

Oklee Precipitation		
By Einar Kvasager		
	Rain	Snow
Aug. 16:	0.11	
Aug. 17:	0.12	
Total in.	0.23	0.00

Oklee Herald

...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

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It's more than a job - It's an adventure!

By Marie Johnson

You know that saying “Time flies when you're having fun”? Well I never really got a grasp on that saying until I got the job as working as the summer intern at The Oklee Herald. My 10 weeks of working at The Oklee Herald are soon over and I couldn't be more pleased by the things I have learned. When people ask me what I have been doing this summer I say that I have been working as an intern at The Oklee Herald, some people ask what I do. For those wondering what an intern does at The Oklee Herald, they do more than just write stories, take pictures, and sit in the office.

As a summer intern I did many things, one of those things that I didn't know I had to go to was the Commissioners Meeting. I had to go to the Commissioners Meeting as a note taking exercise. Many people my age probably don't know what a Commissioners Meeting is, but I am glad that I had the opportunity to attend a meeting with Bonny. I thought my note taking skills were pretty good, but now I beg to differ.

Once the Red Lake County Fair came around Bonny and I were very busy. Between taking pictures at scheduled events, like the rodeo and baja, you could say that if you ever saw us running around with our cameras that we looked like chickens with our heads cut off. During the fair it was a lot of

fun taking pictures, especially at the rodeo. The RLC Fair's rodeo was the first rodeo that I can remember that I have gone to and one that I will never forget. Taking pictures was one of the main reasons why I wanted to work at The Oklee Herald and I am glad that I was able to go to the events at the fair to take pictures.

After the fair Bonny was gone for a week and I was in the office by myself. That was the longest week of my life. I was still getting a grasp on how everything works, so I knew certain things, but not everything. Once Bonny came back after that week she told me she would be leaving again for two weeks. You can just about imagine what I thought after she had told me this news. These two weeks went surprisingly well, I didn't mess up anything to badly. I would do all the normal things and lay out the paper. Those two weeks when Bonny was gone I was able to meet a lot of new people and put names to the faces that I had heard from Grandma and Grandpa. I liked when people would stop in and tell me that I was doing a good job on the paper because then all was good, I knew then no one was getting mad at me. When Bonny came back after those two weeks I was happy because then there would be someone else in the office in case I needed help.

Also when Bonny came back I had the chance to go to the place where it all happens, Richards Publishing. When people say don't judge a book by the cover, that really does apply to Richards Publishing. When we pulled up I saw a small building, but when I got inside it was huge. Richard Richards gave me a tour of the building. It was very interesting to see all

the machines and learn some of the businesses that Richards Publishing prints for. I finally got to put faces to names when I met Corrine Richards, Sue Sims, Sue Eck, and Nancy Sundquist. They helped me a lot when Bonny was gone for those couple weeks.

Last year in school I was in Newspaper, where we write about the school events that are happening and they would get printed on the Mustang Stampede page of the newspaper. I loved seeing my article in the paper, but seeing my articles that aren't just about school things was the best, and seeing my pictures that I had taken in the paper too.

Not only did I get to learn about how to lay out a newspaper or the right short cut keys on the keyboard. I also learned more about Oklee. I liked writing The Oklee Early Files because I was able to learn some of the history of Oklee through the paper. I also got to learn more about the Oklee City Council and things that happen around Oklee that I would never have found out if it wasn't for this job. The thing I am going to miss most about working at the Oklee Herald are the people that come in and say Hi. Whether that be people I don't even know or Eric Mickelson who always comes in and asks how's it going and says Hi.

I owe a big thank you to Bonny. Thank you for hiring me, for having to repeat yourself if I didn't get something, and for teaching me many things not only on the computer, but about things in life too. Also thank you for trusting me to lay out the papers and write articles for the front page. It was one of those summers that I will never forget.



Attending the RSVP Banquet from Oklee on August 2nd were Vi Cote, Bev Linder, Einar & Carol Kvasager, and Irene Rosten.

RSVP Hosts Volunteer Recognition Banquet

It was a “Big Deal” at Brown Dining Room on the University of Minnesota Campus Wednesday, August 2nd! The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of the Red River Valley hosted their annual Volunteer Recognition Banquet, honoring more than 200 guests throughout the seven county region for their outstanding volunteer service.

The “Full House” of volunteers enjoyed a Casino-themed party, tying in door prizes, a delicious buffet meal, volunteer awards and parting gifts... all designed to remind volunteers that they comprise the “Jackpot!”

RSVP Director, Tammy Frohlich reminded them of their incredible value, stating how their 60,200 reported hours of service throughout the year generated a pot of \$1,453,228 savings to the state of MN and Northwest Minnesota Counties. “All 600+ of our volunteer are winners; every hour of giving impacts our rural communities and individual lives!”

The “Payout” provides proven health benefits for the 55 and older group of

volunteers, such as reduced mortality and heart disease, less depression and greater life satisfaction. Additionally, a newly released study from the University of Calgary found that seniors who volunteered regularly (at least one hour per week, averaging 52 hours/year) were less likely to develop dementia.

It's a “Win – Win” situation, as communities and individuals are impacted by the services RSVP volunteer programs provide, such as Elementary literacy enhancement, falls prevention exercise classes, grocery shopping and handyman home repairs for seniors, home delivered meals, and others. RSVP engages adults 55 and older in volunteer service to meet community needs, and to provide a high quality experience that will enrich the lives of volunteers. With RSVP, you choose the amount of time you want to give. You choose whether you want to draw on your skills or develop new ones. When you volunteer, you're not just helping others—you're helping yourself. Volunteering leads

to new discoveries and new friends.

Among the “Best Hands” in the house were those who “Upped the Ante” and received the prestigious Presidential Volunteer Service Award. Current RSVP volunteers who surpassed 4000 lifetime service hours being honored included: Mary J. Carlson, Hallock, Doris Nelson of Argyle and Ardell Snare, Roseau.

RSVP is housed and sponsored by the University of Minnesota, Crookston, which delivers 29 bachelor's degree programs, 20 minors, and 36 concentrations on campus--as well as 13 degrees online--in the areas of agriculture and natural resources; business; liberal arts and education; and math, science and technology. With an enrollment of 1,800 undergraduates from more than 20 countries and 40 states, the Crookston campus offers a supportive, close-knit atmosphere that leads to a prestigious University of Minnesota degree. “Small Campus. Big Degree.” To learn more, visit www.umcrookston.edu.

To “Cash in” on the rewards and benefits of volunteering, contact RSVP at 218-281-8289, or jkerman@umn.edu.

Market Day was great fun!

August 12th was a perfect day for Market Day with great weather and perfect temperatures. The Key Hunt rules were given out in the morning so searchers could look for the keys.

The Market Day 5K Walk/Run had approximately 66 persons participating. This year the profits were donated to Second Chance For Life Foundation. The Market Day winners are listed below in the photo.

