 16:

-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.

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

Thu, Aug. 17:

-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.

-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.

Fri, Aug. 18:

-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.

-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.

Sat, Aug. 19:

-Support your local business – Shop Locally!

Sun, Aug. 20:

-Worship at the church of your choice.

Mon, Aug. 21:

-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.

Tue, Aug. 22:

-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.

-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards.

Wed, Aug. 23:

-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.

-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.

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

Thu, Aug. 24:

-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.

-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.

Fri, Aug. 25:

-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.

-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.

Sat, Aug. 26:

-Support your local business – Shop Locally!

Sun, Aug. 27:

-Worship at the church of your choice.



Youth Fishing Day – August 12th at Rydell National Wildlife Refuge

Rydell National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) and the Friends of Rydell and Glacial Ridge Refuges Association will be hosting their 2nd Annual Youth Fishing Day at Rydell NWR on Saturday, August 12th, from 9:00am - 1:00pm. This free event is targeted towards youth age 15 or younger. Anglers age 16 and older must possess a valid Minnesota DNR fishing license to fish on the Refuge. A limited amount of fishing tackle (rods and reels) will be available, or youth anglers are welcome to bring their own. Bait will be provided, free of charge. The fish won't be the only ones eating for free – lunch will be provided for all participants.

The event will also include

a fish cleaning demonstration and a casting seminar and contest. Certificates will be given to participants who catch their first fish, as well as for the biggest fish of each species and the winner of the casting contest. Other surprise prizes will be awarded to participants as well!

Fishing within Rydell NWR is only allowed from designated piers on Tamarac Lake. Additional fishing piers will be added for the youth fishing event. Shuttles will transport participants from the Refuge Visitor Center to Tamarac Lake and back.

Pre-registration is required. Please call or email one of the below contacts no later than Tuesday, August 8 to sign up for the event.

All participants should check in at the Refuge Visitor Center on the day of the event. Rydell NWR is located 3 miles south of Highway 2, between Mentor and Erskine, at 17788 349th St SE.

For more information, please contact Gregg Knutsen, Refuge Manager, at 218-687-2229 x16 / gregg_knutsen@fws.gov or Lisa Wiersma, Administrative Support, at 218-687-2229 x10 / lisa_wiersma@fws.gov



Left: Youth, Jake Knutson fishing photo from Tamarac Lake at Rydell.

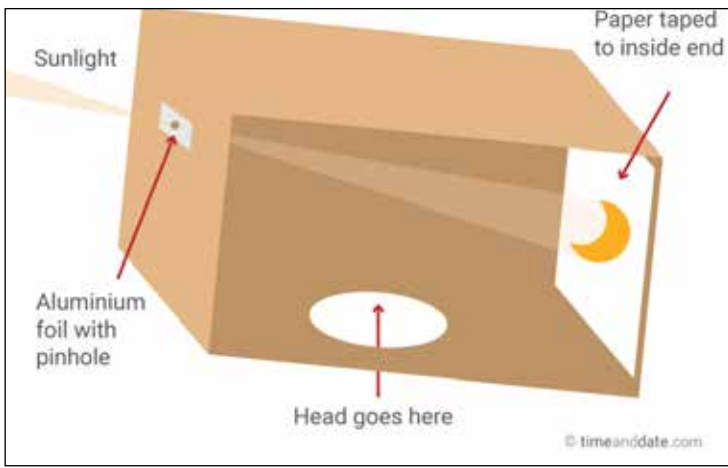


Photo from timeanddate.com

Safely Watch the Solar Eclipse with an Easy to Make Pinhole Projector

By Marie Johnson

To be able to watch the marvelous solar eclipse that is coming soon you want to be safe while watching it happen. One easy way to be safe is to have proper eye protection or simply make a pinhole projector. Things that are needed to make a Pinhole

Projector are a long cardboard box or tube (the cardboard will make it easier to set on a flat surface), scissors, tape of some sort like duct tape, aluminum foil, a pin or a thumbtack, paper cutter, and a piece of white paper.

What to Do:

Cut a rectangular hole at the



The Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial Park is looking good with the help of Oklee Community Garden Club taking care of the flowers and John Klasen mowing the lawn.

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Interim SAM Christy Shelinbarger
Thu, Aug. 10: Salem Council 7:00 p.m. at Salem.
Sun, Aug. 13: 9:00 a.m. Zion. 10:30 a.m. Salem.
Mon, Aug. 14: Zion Council 7:00 p.m. at Zion.
Aug. 14-16: Zion VBS 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
OKLEE
Fr. Adam Hamness
Sun, Aug. 13: 7:30 a.m. Confessions 8:00 a.m. Mass.

BROOKS – RED LAKE FALLS
CATHOLIC PARISH
Fr. Bob Schreiner
Sat, Aug. 12: 5:30 p.m. RLF
Sun, Aug. 13: 8:00 a.m. Brooks. 10:00 a.m. RLF.

IMMANUEL–EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun, Aug. 13: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Immanuel.
Wed, Aug. 16: Wroship at Ebenezer with Communion.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Bethany–Ekelund–Faith Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Sun, Aug. 13: 8:30 a.m. Ekelund. 9:45 a.m. Faith. 11:00 a.m. Bethany.
Mon, Aug. 14: 7:00 p.m. Parish board meeting at Faith.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive – Nazareth Oak Park – St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseth
Sat, Aug. 12: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.
Sun, Aug. 13: 8:00 a.m. Nazareth. Oak Park 9:45a.m. 11:00 a.m. St. Petri.
Wed, Aug. 16: OP Ladies Aid 7:00 p.m.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

August 14-18

Call 796-5666 to order a meal.

