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| Oklee Precipitation |       |      |
| By Einar Kvasager   |       |      |
|                     | Rain  | Snow |
| Aug. 5              | Trace |      |
| Aug. 9              | 0.52  |      |
| Aug. 10             | 1.15  |      |
| Total in.           | 1.67  | 0.00 |

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# Church news

**OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH**  
Zion and Salem  
Interim SAM Christy Shelinbarger  
Sun, Aug. 20: Backpack Blessing Services: 9:00 a.m. Zion. 10:30 a.m. Salem.

**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH OKLEE**  
Fr. Adam Hamness  
Sun, Aug. 20: 7:30 a.m. Confessions 8:00 a.m. Mass.

**BROOKS – RED LAKE FALLS CATHOLIC PARISH**  
Fr. Bob Schreiner  
Sat, Aug. 19: 5:30 p.m. RLF  
Sun, Aug. 20: 8:00 a.m. Brooks. 10:00 a.m. RLF.

**IMMANUEL–EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA**  
Pastor Jonathan Dodson  
Sun, Aug. 20: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Immanuel.

**GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA**  
Bethany–Ekelund–Faith  
Pastor Kristen Ostercamp  
Sun, Aug. 20: 8:30 a.m. Ekelund. 9:45 a.m. Faith. 11:00 a.m. Bethany.

**CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH**  
Mt. Olive – Nazareth Oak Park – St. Petri  
Pastor Jeff Merseth  
Sat, Aug. 19: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.  
Sun, Aug. 20: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri. Nazareth 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. Oak Park.

## Oklee Senior Site Dining

**August 21-25**  
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:** Fish, baked potato, vegetable, and dessert.  
**Tuesday:** Spaghetti w/meat sauce, corn, garlic bread, and dessert.

**Wednesday:** Hamburger patty, macaroni salad, vegetable, and dessert.

**Thursday:** Meatballs mashed potatoes, mushroom gravy, vegetables, and dessert.

**Friday:** Grilled cheese & tomato sandwich, pototo soup, and dessert.

**NEW JOURNEY CHURCH**  
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor  
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor  
www.newjourneyfosston.com  
Wed, Aug. 16: Food Shelf from 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.  
Thu, Aug. 17: 12:00 p.m. Rotary.  
Fri, Aug. 18: 6:00 p.m. Holy Yoga.  
Sat, Aug. 19: 8:00 p.m. Holy Yoga. Off the Charts Music Festival.

Sun, Aug. 20: 9:30 a.m. Worship. Hedlund Missionary.  
Tue, Aug. 22: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible study. 10:00 a.m. Quilting. 6:30 p.m. Bible Study.  
Wed, Aug. 23: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

**GULLY-TRAIL PARISH**  
Bethany \* Lund  
Sand Valley  
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister  
Sun, Aug. 20: Lund 9 a.m. Sand Valley 10:30 a.m.

**BETHEL ASSEMBLY**  
Fosston  
Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor  
Sun, Aug. 20: 10:00 a.m. Worship.

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Red Lake County Board Chairman, Chuck Flage, recognized employees at the July 25th board meeting for their years of service with Red Lake County. Pictured is: Sharon Weiss- 30 years, Extension office. The other employee that was recognized at the board meeting but not pictured is Wayne Guillemette-25 years, Seasonal Mower.



## 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.

## Centennial Recipe Corner

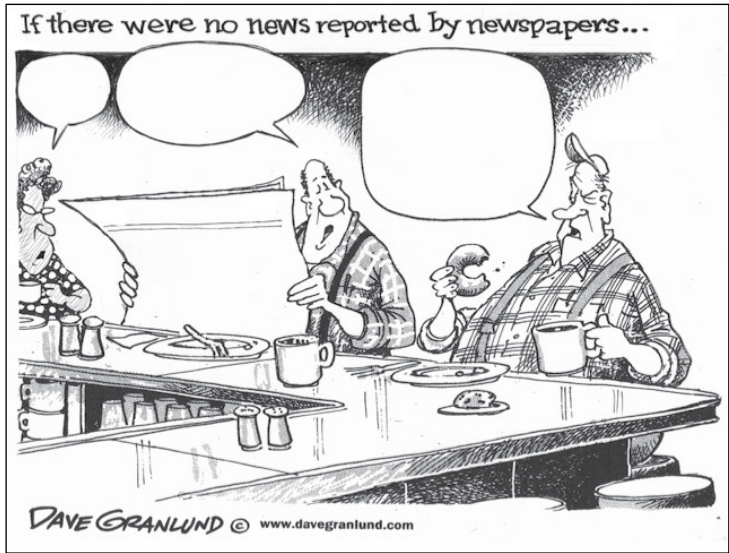
Ma's White Bread

Robert Torkelson

1 pkg yeast dissolved in 1/3 cup lukewarm water for 10 minutes  
11 cups flour  
4-1/2 cups lukewarm water  
1 tsp salt  
1 Tbsp sugar  
3 Tbsp lard or other shortening if desired

Sift 4 cups flour into bowl. Add the 4-1/2 cups water and dissolved yeast, salt, sugar and lard. Stir thoroughly. Then gradually add rest of flour; knead until the dough will not stick to hands; grease bottom and sides of bowl to keep dough from sticking. Let rise to double its size; knead down and let rise again. Mold into loaves. Let rise until double their size. Bake for 50 – 60 minutes at 375 degrees. Makes 5 loaves.