There were more vendors than past years with lots of great products and crafts. The only thing missing was the garden booths selling vegetables.

There were hand painted tennis shoes, quilted items, small painted furniture items, recycled denim bags, handmade cards, crocheted doilies, wooden crafts along with products from Avon, Plexus, Lemongrass Spa, Monat, just to name a few.

The Car/Motorcycle/Tractor Show was again a popular part of Market Day. Wild Wes was there providing fun music while you walked around the great vehicles on display.

Winners of the Car Show drawing was \$25: Alan Bluemke; \$50: Molly Amberson; and \$75 Terry Cook.

North of town on Danny & Ethan Klasen's land along Cty Rd 5, the Oklee Market Day Plowing Demonstration was held. There were a number of tractors and plows that came out for the event.

The dry ground made it tough for a few of the plows to get a bite into the ground and there were a few fellows gladly sitting on the plows to add weight.

The Sidewalk Chalk drawing contest had a lot of contestants in three different age groups. There are some very talented chalk artists. The winners in the Ages 5 - 8 were: 1st: Ellie Nelson; 2nd: Keaton & Karter Dallmann; and 3rd: Eli Nelson.

Ages 9 - 12: 1st: Hannah Dudycha; 2nd: Paige Olson; and 3rd: Luci Svendsen.

Adults: 1st: Bailey & Amy Sherman; 2nd: Lars Schue; and 3rd: Cindy Dallmann, Deb Amiot and Kadie Amiot.

The Oklee Market Day Quilt Show was again a popular event. These talented people

working with fabric make the most beautiful quilts and it is a hard choice to pick out the winners. The winners are listed to the left with their project.

There was also a Bed Turning event at the Quilt Show which was interesting bit of story telling about special quilts.

There were also a few food vendors around town for Market Day. The regular groups, Zion Lutheran and American Legion were set up and did wonderful business.

In addition to these two vendors there was also "The Kart" who had lots of unique sandwichies and the "Snow Sled Inn," who unfortunately had problems with equipment and had to leave.

The Oklee Cafe and TJ's Tavern also had food and from reports served many meals.

In the afternoon, more activities were planned. There were Old Fashioned Street games for all ages and included games such as the shoe kick, three-legged race, egg toss, and

Oklee Market Day
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Oklee Market Day 5K Walk/Run winners were (back row L to R): George Banasau (21:24 in the 30-39 age group); Russell Sorenson (20:16 in 50-59 age group); Kim Rosendahl (24:35 in 40-49 group); Briar Lane (20:50 in 19 & under); and Bob Melby (24:20 in 60+ group).

Front row: Taylyn Banasau (28:59 in 19 & under age group); Gail Ose (34:32 in 50-59 age group); Katie Holstrom (28:18 in 20-29 age group); Mary Jo Mugaas (32:12 in 60+ age group); Vanessa Wilebski (24:40 in 30-39 age group); and Michelle Bakken (29:33 in 40-49 age group).

Calendar of Events

- 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.
- Mon, Aug. 28:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
- Tue, Aug. 29:**
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards
- Wed, Aug. 30:**
-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. 31:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
- Fri, Sept. 1:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
- Sat, Sept. 2:**
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!
- Sun, Sept. 3:**
-Worship at the church of your choice.
- Mon, Sept. 4:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
- Tue, Sept. 5:**
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards
-LSS Sr. Evening Meal 5:00 p.m.
- Wed, Sept. 6:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
- Thu, Sept. 7:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
- Fri, Sept. 8:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
- Sat, Sept. 9:**
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!
- Sun, Sept. 10:**
-Worship at the church of your choice.
- Mon, Sept. 11:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.



Market Day Quilt Winners



Kids Division: Caitlyn Ellison from Thief River Falls.



Small Project winner: Kathy Finseth from Erskine.



Large Quilt Division: Karen Mathson from McIntosh.

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Interim SAM Christy Shelinbarger
Sun, Aug. 27: 9:00 a.m.
Zion. 10:30 a.m. Salem.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH OKLEE
Fr. Adam Hamness
Sun, Aug. 27: 7:30 a.m.
Confessions 8:00 a.m. Mass.

BROOKS - RED LAKE FALLS CATHOLIC PARISH
Fr. Bob Schreiner
Sat, Aug. 26: 5:30 p.m. RLF
Sun, Aug. 27: 8:00 a.m.
Brooks. 10:00 a.m. RLF.

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun, Aug. 27: 9:00 a.m.
Worship at Ebenezer. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Immanuel.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

Aug. 28 - Sept. 1
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: ½ BLT, hash browns, vegetable, and dessert.
Tuesday: Liver & onions, boiled potatoes, gravy, vegetable, and dessert.

Wednesday: Tater tot hotdish, tossed salad, and dessert.

Thursday: Lasagna, green beans, toast, and dessert.

Friday: Pancake, sausage patty 1 egg, and dessert.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Sun, Aug. 27: 8:30 a.m.
Ekelund. 9:45 a.m. Faith. 11:00 a.m. Bethany. Noon, Bethany Council meeting.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Sat, Aug. 26: 9:00 a.m.
Mt. Olive.
Sun, Aug. 27: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri. Nazareth 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. Oak Park.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjournefosston.com

Wed, Aug. 23: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

Thu, Aug. 24: 12:00 p.m. Rotary.

Fri, Aug. 25: 6:00 p.m. Holy Yoga.

Sat, Aug. 26: 8:00 p.m. Holy Yoga.

Sun, Aug. 27: 9:30 a.m. Worship at Lengby Baptist Church.

Tue, Aug. 29: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible study. 10:00 a.m. Quilting. 6:30p.m. Bible Study.

Wed, Aug. 30: 6:30p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, Aug. 27: Lund 9 a.m.
Bethany 10:30 a.m.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY
Fosston
Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor
Sun, Aug. 27: 10:00 a.m. Worship.

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

The new schedule started December 2016.

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.

Emily Skjervén of Plummer, Anna De Hate of Plummer, Wilma Arlt of Plummer, and Vi Bruggeman of Brooks all joined in to wish good luck to Myrtle Hamrum on last Wednesday afternoon.



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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 seepage (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.

Oklee Herald Office Hours

This weeks hours:

Thu, Aug. 24 In Gonvick
Fri, Aug. 25 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Mon, Aug. 28 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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Gonvick Office Phone: 218-487-5225

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Cost-Share Assistance for Landowners affected by the Buffer Law

Landowners in Red Lake County will have additional resources available in order to help them reach compliance with the recent buffer law passed by the State of Minnesota. The law, which was passed with bipartisan support in 2015 and signed into law by Governor Dayton, requires the implementation of a buffer strip on public waters by November 1, 2017 and a buffer on public drainage ditches by November 1, 2018.