If you are over the age of 60 and would like to eat with other seniors at the Senior Site, please call the Café at 796-5666 to reserve your meal. A \$4.00 per meal donation is suggested.

Monday: One egg, hash browns, ham, toast and dessert.
Tuesday: Polish sausage, mashed potatoes, cream gravy, vegetables, and dessert.

Wednesday: Grilled Ham and Cheese, broccoli cheese soup, and dessert.

Thursday: Taco on fried bread with all the trimmings and dessert.

Friday: Birthday Meal: Shrimp hash browns, vegetables and dessert.

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NEW JOURNEY CHURCH

Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor

www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Aug. 9: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

Thu, Aug. 10: 12:00 p.m. Rotary.

Fri, Aug. 11: 6:00 p.m. Holy Yoga.

Sat, Aug. 12: 8:00 p.m. Holy Yoga.

Sun, Aug. 13: 9:30 a.m. Worship. Kent Dudley Concert 4:00 p.m. at Farm by the Lake. Hanings Family Concert 7:00 p.m. at NJC.

Tue, Aug. 15: 9:30a.m. Ladies Bible study. 10:00 a.m. Quilting. 11:00 a.m. Church Staff Meeting. 6:30p.m. Bible Study.

Wed, Aug. 16: Food Shelf from 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. 6:30p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, Aug. 13: Lund 9 a.m. Bethany 10:30 a.m.
Wed, Aug. 16: Sand Valley WELCA at 2 p.m.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY
Fosston
Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor
Sun, Aug. 13: 10:00 a.m. Worship.

Sudoku Solution

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

Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial Update

The most recent contributions to the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial came from Loretta Heuer, Fargo, ND in memory of Alex Dessellier who served in the U S Army.

In addition, Iona Berry, Oklee, made a donation in memory of Irene Noyes, who was a long time Oklee resident. A donation was received from the late Orvin and Helen Christianson of Mineral, WA with their intention that the contribution be "used as needed at the Oklee Veterans' Memorial." Orvin is originally from Oklee and is a brother to the Christianson's living in the Oklee area.

Donations to the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial are used for perpetual care including the purchase of flags, upkeep of the grounds and the purchase of flowers among other needs. The Memorial area is well cared for by John Klasen who is mowing, trimming and keeping the sidewalks clean. Cliff Melby assisted at the Veterans' Memorial by removing a tree that had come down in a hard wind. The Oklee Garden Club is carefully tending the more than 400 red and white petunias that are planted around the monument.

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

Grant (Free) Money is available for replacing Failing Septic Systems.

Red Lake County Environmental Services currently has grant money available for failing septic systems. This money is for residential/family homes, not businesses.

In the past it was just available for strictly low income households. In Red Lake County we have a sliding scale system in use. For example: If you show earnings of \$10,000 on your 2016 taxes you would qualify for 90% of your septic system to be paid. Earnings of \$50,000 would qualify for 50% to be paid on the system. Earnings of \$90,000 would qualify for approximately 10% of the septic system to be paid. These are all examples to give you an idea of what you might expect to receive based on your income.

Examples of failing septic systems would be: Septic tank is not water tight such as cracked, block tank etc., dumping into a ditch, creek, river or any surface outlet not below ground, also signs of septage (liquid) coming to the ground surface

Please call for more information. You are not required to give your name if you just want to call and ask questions. We currently have a large pot of money available. We require a copy of your most recent taxes, for most that would be 2016, to determine which bracket you fall into. We encourage you to call us and use this grant money. Call Kurt @ (o) 253-4121 or (c) 218-791-5776. 018-20C



Tri-Valley Public Transportation

T.H.E. Bus is available for anyone. There are no age or income guidelines. However, children under the age of four must be accompanied by an adult and children under the age of one must be secured in an infant seat.

Curb-to-curb services is available, allowing those with special needs a safe and convenient transportation. All of our buses are handicapped accessible and lift-equipped. All of our drivers are trained and certified.

To reserve a seat, please call one business day prior to the scheduled trip - 1-800-201-3432.

For Polk, Red Lake and Clearwater county stops:

Every Monday – Grand Forks.

Every 2nd Tuesday – Mahanomen.

Every 4th Tuesday – Thief River Falls

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

Every 2nd & 4th Friday – Bemidji.

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

POLK COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE LOCAL WATER PLAN UPDATE

Notice is hereby given that a public meeting will be conducted by Polk County and the East and West Polk Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD) to collect input in regards to the updated Polk County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan.

The updated Polk County Comprehensive Local Water Plan may found at <http://www.eastpolkswcd.org/local-water-management-plan.html>

The Public Meeting will be held at the Polk County Government Center board room located at 612 North Broadway, Crookston MN, 56716.

Time and date of the meeting will be at 9am, Tuesday, August 22, 2017.

For more information please contact Polk County Environmental Services at 218-281-5700, East Polk SWCD at 218-563-2777 and/or West Polk SWCD at 218-281-6070 x4. 020C

August WIC Schedule

The Women, Infants and Children's Supplemental Nutrition Education Program (WIC) is being held the month of August 2017.

Infants, children up to the age of 5, and women who are pregnant or breastfeeding may be eligible for the program. We are very interested in enrolling pregnant women in the program. We feel that the prenatal nutrition is a vital part of producing a healthy baby. Therefore, it is important to apply for WIC early in your pregnancy. We need no proof of pregnancy.

