

Oklee Precipitation
By Einar Kvasager

	Rain	Snow
Sept. 2	0.12	
Sept. 4	Trace	
Sept. 5	0.13	
Total in.	0.25	0.00

Oklee Herald

...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

OKLEE (RED LAKE COUNTY) MINN. 56742

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Wednesday, September 13, 2017

Pharmaceutical Disposal now available at Red Lake County Courthouse

The Red Lake County Environmental Office and the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office have teamed up to provide a pharmaceutical waste collection site at the Courthouse in Red Lake Falls. The waste receptacle is located on the ground floor of the Courthouse, in the hallway across from the Sheriff's Office entrance. Residents can now bring in pharmaceutical waste and dispose of it there. The north door of the Courthouse is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, so waste can be disposed of at any time.

The Environmental Office purchased the disposal container and the Sheriff's Office will provide security and properly dispose of the collected waste. Items that can be collected in the receptacle are as follows: prescriptions, prescription ointments, pet medications, prescription patches, over the-counter medications and vitamins. Items that are NOT acceptable are; needles, inhalers, aerosol cans, hydrogen peroxide, thermometers, ointments, lotions or liquids.

The Environmental Office also purchased a Sharps Receptacle for the disposal of used needles. That container is kept inside the Sheriff's Office.

Any needles that need to be disposed of can be turned into the on-duty dispatcher at the Sheriff's Office. Needles must be in a puncture-proof container or they will not be accepted.

Anyone who has questions about pharmaceutical disposal may contact the Sheriff's Office at 218-253-2996.

Mitch Bernstein



Calendar of Events

Wed, Sept. 13:
-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. 14:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
Fri, Sept. 15:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
Sat, Sept. 16:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!
Sun, Sept. 17:
-Worship at the church of your choice.
Mon, Sept. 18:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
Tue, Sept. 19:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards.
Wed, Sept. 20:
-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. 21:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
Fri, Sept. 22:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
Sat, Sept. 23:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!
-Senior Potluck @ Café 5:00 p.m.
Sun, Sept. 24:
-Worship at the church of your choice.
Mon, Sept. 25:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
Tue, Sept. 26:
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards
Wed, Sept. 27:
-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. 28:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
Fri, Sept. 29:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
Sat, Sept. 30:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!
Sun, Oct. 1:
-Worship at the church of your choice.
Mon, Oct. 2:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
Tue, Oct. 3:
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards.



Red Lake County 2017 Festival of Tables

The Festival of Tables sponsored by the Red Lake County Chapter of the American Cancer Society was such a success last year that plans are underway to host another fun event! At noon on Saturday, October 28th, the Brooks Community Hall will be buzzing with the creativity and fine cooking of volunteers who are enthusiastic about hosting this event. The cost to attend is \$10.00, and that money will be donated to the American Cancer Society.

Several people have offered to host a table providing a theme they have chosen, and a meal of homemade soup and bread. Dessert will be served along with coffee and tea, and each host is busy planning their table setting and menu. The variety of tables last year was interesting and well planned and included

such themes as “Queen for a Day”, “Starry Night”, and a “Holland” theme complete with items sent directly from Holland! In addition, a “Lucky Buck” fundraiser was held and provided lots of lively entertainment. Once again this year that fundraiser of fabulous donated prizes is anticipated to generate additional contributions to the American Cancer Society.

Anyone interested in hosting a table may contact Barb Melby at 218-796-5727 or Mary Lynn Bachand at 218-796-5765.

Money raised for the American Cancer Society funds education, research, advocacy and services. Support from the American Cancer Society is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by going to www.cancer.org or by calling 1-800-227-2345.

Reminder – School Bus Safety - Let’s keep our children safe

School is in session and that means drivers have to remember they are sharing the road with those big yellow buses.

You’d think it would be easy to safely travel in the same space with such a large and heavy vehicle. They’re easy to see. They have flashing lights. We know they’re carrying precious cargo. Motorists should proceed with caution, right?

Problem is, drivers are more distracted. So are the kids getting on and off those buses. Everyone is rushing from point A to point B. All the more reason motorists and students need to take bus safety seriously as the school year kicks into gear.

School bus crashes in Minnesota increased 14 percent last year, up from 806 in 2014 to 690 in 2015. Not surprisingly, 70 percent of school bus crashes last year happened between 6 and 9 a.m. and 3 to 6 p.m. during the months of September through May.

If you’re the parent of school-aged children, you likely know the routine of watching their too-large backpacks disappear around the corner as they climb onto their school bus, only to see their faces reappear again in the window. Maybe, if it doesn’t embarrass them too much, you blow kisses. Maybe it’s just a tiny wave goodbye. No matter the routine, you’ve likely spent a slightly panicky moment or two worried about their safety as they get on or off the bus and ride to and from school.