"These additional resources, both financial and found online, are designed to help landowners be successful in complying with the law," explained John Jaschke, Executive Director of Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources. "Local SWCDs and landowners have been working together over the past 18 months and, we are making great progress with 64 counties already 60- 100% compliant."

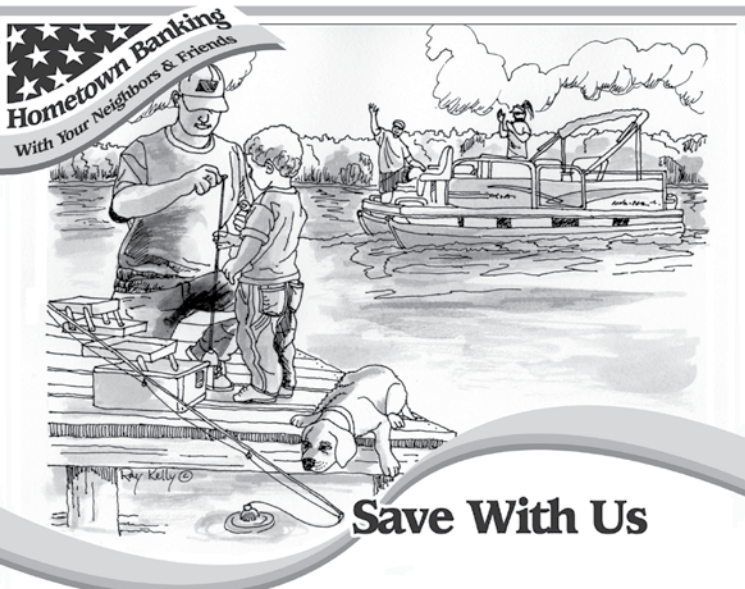
Landowners can contact the Red Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District to apply for cost-sharing funds made available by the state in order to help them reach compliance. These funds are to be used for cost-sharing contracts with landowners or their authorized agents to implement riparian buffers or alternative practices on public waters and public drainage ditches.

Eligible parcels will receive funding of \$300 per acre to plant native vegetation or \$200 per acre with introduced vegetation for buffer strips. Lands that qualify for Grade Stabilization Structures, Grassed Waterways, Critical Area Plantings, or Riparian Forest Buffers will be funded up to 75% of the cost of implementation with an amount not to exceed \$2,500 per practice. The maximum amount of cost-share assistance will be \$5,000 per landowner, unless otherwise approved by the SWCD board.

Another option available for landowners is a waiver opportunity. This allows for an eight-month extension for implementation when a landowner or authorized agent has filed a riparian protection "compliance plan" with the Red Lake County SWCD by November 1, 2017. Compliance waivers offer a buffer deadline extension until July 1, 2018.

For more information and buffer law fact sheets, visit the Red Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District's website at: <http://redlakecountyswcd.org> or stop into the office at 2602 Wheat Dr. in Red Lake Falls, MN to speak with the SWCD staff.

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Centennial Recipe Corner

Zucchini Bread Pat Asselin

Combine:
3 eggs
2 cups white sugar

Then add:
1 cup oil
3 cups flour
1 tsp salt
1 tsp soda
3 tsp cinnamon
1/4 tsp baking powder
2 cups grated zucchini
nuts (optional)

Grease and flour pans. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 - 60 minutes. Makes 2 loaves.



Sudoku Solution

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

Hello Oklee Herald,
I was lucky enough to be in town visiting family today during Oklee's Market Day. It was fun to see all the activities. I took a few pictures and thought I'd pass a couple along in case they could be of use.
Thanks so much.
Sincerely
Casey Wiedenman
THANK YOU, CASEY FOR SHARING THEM!

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Rebel Football

The 2017 high school football season starts August 25th in Plummer. The 2017 Red Lake County Rebels will host the Fosston Greyhounds at 7:00 PM. Both teams started practice on August 7th. RLC is looking to improved off of the disappointing season in 2016. The Rebels have 31 players on this years team. "We have been working hard for two weeks now. We like what we see so hopefully we can have a successful season," stated Head Coach Brian Remick.

RLCC Sports Schedules

RLC Rebels Football Varsity

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

Thu, Aug. 31: Cass Lake-Bena at RLF 7:00 p.m.

Junior Varsity

Tue, Sept. 5: AB-NCW at Plummer 5:00 p.m.

Mon, Sept. 11: Mahnomen – Away 5:00 p.m.

Junior High (7th & 8th grade)

Thu, Sept. 14: Mahnomen at RLF 4:30/5:30 p.m.

Elementary

Sat, Sept. 9: Erskine 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Sat, Sept. 16: Halstad 9:00-11:00 a.m.

RLCC Mustang Volleyball

Tue, Aug. 29: Cass Lake-Bena at Oklee 5:00 p.m.

Thu, Aug. 30: Fosston at Oklee 5:00 p.m.

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

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

Sat, Sept. 9: Ada Tournament at Ada TBD

Mon, Sept 11: Blackduck at Oklee 5:00 p.m.

Tue, Sept. 12: Keliher-Northome at Oklee 5:00 p.m.

Thu, Sept. 14: East Grand Forks at EGF 5:00 p.m.



On Friday, August 18th the Rebel football team challenged their dads/brothers in a game of 6 on 6 touch football. Even with the advantage of practicing for two weeks, being in better shape, and having youth on their side the young Rebels fell to their dads 44-36. The game was very competitive and fun for all involved.

"We would like to thank all those that came to play and watch. It was a fun time," said Coach Brian Remick.

The 2017 Rebel football team will kick off the season with hosting Fosston Friday, August 25th. The game is at 7:00 PM in Plummer.

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for adults only, beer guzzling contest. There was also a sand pile filled with coins for the kids to dig through. And there was a golf ball drop at the end of the games.

New this year was an ATV Pull which was held behind D & R Grocery. There were contestants with 4-Wheelers and Ranger types of vehicles ready to run. The winners were on the Canary Front page last week if you want to see the photos. Here is the winners:

ATV Pull 1st place 400cc. Tristan Larson.

ATV pull 1st place 300cc. Daryl Hamm.

ATV Pull winners: 1st place 500cc. Andrew Gryskiewicz.

2nd place 500cc. Jayden Iverson. 3rd place 500cc. Tyler Sandahl.

ATV Pull winners: 1st place 900cc Ranger. Cole Bernier.

2nd place 900cc Ranger. Dustin Peterson. 3rd place 900cc Ranger. David Hendrum.

Winners were announced at different times of the day.

The Key Hunt: 7 keys were hidden with only one opening the lock. Brody Rystad found 3 keys, Carlee Whalen found 2 keys, Gavin Thomas found 1 key and Peyton O'Neill found 1 key and was the one that opened the lock.

50/50 Winner: \$217.00 to Butch Berberich.

Oklee Cafe Drawing winners: \$10.00 Certificates: Don Brown, Jennifer Kvasager, John Melby, and Bob Hruby. Chicken Strip Basket: Molly Smith. Cheeseburger/Fries: Hunter Westcott.