All potential clients must contact the WIC Program to schedule an appointment.

The following is the schedule of WIC Clinics for the month of August.

Thu, Aug. 10: Red Lake Falls Community Center
August 14-18: Thief River Falls Redeemer Lutheran Church

For further information concerning the WIC program, call or write WIC Quin, PO Box



Legal Notice

NOTICE OF HEARING

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103D.911, notice is hereby given that the Board of Managers of the Red Lake Watershed District will hold a public hearing on the proposed 2018 General Fund Budget at 9:30 a.m., August 24, 2017, at the Red Lake Watershed District Office, 1000 Pennington Avenue South, Thief River Falls, MN 56701. The following is the 2018 proposed budget:

PROPOSED 2018 BUDGET	
Manager's fees & salaries.....	\$20,000.00
Board of managers' expense.....	22,000.00
Staff salaries.....	461,000.00
Payroll taxes.....	35,268.50
Employee benefits.....	108,368.50
Travel and meetings.....	5,000.00
Audit.....	9,000.00
Legal.....	15,000.00
Office supplies.....	15,000.00
Office equipment.....	18,000.00
Appraisers and Viewers.....	2,000.00
Professional services.....	20,000.00
Dues and subscriptions.....	10,000.00
Insurance and bonds.....	25,000.00
Repairs and maintenance- building.....	15,000.00
Utilities.....	10,000.00
Advertising & publications.....	4,000.00
Telephone.....	11,000.00
Vehicle expense & maintenance.....	14,000.00
Engineering supplies.....	3,000.00
Engineering equipment.....	40,000.00
TOTAL.....	\$862,635.00
LESS ESTIMATED OVERHEAD.....	(691,500.00)
LESS: MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE.....	(7,000.00)
PROPOSED 2018 GENERAL FUND BUDGET.....	\$164,135.00
PROPOSED 2018 GENERAL FUND TAX LEVY.....	\$ 0.00

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

An ad valorem tax of .0004836 times the taxable market value for 2017, collectible for 2018, will be levied on all taxable property within the Red Lake Watershed District. One-half of the levy will remain in the District for projects listed below; the other one-half of the levy will be sent to the Red River Watershed Management Board for projects within the Red River Basin.

Permitting system	Benchmarks
Flood Control studies/projects	Stream gauging
Water quality studies/projects	Rivers
Watershed hydrologic analysis	Lakes
Bank stabilization	020-21C

Red Lake County Commissioners Minutes

RED LAKE COUNTY Regular Meeting Held June 13, 2017

Pursuant to adjournment of its regular meeting the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners duly met in regular session at the courthouse in Red Lake Falls, MN on June 13, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. Chair Flage called the meeting to order. All members were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Lerohl moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Simpson and carried unanimously.

County Engineer Kleven met with the board and presented the 2016 Annual Highway Department Report and update on activities. Kleven reported that the gravel stockpile project has been completed, the roller-packers have been installed on two motor graders, and a replacement tar kettle is needed. The board concurred that Kleven look for a replacement kettle. Kleven reported that Rod Duden is to assume the Sign Man position upon the retirement of Arlan Johnson. Duden currently is the Maintenance Supervisor at the Highway Department. The open Maintenance Supervisor position is currently being posted in house before advertised in the newspaper.

Kleven inquired about scheduling a breakfast meeting session for County Commissioners at the Highway Department. The date was scheduled for June 30th at 8:30 a.m.

Commissioner Sorensen moved, seconded by Weiss and unanimously carried to approve the expenditures for the period as follows:

Vendor Name	Amount
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Cardmember Services	\$2,339.22
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Computer Professionals	Unlimited	2,107.00
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Davidson Construction	75,000.00
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Houston Engineering, Inc.	4,153.50
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Insight Technologies	6,202.00
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Penguin Management, Inc.	3,036.00
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Plummer Co-op Creamery	2,869.22
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Red Lake County Co-op	13,754.26
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Thibert Chev-Buick	30,573.10
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Truenorth Steel	16,431.60
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52 Payments less than \$2,000	15,375.28
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Final Total	\$171,841.18
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The motion includes the following added bills: \$155.00 to MNCCC; \$71.26 to J. Benoit, and \$2,046.57 to Pro West & Associates.

The following Commissioner/Committee reports were shared:

Commissioner	Meeting/Report
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Simpson	None.
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Weiss	NW Regional
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Development meeting and tour of Far North Spirits and Revelation Ale.

Sorensen Meeting in Chisolm at the Research Center with Enbridge Officials over the pipeline litigation issue.

Lerohl NW Regional Development meeting and tour.

Flage SWCD meeting discussing legislation regarding the Buffer Strip Law funding approved by the state, and funding for other grant programs; reviewed proposed projects for 2017. Attended a County Safety meeting discussing annual safety training sessions and safety inspections.

Commissioner Sorensen moved, seconded by Lerohl and unanimously carried to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held May 23, 2017.

HR Director Lundeen met with the board and informed that Sharon Weiss, Extension Office Manager, is eligible for a wage increase from Step 8 (\$22.45 hourly) to Step 9 (\$22.81 hourly) effective as of June 1, 2017. Commissioner Lerohl moved and seconded by Sorensen to approve the step change as presented. Voting aye: Commissioners Simpson, Sorensen, Lerohl and Flage. Abstain: Commissioner Weiss. Motion carried.

Lundeen reported that Janitor Sue Lehrer is on Family Medical Leave through the end of July. Lehrer is requesting donated sick leave. Commissioner Weiss moved to approve the request and to allow employees to donate sick leave to employee Sue Lehrer. The motion was seconded by Lerohl and carried unanimously.