"My mother, Margaret Torkelson Linder, raised a family of 5 boys and she baked bread to help feed the hungry crew. She usually baked every other day, making 5 – 6 loaves. Nothing smelled better than coming home from school and smelling the aroma of fresh baked bread!!"



## “Minnesota Newspaper Week” is August 13-19, 2017

What would happen if the front page of your newspaper contained no news? What would the community do? Would they miss it? What would people in town talk about? How would they react?

More than 200 newspapers across the State of Minnesota will publish no news on their front pages during the week of August 13-19. This “Whiteout” is taking place during Minnesota Newspaper Week, part of the Minnesota Newspaper Association's yearlong celebration of its 150th Anniversary. The Whiteout reminds Minnesotans of the important role that newspapers play, writing the first draft of history and telling the stories of their communities.

“In many communities across the State of Minnesota, the newspaper is the main source of local news,” said MNA Executive Director Lisa Hills. “Newspaper journalists across the state attend city council and school board meetings, they cover town festivals

and local sports teams, and they arrive on the scene to document history during natural disasters and other community challenges. We know newspapers play an important role.”

Today, 25 daily and 295 non-daily newspapers, from Worthington to Warroad, Bird Island to Baudette, Elbow Lake to Ely and every community in between, belong to the Minnesota Newspaper Association.

“Minnesota Newspaper Week is a statewide initiative that reminds individuals of the importance of a free press,” reads Governor Mark Dayton's proclamation. “Freedom of the Press promotes a well-informed constituency, improves public policy, increases responsiveness and accountability, and enhances public confidence in governmental institutions.”

## Legal Notice

### 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.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 35,266.50      |
| 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        |
| <b>CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                |
| 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.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | O20-21C        |



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## Red Lake County Commissioners Minutes

### RED LAKE COUNTY Regular Meeting Held June 27, 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 27, 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.

Kristi Hanson, Director of the NW Regional Library met with the County Board to present the annual library report. Hanson reports that library usage has increased dramatically in 2017 as compared to 2016 but the state continues to reduce contributions to libraries. Hanson feels that the new website has led to the usage increase. Hanson asked the board to consider a small increase of 2% or \$535.00 for the 2018 library budget. Board members indicated they will consider the request during upcoming budget discussions.

Deb Sletten, MCIT Loss Control Consultant, was present to discuss the annual insurance report. Sletten mentioned that she has just completed safety training for staff of the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office. Information was reviewed on Property/Casualty, Workers Compensation, Employee Assistance Program and the many other additional resources offered by MCIT. The annual county dividend is showing an increase. Sletten mentioned that the mission of MCIT is to provide Minnesota counties and associated members cost-effective coverage and quality risk management services. The board thanked Sletten for the report.

Environmental Officer Kurt Casavan met with the board to provide an update. Casavan informed that he recently completed a revised 10-year Solid Waste Management Plan. However, the state informed that they will not accept the plan as written because the county is not recycling enough, additional methods must be developed to increase recycling tonnage. Commissioner Sorensen suggested that cardboard recycling containers be located within the cities. Casavan will consider incorporating the option into the revised plan.

Casavan updated on the re-permitting process for the two demolition landfills. Casavan discussed some of his concerns with the State Supervisor of MCPA but is still waiting for follow-up information. The legislature recently passed a 5-year moratorium to allow the counties more time to complete the re-permitting process. Casavan commented that he will update as more information becomes available.

Discussion was held on the Buffer Law Program and how it affects Red Lake County. Tanya Hanson of the SWCD was also present. The local SWCD has received some state funding to oversee the program. Casavan informed that he will be responsible for compliance enforcement on all the legal ditches in the county; the SWCD will handle the riparian waterways and the Red Lake Watershed will handle ditches

under control of the watershed district. The county will receive state funding for compliance enforcement. The monies will be distributed according to the miles of drainage system under control of each of the three entities. Hanson reported that the county will receive Riparian Aid funds from the state in the following amounts \$83,541.00 for year 2017 and \$103,931.00 for year 2018. Buffer strips must be completed by November 1, 2017 for protected waters, and November 1, 2018 for county legal ditch systems. Commissioner Simpson asked if no-till practices will be allowed. Hanson informed that if installed correctly that common practices are acceptable. A list of practices is on the SWCD website.

Hanson informed that \$8,680.00 is available through a Septic System Program funding grant once the county approves. The grant funding must be used by June 30, 2018. Commissioner Sorensen moved, seconded by Weiss and carried by unanimous vote to approve the SSTS Upgrade-2 grant agreement and accept the program funding from the state Board of Soil Water Resources. Chairman Flage signed the agreement for Red Lake County. Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Lerohl and unanimously carried to approve the expenditures for the period as follows:

|                     |            |
|---------------------|------------|
| Revenue Fund:       | \$4,708.41 |
| R&B Fund:           | 2,235.57   |
| Welfare Fund:       | 173.94     |
| Forfeited Tax Fund: | 75.00      |
| Total:              | \$7,192.92 |

The motion includes the following added bills: \$159.22 to Dacotah Paper; \$352.92 to Quill; \$30.00 to MACATFO; \$348.28 expenses and \$430.00 per diem to Dave Sorensen.

