

Oklee Precipitation
By Einar Kvasager

Rain	
July 25	0.02
July 26	Trace
July 28	0.12
Total in.	0.14

Oklee Herald

...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

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Junior Miss and Little Miss Pageant Contestants for Summerfest 2015



Contestants in the Junior Miss Summerfest Pageant held in Red Lake Falls were, from left, Emma Knott, Jasmyn Rud, winner Josie Johnson, runner-up Brynn Olson, Marin Peterson, and Ava Budish.



Junior Miss Summerfest 2015 Josie Johnson and runner-up Brynn Olson.



Little Miss Summerfest 2015 Savannah Anderson and runner-up Nevaeh Kotrba. To read the full story and find out who competed, look in the Tri-County Canary for more information.



Minnesota Red River Valley Development Association Youth Leadership Award

The Minnesota Red River Valley Development Association has sponsored a \$100 Youth Leadership Award to a Red County 4-H Member. The award is given to a 4-H Member who shows good leadership and who has done good things for the 4-H Program. This year the 2015 Youth Leadership Award is presented to Brittney Bray, Plummer, Mn. Congratulations, Brittney!



RLC Sheriff's office gets approval to hire full time deputy & On-Call Policy

On July 28, 2015, the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners met at 10:00 a.m. Commissioners present were John Lerohl, Dave Sorensen, Chuck Flage and Chair Ron Weiss. Chuck Simpson was absent.

The agenda was approved with one change, to add Treasurer Nick Knott to the agenda.

Treasurer Nick Knott reported to the commissioners on the 5 year treasury bonds the county has and that there was not a lot of change in the county portfolio.

Committee reports were next. Commissioner Chuck Flage did not have any meetings during the past two weeks to report on.

Sorensen reported on the Red Lake County Economic Development Corporation (RLCEDC). There are no delinquent loans at this time. The couple of loans that had been delinquent have been brought to small claims court and have paid in full. There are loans available up to \$20,000 at 2% for qualifying borrowers.

There has been difficulty getting members on the board which meets quarterly and discussion to possibly solve this would be to change the bylaws to allow per diem for members. This will be brought up at the next RLCEDC meeting.

Lerohl had an HRA meeting on the 15th and it was decided to sell the Foxtail Apartment in Thief River Falls for student housing and plan on purchasing some apartments in East Grand Forks that the city of EGF wants to sell.

Lerohl also had a Fair Board meeting and reported that the Red Lake County Fair did ok, but didn't make as much as

they thought they would. The Red Lake County Fair Board will be holding another Baja Race on August 22nd for a fund raiser and will be doing some fund raising at Oklee Market Days on August 8th.

Enbridge is asking for a reduction in taxes Lerohl reported. He also attended a tour at Hillcrest in Red Lake Falls which will be opening soon. Hillcrest has 13 rooms for assisted living and 10 rooms in an Alzheimer's wing.

Lerohl also attended the Inter County Community Council (ICCC) meeting and reported that bids for the annual audit were opened and Carlsen Highland was awarded the bid. The PIC Board has a program for dislocated worker and is being overwhelmed so has decided to get someone else to work with the program and ICCC is going to work with the program. A conference call dealing with an Audit from the Legislature for all Action Committees was held with Leroh and Director Catherine Johnson participating.

Also discussed at the ICCC meeting was the Riverpoint Apartments, ICCC has contracted with Insight Technologies for their IT needs and Deb Kiel visited with ICCC discussing a project she is working on for hiring seniors. And ICCC will once again be helping people get set up with MN Sure.

Weiss reported on the Qiun Board and informed the board on the SHIP program, the WIC program and about the water problems they are having at their offices. Ads for administrator have been put in the paper again and medical marijuana has started in MN.

Sheriff Mitch Bernstein

came before the board to ask for permission to hire a full time deputy since it would change the budget, not so much this year, but for 2016. He has been advertising for a part time deputy, but hasn't had much luck getting a part time deputy. Bernstein explained since 2013, Red Lake County Sheriff's Department has lost 3 deputies to Thief River Falls Police Department and also has lost about 47.5 hours of patrol hours a week. There is money in the budget for this year, but in 2016, the budget will have to be increased if allowed to hire a full time deputy. A part time deputy will cost about \$27,000 and a full time about \$67,000 but a full time position receives about \$6,000 in police state aid. Sorensen and Lerohl made the motion to allow Bernstein to hire full time instead of party time deputy. And it was carried.

Bernstein also wanted to have an On-Call policy because no one is being compensated at this time which makes it difficult to have someone on call for a couple of hours and it is necessary with the limited personnel. Bernstein would implement the On-Call policy in 2016 and with a full time deputy being hired, will help cover a couple of extra hours when only one deputy is on duty and a call comes and needs assistance. Lerohl and Sorensen made a motion and it was carried to allow Bernstein to implement an On-Call policy in 2016.

Bernstein was asked by the commissioners on how things were going in the county and he reported that things were quiet and the call volume has been down at Voyagers. The pit by Oklee has been busy and reports of broken glass

on the beach were discussed. It was suggested that signage be installed that "No bottles or glass" will be allowed and the County Attorney said if someone is caught, write them up.