Remember....

Motorists

In Minnesota, motorists must stop at least 20 feet from a school bus that is displaying red flashing lights or a stop arm when approaching from the rear and from the opposite direction on undivided roads.

Motorists should slow down, pay attention and anticipate school children and buses, especially in neighborhoods and school zones.

The best way to be aware of your surroundings at all times is to put the distractions away.

Students

When getting off a bus, look to be sure no cars are passing on the shoulder.

Wait for the bus driver to signal that it’s safe to cross. When crossing the street to get on the bus or to go home, make eye contact with motorists before proceeding.

But it may be comforting to remember that another piece of that safety puzzle is school transportation regulation. After all, when you entrust your most precious commodities to a moving vehicle, you need to know said vehicle is as safe as it can be. The Minnesota State Patrol plays a major role in school transportation safety here in Minnesota, and we don’t take it lightly. For starters, we inspect every school bus in the entire state every year. We also audit the bus driver files of school districts and contractors to make sure their drivers are properly trained and licensed.

So what exactly do we mean by “properly trained and

Bus Safety

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46th Annual Blast To Brooks



Grand Marshals for the Blast to Brooks parade were Cindy and Del Determan who have been very active in the City of Brooks for many, many years.



Kick'N Up Kountry had a unique float that blew bubbles and shot out flames to advertise their 2018 event.



There were several rounds of pig races that drew a large crowd of spectators cheering on their favorite piglets.



Between races there were games for children and adults which kept the crowd involved during the entire pig racing event.



Of course there was the great car show for everyone to enjoy. This car is a 1939 Chevy 2-Door owned by Pat O'Donnell from Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Interim SAM Christy
Shelinbarger
Wed, Sept. 13: 7:00 p.m.
Confirmation.
Thu, Sept. 14: 7:00 p.m.
Parish Board meeting.
Sun, Sept. 17: 9:00 a.m.
Joint Service at Sundrud Park
(God's Work Our Hands)
Wed, Sept. 20: 7:00 p.m.
Confirmation.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
OKLEE
Fr. Adam Hamness
Sun, Sept. 17: 7:30 a.m.
Confessions 8:00 a.m. Mass.

BROOKS - RED LAKE FALLS
CATHOLIC PARISH
Fr. Bob Schreiner
Sat, Sept. 16: 5:30 p.m. RLF
Sun, Sept. 17: 8:00 a.m.
Brooks. 10:00 a.m. RLF.

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH
ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun, Sept. 17: 9:00 a.m.
Worship at Immanuel.
10:15 a.m. Sunday School at Immanuel.
10:30 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH
ELCA
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Sun, Sept. 17: 8:30 a.m.
Bethany, 9:30 a.m. SS; 9:45 a.m. Ekelund, 11:00 a.m. SS; 11:00 a.m. Faith, 9:45 a.m. SS.
Ekelund Council meeting TBA.

Oklee Senior
Site Dining

September 18 - 22
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: Hamburger w/ bun, potato soup, and dessert.
Tuesday: Meatballs, boiled potatoes, gravy, vegetable, and dessert.

Wednesday: BBQ on bun, macaroni salad, vegetable, and dessert.

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

Friday: Fish, baked potato, vegetable, and dessert.



To all the people who sent cards and well wishes and those who have driven me to doctor appointments and other places. To Oklee Lumber for donating the lumber for my house ramp and to Mark, Leo, Poncho and Markus for building it.

To all my family and friends who made my house handicap friendly.

Thank you all and may God Bless you ALL.

Tom Radniecki

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CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth
Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Wed, Sept. 13: 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday School.
Sat, Sept. 16: 9:00 a.m.
Mt. Olive.

Sun, Sept. 17: 8:00 a.m.
St. Petri, 9:15 a.m. St. Petri SS. 8:30 a.m. Nazareth SS, Nazareth 9:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m. Oak Park SS, 11:00 a.m. Oak Park.

Wed, Sept. 20: 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday School.

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

Wed, Sept. 13: 6:30 p.m.
Youth Group.

Thu, Sept. 14: 12:00 p.m.
Rotary.

Fri, Sept. 15: 6:00 p.m.
Holy Yoga.

Sat, Sept. 16: 9:00 a.m.
Holy Yoga.

Sun, Sept. 17: 9:30 a.m.
Worship.

Tue, Sept. 19: 9:30a.m.
Ladies Bible study. 10:00 a.m.

Quilting. 6:30p.m. Bible Study.