The following Commissioner/Committee reports were shared:

|                      |                                                         |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Commissioner Simpson | Meeting/Report Enbridge public meeting held in Plummer. |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|

Weiss Tri County Corrections meeting in Crookston and an AMC District meeting in Hallock discussing several topics.

Sorensen Tri County Corrections discussing an agreement with Beltrami and Mahnomon Counties for housing inmates. NW Apartments meeting in Crookston discussing financials, remodel project and Crisis Center. Inter County Nursing Service meeting discussing the requirement for an Assistant Director and Assistant Clinical Manager. AMC District III meeting in Hallock.

Lerohl County Fair Board meeting work session on June 22nd.

Flage None. Commissioner Sorensen moved, seconded by Lerohl and unanimously carried to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held June 13, 2017 and minutes from the County Board of Appeals and Equalization held on June 21, 2017.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m. until the special meeting to be held on Friday, June 30, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

Attest:  
Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

Chuck Flage, Chairman,  
Board of Commissioners  
021C

## 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.

New rotation items this week brings a batch of "new" cookbooks to the RLF shelves, including "Weber's Real Grilling" by Jamie Purviance with over 200 original recipes, each with color photo; "1001 Chocolate Treats," the ultimate collection of cakes, pies, confections, drinks, cookies, candies, ice creams, puddings

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Oklee Welcomes New Postal Carrier

By Marie Johnson

Oklee would like to welcome Postal Carrier, Pete Howard. Pete is from the Fosston area and has been the Postal Carriere for Oklee for 1 year. Before Pete became a Postal Carrier he worked with his dad in a drywall business.

This is Pete's first full time postal carrier job. He has been a sub for 12 years in towns like Fosston, McIntosh, and Erskine. Some of the things that Pete does as a Carrier are sort the mail in the post office, pack it up, he then loads it up into his vehicle, and then heads out to his route.

When asked what he likes about his job he said that he



Pete Howard, Postal Carrier in Oklee.

like being outside. He also likes driving in the country and he enjoys driving. Weather can shut down schools and roads, so I asked what has been the worst weather he has been in and Pete said the snow storms.

Some stories Pete shared with me about being on his route were that sometimes there would be airplanes landing on the road, having there be dogs when he delivers mail, and the different animals he sees on his route.

We would like to welcome him to Oklee and we hope he has a good experience as the Postal Carrier for Oklee.



RLCC Sports Schedules

RLC Rebels Football Varsity

Sat, Aug. 19: Scrimmages 10:00 a.m.

Fri, Aug. 25: Against Fosston in Plummer at 7:00 p.m.

Thur, Aug. 31: Against Cass Lake-Bena in Red Lake Falls at 7:00 p.m.

Fri, Sept. 8: Bye Week.

RLCC Mustang Volleyball

Varsity Squad

Tues, Aug. 29: Against Cass Lake – Bena in Oklee at 5:00 p.m.

Thu, Aug. 31: Against Fosston in Oklee at 5:00 p.m.

Tue, Sept. 5: Against WEM in Erskine at 5:00 p.m.

Thu, Sept, 7: Against Stephen-Argyle in Plummer at 5:00 p.m.

Sat, Sept. 9: Ada Tournament time TBD.

NMF Board of Directors Elects New Board Member, Jason Brumwell

In the recent publication of the North-west Minneso- ta Foundation they welcomed a new board member to the Northwest Min- nesota Founda- tion Board of Directors, Ja- son Brumwell of Red Lake Falls. A graduate of the Minnesota School of Busi- ness Brumwell has a degree in Hospitality Management. Brumwell is in- volved in many things in Red Lake Falls, being the owner of Voyageur's View, Inc., which is a campground on the outer North edge of Red Lake Falls.

Brumwell is also involved in the annual Diane Brum- well Memorial "Hoops for Hope", which is a basketball tournament that he hosts.

Brumwell said "Our area has a lot to offer and we need to work together to show visitors that North- west Minneso- ta is work not just traveling through, but is a viable place to live and work,.". He also men- tioned, "If we collaborate and work together, I believe visi- tors will be surprised by what they find"



ECFE News

ECFE/School Readiness/ Screening

At RLCC Oklee and Plummer Sites

www.rlcc2906.org-under the elementary school tab

Like us on Facebook: RLCCCECFE to get updates!!

Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE)

Early Childhood Family Education is for all birth-5 year olds and their parents. Events and activities are planned and set up for babies, toddlers, preschoolers and their parents throughout the year to promote leaning and exploring during the early years in your child's life. Parenting topics are discussed, and activities are developmentally appropriate for your child to grow and learn at every age. **Classes will be held on Thursday evenings either at the Oklee site preschool, the Plummer site preschool, or the Brooks Community Center.**

School Readiness

School Readiness is a program that provides children with various opportunities to enter school with the skills and behaviors needed for them to progress. Early Childhood staff will help your child learn skills that are important for school success, and provide Early Childhood Special Education or speech services if needed. Curriculum and lessons are planned around each child's specific needs. \*\*\*Parent volunteers are always welcome!\*\*\*

Preschool Screening

Preschool Screening is for all children (3-5 years) in the School District 2906. Packets (with times scheduled) will be sent out one to two weeks before

the screening date. Contact the school if you do not receive a packet. **RLCC Oklee Site: October 11<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 AM. This will include both Plummer and Oklee Preschoolers. RLCC Plummer Site will be held in February for both Plummer and Oklee Preschoolers.**

Please Call: **Plummer Site (465-4222) or e-mail (morin@gvtel.com) or Oklee Site (796-5136) or e-mail (sgunderson@rlcc.k12.mn.us)** to see if your child is registered for our School Readiness classes. Local district children will get first chance to sign up then there will be a waiting list. Busing is also available on regular routes. Children **MUST** have their **immunization** records on file in the office before the first day of class.

**Classes available this year include:**

3½-4 year olds: Wednesdays: 8:00AM-3:12PM (Children with birthdates before 3/14/14 can start September 13<sup>th</sup>. Those who are born after 3/14/14 will start January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018).

4-5 year olds: Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:00AM-3:12PM (children who are 4 years old before

September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017). Classes will start September 12<sup>th</sup>.

Upcoming RLCC Plummer and Oklee

ECFE/School Readiness Event:

**Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>: Open House – RLCC Oklee and Plummer Sites:**

**4:00-8:00PM**

Come and pick up your School Readiness packet and ECFE Newsletter and check out the Preschool Rooms!

Inter-County Nursing Service Feeling Fit and Fine Healthy Behaviors



Week #8 Winner for Red Lake County is: (Right) Amelia Warne, 6-12 year age group and (Left) Alice Warne, 3-5 year age group.



Week #8 Winner for Pennington County is: Mackenzie Bugge, 6-12 year age group (No picture available) Theo Haugen, 3-5 year age group.

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Letter to the Editor

In the Oklee Herald of July 8, 2017, a letter of apology from the Oklee Council members, Lori Melby, Kaye Munt, Paul Cyr, Mayor George Burthwick and City Clerk Derek Cross was printed apologizing to Cole Bernier regarding one members action at the May 8th meeting.

As the letter of apology stated, I, Matthew Genova refused to apologize to Cole Bernier. I find it troublesome behavior by my fellow council members that the council would go out of their way to print such an apology in the paper.

This apology is based on my answers to Cole Bernier when the the Mayor and Council person Paul Cyr told Cole Bernier that the City did not budget money for air conditioning to the Community Hall where Bernier was having his wedding reception.

Mr. Bernier during the exchange of conversation with me, asked me what options he had available to him for his reception.

As a City Council person who was elected protect and serve this community, my answers to Cole Bernier's options were as follows:

1. Rent portable air conditioners for the hall.
2. He could rent more fans.
3. He could hold his reception somewhere else that had air conditioning.

I would tell these options to any person, who approached the City Council.

Well, of course, some Council members saw this as a chance to show me in a bad light.

So, in order to point fingers lets start by doing this.

Cole Bernier had come before the Council at the 11th hour before his reception offering the City \$1000 for air condition to be installed. The cost is much more than \$1000.

And finally certain members who currently serve on the Oklee Council, knowing the City Hall needs air conditioning,

would have addressed this problem as well as addressing the repairs needed to fix the basketball court, the tennis court, all of which have been neglected for years by the board members.

Perhaps they need to apologize to the citizens of Oklee. Darrel Tougas, who is City Maintenance, is no way responsible, so don't point your fingers at him.

My fellow council members, your fingers should be pointed at yourselvesand the blame is squarely on your shoulders.

I would invited the Mayor, Council members and the City Clerk to donate their City Council meeting wages to the Community Club or some other city venue. I invite all of you to follow my lead, I don'tate my City wages just as I promised when campaning.

Lastly, if any citizens would like to listen to the tamped council meeting on May 8, 2017, let me know. I have the tape, this tape will shed light on the real truth.

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Regional Ag News

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Declining Oak Trees

Does your grand oak look a little rough? Is your oak tree dying? There isn't a clear answer for every oak. Several culprits could be the cause of your oak trees decline. Anthracnose, bur oak blight, oak wilt, or even two-lined chestnut borer are just a few causes of oak decline.

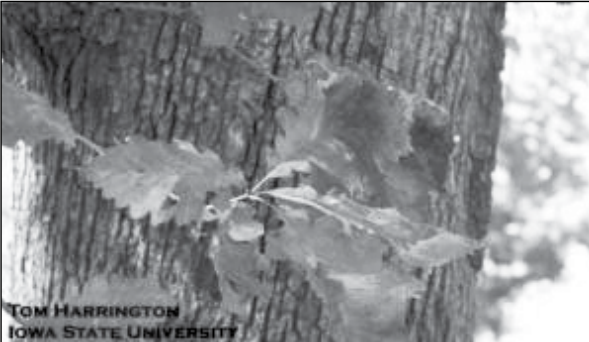
Oak anthracnose is caused by the fungus Discula quercina, and lives on infected twigs and leaves. Jill Pokorney from the University of Minnesota's Plant Disease Clinic has reported extreme cases of oak anthracnose this year. This is due to the wet spring and summer we have had. The fungus spores were able to move around readily throughout the tree with splashing water and cause infection more broadly throughout the entire tree. In addition, high humidity creates ideal conditions for the spores to multiply and spread. Symptoms can include misshaped leaves with black spots or blotches that can expand, turn brown, and dry out. Anthracnose can also cause leaf and shoot dieback which result in clusters of dead leaves clinging to the tree. Premature dropping of leaves is another symptom of anthracnose.