Dr. Sens, County Coroner, came to inform the board about the new laws taking effect on August 1st that families will have the right to object to autopsy's based on their religious beliefs. However, there are 15 rules that can override an objection, such as homicide, etc. She felt that the law will not be hard to work since she usually works with the families already on their wishes if it doesn't interfere with the laws. It will require more paperwork, Sens reported. Minnesota is the fifth state to have religious objection laws and it could slow down homicide autopsies slightly due to the additional paperwork. Sens was asked if autopsy's had to be done on all deaths and she said that unless there is some circumstances requiring an autopsy, such as homicide, suicide, child death without a medical condition, etc., an autopsy does not have to be done. Dr. Sens has brochures for the Sheriff's office to be available for families to help them work through a death and the autopsy laws.

Expenses and the minutes were next handled by the board. The expenses were approved by a motion from Sorensen, seconded by Flage with a roll call vote. The minutes were approved with a change regarding the transfer of property from the City of Oklee, to Red Lake County and then to the Red Lake County Fair board to make it clear. Motion was made by Lerohl and seconded by Flage.

Sorensen would like someone at the next meeting to clarify the new permit rules on drainage/tiling of water. Auditor Bob Schmitz will get either Myron Jesme or someone from the DNR to attend the meeting.

Other items mentioned by Schmitz to the board included the two TIFF reports from Oklee and Red Lake Falls, a grant Tanya Hanson received and has a list of projects she is working on, the public hearing on August 13th at Plummer for Enbridge, the amendment to the tiling language, and Sorensen asked if the board would agree to a resolution be sent to Enbridge about the reduction of the taxes and Sorensen made the motion, Lerohl seconded and it was carried to send a letter of opposition to the reduction of taxes.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m. and the next meeting will be held on the 11th of August at 10:00 a.m.

Calendar of Events

Wed, Aug. 5:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.
Thu, Aug. 6:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
Fri, Aug. 7:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
Sat, Aug. 8:
-Oklee Market Day
Sun, Aug. 9:
-Worship at the church of your choice.
Mon, Aug. 10:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-6:00 p.m. Oklee City Council meeting at Café.
Tue, Aug. 11:
-LSS Sr. Meals 5:00 p.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards.
-7:00 p.m. Oklee American

Legion Auxiliary meeting at Senior Site.
Wed, Aug. 12:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.
Thu, Aug. 13:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
Fri, Aug. 14:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Herald.
Sat, Aug. 15:
-Shop Locally!
Sun, Aug. 16:
-Worship at the church of your choice.
Mon, Aug. 17:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
Tue, Aug. 18:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards.
-7 pm at Compassionate Friends at St. Joseph Parish Center in RLF.

Enbridge will hold public information meetings in area

Several meetings have been set up for Enbridge to answer questions concerning the Certificate of Need and a Pipeline Routing permit for the Line 3 Pipeline Replacement Project. The line will run from the North Dakota Border to the Wisconsin border.

It will replace 282 miles of its existing 34-inch diameter Line 3 pipeline with 337 miles of 34-inch diameter pipeline.

The line will go from the Minnesota and North Dakota border to Clearbrook and then go on the same route proposed for the Sandpiper pipeline from Clearbrook to the Wisconsin border.

It will permanently deactivate the existing Line 3 in-place after the replacement pipeline is in service.

Upgrades will be made to pump stations at Clearbrook,

Donaldson, Plummer and Viking.

New pump stations will be built at Backus, Cromwell, Palisade and Two Inlets.

Area meetings will be held starting on Tuesday, August 11 at the Newfolden Community Center at 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 12 - Ralph Engelstad Arena – Imperial Room in Thief River Falls at 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 13, at the Plummer Senior Citizen Center at 11:00 a.m. The same day at 6:00 p.m. a meeting will be held at the Gully Community Center.

Monday, August 17 at the Clearbrook Community Center (old school) – Wes Westrum Gym at 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 18, at Rice Lake Community Center gym at 6:00 p.m.

Two meetings will be held in Park Rapids at the Park Rapids Century School Cafetorium at 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

The Department of Commerce, Department of Commerce and Enbridge staff will be available to answer questions about the permitting process and the project.

The Department of Commerce uses the comments that they receive at the meetings to develop the environmental analysis for this project.

Enbridge representatives state that the project is needed to address safety and integrity issues associated with the existing Line 3 pipeline.

For more information check out the legal notice in this weeks' issue of the Leader-Record or last weeks Oklee Herald.

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Margaret Jacobus
Wed, Aug. 5: 7:00 p.m. Salem WELCA.
Sat, Aug. 8: Zion Food Booth at Market Day
Sun, Aug. 9: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Zion. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Salem. 6:30 p.m. VBS at Salem
Mon, Aug. 10: 7:00 p.m. Zion Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. VBS Salem.
Tue, Aug. 11: 6:30 p.m. VBS Salem.
Wed, Aug. 12: 6:30 p.m. VBS Salem.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive – Nazareth Oak Park – St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseth
Sat, Aug. 8: 8:30 a.m. Mt. Olive.
Sun, Aug. 9: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri. Oak Park at 2:00 p.m. Nazareth at 3:30 p.m.

OKLEE-BROOKS CATHOLIC PARISH
St. Francis Xavier St. Joseph's – Brooks St. Joseph's – RLF
Fr. Bill DeCrans
Sat, Aug. 8: 5 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph Brooks with 4:30 p.m. Reconciliation.
Sun, Aug. 9: 8 a.m. Mass at St. Francis Xavier Oklee with 7:30 a.m. Reconciliation. 10 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Red Lake Falls with 11 a.m. Reconciliation.

