

Oklee Precipitation
By Einar Kvasager

	Rain
Aug. 19	0.30
Aug. 20	0.28
Total in.	0.58

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...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

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More Market Day Photos



Left: Sandra
Tougas
Right: DJ
Bernstein

Two of the
six winners
from the first
Market Day
Sidewalk
Chalk Art
Contest.
Watch for
more photos
next week.



Emergency Robot call goes out on August 18th in Red Lake County

On the evening of August 18th, the phone rang in homes and informed the residents of Red Lake County that the rail road crossings in Brooks would be closed for a couple of hours. That meant that the sirens, heard in Oklee around 7 p.m. must have been an accident in Brooks and involved a train. The next day a Red Lake County Sheriff's News Release was sent to the Oklee Herald office. The accident involved a 19 year old driver, Daylon Latrea Melby of Brooks, who was westbound on Dakota Ave in

the City of Brooks, collided his 1999 Chevy Suburban with the southbound Canadian Pacific train. The train crossing is approximately 1 block west of U.S. Hwy 59, on the south side of Brooks (next to the old Cenex building). According to the report, the train struck the vehicle on the front passenger's side, causing it to spin around and overturn. Mr. Melby was transported to the ER in Thief River Falls by the Oklee Ambulance Service to be treated for minor non-life threatening injuries and the vehicle he was driving was

"totaled." The Red Lake County Sheriff's office was also assisted at the scene by the Oklee and Plummer Fire Departments. It took the Canadian Pacific crew members approximately two hours to inspect the train before it was allowed to continue on its way. Both railroad crossing in the City of Brooks were blocked by the train during this time and the traffic had to be re-routed. This case is still under investigation by the Red Lake County Sheriff's Department.

Red Lake County Worst County in the USA to live in?

Last week, while driving home from work and listening to Minnesota Public Radio, there was an interesting conversation going on about an article published by the Washington Post written by Christopher Ingraham.

The first thing that registered as I was listening, was that Red Lake County had been named, "The absolute worst place to live in America. From Ingraham's article: Red Lake County's claim to fame: "It is the only landlocked county in the United States that is surrounded by just two neighboring counties," according to the county Web site.

Apparently this was on the news the night before, but had not seen the news, so was taken by surprise. Really, worst place to live. And references to ugliest too! So to the internet I went, to find out what was what, once I was home from work. Here is the gist of the story for those who didn't hear about this or missed it.

On August 17th, an article was posted on the Washington Post's website titled: "Every county in America, ranked by scenery and climate" and it was based on data from the USDA, measuring the best and worst places to live in America, based on scenery and climate. And Red Lake County came in last with 3,111 out of 3,111. Norman County was at 3,108 out of 3,111 and Pennington County was 3,102 out of 3,111. What was the measurements you may ask? The "natural amenities index" the USDA used was "a measure of the physical characteristics of a county area that enhance the location as a place to live."

The index combines "six measures of climate, topography, and water area that reflect environmental qualities most people prefer." Those qualities, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, include mild, sunny winters, temperate summers, low humidity, topographic variation, and access to a body of water. These aspects as the USDA describes them are supposed to be constant and not expected to change much over time.

So since we don't have any lakes, big mark against Red Lake County and if you don't like cold winters, more marks against the county. And if you go look at the article on the Washington Post site, <http://www.washingtonpost.com/news/wonkblog/wp/2015/08/17/every-county-in-america-ranked-by-natural-beauty/>, you will notice that many of the counties in the Red River Valley do not score well at all.

Well, lots of folks were upset that our beautiful state was being slammed. And the State of Minnesota stood up for itself within minutes of the article being posted. Yea, Minnesota. Which resulted in a follow up article "Thick coats, thin skins: Why Minnesotans were outraged by a recent Washington Post report." Christopher Ingraham wrote the second article also and was interviewed on MPR, which is what I heard driving home from work.

Ingraham said first he got a few tweets, and he comments in the second article, that he was publicly shamed by tweets. Then a petition was started because proud Minnesotan's in Red Lake County wanted him to change the spelling (a capital C on county, apparently before he fixed it, it was a small c). Then the photos started coming in with gorgeous photos from around Minnesota and more comments. And one was from one of our locals, Jessie Hamrum of Brooks, MN. She sent a photo of a beautiful wheat field and commented, "this is what the "worst place in America to live in" looks like in late summer."