Lucky Buck Winners: D & R Grocery: Deer Camp sign - Joanne Voeltz; Volleyball Set - Kassidy Torgerson; Cooler - Shirley Lundeen; T-Shirt - Dawn Hanson; and Sweatshirt - Elaine Broker.

Oklee Quilting Supply, Inc.: Sewing Goodies - Todd Risteigen; Pillow - Marin Peterson; Sleeping Bag - Tim Nelson.

Salon 209: Hair Spray/Mousse - Stacy Olson.

Oklee Lumber, Inc.: Aviation Strips of Bits - Shirley Lundeen; Wrench Set - Tim

Nelson; and Ratchet Set - Marie Adams.

TJ's Tavern of Oklee: Wine Glasses - Stacy Olson.

The late afternoon starting at 4:00 p.m. the Market Day Chili/Beer/Wine contest was held. There were three chili contestants and only one beer contestant. All three chili's were very tasty and the beer was good also, though it is too bad there wasn't more competition. Winners & contestants photos and winnings listed below.

A pulled pork sandwich, salad and beverage was available for anyone wanting to eat and it was very delicious which was followed by great entertainment by Brady Grove and Jordyn Johnsrud.

Grove is Oklee's own magician who had expanded his act with a few new tricks to figure out and Johnsrud, from up north...Goodridge...and she had a very powerful voice as she sang familiar songs as well as some of her own compositions.

Open Mic was available and at 9:00 a.m. TJ's Tavern had an evening a great music to finish off the day.

ECFE News

ECFE/School Readiness/Screening

At RLCC Oklee and Plummer Sites

www.rlcc2906.org - under the elementary school tab

Like us on Facebook: [RLCCECFE](#) 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 11th – 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 13th. Those who are born after 3/14/14 will start January 2nd, 2018).

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

September 1st, 2017). Classes will start September 12th.

Upcoming RLCC Plummer and Oklee

ECFE/School Readiness Event:

Wednesday, August 30th; 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!



Trisha Lane and her son Briar had a chili contest entry and the only beer entry, which was made by Trisha's husband. They won Best Theme Award and the Beer Award.



Cindy and Jacob Melby had a chicken chili which was very tasty.

The other two chili's were chicken (Trisha's) and a venison (Richard & Morris's).



Morris and Richard Hendrickson had the Peoples Choice & Hottest award winning chili.



Richard Hendrickson and Trisha Lane with their trophies for the People's Choice, Hottest, Best Theme and Beer awards. Great job to all who participated.

Official City of Oklee Minutes

City of Oklee Regular Council Meeting Monday 10 th July 2017 6.00pm Oklee Cafe

Meeting was called to order at 6.01pm

Roll Call: Mayor Burthwick, Melby, Genova, Munt and Cyr also present Sherriff Bernstein, Gale Schmitz and Colleen Hoffman along with Cross and Tougas.

June minutes.

Motion to accept with spelling correction by Melby and seconded by Munt, motion carried.

June Financials.

Motion to accept by Cyr and seconded by Melby, motion carried

June Bills.

Motion to pay the June Bills by Munt and seconded by Melby, motion carried.

Sheriff's Report.

Bernstein reported that a dog problem had occurred July 5th at 412 Bourdon Street at the same property the yard was discussed with regard to vehicles parked around the property. Owner appeared in court and pled not guilty.

One trailer home condition was also discussed, stating due to the condition of the property it may well fall into a public health and safety category.

Bernstein also reported that the Fair/Rodeo had gone well.

Genova asked about Kimbro's Yard and it needs sorting out; give a deadline to owner on tidying up.

Colleen Hoffman/Auditor.

Reported the Audit went very well

and everything was presented on time, no disagreements with either Derek Cross or Gale Schmitz, she went on to say that this was the fewest Journal entries ever she has ever had to make in an Audit for Cities.

Hoffman went on to give a detailed report and explanation of the Audit.

Genova asked if the City has sufficient insurance liability for its workers regarding vehicles, Hoffman reported that the League of MN Cities is very good at that side of things and making sure you have adequate coverage.

Motion to accept the Audit by Cyr and seconded by Genova, motion carried.

Maintenance Report.

Tougas reported he'd been busy with the Fair and Ponds and getting ready for Rural Water coming in to help us with the dredging around the outlet pipe into the primary pond.

Omar Sundrud Memorial Park, dock assembled and shelter slab complete.

Genova asked about liability on the dock.

It was mentioned that we should put a sign up saying that the dock is used at the user own risk, Genova commented that maybe a life preserver should be available.

Concern was shown by all the Council on potential problems with the dock.

Tougas reported that the swing set will be done before the next Council Meeting.

School sidewalk to be dug up and paved, although, this will be put back until next year while we sort out the curb and gutter situation.

Munt reported on a wire hanging down at City Hall.

Mosquito sprayer is ready to go. New Mower is here.

Curb painting mentioned also.

Jacqueline Cross.

Jacqueline Cross came before the council and read from a prepared handout which she gave to all council members

1. Concerns of how the Council is treating visitors to their meetings. (See Cole Bernier incident in Minutes dated (4/10/2017), the hostile attitude towards Mr. Gayle Schmitz as Mr. Schmitz tried to answer questions put to him by Mr. Genova (6/12/2017), and the attempted expulsion of Jacqueline Cross (6/12/2017) by Mr. Cyr.

These incidents have made it quite clear that a different standard of behavior applies to council v the public. While there is an attempt to follow Rules of Order by most City Council members there is chaos and pandemonium at meetings currently.

I see the business of the city being mired down in useless arguing and the pandering to one council member to get him to calm down and allow meetings to continue.

2. Concerns how the council members are allowing themselves to be ridiculed, disrespected, demeaned and threatened by another member of the Council. To sit in on meetings and hear this verbal abuse is astounding to me.

3. I would offer up for discussion by council the creation of a "Citizens Advisory Committee" to go into the community and find out what the true needs are, the concerns of the voting public for all matters regarding a safe, healthy, empathetic and progressive agenda going forward.

This citizen's committee will be acting as an objective liaison be-

tween voters and City representatives with no agenda of their own, bringing observations and concerns to the council as warranted.

J Cross went on to say that she had lived here for many years, she found it very humiliating how it ended up in the paper last week and then asked Genova why he was smiling?

Genova tore up the hand out that J Cross had handed out to the Council.

Cole Bernier's treatment at the June Council meeting was mentioned, in which Genova told Cole Bernier he should take his wedding somewhere else, he made a comment about the \$1000 donation at which point Cross asked Genova if he thought it was a bribe? Melby went on to say we should issue an apology, Genova made it be known he did not think an apology should be issued and would not put his name to it, Cyr said" I'll put my name to it". Melby made the motion to issue an apology and this was seconded by Cyr, Genova said he did not want his name on the apology, which was agreed. Genova accused the Council of trying to shut him up.