Typically anthracnose will not cause severe damage and the tree will be able to survive. However, due to other stresses, such as drought, the anthracnose may prevent enough photosynthesis for the tree to survive. To minimize the chance of reoccurrence and repeated stress to the tree, dispose of the leaves once they drop by burning them or disposing of them in a refuse.

Bur Oak Blight is a serious leaf blight disease but it only impacts bur oaks. True identification of the tree should be done. Symptoms of bur oak blight appear in late July or August. Infected leaves have purple-brown lesions along the mid-vein and large lateral veins on the underside of the leaf, which later become visible on the topside of the leaf. This leads to large, wedge-shaped areas of chlorosis and necrosis, yellowing and death of tissue. The infection continues and causes large areas of the leaf to die, eventually giving a wilted or scorched appearance. Over time, the infected trees may die because the tree is stressed and

now is susceptible to secondary invaders such as insects. Management may include injections of the fungicide propiconazole in late May or early June. However confirmation of bur oak blight should be done through a laboratory test before any treatment is done. The US Forest Service has a publication highlighting Bur Oak Blight: <http://z.umn.edu/ywf>.

Oak wilt is caused by a nonnative fungus Certocystis fagecearum. Oak wilt spreads



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most commonly through root grafts of similar species, but can also spread above ground by oak sap beetles that carry the fungus from tree to tree. The red oak group, including the Northern Pin, Red, Black, and Scarlet are highly susceptible to infection. Oak wilt in red oaks can be identified by rapid wilting from the top of the tree down. It infects a few branches at a time, and leaves will begin to drop rapidly. Leaves that drop may be brown, green, or a combination. Once symptoms first appear, the red oak will generally wilt completely in two to six weeks. White oak group, including bur, white, and bi-color, are also susceptible at a lower level. This group of oaks can sometimes live with the disease for a long time before dying. This gives the tree owner the opportunity to have the tree treated by a tree care professional.

Preventing the spread of oak wilt by root grafts is difficult; stopping the spread of fungus through the roots requires the use of a mechanical vibratory plov with a five-foot blade. Minimizing the spread over land by insects can best be accomplished by not pruning oaks during the months of April, May, and June. Risk level drops to low from July through October, but the best time to prune oaks is November through March since the fungal pathogen and the insects are not active.

The two-lined chestnut borer, Agrilus bilineatus is a beetle that impact oaks. The two-

lined chestnut borer is bluish black in color with two light stripes running down the wing covers. Larvae are about one inch long, white in color, and have two spines at the tip of the abdomen. If a tree is infested with this bug it will exhibit wilting in the upper canopy's leaves that turn brown but may remain attached to the branch for several weeks. The exit holes of the insect found on the trunk are about 1/8-inch and "D" shaped, and the larvae will create "S" shaped galleries underneath the bark.

Damage is usually visible mid to late summer. Since infestation of the two-lined chestnut borer is typical in stressed oaks, encouraging good tree health and using good management practices is the best prevention. Pesticides are available on the market for high-value trees; products containing carbaryl, bifenthrin, or chlorpyrifos can be used. Be sure to read and follow all safety and application instructions.

To help ensure the health and vigor of all trees, watering, mulching, and proper pruning are all important steps a landowner can do. Trees need approximately one-gallon of water per every inch of DBH (diameter at breast height) per week. Mulching helps maintain a more consistent, cooler soil temperature and even moisture. Proper pruning helps remove dead, damaged, and diseased branches as well as allows for more air movement in a tree canopy.

There can be many other causes to your oak tree's decline. Do some research and investigate your trees closely. Homeowners can send in a tree leaf sample to the University of Minnesota Plant Disease Clinic to determine the cause before jumping to any conclusion. To find a certified tree care professional, visit [www.isa-arbor.org](http://www.isa-arbor.org). For more information on health issues with oak trees visit <http://www.extension.umn.edu/garden/diagnose/plant/deciduous/oak/>

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# Oklee Herald Early Files

## Oklee Herald Early Files Seventy Years Ago Aug. 14, 1947

The Lucky Lindsay 4-H club held its tour Sunday afternoon, ending at the Henry Nelson home where a picnic lunch was enjoyed.

One of the year's most anticipated motion pictures comes to the Oak theatre screen Sunday and Monday with the showing of "Undercurrent," co-starring Katharine Hepburn and Robert Taylor for the first time.

A surprise birthday party was held in honor of Mrs. Andrew Bakke Tuesday evening at her home.

## Sixty Years Ago Aug. 15, 1957

Bob Benoit, a former Red Lake Falls man who has recently been employed by a St. Paul grocery firm, this week began his new duties as assistant manager at the Sovde & Sone Store here.

A family reunion took place Tuesday evening at the Delton Sebenaler residence here.