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Aug. 4 – 6: VBS 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Sun, Aug. 9: 10:30 a.m. Worship at Immanuel.
Tue, Aug. 11: 8:00 p.m. Worship at Ebenezer.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

August 10 - 14
Call 796-5666 to order a meal.
If you are over the age of 60 and would like to eat with other seniors at the Senior Site, please call the Café at 796-5666 to reserve your meal. A \$4.00 per meal donation is suggested.
Monday: Fish, baked potato, vegetable, dessert and milk.
Tuesday: Chicken Kiev, boiled potato, vegetable, dessert and milk.
Wednesday: Chicken strips, tossed salad, cottage cheese, toast, dessert and milk.
Thursday: Tator tot hotdish, coleslaw, toast, dessert and milk.
Friday: Grilled cheese & tomato sandwich, turkey vegetable soup, dessert and milk.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith Robert W. Dahlen, Pastor
Wed, Aug. 5: Mid-week Services 7:30 p.m. at Faith.
Sun, Aug. 9: 8:30 a.m. Faith. 9:45 a.m. Bethany. 11:00 a.m. Ekelund.
Wed, Aug. 12: Mid-week Services 7:30 p.m. at Faith.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Aug. 5: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Thu, Aug. 6: 12:00 p.m. Rotary meeting.
Sun, Aug. 9: 9:30 a.m. Worship.
Tue, Aug. 11: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study. 10:30 a.m. Quilting.
Wed, Aug. 12: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund Sand Valley Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, Aug. 9: 9:00 a.m. Lund. 10:30 a.m. Sand Valley.
Tue, Aug. 12: 2:00 p.m. Lund WELCA

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston
Jon Marx, Lead Pastor
Seth Johnson, Assist. Pastor
Sun, Aug. 9: 10:00 a.m. Worship

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Legal Notice

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF RED LAKE
IN DISTRICT COURT
NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Probate Division
File No: _____

ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE IN SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF Marian Marquis
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 24th day of August, 2015 at 9:30 A.M. a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Red Lake Falls, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of the above named decedent, dated April 9, 2001 and for the appointment of Kaye Munt, P.O. Box 184, Oklee, MN 56742 as Personal Representative of the estate of the above named decedent in a supervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, said personal representative will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the representative shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereunto entitled as ordered by the Court, and close the estate.

Notice is further given that ALL CREDITORS having claims against said estate are required to present the same to said personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this notice or said claims will be barred.

DATED: July 28, 2015
Tamara L. Yon
Judge
/s/ Sherry Largis
Deputy Court Administrator
William D. Muldoon
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 327
Red Lake Falls, MN 56750
MN ATTY LIC # 7603X O19-20C



Ric Ven Auman had never driven a 4-wheeler before and he compared it to riding a dragon, when Bobbi Olson and Jessie Hamrum sent him down to the corner to direct runners on the course. He enjoyed riding it so much, a 4-wheeler will probably be his first purchase after graduating from college.



There was a good turnout for the 5K Walk Run at the Red Lake County Fair in June.

Red Lake County Commissioners Minutes

RED LAKE COUNTY Regular Meeting Held June 23, 2015

Pursuant to adjournment of its regular meeting the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners duly met in regular session at the courthouse in Red Lake Falls, MN on June 23, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. Chair Weiss called the meeting to order. All commissioners were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Sheriff Bernstein met with the board to request approval of a mutual aid agreement with the Region 3 Homeland Security & Emergency Management Joint Powers Board. The agreement authorizes the parties to make Homeland Security equipment, personnel and other resources available to each party to the agreement upon request. Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Flage and carried unanimously to approve the agreement as presented. The Board Chairman and County Auditor are authorized to sign the document.

Bernstein reported that full-time Deputy Dusty Arit has resigned to accept a position elsewhere, and that part-time deputies Brett Anderson and David Lovly were recently moved to full-time status. Bernstein is currently advertising to fill the part-time positions.

The board was presented a request from Inter County Community Council, the operator of the FHPAP program and Tri-Valley Opportunity Council the program grantee. Commissioner Sorensen moved, seconded by Simpson and carried unanimously to approve **Resolution No. 06-02-15 "Family Homelessness Prevention & Assistance Program"** as follows:

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, State of Minnesota, has been authorized to undertake a program to provide funds for Family Homeless Prevention & Assistance Projects; and,

WHEREAS, Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc. in the nine-county region of northwest Minnesota has developed an application for the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Family Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc. have demonstrated the

ability to perform the required activities of the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Family Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Program; NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc. is hereby authorized as an entity to be charged with the administration of funds made available through the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Family Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Program in the County of Red Lake, in Minnesota.

Chairman Weiss read a letter from County Recorder Joyce Paquin informing the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners that she is in compliance with the Minnesota Statute 357.182 subd. 3 thru 7 as required by state law.

Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Lerohl and unanimously carried to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held May 26, 2015 as presented. Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Simpson and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the County Board of Appeals and Equalization held June 17, 2015.

Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Sorensen and carried unanimously to renew the agreement between the county and the Cost Management Group to prepare Red Lake County's central services cost allocation plans for fiscal years ending the 31st of December 2015, 2016, and 2017 in the amount of \$2,875.00 per plan year. Auditor Schmitz is authorized to sign the document on the county's behalf. Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Flage and unanimously carried to approve the expenditures for the period as follows:

Vendor	Amount
AAA Striping Service Co.	\$22,621.66
Galls LLC	\$ 2,476.25
Government Management Group, Inc.	\$ 2,850.00
Insight Technologies	\$ 5,816.00
O'Day Equipment Inc.	\$ 2,688.00
25 Payments less than \$2,000	\$ 8,680.96
Final Total	\$45,133.79

The motion includes the following additional bills: \$93.37 to AT&T; \$360.00 to Inter County Nursing; \$448.75 to Mike Lacoursiere; \$225.90 to North Country Business Products; \$60.00 to REA; \$359.95 to Red

Lake County Highway Department; \$17,844.99 to University of MN Extension; \$280.00 per diem and \$172.50 expenses to John Lerohl.

The following Commissioner/Committee reports were shared:
Commissioner Simpson County Fair Board reviewing final events schedule.

Flage None.
Sorensen Inter County Nursing Service discussing the Nursing Contract with the Pennington County Jail.

Lerohl County Fair Board; NW HRA Special meeting discussing the Foxtail Apartments purchase agreement, and IRS compliance requirements.

Weiss None.
Commissioner Sorensen moved, seconded by Lerohl and carried by unanimous vote to approve a supplemental services agreement between Pro-Vest & Associates, Inc. and Red Lake County, and that the supplement is a modification to the existing Professional Services Agreement with the county, and is effective retroactive as of June 1, 2015. Auditor Schmitz is authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the county.

The board reviewed recommended changes to the PTO policy that was prior approved at the May 26, 2015 county board meeting. The changes are being recommended by former HR Director Lundeen to clarify some areas of the policy. The policy has an effective implementation date of July 1, 2015. Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Flage and carried unanimously to approve the changes as presented.

The board acknowledged the DNR 10-year Strategic Report.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned until July 14, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

Attest: _____
Bob Schmitz, County Auditor

Ron Weiss, Chair,
Board of Commissioners
O19C

RED LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION MEETING HELD JUNE 17, 2015

Pursuant to law, the Red Lake County Board of Appeal and Equalization duly met on June 17, 2015 at 6:32 p.m. at the courthouse in Red Lake Falls. Members present: Commissioners Dave Sorensen, Ron Weiss, John Lerohl, Charles Simpson, Chuck Flage & County Auditor Robert Schmitz. Also present: Nancy Amberson, County Assessor.
The oath of office was administered to the members. Commissioner Simpson nominated Lerohl as Chair and seconded by Commissioner Sorensen. Lerohl was voted in as Chair. Commissioner Simpson nominated Sorensen for Vice-Chair and seconded by Commissioner Lerohl. Commissioner Sorensen was voted in as Vice-Chair. Commissioner Lerohl nominated Robert Schmitz as clerk with nomination seconded by Commissioner Simpson. Robert Schmitz was voted in as Clerk.

All motions were unanimously carried.

County Assessor Amberson presented to the board an overview of the 2015 proposed values and other pertinent information regarding sales and values for the 2015 assessment. There were no individual property valuation appeals brought before the County Board of Appeal.

Commissioner Sorensen moved, seconded by Commissioner Weiss and unanimously carried to accept the 2015 values as presented.

There being no further business to be brought before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m. sine die.

Attest: _____
Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

John Lerohl, Chair, County Board of Appeal & Equalization
O19C

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Who's Dat?



Who's Dat

This week's photo is of two friends raised in the Oklee area. Last week's photo is of Brooke Magnell on her 4th Birthday.

If you have a photo or two that you would like to share, bring to the Oklee Herald office to be scanned. Or email to okleeherald@gmail.com. Always looking for photos for this fun column. Thank you!



Small Grain Harvest

Small grain harvest is underway in parts of southern Minnesota including winter wheat, winter rye, barley, and even spring wheat. The common theme is harvest maturity. Many growers have questions and concerns about the crop dry down and removal. Most of this concern comes on the back side of strong wind events across the state resulting in significant lodging which is also a concern in our area of Minnesota.

Other contributing factors predisposing the fields to lodging include frequent rains, genetics, and what appears to be good yield potential (top heavy plants and ideal stooling conditions). These lodged areas are not maturing at the same rate as standing grain and introduce environments conducive to armyworm infestations, head/kernel diseases, and possibly pre-harvest sprout damage.

Unfortunately, these areas are unlikely to improve this late in the season. Getting the bushels harvested and maintaining seed quality will often require additional steps. These approaches include:

- * Slower combine ground speeds and lower cutting heights,

- * Multiple harvest dates in the same field,

- * Use of bins equipped for drying,

- * Swathing, and pre-harvest glyphosate.

Leaving the lodged areas and waiting for harvest maturity naturally puts those areas at risk for hail, sprouting, and disease damage. These areas will have higher grain

moisture's, so handling needs extra attention. In light of the crop at or nearly at harvest stage and wide spread concern for removal, there is some information from previous harvest seasons that can be of help.