Motion to issue an apology to Cole Bernier by Melby and seconded by Cyr, Motion carried, Genova did not vote.

A discussion on concerns on how the meetings are reported by the Oklee Herald, the word "sensationalizing" was used by one Council Member. To summarize, Some people think that the report by the Oklee Herald is actually the official minutes and was wondering if a disclaimer could be put on the report saying that these are not the official minutes, there was concern on how it could be offending the freedom of the press, however the question was

asked only about a disclaimer saying the Oklee Herald Report is not the official minutes.

The conversation then went onto the cost of publishing of the official minutes, which is running at about \$260 a meeting at the present time, the discussion progressed to the possibility of us having our own website to publish the minutes and to then make sure the minutes are then also posted on the bulletin board outside the clerk's office.

It was decided to find out how much having a website would cost and the cost of setting up the website, Cross did say once set up the actual cost would be minimal in comparison to the cost of publishing in the paper.

Building Permit.

A discussion on the present building permit and the prices that seem excessive, Cyr came up with a few ideas.

Changing the existing building permit rates.

Everyone seemed in agreement to make the changes.

\$1.00 to \$1500 \$15.00
\$1500.01 to \$5,000 ½% .. \$25.00
\$5000.01 to 20,000 1/8% ..\$50.00
\$20,000.01 to 150,000 1/4 % \$187.50
\$150,000.01 and over \$250.00
Motion to accept by Genova and seconded by Cyr, motion carried.

School Curb and gutter

A discussion on the proposed sidewalk removal to add parking space in Governor Street outside the school, there is a concern that with no curb and gutter in the plan it may not be a good idea to proceed right now. More discussion on this project with Mr. Guetter at the school is needed.

The rear parking lot at the school is being improved and when this

happens the city will take the opportunity to repair the road on the North side of the school, the contractor will get in touch with us when they do the school parking lot.

None Agenda Items

Genova asked for two things to talk about, he said we had discussed the volunteer of the month at a previous meeting, this was tabled at the time.

Genova now proposes that every Four months someone's name will be put forward but it has to be a volunteer.

Melby said she wouldn't vote for it because we have a lot of good volunteers and someone always gets left out, some people also would not agree with the winner, Burthwick went on to say they used to have it years ago, you can't really say one is more deserving than the other one, Genova then decided not to go any further with it.

Genova said he had a conversation with George (Burthwick) about a month ago about the situation that happened between me (Genova) and Derek (Cross), nothing happened back then because of the Holiday, and also to do with the fact that two Council members are needed to call the Special meeting. Genova went on to say "I am asking the board right now, to hold a meeting, in private, to discuss the situation that happened", it was agreed to hold the meeting on the following Monday. 6.00pm Oklee Cafe.

Motion to close the meeting by Munt and seconded by Cyr, motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 7.48pm
Mayor Burthwick
Derek Cross/City Clerk

Date
O22C

Red Lake County Sheriff's Report

Shortly after 9pm on Tuesday, August 15, 2017, a resident in Emardiville Township in rural Brooks reported suspicious activity to Red Lake County Sheriff's Office. They reported that four individuals, 3 females and 1 male, came into their yard in pickup truck. The reporter felt that they were acting suspiciously and thought law enforcement should be aware of the incident.

While a deputy was investigating that incident, a resident in Poplar River Township, approximately 4 miles west of the first report, claimed they arrived home to find some people attempting to steal a pickup from their yard. One of the females was detained by the victim and law enforcement apprehended another female attempting to flee the area. Investigation

revealed that the suspects stole some items from inside the house at that residence, then attempted to steal a pickup, but their attempt was thwarted when the residents arrived home and blocked the driveway. It appears that all of the stolen items were recovered.

Red Lake County law enforcement searched the surrounding area and were also assisted by the Thief River Falls Police Department's K9 Unit, but the other two individuals were not located. The search was called off around 2am.

The two females that were apprehended were arrested and transported to the jail in Crookston. On 08/17/17, the Red Lake County Attorney formally charged ShyLynn Julie Roberts (29) of Thief River Falls and Crystal Renae Sayers

(45) of Red Lake Falls with Felony Burglary, Felony Motor Vehicle Theft, Misdemeanor Theft and Petty Misdemeanor Possession of a Small Amount of Marijuana. Ms. Roberts was also criminally charged with Gross Misdemeanor Driving while Under the Influence of Controlled Substances and Driving after Revocation. They will make their initial court appearance in Crookston on 08/18/17.

On the afternoon of 08/16/17, the two individuals who fled the scene, prior to the arrival of law enforcement, were located at a residence in Plummer. They were identified and questioned about their involvement in this matter. Leonard Steven Sanchez (46) of Plummer and Mary Lone Hutchinson (34) of Plummer, were not taken into custody, but may also be facing criminal charges for their role in this incident.

Sheriff Mitch Bernstein 08/18/17



Tractors and country boys all enjoying conversations about the old days. Daryl Hamm and Eric Mickelson looking over this old timer tractor.



Some plows just didn't have enough weight to get a bite into the field, Mike Peterson adding his weight.



The new Market Day Event drew ATV enthusiasts.



Heather Baker and Rachel Barth were marketing some premium hair care products at Oklee Market Day. Below is picture of more vendors/customers at the school.



Red Lake County Commissioners Minutes

Red Lake County Special Board Meeting June 30, 2017

Pursuant to adjournment of its regular meeting, the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners duly met in special session at the County Highway Department in Red Lake Falls, MN on June 30, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioner Flage was absent. Also present were Corky Kleven, Jeremy Johnson, Rod Duden, Kari Moyer, Angie Lundeen and Auditor Bob Schmitz.

The purpose of the meeting was to review the annual Highway Department report, 2017 projects, and the organizational structure at the department.

Engineer Kleven reviewed the annual budget report and funding allocations, and updated on the 2017/2018 projects. Kleven informed that the 2018 levy for Highway Department would remain the same as 2017. Senior Engineering Tech Jeremy Johnson reviewed the current bridge inspection report. Maintenance Supervisor Rod Duden provided a road maintenance update. Duden mentioned that seasonal Mower Operator Gary Anderson will be retiring at seasons end and suggested that the board hire for a full-time position as Mower/Plow Truck Operator.

Commissioner Weiss left at 9:20 a.m.

Kleven informed that Arlan Johnson, Maintenance IV/Signman/Driver is retiring effective as of September 1, 2017. The position was advertised internally and Rod Duden will assume Johnson's duties upon retirement. The department is currently advertising for the Maintenance Supervisor vacancy.

Kleven mentioned that his appointment expires next May and asked that the board begin discussing options on how to fill his position such as: hiring a full-time Engineer, hiring a part-time engineer, sharing Engineer services with another county, or contracting with a firm for such services. Kleven mentioned that the individual hired must be a Registered Professional Engineer.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m. until July 11, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.