People started a hashtag, #ShowMeYourUglyCounties, to showcase Minnesota's beauty. And to finish off Ingraham's second article, he included Senator Al Franken's tweet, defending Red Lake County by sending a photo of Old Crossing Treaty Park, near Red Lake Falls and commenting, "You're totally right @ washingtonpost - Red Lake County has no natural beauty...."

Here is what Ingraham found



interesting enough to write the second article. According to the data, Minnesota wasn't the only state that doesn't look great according to the USDA's natural amenities scale. Ingraham writes, "Iowa and Delaware don't have any counties ranking at average beauty or above. A number of states -- North Dakota, Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin among them -- have just one or two counties of at least average beauty." Ingraham continues in his article, "that he didn't hear a single word of protest from folks in these states.... Only Minnesotans have taken a public stand to defend their state's honor."

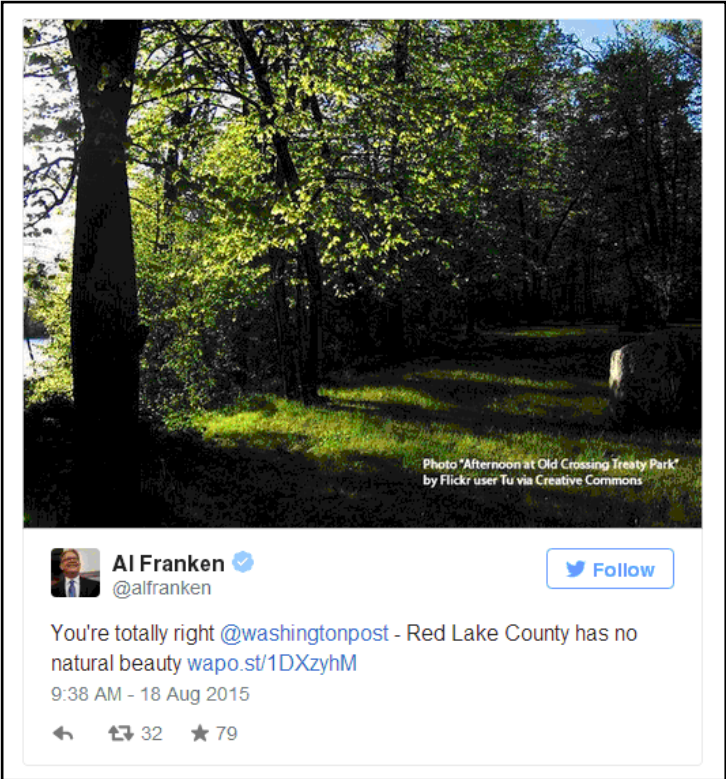
So Ingraham asked the question why and he got a few answers. The first tweet he received was from a Matt Privratsky, who grew up in Minnesota and Privratsky answered the question with an email reply: "Minnesota does have a truly unique landscape -- from the plains in the southwest up to the lakes and forests in central and northern Minnesota all the way up the iron range in the northeast." He added, "Minnesotans are

known for being very humble and even reserved, but as this reaction shows we're also very proud of our state - especially when in competition with those around us."

Ingraham also asked Sen. Al Franken the same question and Franken responded. "Minnesota is a beautiful state. Maybe even the most beautiful state -- from the bluffs that surround Winona, to the Mighty Mississippi cutting through the Twin Cities, and all the way up to the rivers and lush greenery in the indisputably gorgeous Red Lake County. I humbly request that you correct the record."

To check out the data used from the USDA for the article the link is: <http://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/natural-amenities-scale.aspx>.

Update: On Friday night's news cast on KVLV, Neal Carlson reported that the Washington Post reporter, Christopher Ingraham, had accepted an invitation from Jason Brumwell of Voyager's View, to come and visit Red Lake County. And this week is when he plans on coming. By Bonny Cote