Auditor Schmitz presented a request from the SWCD seeking county approval of a Shoreland Permit for the Red Lake Falls Community Hybrid, LLC project. Commissioner Sorensen moved, seconded by Weiss and carried by unanimous vote to approve the permit as presented.

The board discussed Buffer Law requirements. Auditor Schmitz informed that the state recently approved funding for Riparian (Buffer) Aid with the first aid payment available in July 2017. Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) or the counties are responsible for enforcement of the Riparian Protection (Buffer) Law requirements. Counties that elect jurisdiction to enforce the law will need to formally accept responsibility for enforcement requirements by adopting and sending a resolution to the Board of Soil and Water Resources (BWSR) by June 28, 2017. The board members concurred that enforcement should be kept under local control. Commissioner Sorensen moved and seconded by Lerohl to adopt **Resolution No. 06-01-17 "Election of Jurisdiction of Buffer Law"** as follows:

WHEREAS, provisions in Minnesota Statute 103F.48 (Buffer Law) allow a county or watershed district to affirm jurisdiction to carry out the compliance provisions regarding riparian vegetated buffers and alternative water quality practices for those waterbodies identified on the Department of Natural Resources' Buffer Protection Map; and

WHEREAS, a county with jurisdiction over a noncompliant site shall

enforce corrective actions through a coordinated approach under the authority granted in Minnesota Statute 103B.101, subd. 12a, the Buffer Law or other authority granted by statute; and

WHEREAS, Red Lake County agrees to carry out corrective actions on a parcel basis to ensure compliance with the buffer requirements, which may include an Administrative Penalty Order (APO) plan under the authority provided in Minnesota Statutes 103B.101, subd. 12a and 103F.48; and

WHEREAS, Red Lake County is electing jurisdiction on all public drainage ditches for which it is the drainage authority and public waters, located within its boundaries, identified on the Department of Natural Resources' Buffer Protection Map; and

WHEREAS, the Buffer Law requires that each Local Government Unit provide notice affirming jurisdiction and identify the rule, ordinance, or other official controls that will be used to carry out the compliance provisions of the buffer requirements to the Board of Water and Soil Resources, including a copy of the adopting resolution.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Red Lake County hereby accepts the authority and administrative responsibility to implement the Buffer Law as the Local Government Unit within the legal boundaries of Red Lake County for the water features identified above as of June 13, 2017 in accordance with Minnesota Statute 103F.48.

The motion was passed by unanimous vote. Board Chairman Flage was authorized to sign the document. A complete copy of the resolution is on file in the County Auditor's office.

Auditor Schmitz mentioned that the County Board of Appeals and Equalization will be held on June 21, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the County Board meeting room.

The board acknowledged correspondence from Enbridge Energy regarding the Line 3 Replacement and the Line 67 Expansion projects, and an update on the pipeline's property tax appeal.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned until June 27, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

Attest:
Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

Chuck Flage, Chairman,
Board of Commissioners
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RLC Sheriff's Report

On August 2, 2017 the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office conducted tobacco compliance checks on tobacco retailers in Red Lake County. Underage youths were sent into these businesses and attempted to purchase tobacco. Youths presented clerks with proper identification showing them to be under the age of 18 years old. No deception of their age is permitted. State law requires law enforcement agencies to conduct compliance checks on retailers within its jurisdiction at least once a year.

During these compliance checks, 15 tobacco retailers were checked in Red Lake County. All of the retailers passed achieving 100% compliance within Red Lake County.

It is the goal of the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office to maintain compliance with the tobacco retailers of Red Lake County, thereby supporting our mission to make tobacco less accessible to the youths of Red Lake County and reducing the number of youth who use tobacco products.

The Red Lake County Sheriff's Office would like to congratulate all tobacco retailers within Red Lake County who complied with County Ordinance and thank them for their continuing efforts against underage tobacco use.

Sheriff Mitch Bernstein

(U.S.P.S. 407-240)

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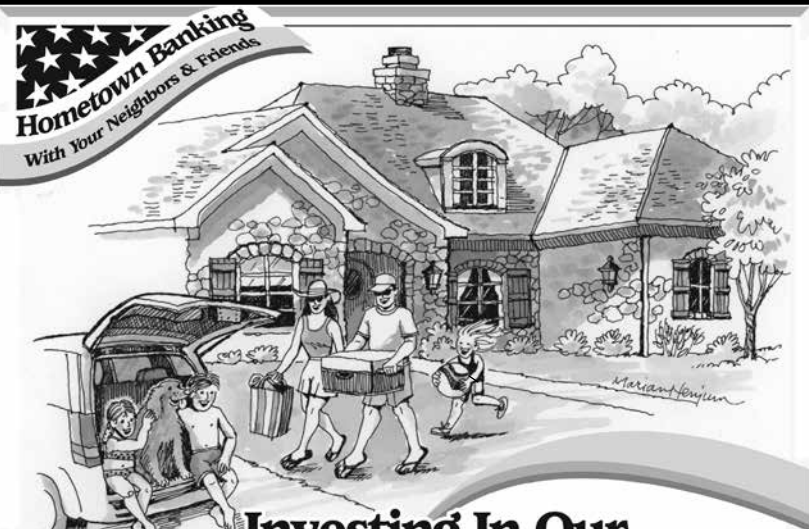
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Local News

Corlan Kleinshmidt celebrated her 80th Birthday July 30th at the hall in Oklee. It was well attended. Corlan has 22 grandchildren and all were there, but 5. She has 36 great grandchildren and all were there, but 13. Corlan never knew she had so many friends and relatives. With 136 people in attendance. Corlan had friends come from Roseau, Warroad, Aurora, Kerkhoven, Wilson, Fargo, Bemidji and local towns. A great meal and time was had by all. Lots of

memories were shared by all. Larry & Lorraine (Best) LaCoursière snuck in and snuck out, but whilst they were in Oklee, they gathered with Father Hamness at the St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church and did their marriage vows one more time Wednesday noon, July 19th - 5 days ahead of time! Larry believed he has realized Lorraine's reason for arranging it. She is camera shy! This was their 65th anniversary!!