Attest:
Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

Chuck Flage, Chair,
Board of Commissioners
O22C

RED LAKE COUNTY Regular Meeting Held July 11, 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 July 11, 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, seconded by Weiss and carried by unanimous vote to approve the agenda with the addition of the Red Lake Falls Mayor.

Jacob Casavan was present to request use of the Huot Park for his wedding ceremony and reception. Sheriff Bernstein and Park Board member Gail Healy were also present for discussion. The Park Board Committee has denied the request because they do not want to set a precedence by allowing such activities. The board discussed a list of rules for usage of the park. Casavan stated that no liquor would be served after 10:00 p.m. as listed in the rules and that the park would be cleaned up after the event. Bernstein commented that if Casavan and the Park Board reach an agreement that he had no concerns. The board concurred to allow Casavan's request if the County Park Board was also in agreement.

Red Lake Falls Mayor Al Bertilrud met with the board to request that the county approve a resolution to participate in a grant funding request associated with the Red Lake River Corridor Joint Powers Board to secure \$25,000.00 in State Legacy Funds. The counties of Pennington, Polk and Red Lake and their associated cities are members of the Joint Powers group. Legacy funds are available through the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission. The grant dollars would be used to develop a river access point by the Highway 32 Bridge north of Red Lake Falls. Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Weiss and carried unanimously to approve county Resolution No. 07-01-17 in support of the grant application. Chair Flage signed the document as county representative. A complete copy of the document is available at the County Auditors office.

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

Revenue Fund:	\$108,093.10
R&B Fund:	71,066.13
Welfare Fund:	1,171.50
Total:	\$180,330.73

The motion includes the following added bills: \$185.00 to Lexis Nexus; \$1,116.50 to MN Counties Computer Coop; \$160.50 expenses and \$210.00 per diem to John Lerohl; \$119.84 expenses and \$140.00 per diem to Ron Weiss.

The following Commissioner/Committee reports were shared:

Commissioner Simpson	Meeting/Report None.
Weiss	None.
Sorensen	None.
Lerohl	Reported on

events held at the recent County Fair. Flage SWCD meeting discussing several erosion control project requests.

Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Sorensen and unanimously carried to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held June 27, 2017 and minutes from the special board meeting held on June 30, 2017.

HR Director Lundeen informed that Family Medical Leave for Custodian Sue Lehrer will end on July 17th and her return to work date has not been determined. Lehrer is requesting an unpaid Leave of Absence. Commissioner Sorensen moved, seconded by Lerohl and carried unanimously to approve the request as presented.

Lundeen informed that nine (9) applications were received for the Maintenance Supervisor position at the County Highway Department. Lundeen asked that two commissioners participate in interviews. Chairman Flage appointed Commissioners Sorensen and Weiss.

The board discussed adding a full-time Equipment Operator/Mower Operator position to replace the current seasonal Mower Operator position. The full-time position would assist with winter snowplow operations and summer ditch mowing. Commissioner Sorensen moved, seconded by Lerohl and carried by unanimous vote to hire for the position.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned until July 25, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

Attest:
Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

Chuck Flage, Chairman
Board of Commissioners
O22C



Chalk drawings were located around the Main Street in Oklee.



Entertainers were Jordyn Johnsrud (left)and Brady Grove (above).



Tim Munt and Eric Mickelson frying up burgers at the Zion Lutheran Food booth.

Oklee Herald Early Files

Seventy Years Ago

Aug. 21, 1947

Dennis Bergeron, formerly associated with Magnell Motors, this week announced that he has leased the repair department of the Johnson Motor Company from Albert Johnson. Mr. Johnson will retain the Pontiac automobile franchise and will continue to have his office in the same building.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Knutson and Mrs. Gunhild Knutson and Anna Knutson visited at the Gunnuf Breivold home Sunday evening.

Connie Tasa celebrated her 6th birthday on Thursday, Connie's mother served lunch to the guests.

Sixty Years Ago

Aug. 22, 1957

Hoosgow business will be kept home. Red Lake County is going to get a jail. Since the old jailhouse was retired years ago from service, the county has been forced to keep its prisoners at Crookston. Action taken by county commissioners last week will be to provide an adequate lockup on the basement floor of the building.

As the harvest continues in this area, farmers are reporting good yields of good quality wheat, a fair crop of barley and oats, but such a poor flax prospect that many acres have been plowed under as unworthy of harvest.

Fifty Years Ago

Aug. 17, 1967

Although a better-than-average crop is being harvested in this area, a strike of grain handlers in the Twin Cities is creating serious marking problems.

A friendly fawn has taken a liking to the children out at

Don Fournier from north of Oklee and comes out of the woods daily for a bottle of milk. "Bambi" as the children have named him, is as tame as any domestic animal.

Cyr's Hardware of Oklee was recognized last week at the 70th annual convention of Minnesota Retail Hardware Association, receiving a 50-year "Pioneer" award for half century of service to Oklee and the hardware industry.

Forty Years Ago

Aug. 18, 1977

Blast To Brooks Queen candidates included Nancy Carriere, age 15; Jill Parenteau, age 15; Connie Bergeron, age 16; Anita Berberich, age 17 and Nancy Qualley, age 19.

A new family grocery store will be opening on September 9th barring any unforeseen problems. Under new management, the Oklee Hartz will be run by Milo and Edith Heden and their children, Darryl, David, Susan and Kimberly.

Walt and Harriet Noyes of Brooks are the new owners of the local Brooks Grocery Store.

Thirty Years Ago

Aug. 19, 1987

Saturday was a day of frequent rains, thunder and lightning. Around 12:30 p.m. lightning struck the TV antennae on the Adella and Alice Lindquist home.

Three break-ins over weekend in Oklee. On August 15th, Louie Violette reported to the sheriff's office of a break-in. On August 16th, Tony Radneicki reported the theft of a vehicle and Mrs. Evert Peterson reported that their motor home had been broken into while it was on their lot.

Twenty Years Ago

Aug. 20, 1997

A 25th wedding anniversary for is being planned Kelly and Connie Lundeen.

Richard Hendrickson, 1986 graduate of Oklee High School has been hired at Win-E-Mac to teach high school math. He is also assuming the responsibilities of head football coach.

The McMullen family had a well-filled weekend together first with the birthday of son Shawn who turned nine and then the baptism of Mitchell Scott and older sister Taylor.

On Sunday Dona and Joyce Rock attended the surprise 60th birthday party of Mrs. Verna Vaudrin of Gentilly held at Robert and Gladyce Boucher's summer lake home on Maple Lake.

Ten Years Ago

Aug. 23, 2007

Enbridge held a public meeting in Oklee on August 15th in regards to the pipeline expansion.

A gathering was held on Saturday afternoon at the Plummer Park in honor of Gladys Magnell of Spearfish, SD.