Mr. and Mrs. Erick Johnson and Mrs. Ingeborg Bjornaran attended the Golden Wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Ole Watne held at the Lund church at Gully Sunday.

## Fifty Years Ago Aug. 10, 1967

Mr. and Mrs. T.M. Dennistoun of Lambert

Township will observe their golden wedding anniversary with open house for friends and relatives at the Plummer Presbyterian Church.

Lynnete Solheim, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Solheim of Trail became the bride of Raymond Sundrud, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orvin Sundrud of Fosston on June 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Jensen and Alan visited at the Andrew Fore home Tuesday evening.

## Forty Years Ago Aug. 11, 1977

Mr. and Mrs. Omer Lambert of Thief River Falls were Friday night coffee guests at the Ed Lajambe home.

Miss Carol Lynn Opdahl of Trail and David Wayne Dahlen of Goodridge exchanged marriage vows at the Vernes Lutheran Church, rural McIntosh.

Ray Lindquist, local carpenter, with the aid of Joe Cyr, has been tending to a face lift of Melby's Store in Oklee.

## Thirty Years Ago Aug. 12, 1987

Matt Kolstoe won Safety Reserve Champion at the Red Lake County Fair.

Area student graduating from UND is Shelly Ann Paquin (B.S.) of Oklee.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gardiner of Grand Forks, Mr. and Mrs. David Lundeen ,

Kristi and Kyle of Red Lake Falls were Sunday visitors at the Edna Nelson home in Oklee.

## Twenty Years Ago Aug. 13, 1997

Pee Wee Summer Rec Baseball Team was Andrew Vettleson, Lee Knutson, Dale Rystad, Kyle Vettleson, Mark Bachand, Andy Swenson, Chris Hamm, and Daniel Hahn.

Stephani would like to announce the birth of her new baby sister, Samantha Jean, daughter of Jon and Sue Smith.

Age 6 Pedal Pull winners were in 1<sup>st</sup> place Karl Johnson and in 2<sup>nd</sup> place Travis Voeltz.

## Ten Years Ago Aug. 16, 2007

The City Council of Brooks met and as the first order of business, inducted Shawn Hince as a council person to take the place of Leeroy Mercil who resigned in May.

Superintendent Jim Guetter presented a letter of resignation from Vickie Kolden. The board accepted her resignation with regrets and expressed their thanks for her many years of service to both Oklee and Plummer.

Judy Champagne of Oklee and Dick and Candy Skauge of Lake Park would like to announce the birth of their grandson Brandon Duane Champagne.

## Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

This Sunday morning is sweater temperatures. My thermometer shows 73 degrees.

Yesterday was a busy day in Oklee. There was a large crowd attending "Market Day" Early morning I saw many walkers taking part in the race. I could watch them going East of my house on the highway. There were many other things to take part in also. I haven't heard who were the lucky winners. I'm sure everyone looking at the cars displayed on the street. I couldn't name the models, but I noticed many people inspecting them.

This week at the Site we are having an "Ice Cream" Party. Everyone is invited and take part in the afternoon. There is Bingo at 12:30 p.m. This is

followed by coffee. Everyone is invited to bring a special something to display and give a little talk about the item and what it means to you. It should be fun to see what is brought. I already have decided what I will bring. After that, we will have the ice cream with toppings. See you there!

I'm sure everyone has a keepsake to tell about, but, don't stay away if you don't want to bring anything.

Have you noticed the trees are already losing leaves. I guess they are raining rain too.

## Dates to Remember

**August 17:** Senior Site Council meeting at 10:00 a.m.

**August 17:** Ice Cream Party at 1:30 p.m.

**August 18:** Birthday Meal.

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## Words of Wisdom

To gauge the importance of a relationship, ask, "Does this relationship inspire me to be a better person?"

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## Joke Time

Following a particular bumpy landing, the plane cabin crew stood at the door while the passengers exited, thanking each person for flying with the airline. The last person to leave was an old lady who, still recovering from the jolts and jerks, said, "Do you mind if I ask you a questions?"

"Sure," said the flight attendant.

"Did we land or were we shot down."

## Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

The weather has settled down somewhat and we have been experiencing some golden summer days. Not too hot and certainly conducive to some good times and gatherings. It has been very comfortable, cool nights. Mother Nature can keep up with the good weather. I won't comment on the rain or lack thereof, because the grain harvest is in full force. The crop looks good but I haven't heard what is going into the bin at this time yet.

Congratulations to Tyrell Hamrum and Natalie Aamoth who were married at the Lowell Hamrum farm on Saturday, August 5th. The theme of the wedding was a good old fashioned farm wedding with hay bales and creative favors that reflected the farm and all of its wonders. They will be moving into his Grandmother's home in Brooks. They both will teach at the Plummer school this fall. Welcome to Brooks and congratulations on your wedding again.

Myrtle Hamrum is moving to the Land of the Midnight Sun (Alaska) and will be living in Delta Junction AK. Delta Junction is in the interior of Alaska and is accessible by plane. She will be living with her daughter Susan Heller-Bailey who has made her home there for many years. Myrtle said she has lived in Brooks for 69 years. We will miss her and her Norwegian prayer before meals at the Red Hat meetings. She has always been a positive force at the red hats meetings and we will miss that. Good Luck to you Myrtle and we hope the coffee guys in Alaska keep you company.