Wed, Sept. 20: 6:30p.m.
Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson,
Lay Minister
Wed, Sept. 13: 2:00 p.m.
Lund WELCA.
Sun, Sept. 17: 9:00 a.m.
Lund. 10:30 a.m. Sand Valley.
Fall Bazaar 3:00 p.m.
Wed, Sept. 20: 2:00 p.m.
Sand Valley WELCA.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY
Fosston
Seth Johnson,
Interim Pastor
Sun, Sept. 17: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School. 10:30 a.m.
Worship.

Tri-Valley Public Transportation

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

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

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

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.

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Red Lake Falls Library News

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

New adult nonfiction to watch for: "Bored and Brilliant: How Spacing Out Can Unlock Your Most Productive and Creative Self" by Manoush Zomorodi. This book is based on an experiment of the same name to help young people, in particular, to unplug from their devices, get bored, jump-start their creativity, and change their lives. Bored and Brilliant demonstrates how to rethink our gadget use to live better and smarter and explains the connection between boredom and original thinking.

Also, "The World of Laura Ingalls Wilder: The Frontier

Landscapes That Inspired the Little House

Books" by Marta McDowell; "a must-have treasure celebrating the American landscape through Laura Ingalls Wilder's beautiful and wild life with original illustrations by Helen Sewell and Garth Williams and lush historical and contemporary photographs."

And, "Big Machines: The Story of Virginia Lee Burton" by Sherri Duskey Rinker and illustrated by John Rocco. This year marks the 75th anniversary of the publication of Burton's classic picture book "The Little House," the 1943 Caldecott Medal winner. Virginia Lee Burton is also the author of the classic children's stories "Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel," "Katy and the Big Snow," and "Maybelle the Cable Car."

Bus Safety

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licensed?" Yellow school bus drivers are required to have a Class B or C driver's license — that depends on the size of the bus they drive. They also need both a passenger endorsement and a school bus endorsement on the license, which they can get by passing a written test and a skills test. In addition to the license with the proper endorsements, school bus drivers must be medically qualified and must pass a

WIC Schedule

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

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

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

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

Thu, Sept. 7: Red Lake Falls Community Center
Mon, Sept. 11 to Fri, Sept. 15: Thief River Falls Redeemer Lutheran Church

For further information concerning the WIC program, call or write WIC Quin, PO Box 248, Newfolden, MN 56738, phone 874-7845 (Newfolden, Viking, Middle River, Holt or Thief River Falls residents) or 1-800-223-1591, or e-mail at quinchs@wiktel.com.

North Valley Home Health will offer immunizations, dental varnishing & blood lead testing at the Newfolden and Warren clinics from 9 to 11 am. Arrangements should be made prior to clinics by contacting North Valley Public Health. For more information contact North Valley Public Health at 218-745-5154 or 1-800-950-6986.

Sudoku Solution

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

criminal background check.

Occasionally, DPS discovers violations of these school bus driver training and licensing requirements. When that happens, DPS can file charges against the carrier or district that made the violation. These violations get forwarded to the commissioners of public safety and education. And school transportation isn't only regulated at the state level. For example, there are federal sanctions if a school bus contractor or school district violates drug and alcohol testing and policy requirements.

If the worst happens and a school bus is involved in a crash, the law requires a post-crash inspection to take place if any vehicle has to be towed away from the scene or any person has to be taken from the scene for medical attention.

So next time you feel that concern in the pit of your stomach while you wave goodbye to the school bus, remember that there are laws and regulations in place to help ensure your children's safety.

Red Lake County Commissioners Minutes

RED LAKE COUNTY Regular Meeting Held July 25, 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 25, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. Chair Flage called the meeting to order. Commissioner Lerohl was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The county presented two county employees with Years of Service awards. Recognized were: Wayne Guillemette, Mower Operator for 25 years of service, and Sharon Weiss, Extension Office Manager for 30 years of service.

Social Services Supervisor Penny Grove met with the board regarding the July 28, 2017 end date of the contract with Norman County for her services, and asked that the county acknowledge the ending date by signature of the Board Chairperson.

County Treasurer Knott met with the board to provide an update on investments and interest rates. Knott presented a Fixed-Income Outlook and has been investing in 1 month bonds at a 1 percent in order to keep more liquid cash available versus using the savings accounts that are at lower rates. Current rates on savings accounts are less than half a percent.

SWCD Administrator Tanya Hanson met with the board to report on the cost share agreement for grant funds for the Red Lake Falls Land-fill Erosion project. The plans and design have been completed. The project is estimated at \$24,000.00 with the grant covering 75% of the project cost and other funds the SWCD received will pay the remaining costs of the project. There will be no county cost. Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Simpson and carried unanimously to approve the grant agreement as presented by Hanson. SWCD will be the fiscal agent and administer the funds on behalf of the county.

Hanson reported on the side water inlet pipe project that will be completed on Judicial Ditch #66. Hanson informed that the pipes will be in compliance with the County Buffer Ordinance. The ordinance is mandated by state regulations.