A new priest will be installed at St. Josephs. His name is Father Anthony Fernando and is from India.

Mr. and Mrs. Brad Gunderson of Trail announced the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Ashley to David Halverson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marc Halverson of Thief River Falls. Their wedding is planned for September 1st.

Sergio and Shari (Rustan) Palacios are happy to announce the birth of their son, Edward, born on July 6th. Gloria Rustan is the grandmother.

Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

As I start this column, I see it is sunny and warm outdoors. Early this morning it was cool outdoors.

It was very sad to hear of the accident that caused the life of Dean Walstad. Sincere sympathy to his wife Janell, who is employed at the bank in Oklee. Dean has been very active in the American Legion in Oklee.

I heard today that Dewey Plante has moved back to Oklee. He has been employed in Milwaukee and has retired. Welcome back to Oklee. He is the son of Sam Plante.

I noticed many fields have been combined. The weather is great for combining, but rain is needed for other crops.

We had a great time at our Senior Site party this past week. Several guests had brought something for "Show & Tell." Interesting stories accompanied the show.

I have been told that a AARP

Drivers Class is being planned after school starts and will be held in Plummer. If you are interested, call the Senior Site ate 796-5149.

Dates to Remember

Sept. 5: Evening Meal.
Sept. 16: Site Council meets at 10:00 a.m.
Sept. 17: Birthday Meal.
Sept. 19: Potluck Meal.

Words of Wisdom

A spiteful comment never make you seem wiser.
Hard times teach lessons the privileged will never know.

Joke Time

Our son came home from college for the weekend and I asked him, "How are things going?"
He said, "Good."
I said, "And the dormitory?"
He said, "Good."
I said, "They've always had a strong football team. How

do you think they will do this year?"

He said, "Good."
I said, "Have you decided on your major yet?"
He said, "Yes."
I said, "What is it?"
He said, "Communications."



Bonnie Jensen was the winner of the Birthday meal.

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

Harvest is in full swing some are done with their wheat already, and others are in the middle of the wheat harvest. I haven't heard of the bushels per acre yet, but it looks good so far. I heard the protein is down in some cases, could that be due to the scarcity of rain? Maybe, but we can only guess at this point.

We hope that everyone is cramming those few last weeks of summer vacation into good family time and remains of summer fun. My grandchildren in other states have been in school already for two weeks. But their schools are air conditioned. I always wondered how in such great weather, they start school so soon. But of course, they have good weather just about all year round. I know though if

I were a kid, I'd hate to go to school in August.

There have been some happenings in Red Lake County and the Sheriff has been busy. Watch out for people coming on your yard and snooping around to see if your vehicles start. It seems that if your place looks like you are not home, you could be a victim of thieves or pilfering of your possessions. Take care and keep your eyes peeled for strangers who come to your place.

The Blast To Brooks raffle tickets are now on sale, contact a St. Joseph's parishioner. There are many cash prizes and many great product prizes. So grab your ticket while you can. I hear they are selling like hotcakes.

There will be a church dinner at St. Joseph's in Brooks

on the day of Blast To Brooks. It starts at 11 am. And will run till 1 pm. There will be many dishes to choose from and will be delicious as always. Along with the dinner there will be a bake sale with many of the ladies presenting their specialty baked goods, and you can always count on the great cookies that the ladies bring.

We hope you have a great week. Today is the solar eclipse, but with the cloudy day we are experiencing, I doubt that the eclipse will be the news of the day here. I am really sick of hearing about it on the news already. This is a natural phenomenon and everybody is treating it as some miracle. It is the order of nature not a miracle. But on the other hand it is different and worth some conversation.

Red Lake County Extension Educator

Curtis W. Nyegaard - 218-253-2895

Weed Control After Small Grain Harvest

One of the many benefits of including small grains in crop rotations is improved broad leaf weed control by breaking up weed life cycles. Although freshly harvested small grain fields have a clean look, they often have weeds hiding in the stubble. The most prominent weeds in stubble fields are often late emerging weeds like waterhemp and other pigweed species that emerged after early season herbicide applications were made. Control escaped weeds now to prevent seed production and weed seed bank replenishment.

Assuming a timely small grain harvest, many of the weeds common to corn and soybean are not able to produce viable seed by the time small grains are harvested; meaning there is still time to prevent contributions to the weed seed bank. Although some of the weeds hiding in the stubble were clipped off by the combine, many of those weeds will branch out following harvest and eventually produce seeds. Scouting fields is the most important step to develop your post harvest weed management plan, to ensure seed production has not occurred and to observe weed spectrum and size. There are many strategies for post harvest control in small

grains, and the right one for your operation will depend on numerous factors. Some of the factors are:

TILLAGE

Tillage is a great means of weed control, especially for small weeds. If escaped weeds have not yet produced viable seed, it may be best to perform tillage before they have a chance to. If weeds have already gone to seed, consider delaying tillage until insects, birds, and rodents have a chance to consume some of the weed seeds. Wheat stubble is one of the most attractive habitats for seed predators, because the stubble provides ground cover and weed seeds provide an excellent source of energy. Some weed seeds are consumed at a rate of up to 5% per day, but after tillage, seed predation declines significantly because ground cover is lost and weed seeds are much harder to find when buried in the soil.

CHEMICAL FALLOW

Unless you are planning to seed a cover crop or graze thee small grain stubble, there are numerous reasonably priced herbicide options to control weeds in stubble fields. A timely application of glyphosate (at 0.75 to 1.5 lb. acid equivalent) plus 2,4-D amine (at 0.75 to 2 lb.) can effectively

control broadleaf and grass weeds in the stubble field. Higher rates may be needed to control larger or perennial weeds. If weeds are still small, an application of gramoxone (Paraquat) (at 0.38 to 1 lb.) with 15 to 20 gallons of water per acre can provide good control, but since gramoxone is a contact herbicide, good coverage and small weeds are essential. Some weeds may have been cut by harvest equipment and are stems with insufficient leaf surface to intercept herbicide application- allowing time for regrowth may improve control. Regardless of herbicides used to control weeds in stubble fields, check the herbicide label to be aware of any rotational restrictions for next year's crop.

MOWING

Mowing can provide effective control of broadleaf weeds that are tall enough, or with seed heads above the height of the cut. Keep in mind that fields may need to be mowed multiple times to clip off weeds that grow back from axillary buds or to control weeds that don't germinate until after harvest.

WEED BIOLOGY

Know the biology of the weeds you are trying to control. Waterhemp is a summer annual weed that can germinate from May through August, germinates and emerges from up to 1/2" depth, and can produce over 250,000 seeds per plant. If waterhemp prevented from producing seed for 4 years, over 99% of the seed bank can be degraded. However, a few small weed escapes can produce enough seed to replenish the seed bank and negate past weed control success. The pigweed species waterhemp and redroot pigweed are able to produce viable seed within 10 days after pollination. If pigweeds in your fields have just begun pollinating, seed production has likely not occurred and weeds need to be controlled very soon to prevent viable seed production. Are your weeds herbicide resistant? Populations of waterhemp, kochia, common and giant ragweed have developed resistance to multiple sites of action in Minnesota. Utilize tillage, mowing, and effective herbicides on weed escapes in stubble fields can be a great time to get a better handle on herbicide resistant weed populations by preventing seed production and depleting the weed seed bank.