There was a gathering of Red Hats and friends that came to Cozy on Wednesday. Emilie Skjervén, Wilma Arlt, Vi Bruggeman, Mildred Duden, Mary Schindler, Alice Jobe, Carol Gerardy, Susan Heller-Bailey, Myrtle Hamrum, Wavell Sorenson, and Barb Novak. Everyone enjoyed visiting and many

questions were asked of Susan, Myrtle's daughter about the area of Alaska she lives in. One question that was asked about was the long days when the sun doesn't go down, and it was interesting to hear that it is light 24 hours a day. Everyone had a great time. It seemed that the visit was more important than the food because we talked for a long time.

On Saturday Jerome and Barb Novak, Reinette and Ray Walter, Walter Novak and Anita Mattson all attended the funeral of Richard Kovar, their cousin, of East Grand Forks. The funeral was in East Grand Forks Sacred Heart church, and the interment was in Tabor at Holy Trinity Catholic Cemetery. May he rest in peace.

Anita Mattson came from Bismarck North Dakota to visit with Reinette and Ray Walter and to attend the funeral of her cousin Richard Kovar. She arrived on Friday and returned to Bismarck on Sunday.

Our condolences to the family of John Paradis, who died last week Tuesday. John fought cancer for a long battle. John was well known in the area and was a hard worker. Rest in peace John.

We hope you have a great week. It looks like a busy one and with good weather the harvest will be in full swing. Busy times and golden weather, you just can't beat that!

**Myrtle Hamrum, her daughter Susan Heller Bailey, enjoying the meal at Cozy. Stories and laughter abounded at the dinner in honor of Myrtle.**

## Plummer News

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Rick and Bonnie Greenwald of Stacy and Chancey Greenwald and children of Minneapolis, came Saturday night.

Chuck Simpson went to Sturgis, S.D. previous week for the motorcycle rally. It was the 77th annual rally.

Cathey and Kevin Samuelson, of Sables, North Dakota also went to the Rally. Cathy is Bunny DuChamps daughter.

On August 8th, a birthday brunch for Jolayne Simpson was held at Sandy Greenwald's. Also present were: Sue Brantl, Reinette Walter and Bonnie Greenwald. Chuck Simpson returned from Sturgis, S.D. on Tuesday afternoon and

surprised Jolayne for her birthday.

Alice Jobe visited Bonnie Greenwald and her grandkids Tuesday afternoon.

Recently out at Guillemette's, west of Plummer, they have seen a moose and her calf, which is very rare.

Jim Kelley, Randy Pahlen and Jim DuChamp went fishing to Lake of the Woods over the weekend and Jim Kelley got a 28 inch walleye. It was the largest fish and 2nd year to have the biggest fish.

A farewell cake and ice cream was served Monday night for Connie and Charlie Bishop at the Tri River Museum. Members met at 8 p.m. They are moving to Park Rapids later this month.

John Paradis passes away August, 8th, Tuesday evening at Oakland Park nursing home in Thief River. Our sympathy to all the family.

Glenn Campbell well known country singer also died on the 8th. He was 81 and had Alzheimer's for a few years.

Myrtle Hamrum was honored at a lunch at the cozy in Brooks. Her daughter Susan was there. She will move to Alaska and live with

Susan. The ladies enjoyed lasagna dinner and other items. Myrtle left her Red Hat things, Hate, pins, jackets for who ever wanted. It was an enjoyable day. Brielle Traxler attended Bible Camp at Immanuel Church Tuesday and Wednesday.

On August 5th, Ruth and Gary Halvorson and Thomas, Alvarado, MN brought cake for Anne Traxlers birthday. Sunday, Nancy and Al Olson came for dinner to Anne's. She also had phone calls from sons Bill and Bob. Her daughter Karen and Son Xander have been visiting. They are from Fredericksburg, Virginia.

Karen Tvedt stopped by, as well as Sister Marian Schiller from Grand Forks.

Wednesday we had a down pour at 5:00 p.m. And got one and a half inches. Nice rain I hope the farmers weren't upset. The ground really absorbed the water fast.

On the news, I heard the Yankees will break a 100 year tradition of wearing striped shirts and will now have names on the back. Yankees and their own name. That was interesting to hear.

Have a good week!

# R & B Travels - The Next Generation

By Dave Olson

Do you remember when my Grandma Ruth wrote articles in the Oklee Herald about her travels with Bernice Torkelson? It was called R&B Travels. Well, my wife Shari, my aunt Sylvia (Ruth's youngest daughter) and I took our first adventure and Sylvia insisted I write a report for the paper. I will never be able to write as good as my Grandma, but I'll give it a try. After all, it is well known if I ever needed a book report back in school, she could whip one up in an evening.

Last Saturday morning Shari and I left Oklee at 10:30 and headed to Fosston to pick up Sylvia. She was at Hope Lutheran Church working, but she knew we were coming. Our pilot adventure took us to the Lost Forty. It is about 25 miles east of Blackduck, MN. The Lost Forty, if you've never heard of it, was platted wrong years ago and the trees never got harvested because it was supposedly under water. Some of these red and white pine trees are from the 1880s. It takes about 3 people to connect

your arms around some of these trees.