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

Revenue Fund: \$ 16,057.65
R&B Fund: 161,751.12
Welfare Fund: 300.00
Forfeited Tax: 410.00
Total: \$ 178,518.77

The motion includes the following added bills: \$41.98 to Auto Value; \$26.99 to RLF Hardware Hank; \$724.49 to Sanitary Service.

The following Commissioner/ Committee reports were shared:

Commissioner Meeting/Report Simpson Reported on an Economic Development meeting held in Oklee. Currently there are approximately 20 business loans.

Weiss Attended a Quin County CHS meeting discussing the WIC Program, annual audit report, and reductions to several grant programs.

Sorensen EDC meeting in Oklee. Tri County Corrections in Crookston discussing staff changes due to retirements, Probation services and Juvenile Center rates for non-member counties, and meetings of Inter County Nursing, the NW Mental Health Center, and interviews at the Highway Department

Flage Highway Department interviews.

HR Director Lundeen reported that health insurance through the NW Service Cooperative is projected at a significant rate increase for 2018. Lundeen met with a representative of Flexible Benefits Consultants regarding options for employee health insurance. The company will do an RFP (Request for Proposals) to accept bids and analyze the information at no cost to the county for the RFP. However the company will charge a fee of 2% on each insurance contract if the county approves one of the bids submitted in the RFP. Commissioner Sorensen moved, seconded by Simpson and carried unanimously to approve Flexible Benefits Consultants to proceed with the RFP process to solicit employee health insurance proposals for 2018, and to authorize HR Director Lundeen to sign as the County Agent of Record.

Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Sorensen and unanimously carried to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held July 11, 2017.

Chairperson Flage read a letter of resignation submitted by Curt Nyegaard as the part-time Extension Educator for Red Lake County. The resignation is effective as of August 18, 2017.

Auditor Schmitz updated the board on the issue with the Office of the State Auditor regarding county audits for years 2015 and 2016. A meeting of the 8 counties affected is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on August 3rd in Thief River Falls to discuss a plan of action.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned until August 8, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

Attest:
Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

Chuck Flage, Chairman,
Board of Commissioners
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ECFE Field Trip to the Pumpkin Patch, Sept. 19

By: Aiydin Lancto
Red Lake County Central Early Childhood Family Education is ready to begin a new year of fun and learning activities. This year kicks off with a Field Trip to the Pumpkin Patch near McIntosh. It will take place Tuesday, September 19th from 5:30-7:30 pm.

Each child will pick out their very own pumpkin. Families will be able to go on a short hike in the woods and run down the hill before getting their pumpkin.

Due to safety concerns, transportation by bus is preferred. The Plummer site bus will leave at 5:30 PM, and pick up Oklee site riders

at 5:45 PM. To register at the Plummer site, call 465-4222 or email morin@gvtel.com and at the Oklee site, call 796-5136 or email sgunderson@rlcc.k12.mn.us by September 18th.

Dress for the weather, bring your camera, bug spray, and get ready for outdoor adventure! Mini muffins and juice will be available. Please bring \$4.50 per pumpkin to purchase from the patch and \$2.50 per family for the bus ride.

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MUSTANG STAMPEDE

RLCC Menus

September 18 - 22
Oklee

Monday: Breakfast: Egg, cheese & sausage biscuit, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken fajita (w/ lettuce, cheese, salsa, sour cream), refried beans, Spanish rice, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Waffle sticks, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Corn dog, macaroni & cheese, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Hamburger patty (w/cheese, lettuce, onion, pickles), curly fries, baked beans, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Apple turnover, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken burger (w/lettuce, cheese, mayo, pickles), cheesy potatoes, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Cheesy bread w/pizza sauce, lettuce salad, fresh vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Plummer

Monday: Breakfast: Cinnamon streusel coffee cake, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Super nachos (w/hamburger, chips, cheese sauce, lettuce, tomatoes, salsa, sour cream) refried beans, rice medley, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Muffins, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Ham patty (w/bun, cheese, pickles), potato wedges, veggies & ranch, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Cheesy garlic French bread, salad w/ sunflower seeds, celery sticks w/peanut butter, fruit, cookie, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Pork fritter, mashed potatoes, gravy, beets, tea roll, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chili, salad, croutons, cheese, crackers, cornbread, fruit, and milk.

RLCC Sports Schedules

RLC Football

Varsity

Fri, Sept. 15: Polk County West - Away 7:00 p.m.

Fri, Sept. 22: Red Lake - Away 4:00 p.m.

Fri, Sept. 29: Fertile-Beltrami at RLF (Homecoming) 7:00 p.m.

Junior Varsity

Mon, Sept. 18: BGMR at RLF 5:00 p.m.