Deer Stands on Wildlife Management Areas

As the summer of 2015 gives way to fall, folks start thinking about the upcoming deer season. As part of their annual fall activities, many start checking and repairing deer stands. There are two State Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) in the eastern parts of Polk and Red Lake counties that until this year had not been posted with the traditional yellow Wildlife Management Area signs with black lettering. Those two WMAs were surveyed and posted this past spring. The Crane WMA is comprised of 985 acres located in sections 13, 24 and 25 of Equality Township in Red Lake County and section 30 of Johnson Township in Polk County. Larix WMA, a 590-acre tract, is located in section 22 of Gully Township in Polk County. In recent years, various portable and permanent deer stands have been placed on

these 2 WMAs along with much all-terrain vehicle use. One party even created a small food-plot on one of these units. Up to now, area wildlife personnel have been reluctant to seize stands or investigate all-terrain vehicle trespass as these 2 WMAs were not posted. We are now trying to give individuals fair warning that stands need to be removed prior to the start of the 2015 deer season (archery and firearms). All-terrain vehicle use will be investigated and appropriate charges made to violators. Stands that have not been removed will be subject to tagging and seizure by local conservation officers or area wildlife personnel. "We are hopeful these issues can be resolved without much fanfare and the pre-emptive deer hunting on these public lands can come to an end," noted Area Wildlife Supervisor Ross Hier.

Calendar of Events

Wed, Aug. 26:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. - Bridge.
Thu, Aug. 27:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. - Bingo.
Fri, Aug. 28:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
Sat, Aug. 29:
-Support your local business - Shop Locally!
Sun, Aug. 30:
-Worship at the church of your choice.
Mon, Aug. 31:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
Tue, Sept. 1:

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

-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
Tue, Sept. 8:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. - Cards.
Wed, Sept. 9:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. - Bridge.
Thu, Sept. 10:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. - Bingo.
Fri, Sept. 11:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
Sat, Sept. 12:
-Support your local business - Shop Locally!
Sun, Sept. 13:
-Worship at the church of your choice.

Church news

Oklee Senior Site Dining

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Margaret Jacobus
Sun, Aug. 30: 9:00 a.m.
Worship at Zion. 10:30 a.m.
Worship at Salem.

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

BROOKS - RED LAKE FALLS CATHOLIC PARISH
Fr. Bill DeCrans
Sat, Aug. 29: 5:00 p.m. Mass
at St. Joseph - RLF
Sun, Aug. 30: 8:00 a.m.
Mass at St. Joseph - Brooks. 10 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph - RLF.

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun, Aug. 30: 9:00 a.m.
Worship at Ebenezer. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Immanuel.
11:30 a.m. Potluck at Immanuel.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Robert W. Dahlen, Pastor
Sun, Aug. 30: 8:30 a.m.
Faith. 9:45 a.m. Bethany. 11:00 a.m. Ekelund.
Wed, Sep. 2: 7:00 p.m. Faith
WELCA meeting.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth
Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Sat, Aug. 29: 8:30 a.m.
Mt. Olive.
Sun, Aug. 30: 8:00 a.m.
St. Petri. 9:45 a.m. Nazareth.
11:00 a.m. Oak Park.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Aug. 26: 6:30 p.m.
Youth Group.
Thu, Aug. 27: 12:00 p.m.
Rotary meeting.
Sun, Aug. 30: 9:30 a.m.
Worship.
Tue, Sep. 1: 10:30 Quilting.
Wed, Sep. 2: 6:30 p.m.
Youth Group.

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

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston
Jon Marx, Lead Pastor
Seth Johnson, Assist. Pastor
Sun, Aug. 30: 10:00 a.m.
Worship

Ad deadline:
Noon Friday

Quin Community Health Services Feelin' Fit 'n Fine Healthy Behaviors

Week #6 Winner for Red Lake County is: Caleb Pahlen, 6-12 year age group (no picture available). No Winner, 3-5 year age group.



Week #9 Winner for Red Lake County is: Hayden Shulstad, 6-12 year age group. No winner, 3-5 year age group.



Week #7 Winner for Red Lake County is: Jacob Harmoning, 6-12 year age group. No winner, 3-5 year age group.



Week #5 Winner for Red Lake County is: Grace Harmoning, 6-12 year age group. Alice Warne, 3-5 year age group (no picture available).



Week #8 Winner for Red Lake County is: Grace Harmoning, 6-12 year age group. No winner, 3-5 year age group.

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August 31 - Sept. 4

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: Meatloaf, boiled potatoes, beets, dessert and milk.

Tuesday - Evening meal: Baked ham, baked potato, vegetables, dessert and milk.

Wednesday: BLT, macaroni salad, dessert and milk.

Thursday: Pork roast, mashed potatoes, vegetables, dessert and milk.