Inter-County Nursing Service Feeling Fit and Fine Healthy Behaviors

Inter-County Nursing Service is sponsoring a summer fun project to promote healthy eating and physical activity for kids age 3 to 12 years.

The activity takes from June 5- August 7th. Find the score card your child received while in school or pick up a card from Inter-County Nursing Service in either Pennington or Red Lake Counties. Once their scorecard is full, just bring it in to choose a prize from the treasure chest!

The scorecard will be entered into a weekly drawing for a larger prize and a grand prize drawing will also be held in each of the counties at the end.

We thank UCare and Red Lake Electric Trust for their generous support to make this project possible.



Theo Haugen, 3-5 year old; (Not Pictured): Mackenzie Bugge, 6-12 year old.

Student physical examination tips

School time requires having all of the necessary supplies, clothing and gear ready for the year. In addition, preparing for a new school year often involves providing updated physical health information to the school administration.

The requirements for health screenings and reporting may vary between school districts. Some physical examinations need to be conducted annually, while others may only need updating at certain intervals, such as when kids transition from elementary school to middle school or middle school to high school. Updated physical forms also may be required at the start of a sports season.

Health screenings are intended to detect problems that may interfere with learning. Physical exams may indicate issues that can hamper progress or shed light on undiagnosed problems that may require further assessment and necessitate customized learning plans to help students succeed. Physical exams are also a way to ensure students' immunizations are up to date.

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

For more information, contact the Red Lake County Economic Development home office at 1-218-253-2897.

Or call David Ste. Marie, Red Lake Falls, 218-698-4279; Mike Spurgin, Red Lake Falls, 218-465-4648 or Leo Olson, Oklee, 218-796-5656.

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Red Lake Falls Library News

The library is open on Tuesday from Noon until 7:00 pm, Wednesday from Noon until 7:00 pm, Thursday from Noon to 5:00 p.m.; Friday from Noon until 5:00 pm, and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. On-line patrons are reminded that they can visit www.nwrlib.org/rlf.htm at any time, where they can create their own patron accounts to browse, request and renew materials all from their home computers.

August 9 Library Corner Summer Reading Program grand prize winner of the KindleFire tablet is Kimzy Hicks; winner of second prizes of Amazon gift cards were Emma Wiseman, Katlyn Knutson, Leah Lytle and Boe Nelson.

Congratulations to all these young readers who visited the library often during June and July.

New adult nonfiction includes "Natural Defense: Enlisting Bugs and Germs to Protect Our Food and Health" by Emily Monosson, environmental toxicologist, writer, independent scholar at the Ronin Institute and adjunct professor at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst; and "A Beautiful, Terrible Thing: A Memoir of Marriage and Betrayal" by Jen Waite. Book and ballad singer/sonwriter/author Elisa Korenne will be at the RLF Library on Thursday, August 17 at 11:00 am to perform a concert. This program is free and open to the public.

prescription information. Some providers even make it possible for patients to directly access their health information through a secure login, helping save time.

Make appointments during school hours. Afterschool appointments are peak times for pediatric offices and medical clinics. Sign students out of school early to visit the doctor for medical exams. The staff likely will be less harried, and you can spend more time asking questions and completing forms. Schools may not count the absence if a doctor's note is provided.

Don't forget the forms. Bring the right paperwork so that the staff can fill out what is necessary for the school, camp or sports league.

Know your insurance guidelines. Physical exams may be part of routine well visits. Insurance companies institute their own policies regarding how frequently physicals can be conducted (usually annually). Be sure to schedule the appointment accordingly.

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in a few hours after mowing. Silage bales also should be made as tight as possible to squeeze as much air out before wrapping in plastic film. Wrap silage bales as soon as possible but within maximum 6 hours to capture the most feed value. Silage bales can reduce or eliminate any additional energy supplement required by your livestock. Many silage bale users report that they have also reduced the number of acres, bales and machines to meet their feed needs by ¼ to 1/3.

5) Moving and Storing: Small square bales can be loaded directly onto flatbed wagons, thrown in to basket wagons or dropped on to the ground, individually or grouped. Small square bale accumulators are becoming popular as manual labor issues develop in many areas. Match the tractor/loader size to the bale number and weight. Stack square bales with the 'cut side' up, this will help disperse any internal bale moisture that can keep heating & molding from happening. Small bales can reduce feeding losses over round bale use. Big bales require big equipment to move safely so do not exceed the tractor/loader capacity. Large bale spears, forks, grapples and squeeze can damage bale shape and integrity. Minimize number of moves to reduce damaging bales. When using a grapple on net wrapped bales reduce the tearing or catching of the net by installing a pipe/tube with holes aligned to the grapple teeth attached with a log chain connection to grapple tooth bar frame. CoverEdge net wrap resist wind damage during transport and in some states eliminates the tarp requirement. Net wrap can limit spoilage to less than 1 inch while the national average for twine packaged bales

stored outside is more than 6 inches and close to 33% loss. If storing outside place bales on well drained surfaces, clear of weeds, brush and shade. Align the bales in a row like 'life savers in a package' with rows spaced to allow sunlight to dry area between rows. Do not stack bales like a golf ball on a 'T' because the vertical bale (s) will absorb moisture very easily from the ground and any that runs on to the upper end surface even if 'capped with a bale'. Arrange storage area so that you can feed bales to match livestock requirements for 'quality' and to reduce storage losses. Feed the 'at risk' bales first to keep losses low, these are bales that may have been damaged or poor density that will allow moisture to penetrate over time.