Mon, Sept. 25: Fertile-Beltrami - Away 5:00 p.m.

Mon, Oct. 2: Fosston - Away 5:00 p.m.

Mon, Oct. 16: Polk County West - Oklee 5:30 p.m.

Junior High

(7th & 8th grade)

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

Thu, Sept. 21: BGMR - Away 4:30/5:30 p.m.

Thu, Sept. 28: Fosston - Plummer 4:30/5:30 p.m.

Tue, Oct. 3: Fertile-Beltrami - Red Lake Falls 4:30/5:30 p.m.

Thu, Oct. 12: NCE-UH - Away 4:30/5:30 p.m.

Mon, Oct. 16: Polk County West (1 game) - Oklee 4:30 p.m.

Elementary

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

Sat, Sept. 23: Fosston 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Sat, Sept. 30: Fertile 9:00-11:00 a.m.

RLCC Mustang

Volleyball

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

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

Tue, Sept. 19: Sacred Heart at Plummer 5:00 p.m.

Thu, Sept. 21: Crookston at Crookston 5:00 p.m.

Tue, Sept. 26: Red Lake Falls at Plummer 5:00 p.m.

Mon, Oct. 2: Goodridge-Grygla at Oklee 5:00 p.m.

Thu, Oct. 5: Clearbrook-Gonvick at Clearbrook 5:00 p.m.

Sat, Oct. 7: Mahnomen Tourney at Mahnomen TBD

JV Rebels Start 0-1

The Junior Varsity Rebel football team started off their season with a 32-20 loss to AB-NCW on Tuesday, September 5th. It was a tight game all the way and many good lessons were taught.

The Cougars offense clicked early on. Driving the length of the field they were able to score within 2 minutes and take a 6-0 lead.

RLC would answer. Chewing up yards and the clock the team would drive down the field finishing off a Chris Longtin touchdown and a 6-6 tie.

Most of the rest of the first half both defenses played better. The teams would threaten but not score and the game was tied 6-6 at half.

RLC started the second half with a nice drive. Using 6 minutes of the clock Longtin would score again and Zak Kennett would run the PAT to

give RLC a 14-6 lead.

AB-NCW would control the next 10 minutes. Using two drives and moving the ball they would score the next 14 points to take a 20-14 lead.

RLC would have a chance with 6 minutes. Using a hurry up offense would drive down the field. On a fourth and 10, Kennett would find an open Austin Jensen for the touchdown to tie the game at 20-20.

The Cougars scored with 2:30 left and then added a fumble return for a TD to make the final 32-20.

"It was first action for many of the kids. We had a few little things here and there that hurt us. This will be a great tool for kids to learn from so we can get better. We worked hard and just a few correctable things to get better," said Coach Seth Schmitz.



RLCC High School staff helping students on the first day of school. Photo right: Principal Pederson welcoming students at the beginning of the new school year.



Grades 9-12 gathering in the gym as school resumes at RLCC.

Welcome Back to RLCC

By: Hannah Riendeau

Red Lake County Central Principal Randy Pederson started the morning speaking to the high school students in the gymnasium. Peterson talked about the new RLCC High School rules. He encouraged

the students to have a good year.

Students were asked to take responsibility for their efforts, their choices and their relationships. They were also reminded to do their best. "You get what give."

He introduced one new teacher, Craig Swanson and two new paraprofessionals, Vicki Duden and Jodi Bachand. Pederson welcomed seventh graders and new students. The first day enrollment at the high school is 170.

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Mustangs lose to the Storm

By Grace Gieseke

The Red Lake County Central Mustangs volleyball team played against the Stephen-Argyle Storm Thursday, September 7 in Oklee. RLCC lost 13-25, 18-25, and 14-25.

For the Mustangs Jenna Pahlen had four kills. Sydnie Gunderson had four kills and two aces. Calyssa Eskeli had five assists. Hannah Kolstoe had four assists. Julia Bernstein had two kills and one ace.

Coach Nancy Bray commented, "The team played well at times, we just need to be more consistent."

Mustangs defeated by the Patriots

By: Derek Peterson

The Red Lake County Central Mustangs volleyball team lost to the Win-E-Mac Patriots Tuesday, September 5th in Erskine. The Patriots won three sets with the scores of 25-21, 25-21, and 25-22. The Mustangs won the second set with the score of 25-22.

For the Mustangs, Julia Bernstein had eight kills and four aces, Jenna Pahlen had seven kills and one ace, Sarah Christensen had two kills and

one ace, Sydnie Gunderson had one kill, Hannah Kolstoe had seven assists, and Calyssa Eskeli had two aces and 11 assists. The Mustangs now are 1-2 on the year.