Friday: Chicken Kiev, hash browns, vegetables, dessert and milk.

Upcoming Plot tours in our area:

The Minnesota Soybean Growers Association, Minnesota Soybean Research & Promotion Council, Minnesota Corn Growers Association and your County Soybean/Corn Grower Associations (Becker/ Mahnomen, Marshall, Norman, Pennington/Red Lake & Polk) would like to invite you to this year's northern Minnesota soybean & corn plot tours. We have an excellent group of speakers scheduled to provide a range of hands-on production and pest management topics. Topics will vary by location, topics include:

- Status of Soybean Pest Management including aphids and soybean cyst nematode.
- Soybean variety trials, status of soybean UMN breeding program with review of program objectives from Dr. Orf and new breeder, Dr. Lorenz.
- Soybean and corn fertility, including Iron Deficiency Chlorosis plot efforts.
- At designated locations, corn research on plant populations, corn hybrid trials, and fertility.

OHS needs pop cans!

The Oklee Historical Society (OHS) is still raising funds by collecting aluminum cans. Please bring them to the recycling bin set up near the ice skating rink and fair buildings in Oklee. The money raised will be used for supplies needed to build displays not only on the main floor of City Hall, but to expand the museum area to the upstairs so that full room displays can be set up. New flooring is needed to begin the transformation of a museum area upstairs.

Remember, 10 percent off all money raised by the Historical Society is being set aside in the hopes of raising enough funds for an elevator to be installed in the building so that everyone will have access to the museum on the second floor.

Your continued support in the aluminum can drive is greatly appreciated.

Regular donations come from TJ's Tavern, Carol's Cozy Bar & Grill, Cornerstone of Fosston, and the generosity of community members.

Please continue to support Oklee's effort display historical items.

ADDRESS CHANGES

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Tri-Valley Public Transportation

To reserve a seat, please call by 3:00 p.m. the day before - 1-800-951-9363. All routes will arrive approximately between 10 and 11 a.m. at the destination. All routes need at least five persons signed up.

Wed, Aug. 26: Bemidji-Crookston, Red Lake Falls, Plummer, Oklee/Brooks, Trail/Gully, Fosston.

Mon, Aug. 31: Fargo/Moorhead - Crookston.

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• Update on current projects and small unmanned aerial vehicle (sUAS) operations in Roseau and TRF locations.

August 26 Pennington / Red Lake Co. 10 AM

Go one mile south of Red Lake Falls on highway 32. Soybean/Corn Plot is on the east side of the road. Lunch will be served at the MAWG office, Red Lake Falls.

Polk County (Fosston) 4 PM

Polk County corn/soybean plot tour. Go north from Fosston, just over 3 miles on County Road 6. Plot is on the west side of the road. Supper to be served at conclusion of tour.

August 27 Norman County 10 AM

Start at Corn Plot From Ada: Drive 3 Miles East on Highway 200, Turn North on County Road 24 Drive 4.5 miles, Plot will be on the East. **From Gary:** Drive West on County Road 19 Approximately 7 miles, Turn South on County Road 24 for 3/4 mile plot will be on the East side of the road. GPS: 47.356210 -96.428742

Soybean Plot located at the intersection of Co Hwy 13 and Co Hwy 30. from Gary - 4 miles west of Hwy 32 on county road 19, 3 miles north on county road 30. GPS: 47.41227 -96.36515 Lunch will be served at the Corey Hanson Farm - food will be provided by the Erickson's Smokehouse Grill & Bar.

Becker/Mahnomen (Callaway, MN) 3 p.m.

Start at Soybean plot located 1 mile south of Callaway on Hwy 59. Turn east on County Hwy 26, plot is 1 mile east in the SE corner of corn field. GPS: 46.96436 -95.89051

Corn plot is located 4 miles west of Hwy 59 on County Road 14 Plot is on the South Side of the road GPS: 46.991642 -95.998717 . Supper will be provided at the Bill Zurn Farm at conclusion.

Who's Dat?



Who's Dat

This week's photo is of a lady that lived in town and two young relatives.

Last week's photo is of Iona Berry, who lives in Oklee and volunteers at the Senior Site.