Pre-Harvest Options For Wheat

There are two methods of pre-harvest management that can speed up the wheat harvest. Swathing or wind rowing, at one time, was considered the norm that signaled the beginning of harvest. The primary purpose of swathing is to speed up and even out the dry down of the crop. However, swathing always posed a risk, since grain in the swath is more prone to pre-harvest sprouting if adverse weather delays threshing. A second pre-harvest option is an application of glyphosate at the hard dough stage. Research has shown that glyphosate with or without ammonium sulfate may hasten dry down of the wheat crop if conditions for dry down are adverse. With a pre harvest interval of 7 days, a couple of days, at the most, may be gained. Since modern varieties allow for it, most wheat and barley is now straight cut instead of swathed. The following information summarizes advantages and disadvantages for each of these pre-harvest management options. The advantages of PRE-HARVEST GLYPHOSATE ARE; fast operation; more even and faster ripening compared to untreated standing grain; standing grain will dry faster after a rain

than grain in a swath; and opportunity to control weeds. Disadvantages include; poorer weed control of large perennial weeds. Compared to post harvest weed control; and potential for herbicide drift into other crops. Advantages of swathing include; grain in a swath will have less hail damage; faster ripening and drying when compared to straight cutting grain. The disadvantages include; additional passes through the field; and sprouting damage is more likely if swaths are heavy and rain or heavy dew persists.

Optimum Time for Pre-Harvest Management

The optimum time for pre-harvest management is right at or just after the crop has reached physiological maturity (P M). This applies regardless of whether the grain is swathed or glyphosate is applied as a pre harvest treatment. At PM, the crop has the maximum kernel dry weight and no additional dry matter will be deposited into the grain. Similarly, grain protein cannot be increased after PM through glyphosate applications or other management practices. The kernel moisture percentage at PM is relatively high and can vary from 20 to 40 percent. Research has shown that swathing just before PM does not harm grain yield or quality. However, this practice is not recommended when using glyphosate as a pre-harvest tool.

How To Identify Pm

There are two visual indicators that can be used to determine whether the crop has reached PM. The first indicator is the loss of green in the kernel and the appearance of a dark layer of cells or pigment along the crease of the wheat kernel. Kernels in the same spike will reach PM at different times, with the middle of the head maturing first. Another visual indicator is the loss of green from the upper most internode or peduncle. The uppermost portion of the peduncle, just below the spike, will have turned very light green or yellow at PM. At this time, transportation of water and nutrients to the head has been cut off and the crop has reached maximum grain fill.

For more information on grain harvest questions; go www.extension.umn.edu and do a search on "small grain dry down and harvest"; or e mail Jochum Wiersma, U M Extension Small Grain specialist at wiers002@umn.edu.

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



Sarah Quick brought her horse through the paces at the Horse Judging on the first day of the Red Lake County Fair in June.

Minnesota Department of Education

Releases 2015 MCA Scores

The Minnesota Department of Education released scores for the 2015 Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCAs) that was taken in area schools this past year. Overall the statewide proficiency data show reading scores generally remained constant or increased slightly, while math scores remained largely constant or declined slightly.

Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment scores

Elementary	Math		Reading		Science	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
Bagley	53.3%	47.2%	47.7%	45.6%	41.4%	38.2%
Clearbrook-Gonvick	54.3%	50.4%	43.6%	56.2%	48.6%	58.3%
Grygla	56.1%	63.4%	56.1%	65.9%	42.9%	60.0%
Red Lake Co Central	59.8%	70.0%	68.0%	62.5%	68.0%	58.3%
Bagley students at 587 to 43.93 staff count.						
Clearbrook-Gonvick students 225 to 18.43 staff count.						
Grygla students 73 to 8.47 staff count.						
Red Lake County Central 217 students to 19.78 staff count.						
High School	Math		Reading		Science	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
Bagley	42.5%	46.5%	48.1%	42.1%	42.2%	32.6%
Clearbrook-Gonvick	36.4%	38.6%	44.5%	43.8%	29.0%	29.3%
Grygla	35.0%	31.0%	46.5%	40.5%	40.7%	21.4%
Red Lake Co Central	41.3%	43.2%	58.2%	60.5%	32.3%	39.6%
Bagley students 432 to 33.67 staff						
Clearbrook-Gonvick 189 students to 15.82 staff						
Grygla students 78 to 9.11 staff						

"We can never be satisfied with anything less than forward progress," said Minnesota Education Commissioner Brenda Cassellius. "We know there is still much work to do to ensure our students are ready for career and college, but it is important to remember that one single test cannot provide parents with a comprehensive picture of how a student is doing. Ultimately, teachers remain the best source of information on an individual student's progress."

Since 2011, when a new math test was implemented, scores are up 6 percentage points for all students in grades 3-8. A new math test aligned to college- and career-ready standards was put in place for grade 11 in 2014. Since 2013, when the new reading test aligned to college- and career-ready standards was

implemented, scores are up 1 percentage point for all students, with Asian students posting a 5 percentage point increase and American Indian students up by 4 percentage points.

The department also released today an independent statistical analysis by Human Resources Research Organization (HumRRO) that analyzed online testing disruptions that occurred during this spring's MCA testing. HumRRO's analysis is limited to the distributed denial of service (DDoS) attack that occurred on April 21, finding "no statistical evidence to suggest that the disruption, on average, adversely impacted students who were testing when the DDoS attack occurred." The analysis does not evaluate the impact of other reported disruptions such as issues

with the online calculator, lag time for questions to load, or students being logged out while still in the middle of taking the test had on individual student test scores.

The department is committed to ensuring students and teachers have a worry-free testing experience without interruptions that provides them with timely and useful data. The department is currently working with the state's testing vendor, Pearson, to determine financial consequences and possible changes to our contract for a successful 2016 testing administration. A determination in this matter is expected in the coming weeks.

MCA results will be found on the Minnesota Report Card, at <http://rc.education.state.mn.us>.

RLCC School News

New students of RLCC district

If you are new to the area, or have moved within the Red Lake County Central school district, please contact one of the school sites (elementary – Plummer - 218-465-4222) (high school – Oklee – 218-796-5136) to let us know. We are starting to get ready for the 2015-16 year and want your students included in the scheduling, bus routes, etc.