Mustangs start season 1-1

By: Chris Longtin

The Red Lake County Central Mustangs started their volleyball season with a win against Cass Lake-Bena Panthers on Tuesday, August 29th in Oklee. The Mustangs beat the Panthers in every set winning 25-20, 25-16, and the last set 25-16. Kills for the Mustangs were Sydnie Gunderson five, Julia Bernstein four, Sarah Christensen three, Jenna Pahlen two, and Hannah Kolstoe one. For assists, Calyssa Eskeli had seven and Kolstoe six. Serving aces were Bernstein four, Eskeli two, Gunderson two, and Pahlen two.

The Mustangs hosted the Fosston Greyhounds Thursday, August 31st. The Greyhounds beat the Mustangs in three sets: 16-25, 17-25, and the last set 22-25. Bernstein had 10 kills, Gunderson five, Pahlen five, and Christensen four. Kolstoe had 11 assists and Eskeli nine. Gunderson served one ace.



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Oklee Herald Early Files

Seventy Years Ago
Sept. 11, 1947
416 enrolled in Grade and High School which is a record enrollment for Oklee School.
A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Mathson on Garnes on Thursday, August 30th.

Nobody in Minnesota and North Dakota will get as much fuel oil as he got last winter, Don Dickey, president of the Northwest Petroleum Association said recently. He estimated the shortage may reach as much as 30 to 40 million gallon, unless we have a mild spring.

Sovde & Son ad: Home Brand Corn Flakes 13 oz. pkg. price: 0.16; Campbell's Tomato Soup, 2 cans price 0.22; Salad Mustard, quart jar, price 0.19; Nash's Coffee, 1 lb. bag, price: 0.45.

Sixty Years Ago
Sept. 12, 1957
Red Lake County was represented by 19 4-H'ers at the state fair this year.

Visitors at the Mrs. Gunda Myrum home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Pete Hendrickson and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Myrum of Bemidji, Mrs. Evelyn Prigge, Mrs. Bernell Myrum and Lawrence and Tenny Myrum of Keewatin.

A birthday party was given Sept 8th in honor of Vincent Dessellier at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Dessellier.

New Brooks Church's first wedding to be solemnized in St. Joseph's took place on September 7, when Miss Rose Marie Sabourin, became the bride of Gilbert Genereux. Rev. Father Carriere performed the double-ring ceremony.

Fifty Years Ago
Sept. 14, 1967

The 300-foot Great Northern railroad trestle spanning the Red Lake River one mile northwest of Red Lake Falls, burned Tuesday evening last week.

Queen Pageant, Parade and Horse Show are features

of the three day Fall Festival in Oklee.

The community was shocked Friday evening when the news came that Larry Juneau, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Juneau, had died following an accident where he was employed.

45th anniversary was held for Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Nelson on August 6th at the Zion Lutheran Church in Oklee.

Sandra Jane, daughter of Richard Rustan was baptized at the Oak Park Church Sunday.

Forty Years Ago
Sept. 8, 1977

Three years after the idea was born to have tennis courts in Brooks, it was accomplished with planning, salesmanship and the help of the Brooks Commercial Club.

SP 4 Barry Rewertz returned home Friday evening by plane from Germany where he had been stationed in the US Army. He is now discharged after serving three years.

Plummer's Fiddlers Contest was held recently with 19 contestants and Champion Fiddler was Winston Simpson form Miami, Manitoba, Sandy Edgar was second and had from come from the farthest distance, Texas.

Otto Bakken, was highlighted in the local paper as part of a new series of interviews about local folks.

Thirty Years Ago
Sept. 9, 1987

A photo of Otto & Ethel Johnson with their granddaughter Joey Johnson next to one of Larson Bros. prize mares named Joey. Larson's have been offered \$12,500 for the mare but will not sell her. All of the girls in Otto & Ethel's family have had colts named after them, and granddaughter Joey was the honoree as the name for the gentle giant.

Ruth Olson was a guest for supper and a long evening visit with KB and Minnie Knutson last Tuesday.

The Bobcats traveled south

to Rothsay to take on the Tigers for their first season game, losing with a score of 34-22.

Twenty Years Ago
Sept. 10, 1997

D & R Grocery celebrated their second grand opening. The first took place 9 years before when they opened their store in the former Oklee Hartz building. Nine years to the day, they moved to larger accommodations in the former Rustan's Grocery building, which is the reason for the 2nd grand opening.

Tom Powers is the new math teacher at Oklee and Kristina Lucas is the new special education teacher at Oklee.

On Tuesday, September 2, the new water tower for Oklee started to be raised.

Clarence and Dianne Gagner returned from a 10 day trip to Philadelphia, Penn. where Clarence attended a National Ass'n. Postmaster's Convention.

Ten Years Ago
Sept. 12, 2007

Brooks City Council met with Red Lake County Sheriff and signed new police contract at their montly regular council meeting.