Centennial Recipe Corner

Pepperoni Bread Myrna (Bakke) Hendrickson

- 1 loaf frozen bread dough, thawed overnight in refrigerator
- 1/4 tsp oregano
- 1/2 tsp seasoned salt
- 1/2 tsp parsley flakes
- 1/4 tsp garlic powder
- 3 Tbsp butter melted
- 1 (3-1/2 oz) pkg thin sliced pepperoni
- 2 cups grated provolone cheese



Roll dough out to 9 x 12 rectangle. Combine oregano, salt, parsley flakes, garlic powder with butter. Brush lightly on dough, saving some for top of bread. Arrange pepperoni slices on dough and cover with cheese. Roll like a jellyroll. Brush with butter and seasoning. Seal ends and bake at 350 degrees on a cookie sheet for 30 minutes. Cool for 15 minutes before slicing.

City of Oklee Notice to Public

The Water tower is going to be inspected, sand blasted and painted.

Water pressure will be reduced beginning August 23rd and may continue for two weeks due to Water Tower Repair

Please limit the amount water used for watering of lawns and gardens during this time. Call 218-796-5183 if you have questions.

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Red Lake Falls Library News

Stop in the library today at 6:00 pm (Wednesday, Aug. 26) to enjoy a program on "Little Minnesota, the book about '100 towns around 100,'" little Minnesota towns with a population of about 100, by Jill Johnson.

Readers and fans of Christian fiction author Tracie Peterson should mark their calendars for her upcoming visit to the Red Lake Falls Library on Saturday, October 10 at 2:00 pm. Tracie Peterson is an award-winning, best-selling author of over 100 books. Tracie received her first book contract in November 1992 and had "A Place To Belong" published in February 1993 with Barbour Publishing's Heartsong Presents. She received their readership's vote for Favorite Author of the Year for three years in a row. In December 1995 she contracted with Bethany House Publishers and now writes exclusively for them.

Letter to the Editor

Red Lake County is the epitome of Minnesota Nice.

Right between the Red River Valley and Minnesota's extensive woodlands, this small but impressive county is home to fertile farmland and beautiful scenery. Not to mention, Northwest Minnesota is home to some of the best people in our state.

Red Lake County is home to family oriented communities with friendly neighbors and low crime rates. We have great schools, churches and small businesses. What's more, folks here are always there to help one another.

So as far as I'm concerned, recent reports naming our county the worst in America could not be further from the truth. It's an honor to represent the people and priorities of Red Lake County, and I invite folks who rank us so low to come and visit. I know they'd change their minds once they experienced the true beauty and Minnesota Nice found in Red Lake County.

State Representative
Deb Kiel

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF HEARING

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103D.911, notice is hereby given that the Board of Managers of the Red Lake Watershed District will hold a public hearing on the proposed 2016 General Fund Budget at 9:30 a.m., September 10, 2015, at the Red Lake Watershed District Office, 1000 Pennington Avenue South, Thief River Falls, MN 56701. The following is the 2016 proposed budget:

PROPOSED 2016 BUDGET	
Manager's fees & salaries	\$20,000.00
Board of managers' expense	19,000.00
Staff salaries	410,000.00
Payroll taxes	35,465.00
Employee benefits	96,350.00
Travel and meetings	5,000.00
Audit	9,000.00
Legal	15,000.00
Office supplies	15,000.00
Office equipment	12,000.00
Appraisers and Viewers	3,000.00
Professional services	13,000.00
Dues and subscriptions	5,000.00
Insurance and bonds	28,000.00
Repairs and maintenance- building	12,000.00
Utilities	9,000.00
Advertising & publications	3,000.00
Telephone	14,000.00
Vehicle expense & maintenance	14,000.00
Engineering supplies	3,000.00
Engineering Equipment	30,000.00
TOTAL	\$770,815.00
LESS ESTIMATED OVERHEAD	(615,000.00)
GENERAL FUND LEVY	\$155,815.00

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

An ad valorem tax of .0003627 times the taxable market value for 2015, collectible for 2016, will be levied on all taxable property within the Red Lake Watershed District. One-half of the levy will remain in the District for projects listed below; the other one-half of the levy will be sent to the Red River Watershed Management Board for projects within the Red River Basin.

Permitting system	Benchmarks
Flood Control studies/projects	Stream gauging
Water quality studies/projects	Rivers
Watershed hydrologic analysis	Lakes
Bank stabilization	R22-23C
	M22-23C O22-23C G22-23C

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ECFE/School Readiness at RLCC

Oklee and Plummer Sites
The Fall ECFE/School Readiness Newsletter will be available at the RLCC Plummer and Oklee Open Houses on Wednesday, September 2nd: 4:00-8:00 PM.

Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE)

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

School Readiness

School Readiness is a

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

*****Parent volunteers are always welcome and encouraged!!!!*****

Please call: **Plummer Site (465-4222) or e-mail (morin@gvtel.com) or Oklee Site (796-5136) or e-mail (bcote@gvtel.com)** to see if your child is registered for our School Readiness classes. Local district children will get first chance to sign up then there will be a waiting list. Busing is also available on regular routes. Children **MUST** have their **immunization** records

on file in the office before the first day of class.

Classes available this year include:

3½-4 year olds: Wednesdays 8:00am-3:12pm (Children with birthdates before 3/16/12 can start **September 16th**. Those who are born after 3/16/12 will start January 6th, 2016.)

4-5 year olds: Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:00-3:12pm (children who are 4 years old before September 1st, 2015) **Classes will start September 15th.**

Up coming RLCC Plummer and Oklee ECFE/ School Readiness Event: * Wednesday, September 2nd: Open House-RLCC Oklee and Plummer Sites: 4:00-8:00 PM.**

Come and pick up your School Readiness packet and

ECFE Newsletter and check out the Preschool rooms!

Regional Ag News

Jim Stordahl, Extension Educator

Low Crop Prices

Most farmers are struggling with low crop prices and tight margins. Frayne Olson, NDSU Crops Economist, recently shared his insights on this frustrating concern.

A farmer recently asked a very simple but extremely relevant question at a market outlook meeting: "Will I ever see high grain prices again in my lifetime?"

The farmer asking this question started his farming career in the early 1980s and remembers the low commodity prices and tough financial conditions in agriculture at the time. The fear was that the grain markets were going to return to many years of low prices.

As usual, simple questions often have complicated answers. My short answer to the question was, "Yes, it is possible to see high grain

prices again, but it likely will not happen this year."

That doesn't mean that current crop prices can't improve, but they won't reach the lofty levels we saw in 2012-13 for some time.

The key to understanding my answer is to examine the crop supply and demand conditions that led to the high and volatile prices during the past seven years and compare them to the market conditions in the 1980s, which extended into the early 2000s. The price volatility and price levels seen since 2007 are the result of three key interconnected conditions: the expansion of corn ethanol, the growth in Chinese soybean imports and historically tight U.S. grain ending stocks.

In contrast, the 1980s saw record large U.S. and world grain endings stocks, relatively stable export levels and a slow

growth in U.S. domestic use, which included a very small, but evolving, ethanol industry.

The current crop market can be characterized by moderate U.S. and world ending stocks levels, stable ethanol use and a growing, but very competitive, export market. In short, back-to-back record U.S. corn and soybean production in 2013 and 2014, combined with expanding production in other key grain exporting countries, has outpaced the growth in consumption.

As long as crop production continues to grow at about the same pace as consumption, crop inventories are large enough to buffer short-term supply chain disruptions. Crop prices will remain low with small bursts of price volatility.

However, if a significant production problem occurs in the U.S. or other major crop production region, or an

Statepoint Crossword

Theme: Astrology

- ACROSS
1. Fisherman's ____ in San Francisco
 6. Rejuvenating spot
 9. Tom, as opposed to tabby
 13. Drawing support
 14. Center of activity
 15. John Hancock, e.g.
 16. Novelist Jong
 17. Pilot's announcement
 18. Bar order, with "the"
 19. *Bull
 21. *Part of Watery Trigon
 23. Once around
 24. Bank deposit
 25. Skedaddle
 28. Russian parliament
 30. Psychologist of classical conditioning fame
 35. Author Murdoch
 37. It "was made for you and me"
 39. Judd of country music
 40. "Well" to Sofia Loren
 41. Formed a curve
 43. Ski lift

44. Haile Selassie's disciple
46. *One point of constellation
47. Spilled the beans
48. Base that dissolves in water, chem.
50. U in I.C.U.
52. Spanish river
53. Type of rich soil
55. Romanian money
57. *Castor and Pollux
60. *Wandering Star"
63. Conical dwelling
64. Make a knot
66. Socialite Hilton
68. Change the Constitution
69. Cathode-ray tube
70. Speak like Cicero
71. Hand-me-down
72. "For ____ a jolly..."
73. Famous for biting an ear