RLCC Athletes 2015-16

The MN High School League states an athlete must pass a physical every three years to participate in athletics. Usually seventh graders and sophomores are in that cycle for physicals. If it has been three years since your last sports physical or you will be in athletics as a seventh grader, you can pick up a physical forms at the High School office Monday-Thursday from 7:00 PM – 2:30 PM or call ahead to make arrangements.

Parents of seventh graders needing any immunizations in order to enter seventh grade were mailed letter last week. When doing the physical this is a good time to have these done also. And then mail back the dates these were given.

Statepoint Crossword Theme: Back to School

ACROSS
1. Bewildered or confounded
6. Cul de ____
9. Rum cake
13. Church bell sounds
14. Anger
15. Give a green light
16. Dogma
17. ____ Aviv
18. Cancer sign?
19. *Higher education re-
sult
21. *L in LMC
23. "Yakety ____"
24. W.'s advisor
25. Tube in old TV
28. *Classroom pests
30. Catching sight of some-
thing
35. "Jack and the Bean-
stalk" instrument
37. ____ Scotia
39. Ownership document

40. Sixth month of civil year
41. *Classroom ball
43. It's a long story
44. Fat or wax
46. Kindred
47. Resembling wings
48. Destiny
50. Volcano in Sicily
52. Japanese capital
53. *You work with it in
shop class
55. *Where most of Ameri-
can History occurred
57. *Difference between
public and private school
61. *"____ and (#34 Down)"
64. Saw logs
65. Like arctic air
67. *Digital text
69. *He's in the class play
70. *Driver's Ed classroom
71. Kitchen appliance
72. "The ____ Not Taken"
73. Lamb's mother

74. Iron Mike

DOWN
1. Pertinent
2. Got ready to drive
3. Healthy
4. Lament for the dead
5. Stellar
6. Place or location
7. "We ____ the World"
8. *Usually in orchestra but
not marching band
9. Foggy view?
10. *____ mater
11. Uncouth one
12. Wrong
15. As good as it can be
20. Augmenting
22. "____ Got the World on
a String"
24. Canceled
25. *Marker's predecessor
26. *r in a math formula, pl.
27. Golf bunkers
29. Kind of soda pop
31. Leaning Tower city
32. *The "boot" in Geogra-
phy class
33. Aquarium scum
34. *"#61 Across) and ____"
36. "____ and proper"
38. Not much
42. Boredom
45. More dewy
49. Also
51. Declare with confidence
54. Chilled
56. Cornered
57. Nicholas II of Russia, e.g.
58. To a remarkable degree,
British
59. I, to a Greek
60. Walked on
61. Greek muse's strings
62. A long, long time
63. Not happening
66. Crow sound
68. Boy toy

Solution Celebrities

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T	N	T		D	U	C	K		S	E	T	S	U	P
R	O	I	L		R	O	V	E		S	U	N	N	I
U	A	I	M		B	L	A	K	E		S	K	I	P
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Oklee Herald Early Files

Seventy Years Ago
August 2, 1945
Pfc. Lloyd A. Walhaug arrived here to spend a furlough at his home. He was a prisoner of war in Germany for over two years.
Cpl. Raymond Wicks arrived here to spend a month's furlough with his sisters.
Pfc. Arnold Myrum left last week for Fort Snelling after spending six weeks furlough at his home.
A letter was received from Byglandsfjord, Norway from A. O. Watsend, stating that he and his wife were both well and got through the German Occupation in good condition. Many strict rationing on food and clothes. Mr. and Mrs. Watsend are former residents of this community and it was rumored that he had been shot by the Germans before this message arrived.
Sixty Years Ago
August 4, 1955
Congresswoman Coya Knutson introduced a bill in a bold set up to expand coverage of the School Milk program to school children.
Installation of a new 34-foot 40 ton scale is underway in Oklee.
Pfc. Raymond Westerlund is assigned to the 24th Infantry Division in Korea.
Morris Hendrickson is recovering in Fosston hospital from injuries received when his car apparently went out of control in loose gravel.
Fifty Years Ago

July 29, 1965
Pvt. Clayton A. Moen completed a course on National Guard Training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.
George A. Beito of Gonvick died Sunday at the age of 79.
The seventh summer course in behind-the-wheel training has ended with 33 students completing the training.
Construction of the new Oklee Recreation Center is progressing with all walls up.
Forty Years Ago
August 7, 1975
Vickie Johnson became the bride of Lance Mandt on July 12th.
A wedding dance was held in Gully Hall for Mr. and Mrs. Gary Anderson.
Karen Violette became the bride of Larry Fossum in a double ring ceremony.
Fertile breeding grounds for a type of mosquito which can spread virus diseases appeared to spreading into the Tri-County.
Janet Brown won a trophy at the Thief River Falls horse show for senior high point with her horse Brandy.
Thirty Years Ago
July 31, 1985
Carol Bergeron was named Miss Thief River Falls.
Mayor Shirley Cyr read a letter of resignation from Councilman Tim Paquin at the meeting.
The Rev. Thomas Rank was ordained and installed as co-pastor of the Clearwater Lutheran Parish.