Summary: 'Good hay' requires planning and flexibility to adjust for the ever changing environment. Maintaining the field for minimum issues goes a long way in making your hay process simple. Keep your field clean and correct those areas that can cause machine damage or create uneven windrows that slow down the harvest. Check and service all machines so that breakdowns do not interrupt the harvest. Operate the (cutting, tedding, raking, baling) equipment at the MPH and RPMs that you intend to do the operation before inspecting for results. Stop, shut off your equipment and the tractor, periodically inspect the results of each machine operation. Adjust each machine to match the changing conditions from field to field and year to year. Hay is like 'snow flake', every day and every field is different, so the setting that may have worked great today could be completely wrong tomorrow.

Source: Jim Buchs, Hay & Forage Specialist John Deere

August 2017 Health Points

August is National Breastfeeding Awareness Month with *Charting the Course Together!* as the theme for 2017.

Why Breastfeeding Is Important

Breastmilk is perfect nutrition. It provides everything a baby needs to grow and develop.

Breastfeeding is GOOD for Families

Breastfeeding is convenient. The milk is always ready and warm. There is nothing to mix or prepare for feeding. Breastfeeding saves time. Breastfeeding is comforting for babies. Formula is harder for your baby to digest. Breastfed babies are rarely constipated, so they are less fussy.

Breastfeeding is GOOD for Moms

Women who breastfeed have less risk of breast and ovarian cancer, diabetes, osteoporosis and heart disease. Breastfeeding can help you bond with your baby and protect against postpartum depression. Breastfeeding can help you return to your pre-pregnant weight more quickly.

Breastfeeding is GOOD for Babies

Breastfeeding helps to keep babies healthy and protected from infection. Breast milk contains antibodies, growth factors, enzymes and hormones that: fight infections during infancy, provide life-long protection against many diseases (less obesity, diabetes), promote healthy infant development, and lower the risk of pneumonia, ear infections and SIDS

At six months, baby foods are started. Breastfeeding continues through at least the first year. Breast milk is beneficial and protective beyond the first year as well. *Minnesota Breastfeeding Coalition* www.mnbreastfeedingcoalition.org

National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM) is an annual observance held in August to highlight the importance of vaccination for people of all ages.

Parents, vaccines play an important role in protecting your child's health.

College students, talk to your healthcare professional about any vaccines you may need for school entry

Adults, especially older adults or adults with chronic conditions, talk with your healthcare professional about vaccines you may need.

Pregnant women, there are vaccines for you to protect newborns from diseases like whooping cough (pertussis) and flu.

Everyone, the next flu season is only a few months away.

www.cdc.gov/vaccines/events/niam.html

Safe Solar Eclipse Viewing

The American Academy of Ophthalmology and the American Astronomical Society are working together to make sure everyone knows how to watch the coming eclipse safely.

The August 21 total solar eclipse will be a once-in-a-lifetime event for many people.

Looking directly at the sun during a solar eclipse is unsafe, except during a brief phase when the moon entirely blocks the sun's bright face.

This phase is called totality. The path of totality for the Aug. 21 2017 eclipse stretches from Oregon to South Carolina. Unless you're in the path of totality, you must protect your eyes or you could damage your retina, possibly causing blindness.

Safe ways to watch the eclipse. Make your plans now for how you'll enjoy the show.

Use specially designed solar eclipse glasses and viewers to block the sun's harmful rays. Ordinary sunglasses are not strong enough to protect your eyes.

Keep your solar eclipse glasses on throughout the eclipse.

Wearing solar eclipse glasses to look through a camera, binoculars or a telescope will **not** protect your eyes. Use only specially designed filters for lenses.

Another way to see the eclipse is through a pinhole projection or video display.

A pinhole viewer lets you project an image of the sun onto another surface, like paper, a wall or pavement. Then the image of the sun is safe to look at throughout the eclipse. You can learn how to make a pinhole projector at www.jpl.nasa.gov/edu/learn/project/how-to-make-a-pinhole-camera/

www.aao.org/eye-health/tips-prevention/how-to-safely-watch-great-american-eclipse-of-2017

NASA's website: <https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/> **was created to provide a guide to this amazing event. They will have live video streams of the eclipse from locations across the country at** <https://www.nasa.gov/eclipselive>

Parenting Tips

As we walk around stores or are out for a walk in the parks in our community, you may see parents with a "baby sling, front, back or hip carrier" to carry babies. We use them for convenience or just to have our little one close to us.

The practice of babywearing keeps babies in the safest place possible — a parent's arms, with baby's face visible to the carrying adult. Babies are vulnerable in their first four months of life. They require constant supervision, which is why babywearing is critical to the well-being of infants. Baby carriers are meant to mimic in-arms carrying positions. Your baby should be in the same position in which you would hold him in your arms.

Here are a few safety tips to remember:

1. Read the instructions carefully.
2. Keep baby's airway unobstructed.
3. Take caution when bending over.
4. Check baby frequently.
5. Look for wear and tear on the baby carrier.