Some finishing touches are not yet done on the new Brooks Community Hall, but it was ready to shelter many people on Saturday when the rain hit the Blast To Brooks celebration.

RLCC Mustang Volleyball defeated Stephen Argyle on all three games for a final score of 3-0.

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Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

September has come and one week has already passed. It seems to go faster every year. I keep busy every day. I will begin cleaning my garden this week. I still have to pick some apples from my tree.

This weekend was beautiful with the nice weather. I hate to think about raking leaves. I have seen some trees in Oklee that have already lost most of their leaves. This warm, dry weather has a lot to do with the falling leaves.

We had a nice group at Bingo last week. It is a nice way to spend an afternoon. Everyone is welcome so if you have time, come and join in the fun.

It was sad to see the Lee family removing the furniture from their home. It reminds me that there will be no more

Lee's coming home to visit. It was such a wonderful family to have as neighbors.

Dates to Remember
Sept. 15: Birthday Meal at 11:30 a.m.
Sept. 19: Potluck at Cafe at 5:00 p.m.
Sept. 21: Site Council meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Words of Wisdom
When opportunity knocks, invite it to spend the night.
To be noticed, do something amazing.

Joke Time
On Halloween, a child wearing all black, including a black mask, walks through a blind intersection. The light signals at the intersection are

broken and a speeding car with its lights off heads straight for the kid. There is no moon in the sky, but the car manages to dodge the child at the last second.

HOW DID THE DRIVER SEE THE KID?
Answer below.

A plane was delayed for nearly an hour on take-off. When it eventually took to the air, the passengers asked the flight attendant the reason for the late departure.

"Well," she explained, "the pilot was worried about a noise he heard coming from one of the engines and it took us awhile to get a new pilot.

Answer to riddle: It's daytime.

September 2017 Health Points

Parenting Tips Backpack Safety for Back to School

Backpacks that are too heavy or are worn incorrectly can cause problems for children and teenagers.

Improperly used backpacks may injure muscles and joints. This can lead to severe back, neck and shoulder pain as well as posture problems.

Share these guidelines to help your family use backpacks safely. Backpack should never weigh more than 10 to 20 percent of the student's total body weight.

Choose the right

backpack. Look for:

Wide, padded shoulder straps
Two shoulder straps
Padded back
Waist strap
Lightweight backpack
Rolling backpack
To prevent injury when using a backpack, do:
Always use both shoulder straps
Tighten the straps
Pack light
Organize the backpack to use all of its compartments;

pack heavier items closer to the center

Stop often at school lockers; don't carry all the books needed for the day

Bend using both knees; do not bend over at the waist when wearing or lifting a heavy pack
Learn back strengthening exercises to build up the muscles used to carry the backpack

www.healthychildren.org/English/safety-prevention/at-play/Pages/Backpack-Safety.aspx

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

Well, Blast To Brooks has come and gone. Hats off to those who work so hard to get this thing going and off the ground. It is always fun to see all the activities that are presented to the public to do. Joyce Morinville and the council of Brooks have done a great job over the years. Once again I have to give the kudos to all the volunteers who work to make it a big success.

Well, one lady called me last week and asked about those kittens I had and she took three of them. It appears that her son is having a great time with them, from the smile on his face. Thank you for giving them a loving home.

On Thursday Jerome and Barb Novak went to Warroad to help Ian Ellenson celebrate his 17th birthday. Wow, time flies and the kids grow up so fast. He had a cake that his sisters helped to decorate. He enjoyed the company and got to tell us some of his future plans about what he wants to drive.

On Monday David Novak of Havre, Montana came to visit Jerome and Barb Novak after he had spent four days at Rollag WMSTR. He helped provide music at the musicians pavillion. We enjoyed his visit and caught up on the news of his family. He left to go to visit with his family and brother at East Grand Forks on Tuesday. He also played at the Pioneer house at the Heritage Days in East Grand Forks this weekend.

Joanne (Spear) Landreville of Pasadena, California has

been visiting with Clare and Dianne Gagner and took in the Blast To Brooks, and will also visit Duane and Ginger Spear of the Gentilly area, and Kay and Neal Johnson of East Grand Forks, and two of her grand daughters who will attend the University of North Dakota. Her home is, in the summer, at Apple Valley. She drove up to visit friends and family in this area and in the Crookston area.

On Friday Barb and Vern LaCoursierre of Tucson Arizona came to Brooks and visited and visited with Poncho and Char Gagner, and Dianne and Clare also visited with them. After visiting with Poncho and Char, the LaCoursierre's came to Dianne and Clare's home to visit. They stayed at Pete LaCoursierre's home in Erskine.