We left Hope Lutheran Church about 11 a.m. and headed east on Hwy 2. We came into Bagley and on a corner lot there were a couple of Amish girls selling goodies, so we stopped. Shari and I bought some donuts and Sylvia bought cookies. I say Sylvia bought them, but actually Shari paid for them because Sylvia said she only had big bills. Later in the day she paid Shari back the \$8 for her cookies.

After getting our goodies we continued east on Hwy 2 to Bemidji. We took a left on Hwy 71 going north and went about 15 miles to Turtle River where we stopped to have lunch at the Chophouse. They are right on the east side of Hwy 71. We sat out on the patio and ate. It was about 75 and sunny. The food was very good and we had good service to match, plus Sylvia bought! After lunch we continued north on 71 to Blackduck. Their streets were all tore up because they are doing major street repair. We weaved our way through town and headed east on Hwy 13

about 13 miles to Alvwood. Then we went north on State Hwy 46 for about ½ mi and turned east on Co Rd 29. We took Co Rd 29 for about 11 mi to Dora Lake and Co Rd 26. We then went north on Co Rd 26 about 2 mi to Forest Rd. We turned west and went about 1½ mi where we saw a sign for the Lost Forty.

There are several trails through the woods at the Lost Forty. We picked a trail and walked just over a mile through the woods. We were surprised by the lack of wildlife. We never even heard or seen a bird. We spent about an hour there just taking in the beauty of the big trees. We got back to the car and we needed some water and a donut or cookie. We headed toward home the exact way we got there, except when we got to Alvwood on the corner of St Hwy 46 & Co 13, we stopped at the Hoot-N-Holler Bar and had a root beer on tap. Yes, actual root beer! After having a couple of glasses of soda we were on a mission to get back to Bagley before 5:30 because the Amish stand was going to be open until then. We made it before they closed and Shari and Sylvia each bought a pie and some other baked goodies. After making a quick stop we headed for Fosston. Before dropping Sylvia off at her car we made a stop at the DQ and had a small peanut butter Blizzard. We dropped Sylvia off at the church and Shari and I headed home to Oklee. We got to Oklee and decided to drive out to my mom and dad's and gave them each a donut to try.

We had a great day. If you ever want to take a little road trip I'd advise you to think about checking out the Lost Forty. If we do any more road trips you'll probably hear about it if Sylvia gets her way again.

create a tight seal. These and other tips have been added to the latest edition of "Grain Drying, Handling and Storage Handbook." The publication focuses on planning a new grain facility or expanding an existing one. Many farmers can now do for themselves what was normally done at the local elevator.

The "Grain Drying, Handling and Storage Handbook" contains chapters on planning guidelines for drying, handling and storage; locating and developing a grain center; safety and health; automation and control; and basic principles of equipment used for grain drying; handling; and storage. The publication is useful to help farmers planning an upgrade in their infrastructure to educate themselves on the various aspects to consider and options before meeting with a design team. The handbook can assist farmers to obtain a system that efficiently meets their current and future grain drying, handling and storage needs.

The publication includes tables with information on various types of grain storage facilities. This information is cross referenced to downloadable spreadsheets. Producers can recalculate the capacities to meet the needs of their grain facilities. In addition, the publication contains numerous figures, illustrations and photos.

To obtain the publication, contact MidWest Plan Service at Iowa State University by email at mwps@iastate.edu or by phone at 515. 294. 4337, or visit the website at https://www-mwps.sws.iastate.edu/. You can also email Ken Hellevang, N D S U Agricultural Engineer at kenneth.hellevang@ndsu.edu to have questions answered.

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## GRAIN STORAGE SAFETY ISSUES

On farm grain drying and storage have changed significantly as the capacity of equipment used and the amount of grain being handled and stored on farms have increased. But, just because equipment and harvest technology has improved does not mean that safety issues are no longer a concern. Safety issues have become even more of an issue than in past years. System design and operation still causes many people to become trapped in the grain, get tangled in auger fighting, or develop respiratory problems from exposure to grain dust and mold particles.

HERE IS SOME ADVICE ON HOW TO STAY SAFE WHILE WORKING WITH GRAIN;

1. Never enter a bin while unloading grain or to break up a grain bridge. Flowing grain will pull a person into the grain mass, burying the individual in seconds. A wall of grain can collapse without warning and cover a person causing them to suffocate.

2. Never enter a grain bin without stopping the auger and using the "lockout/tag out" procedures to secure it. Use a key-type padlock to lock the auger switch in the "off" position to assure that the equipment does not start automatically or someone does not start the equipment accidentally.

3. Even low level exposure to dust and mold can cause symptoms such as wheezing, a sore throat , nasal or eye irritation and congestion. Higher concentrations can cause allergic reactions and trigger asthma episodes and other problems.

The minimum protection should be an N-95-rated face mask. This mask has two straps to hold it firmly to the face and a metal strip over the nose to

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# Who's Dat?

## Who's Dat

This week's photo is of an active gal seen around Oklee.

Last week's photo was Darren and Darryl Grimm, and Wally Christenson who had a good day of fishing.

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