Remember when babies are young to wear them on your chest NOT your back. Babies' neck muscles are weak so you want to be constantly checking on them. **Be sure your carrier provides adequate support for your baby's developing neck and back.** Make sure they are upright after feeding in case they spit up. You can always ask your pediatrician for advice.

Check out this website for more information: www.babycarrierindustryalliance.org/babywearing-safety/consumers/

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Rebel Football News

The 2017 Rebel football season is coming quickly. Here is some information needed for the 2017 football season.

The 9th-12th graders will report Sunday, August 6th at 7:00 PM to the RLF arena for a team meeting and equipment handout. The bus will leave Oklee at 6:00 PM and stop in Plummer. Football practice starts Monday, August 7th.

The junior high team will start practice on Monday, August 14th in Oklee from 8:00 to 11:00 AM. The bus will leave the RLF Arena at 7:00 AM and stop in Plummer.

The 5th-6th grade teams will start on Thursday, August 24th with a team meeting in

the RLF Arena at 6:00 PM.

Please contact Brian Remick at 218-689-3769 or bremick@rlfedu.org with any questions.

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Oklee Herald Early Files

Seventy Years Ago
Aug. 7, 1947
Preliminary plans for a three-day market festival the first sine before the war-were made at the regular meeting of the Oklee Commercial club.

Thief River Falls-The population of this community experienced a sudden increase last week when five babies were born to two local couples.

"The Farmer's Daughter," the adventure of a young Scandinavian farm girl from Minnesota is the week-end feature at Oak Theatre.

Sixty Years Ago
Aug. 8, 1957
To be honored on their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, August 11, are Mr. and Mrs. Ole Watne of Gully.

Excavation work began Wednesday for a 24x58 brick and tile addition to Stande's Service Supply in Oklee.

Mrs. Clarence Christianson visited Thursday afternoon at the Thome Nelson home.

Fifty Years Ago
Aug. 3, 1967
Mary Melby of Oklee is a candidate for the title of Miss Thief River Falls in connection with the annual Jaycee Acquacade this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Nelson will celebrate their

45th wedding anniversary with an "open house" at the Zion Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Carl Knutson and Karen of Clearbrook were Tuesday afternoon guests at the Norman Nelson home.

Forty Years Ago
Aug. 4, 1977
Eight candidates are competing for the title of Miss Brooks which will be part of the Blast to Brooks activities.

The Oklee Saddle Club will meet and have a cook-out at the Alvin Jensen home.

One of the local men serving on the Regional Advisory Transportation Task Force was Ralph Berg of Brooks.

Thirty Years Ago
Aug. 5, 1987
Joelle Enerson a 1987 graduate of Oklee High School and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Enerson of rural Oklee has enrolled in the Minnesota school of Barbering, Minneapolis, MN.

Nels and Shirley Gunderson of Bagley, MN are proud to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter Judy to Scott Morinville.

Tracy Carriere won reserve champion in Photography and in History Books at the Fair.

On May 27, 1987, Marie

Bourque Van Vooren, daughter of William and Eunice Bourque of Oklee, participated in and graduated with a Bachelor of Vocational Education degree from the School of

Applied Arts and Sciences at California State University, Long Beach.

Twenty Years Ago
Aug. 6, 1997
Annette LaCoursiere was the subject of her granddaughter Michelle Halvorson's first place winning entry Favorite Grandparent essay.

The Oklee City Council me to discuss the bid proposals of the paving of the streets in the Golf Course Addition in the City of Oklee.

A rather narrow span of hail hit the Oklee area late Sunday afternoon. One of the most affected farming operations in the area was the O'Neill Farm.

Ten Years Ago
Aug. 9, 2007
Vance Haugen formerly from Oklee travels to Zambia.

Arlene and Richard Froiland celebrated the 100 years of Froiland ownership of the farm.

Don LaCoursierre and Marlyn Haugen played some old tunes for the crowd at the Froiland Century celebration.

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

The weather finally got to be ideal here and it is so rewarding. Cool in the morning hotter in the afternoon and cool at night. The only thing lacking is rain. We need the rain to produce the fruit of all those crops. Stems are not what we want, we need the seed of the vine. The crops look good otherwise but I wonder what they will produce in terms of bushels and quality.

On Friday evening Rebecca Novak surprised her family by coming from Mankato to visit for the weekend. She and Jerome and Barb Novak attended the 80th birthday party of Ed Vanyo in East Grand Forks at the Eagles on Saturday. Also attending this shindig were Emil and Theresa Vanyo of Thief River Falls. Matt Hodek of Lankin North Dakota and his band played

some great old time music to cap off the party.

Prayers for John Paradis are asked. He is going through a difficult time right now. Keep him in your prayers.

Vern Schindler has been released from rehabilitation and is home now. Joe Pueringer and Tracey brought him home on August 1st.

Ryan and Kelsey Paradis held a birthday party for Kingston who turned 3 this week. His party was themed as an outdoor campout. All the kids had red bandanas and they wore them as ties and on their heads. Very colorful. There were an abundance of kids at the party the Determan girls and the Paradis children were also in attendance, and young Charlie Paradis and Lonnie and Kenya also came to the party. Chelsea and Dane Kjono

brought their children Carter and Annika to the party and came to visit with her mother Pam Paradis.

Another milestone in the Ryan Paradis family was to have the baptism of their youngest son over the weekend too. Young mister Titan Jayce Paradis was baptized into the Catholic Church. So celebrating was in abundance in the Paradis family this past weekend. Congratulations to birthday boy Kingston, and to young Titan God Bless you.