A one car roll-over occurred east of Trail, the driver and passenger were brought to the hospital.
The Red Lake County Fair Talent Show contest held Monday night was a success.
Twenty Years Ago
August 9, 1995
The Oklee School has a full time superintendent, Galen Clow.
Meredith Morken of the Twin Rivers 4-H Club won the Grand Champion ribbon in Vegetable Gardening.
Marie Plante and Arnold Olson were married April 9 at Zion Lutheran Church.
Deb and Kevin Amiot were named Agassiz Valley Leaders.
Ten Years Ago
August 4, 2005
Red Lake County Sheriff Les Arlt retired in September of 2005.
Driver's Ed & lunch fees raised by Oklee Board.
99th Clearwater Fair began August 3.
Stolaas Family holds reunion to celebrate Century Farm.
Roger and Jennifer Kvaale from Gully along with Keith and Julie Thompson of Fertile would like to announce the engagement and upcoming wedding of their children Susan and Justin.
Rydell National Wildlife Refuge hosts annual youth deer hunt.
Sierra Walton of Gully was awarded Hamline honors Scholarship.

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

Karen Peterson of Anoka and her nephew Tim Pahlen toured the Tri River Pioneer Museum on Sunday afternoon. Karen is the sister of Bob Pahlen of Plummer. They really enjoyed it and also went to see the items in the barn.
On Friday morning at 1 a.m. on the 24th a wind and thunder storm went through Plummer. One place was hit was the new large grain bin at NW Grain. It was empty and the wind damage it by pushing about a third in. The others were full and not damaged.
There were some tree tops or smaller trees damaged. At Alice Jobe's place four trees were damaged. One lost seven branches about fifteen to twenty feet long. Lots of work to do. Thanks to Dan and Mel Brustad for spending the next morning cutting branches, picking up stuff and loading and hauling it away. It was a lot of work.
There seem to be more storms that have high winds that hit more areas than used to. It's kind of scary.
Immanuel Lutheran Church had their annual Church Picnic on Sunday. There were potluck salads, and also hot dogs were served. Because of the heat and high humidity it was held at the church.
Anna DeHate, Bunny DuChamp, Jean Carpenter and Alice Jobe visited Fern Eskeli at the Carlstad Care Center on Wednesday. They went for lunch first to the Nordhem

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

Happy Birthday to Greg Gagner who celebrated his birthday on Friday with his lovely wife Michelle. Happy Birthday from all of us Greg.
A late Happy Birthday to Elaine Radniecki who celebrated her birthday a couple of weeks ago. She let the cat out of the bag on Friday at the Red Hats gathering. Happy belated Birthday to you Elaine.
The Red Hats met at Lakeview restaurant and resort on Maple Lake in Mentor on Friday. Bunny DuChamp won the quarter pot and the door prize went to Wilma Arlt. Those attending were Bunny DuChamp, Elaine Radniecki, Mary Schindler, Anne Traxler, Wilma Arlt, Connie Hughes, Anna DeHate, Alice Jobe, Mickey Duden, Jean Carpenter, Emilie Skjerven and Barb Novak. It was decided to go to the Hive in Thief River Falls for the August meet.
On Thursday Jerome and Barb Novak went to Warroad to visit Nancy and Matt Ellenson and their children Ian, Phillip, Daphne, and Margaret. They enjoyed the afternoon with the family and went to the Popcorn Players Production of "Yearbook" at the school. Daphne and Margaret were actresses in the cast and Phillip was the Technical Director. It was a very entertaining evening.
On Saturday Barb Novak went to visit with Anita Mattson in the morning. Donna Johnson and Reinette Walter were also there so we sisters-in-laws had a great chat.
On Saturday afternoon Jerome and Barb Novak went to the wedding of Michael

Novak and Samantha Bolek at the Warsaw, North Dakota, St. Stanislaus Catholic Church. This church is 115 years old and very ornate. Samantha is the veterinary assistant to Gemma Drees Johnson here in Red Lake County. Congratulations to Michael and Samantha and welcome to the county Sam.
On Sunday morning Jerome and Barb Novak went to visit with Anita Mattson at the home farm.
Karen Tvedt was visited by her daughter and husband David and Becky Opatz and son Phillip of Kinsey, Montana. They were here from Thursday through Saturday. Her granddaughter Shandra Duray also visited on Friday and Saturday.
Those helping Chelsey Kjono celebrate her 30th birthday Friday night were Dane Kjono, Pam Paradis, Ryan & Kelsey

Paradis, Ethan Paradis & Kali Scherschligt, Duane & Marcia Kjone, Lonnie Paradis, Deb Champagne & Randy Versdahl, Clare & Dianne Gagner, Kory & Betty Solie, Eddie Amberson, Tony & Sheila Gerardy & Del Determan. They enjoyed the Terry Fator comedy & ventriloquist show at the Shooting Star Casino in Mahnomen.
Dane, Chesley & Carter Kjono of East Grand Forks & Isabelle Paradis were weekend guests of Pam Paradis.

STORY TO SHARE!
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Senior Site News and Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

There are two events for seniors & volunteers going on this week.
The first one is the RSVP Banquet in Crookston on August 5th. You would have already needed to register for this one, but there are a few from Oklee going.
The second event is an invitation to volunteers for a meal at the Cozy Bar in Brooks at 5:00 p.m. Volunteer Drivers for Meals on Wheels are invited too! You need to sign up at the Senior Site if you want to go. Site phone number is 796-5149.
Dates To Remember
Aug. 18: Potluck at Cafe @ 5:00 p.m.
Aug. 20: Site Council meeting @ 10:00 a.m.
Aug. 21: Birthday Meal.