For more information about weed control after small harvest; you can contact Tom Peters, N D S U and U M Extension Agronomist by e mail at pete7440@umn.edu.

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Plummer News

By Alice Jobe

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An Eskeli reunion was held at the Plummer museum Saturday afternoon, the 12th. They enjoyed macaroni salads, and BBQ's for lunch and lots of visiting. There were a few from out of state.

There was a huge turnout for the funeral of John Paradis and also for the lunch held at the Plummer Community Hall.

Alice Jobe and Anna DeHate

visited Jean Carpenter at her house Sunday afternoon. Jean later enjoyed a cookout with Judy Kelley, Russ and Kim Carpenter.

Last weekend, company at Tony and Sheila Gerardy's included Mallory and Charlie Bernstrom and Briar of Lancaster, Brett and Hannah Gerardy of Thief River Falls, Abby Gerardy of Fargo and

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Wheat Stem Sawfly Causing

Problems in Polk County Wheat Fields



Figure 3. Wheat stem sawfly cut stems were so extensive, the cut stems could be picked up as a bundle on the edge of this wheat field west of Crookston, MN.

As wheat harvest moves northward, we are detecting infestations of Wheat Stem Sawfly in fields in Polk County. Recent storms and strong winds have helped bring these problems to front and center.

Farmers have noticed lodged stems, particularly on field margins, where in some cases plants are 100% lodged for 50+ feet from the edge inward. In those cases, the cut stems could be grabbed and picked up in a bundle and the stubble below was all cut. As we inspected the interior of these fields, the percent lodging, declined, but there was still evidence of Wheat Stem Sawfly damage.

Infestations have been found in the areas around Crookston and westward toward East

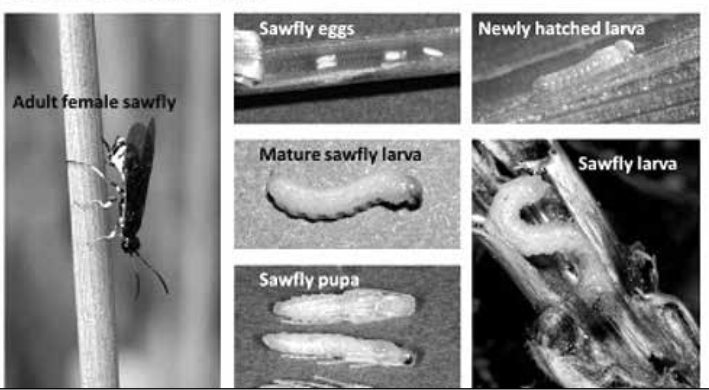
Grand Forks.

We urge farmers to pay attention to lodged areas of fields to determine if sawfly is a contributing cause of the problem. While driving the combine, lodged stems should be visible from the cab. Infested stems are plugged on the end by the larva for protection from the environment while overwintering. Cut stems, if sliced open, reveal the feeding damage and frass left behind by the sawfly larva.

These field and infestation locations need to be noted so rotation and tillage can be performed to try and break the infestation cycle.

Prepared by Phillip Glogoza, Jochum Wiersma and Ian McRae

Identification



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This week's photo is of ??? —We need photos!!!

Last week's photo was of Corlan Kleinschmidt.

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Red Lake County RECYCLING PROGRAM

LET'S TALK TRASH. 2017 RECYCLING GUIDELINES

IN RED LAKE COUNTY

To promote recycling in Red Lake County there are large green metal roll-off containers in the cities of Brooks, Oklee, Plummer and Red Lake Falls. We also have smaller green metal containers at the sites for magazines.

The large roll-off containers are divided up with doors for mixed glass, metal/aluminum food or drink cans, newspapers & phone books, and plastics (ice cream pail, Cool Whip style containers not acceptable).

The Magazine containers are just for magazines with glossy finish. We do not take AARP type books or any other books or catalogs with regular non glossy paper.

Also at three of these sites (Oklee, Plummer and Red Lake Falls) there are used oil as well as used oil filter recycling containers. You put the used oil filters in the drums with hinged lids on them and the used oil in the 900 gallon green barrel with a lid, for access on top of it. Please do not put oil filters in boxes or plastic bags (garbage) in the containers. Also we do not take paper type filters so do not put them in the containers – they belong in the garbage.



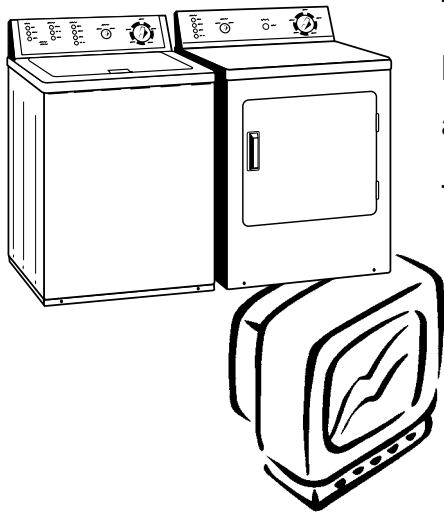
– RECYCLING AVAILABLE AT LANDFILL LOCATIONS –

Oklee Landfill Hours:

Wednesdays: 2 to 6 p.m.
2nd & 4th Saturdays: 8 a.m. to 12 noon.



FREE Cardboard disposal is available at the landfill for households, not businesses. The cardboard boxes have to be flattened or broke down.



There is disposal for appliances such as: Fridge, freezer, washer, dryer, hot water heater, microwave, air conditioner, water softener, humidifier, and dehumidifier, all for a charge of \$5 each.

Televisions/computer monitors are also accepted for a cost of \$5 each.



Red Lake Falls Landfill Hours:

Monday – Thursday: 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon.
1st & 3rd Saturdays: 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

There is also FREE cardboard recycling available in Red Lake Falls at the landfill. As well as appliances and television/computer monitors disposal for \$5.00 each.

Florescent bulbs are also accepted for FREE, but only from households.

The Red Lake Falls site is also a Household Hazardous Waste Collection facility. This means that we take Hazardous Wastes for no charge from residents but not businesses. You can bring your old paints, varnishes, stains, lacquers, paint thinners, drain cleaners, garden powders & sprays, insect repellents, lawn fertilizers and automotive fluids.



If your latex paints have frozen they are no good. If they have not frozen and are still good, we will put in on the shelf for someone else to use and to promote re-use.



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PLEASE RECYCLE THESE ITEMS