On Saturday evening Nancy and Rolland Gagner of Erskine and Pete LaCoursierre and friend Diane of Erskine, Joanne Landreville and Barb and Vern LaCoursierre visited

with Clarence and Dianne

On Friday afternoon Tim Gagner came to visit with Dianne and Clare Gagner, for the afternoon.

With hurricanes two and maybe three of them raging in the east and south, Irma and Harvey and maybe Jose, have ravaged Florida and Texas. Monster storms was the description of them. We need to pony up and help as much as we can. The wild fires in the west, many of which are out of real control, and the people fighting them are exhausted they are asking people to pray for rain. Some of the governors have asked for help from the government but have been refused help. So maybe we should all pray for rain for them. I am sure there are people who are homeless from the devastation of those fires too.

Have a great week, changing weather first hot then cold is forecast, everyone should be happy at some time this week.

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe
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Anne Traxler, Karen Tvedt and Roger Harmoning took the Tri-Valley bus Friday to the Steam Threshers at Rollag. They had a good time. Kevin and Brock Tvedt also went.

Linda Hemley had a good turnout for her open house celebrating her 40 years of working at the bank.

Congratulations, Linda!

A 40th birthday party for Marcie Kloety was celebrated at Lake of the Woods at Jim & Debbie's over Labor Day weekend. Many of the relatives came.

Rick Greenwood, of Stacy, came for a few days to work on the brick building on the west side.

Cindy Thomas, of Manhattan, KS came for Labor Day weekend to visit the Carpenter families.

Dean Hemley of Tampa, FL came last week and visited Bunny DuChamp. He was here also for the 50th year class reunion.

Alice Jobe attended the bridal shower of her great nephew, Justin Erickson and his fiance Rachel of Rochester. It was held at Oiland Lutheran Free Church of rural Greenbush. Her sister Phyllis Leiran of Warroad also came. There were relatives and friends from Badger also. They served a lunch. Afterwards, Alice and Phyllis drove to the Catholic Leo Cemetery a few miles away where theyr great-grandparents and grandparents are buried as well as aunts and uncles. It was interesting to see an old cemetery. Lots of tombstones written in Polish.

A 50 year class reunion was held at the Plummer Legion on Saturday evening. For supper they served smoked chicken and smoked ribs. Jane Kolstoe organized it. Some others from the class are Betty W. DeGelder, Pat Wichterman, Duane Walter, Bob Baune, Allen Peterson, Jeanine Pahlen, Dean Hemley, Diane Torkelson. Also Sharon Rosten and Madonna Lallier (both deceased). There wee 26 in this class.

News and Views

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New Extension Educator in Red Lake County

Greetings,
As of 9-5-2017, I will be on as Red Lake County's new Extension Local Educator. I look forward to serving Red Lake County! I have been serving Clearwater and Polk County since mid-January earlier this year. My new schedule: Polk Monday, Red Lake Tuesday, Clearwater Wednesday, Polk Thursday. It will obviously be a challenge to juggle three counties so please call ahead on my cell phone 218-280-1129 to catch me.

In Extension tradition, I look forward to farm/yard visits to bridge questions from university information and data. Also phone calls of course. I will try my best to answer all questions and find the information for you. My area of focus is within agronomy and horticulture production. I will be the first to tell you that I am not an arborist or livestock producer. With that being said, we will work together to find solutions. Since the Extension Service has a rich variety of

experts it will be my pleasure to find the answers.

I will be involved with a few projects here in NW Minnesota. Private Pesticide Applicator Training (PPAT) will be going on in February. Any Pesticide applicator must recertify every 3 years who uses a restricted use label. Youth Tractor Safety is another project I will be putting on over the summer of 2018. Any 14-15 aged youth can complete an online / in-person training that will certify them to operate equipment off the family farm over 20 horse power. Other programming will also be going on like Dairy Days in McIntosh, Cow-Calf days in Bagley also Crop Improvement meetings to handle MCIA seed allotments. I hope to be around for the county fairs of the three counties. The last focus I have is to start the Master Gardeners program again here in NW MN. If you are interested, please call me 218-280 -1129.

A brief bit of background

for those who do not know me yet. I am a recent graduate of University of Wisconsin River Falls 2015 with a Crop Science Bachelor's Degree. Before coming to NW MN, I was working in Madison, WI to help with field research. I grew up in the town of St. Michael, MN just NW of the twin cities. There, I was involved with 4-H for 10 years showing animals and general projects. A very large garden at our hobby farm sparked my initial interest in Agronomy/ Horticulture. The rest as they say is history.

Thank you for including me in this community here in the northwest!

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Who's Dat?



Who's Dat

This Week's photo of is of a group of school children from one of the local country schools in the area.

Last week's photo was of Einar Kvasager, who was training with dogs while serving in Korea.

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

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