Red Hats meet on Wednesday this week the 9th at 1:30 at Cozy, we are doing a farewell to Myrtle Hamrum and everyone is invited to come and wish her well. She is moving to Alaska to live with her daughter. She is the oldest resident of Brooks so this will leave a big hole in our community makeup. We will miss her.

We hope your week is good and that we maybe will get a bit of rain.



The Oklee Community Garden Club has done a great job at keeping these two flower beds looking alive and well.



Jane Klasen and Shirley Cyr have done a good job of watering and taking care of these two hanging baskets, they started out small and now look at them.



Red Lake County
Extension Educator
Curtis W. Nyegaard - 218-253-2895

New wheat yield record?

On July 1, the USDA-NASS made their predictions for the yields of barley, oats, and spring wheat at 67, 71, and 61 bushels per acre, respectively. This would mean a new state record for spring wheat (61 bushels), while the forecast for barley and oats are 10 and 7 bushels off the records set in 2015.

Just in case you don't remember," NASS" is the abbreviation for "NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATICAL SERVICE" of the United States Department of Agriculture and is responsible for collecting the farmer's assessment of yield prospects throughout the growing season. If you stop and think about it; this may seem a bit unscientific and not very accurate. However, the statistical methods that are used to crunch the collected data and have it serve as a forecast, however, are robust and because enough producers are surveyed, the forecasts have have proven to be very predictive at the final level. This is, in a way, a testament that each farmer that is asked to collect yield data knows the crop and his operation very well. The complete detailed method of collecting the yield data can be found in USDA's SBM Staff Report 12-01, May, 2012.

Estimating final yield In May and June in an individual field is fraught with a much larger error than the aggregate level of a whole state. Once the crop, however, has headed and the grain fill has started it, gets much easier to estimate the final yield. Rather than just predicting the final grain yield, you can actually quantify the number of stems per unit area

and the number of kernels per spikelet or panicle. This means that when you multiply this with an average kernel weight you can have a more accurate estimate of grain yield. The formula's for wheat, barley, and oats are:

Wheat: Grain yield (bu/ acre)= (kernels per spike x spike per 3 ft of row) x 0.0319

Barley: Grain yield (bu/ acre) = (kernels per spike x spike per 3 ft of row) x 0.389

Oats: Grain yield (bu/ acre) = (kernels per spike x spikes per 3 ft of row) x 0.0504

The multiplication factor for each crop is a function of bushel weight, average kernel weight, and row spacing. To adjust yield estimate for other row spacing, simply divide the estimated yield by your row spacing (in inches) and multiply by 7. A word of caution is that you need to have sampled a representative length of row and that the average kernels weight used in these formula's are the same as the eventual kernel weights. The first source of error can be addressed by taking multiple samples in a single field; the second source of variability is a bit more challenging to deal with. As calculating seeding rates have taught each farmer over the years, the number of seeds per pound can vary considerably, not just between varieties but can also vary from year to year. For more information or to have questions answered ; you can contact Jochum Wiersma, U M Extension Small Grain Specialist by e mail at wiers002@umn.edu.

Source: Jochum Wiersma,U M Extension Small Grains Specialist.

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Plummer News
By Alice Jobe
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Saturday afternoon, July 29th, at Immanuel Lutheran Church Matt Konickson married Amy Paquin. She is the daughter of Al Paquin. Matt is the son of Randy Konickson and Denise. A reception was held at the Plummer hall following the wedding. A large number of guests came. The dance was in the evening, Congratulations!

On Sunday afternoon, Anna DeHate went to a birthday party for her granddaughter, Kinsey in Thief River. She is one year old.

Alice Jobe visited Jean Carpenter, Stoney Skjerven, Fern Eskeli and John Paradis at Oakland Park Nursing Home. This was Friday morning, the 28th. Also visiting John were his Aunt and Uncle Vicki and Steve Paradis of West Fargo.

Karen Tvedt and Tammy Malwitz left Saturday for a visit to Kinsey, Montana where her daughter Becky and David Opatz live.

Wednesday, Emilie Skjerven, Connie Hughes, Wilma Arlt, Anna DeHate, Bunny DuChamp, Anne

Traxler and Alice Jobe went to eat at the Oklee Café.

Karen Carter and son Xander of Fredericksburg, Virginia, came Friday to Anne Traxler's for a 10 day visit.

A family get together party was planned for relatives of the Inga Linder Family. It was held at the Oklee Café on July 29th. Those attending were Lyla Rice from Huron, S.D. and her daughter Debbie Panerio from Aberdeen, S.D.; Curtis and Carol Johnson from Leesburg, Florida; Dick and Judy Reger, Fargo, N.D.; Don and Margaret Magnell of Spearfish, S.D.; Jr. and Beverly Johnson from Oklee; Orrin and Phyllis Linder of Plummer; Kathy and Arnold Carriere, Fargo, N.D.; Linda Johnson from Moorhead, MN; David Johnson of Oklee; Jane Kolstoe from Thief River Falls and Inga Linder of Plummer. A good time was had by all and will have good memories to remember the day.

An Open House will be held at Laura Dodson's home on Aug. 16th from 4-6 p.m. Come for an enjoyable afternoon with this lovely lady.

Who's Dat?



Who's Dat
This week's photo is of a some local men who had a good day of fishing.

Last week's photo was of Pearl and Ralph Laniel of Brooks. Pearls 98th Birthday was on August 5th.

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