Joke
A new priest had been appointed in a parish. He was talking with the housekeeper. She informed him your house needs shingling and your furnace is not working...
He interrupted her and said, "Mrs. Murphy, you have been here for 5 years and I just came, I think you should say, our house and our furnace isn't working."
A day later the Bishop came for a meeting with the new priest and other priests. As the meeting was going on, the housekeeper came rushing in very excited and blurted out, "There is a mouse in our bedroom and it ran under our bed."

Bonny's Bits...

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This past week has been about as perfect as Minnesota weather can be with great easy to live with temperatures, normal humidity levels and little rain. Just a little wind on the first day or two of the week, but the rest has been perfect. This is what I remember my summers being like when I used to stay at my grandparent's farms during the summer. Let's hope it stays this way for Market Day which is on August 8th.
Summer is on the down side now with school only a month away. All the stores have their school supplies out and parents are filling the lists. This is when I try to pick up some of my office supplies since the prices are so reasonable. So if you need paper or pens, this is the time to get them. I even got a couple of 16 GB jump drives for about 5 bucks a piece. I went back to see if there were any left and they

must have all sold out.
Becky was home the last weekend in July and it was fun to spend some time with her. We went to the play "The Nerd" in TRF with my family on Thursday. On Friday, Becky and Jessi Opdahl, Lloyd and Ardell's granddaughter and I took a trip to Grand Forks for a day of shopping fun and it was. Saturday we went to visit my brother and his wife at their camper park for the afternoon and evening and on Sunday after church Becky headed for home. We also gathered up all her boxes of books and other possessions that she will need when she moves into her apartment in August. So when I get the call to bring them down, I'll load up the car and help her get settled. Should be fun even though it is heavy work bringing all that stuff up three flights of steps. Yup, she is on the third floor! I'll get my exercise. LOL

Regional Ag News

Jim Stordahl, Extension Educator

Curling Leaves on Tomatoes

Again this summer, I've had several calls regarding curling leaves on tomatoes or peppers. In each case, the gardener had unknowingly applied contaminated compost -- or the garden area had been sprayed previously with the herbicide Aminopyralid in an attempt to control difficult weeds -- sometimes 2-3 years beforehand. Aminopyralid is the chemical name of the herbicide manufactured by Dow and sold under numerous trade names, including Milestone.
This problem is not unique to our area. Gardeners all across the US, Europe and Canada are finding classic herbicide damage on garden crops due to manure or compost contaminated with this herbicide. In fact, Aminopyralid can persist in hay, manure, compost or soil for up to three to five years depending on application rate.
The most commonly observed symptoms are twisted, cupped, and elongated leaves. Poor seed germination or death of young plants is also common. Certainly, these symptoms can be caused by other factors such as disease, insects or herbicide drift -- especially when spraying nearby lawn weeds.
In our area, Aminopyralid is typically used in pastures and along roadsides to control thistle, leafy spurge and spotted knapweed. The company label says the forage can be safely consumed by livestock and horses where the herbicide passes through the animal's digestive tract and is excreted in the urine and manure. After passage through an animal, this product will remain active in the manure even after composting and will cause damage to broadleaf garden plants. It can also remain active on hay, plant residue and grass clippings from treated areas.
You can prevent the loss of garden crops from herbicide damage from products such as this in two ways. One, do not

spray any areas intended for current or future gardens. This includes pastures, hay fields or even lawns. Next, before using compost or manure that you did not produce yourself, be sure to ask if any herbicides were used on the hay or pasture. Also, be sure to ask about purchased hay sources as well. If the livestock were fed hay from road ditches or land in CRP, which was sprayed with Aminopyralid, the carryover issue will likely be a concern.
If the horse has already left the barn, till the garden several times during the growing season, using irrigation if practical, and plant the area into a non-sensitive cover crop for a year or two to help the Aminopyralid break down. To determine when it's safe to plant again, conduct a pot or field bioassay with a sensitive crop like beans or peas. Meanwhile, you may want to prepare another garden area while the chemical breaks down in your existing garden.
Conducting a bioassay is easy. Simply take several random soil samples from various areas in the garden and mix thoroughly. Use this soil to fill three to six small pots (4-6 inches) with your suspect garden soil. Next fill the same number of pots with a commercial potting soil to serve as your untreated experimental control. Plant three pea or bean seeds in each pot, water, and let them grow for two to three weeks -- until you can see three sets of true leaves. If the peas or beans in the control pots grow normally and the ones in the pots with your garden soil do not, you can assume your soil is still contaminated. If they all grow normally and it's difficult to see any differences, it would be reasonable to assume that your garden soil is fine. Keep in mind however, that the test will be only as good as the samples you take, so be sure to get representative soil samples. For greater detail, see the Washington State University

Web site: <http://www.puyallup.wsu.edu/soilmgmt/Pubs/CloBioassay.pdf>
Herbicides, like Aminopyralid, are very powerful poisons that can persist the soil for years and may damage sensitive crops at very low concentrations. If you use these products be sure to read the label and take the appropriate precautions and safety measures. If you get manure or compost from a neighbor, be sure to ask questions regarding chemical use on forage crops or pastures.
For more information, contact me at 800-450-2465 stordahl@umn.edu. Source: North Carolina State University and Ohio State University. Photo: UMN Extension.

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This weeks hours:

Thu, Aug. 6	9:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Fri, Aug. 7	9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
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