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1. Bitty
 2. Robert Wagner or Stefanie Powers, 1979-1984

3. "Heat of the Moment" band
4. Happen again
5. Like bell-bottoms
6. "____ So Fine," song
7. "He ____ in his thumb, and pulled out a plum"
8. Old-time calculators
9. Catchall abbr.
10. Flu symptom
11. Baron Munchhausen, e.g.
12. Architectural add-on
15. Result of beach bathing
20. Palate lobe
22. One of The Alps
24. Holy place
25. *Balance in the sky
26. "He's ____ nowhere man," Beatles
27. Capital of Belarus
29. *Named after God of War
31. Giant kettles
32. Relating to a lobe
33. Yemeni neighbor
34. *Celestial maiden
36. Bristle
38. Jerry Lewis' sidekick
42. DeWALT product
45. Like U.S. and U.S.S.R. in WWII
49. It can be positive or negative
51. Mrs. Potts of "Beauty and the Beast"
54. Pronunciation of letter H
56. Opposite of binary
57. Emeralds and rubies
58. "All for one, one for all" sword
59. "Cobbler, cobbler, ____ my shoe"
60. Four-legged friends, e.g.
61. *Each astrological age contains 12 of these
62. Mambo king Puente
63. *Taurus abbreviation
65. Anger management issue
67. D.C. bigwig

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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.

RLCC School Legals

ISD 2906 Red Lake County Central Minutes-August 2015

The ISD 2906 Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, August 12, 2015 at the Oklee Site.

All members were present except for Trontvedt and Cater.

Motions were carried to approve financials, activity split with Red Lake Falls, hiring employees, accepting resignations, approving Long Term Facilities Maintenance Plan, and approving student and staff handbooks.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

(Complete minutes may be seen in the district office at 201 Governor St, Oklee, MN or on our school website at www.rlcc2906.org.)

Darby Trontvedt
ISD 2906 School Board Clerk
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Oklee Herald Early Files

Seventy Years Ago
August 23, 1945
Members of Boy Scout Troop 61 returned here Saturday after a two day camp at Pine Lake, south of Gonvick. Boys who made the trip were Duane Welte, Jerry Horstman, Duane Soland , Robert Bruggeman, Vernon Cyr, Wayne Lynch, Ronald Rouland and Kenneth Lynch. Scoutmaster was Iver Gjernes.

Pfc. Vernon Nelson arrived here Sunday to spend a month's furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thome Nelson. He spent eight months overseas in England, France, Belgium and Germany.

Miss Marie Patnode, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Patnode of Red Lake Falls, and John E. Corman of Minneapolis, were married at the St. Francis Xavier Church in Oklee on August 22nd.

Sixty Years Ago
August 25, 1955
Twenty-two head of cattle died on the Ernest Koehler farm north of New York Mills after eating a poison weed. Sherman Mandt, county agent said the weed was bracken fern which grows in bogs and swampy ground.

Mr. and Mrs. Alcime Juneau had good news from their son Robert, who graduated to A2c instead of A3c. He is stationed at Keesler Air Force Base in Mississippi.

Fifty Years Ago
August 19, 1965
A Monday afternoon hail storm cut a mile-wide swath

through the village of Oklee from about two miles west of town and ending about the same distance east of town. Much of the surrounding area was left completely dry and other parts were hit by hard rain, but no hail.

Named Champion 4-H Demonstrator at the county contest in Plummer was David Fallon of the Happy Go Luckies, with his shop demonstration.

The Juell Chervestad family and Mrs. Sena Chervestad visited the Glen Tasa home Sunday afternoon and all helped Connie Tasa celebrate her birthday.

Forty Years Ago
August 21, 1975
The Oklee Bobcat football team, with 29 candidates reporting, giving Coach Savaren an optimistic outlook on the team season.

Annette Lessard, a 1975 Oklee High School graduate, has been accepted to enroll as a freshman at Moorhead State University. Annette is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lessard of Brooks.

Valla Kjorvestad and daughters, Mrs. Anderson of Grand Forks and Mr. and Mrs. Velle of California stopped over to visit at the Sena, Juell and Orlando Chervestad homes last week.

Harvest Moon Bowery Dance at Trail on Friday, August 29th with old time & country western music by "Stardust."

Thirty Years Ago
August 21, 1985

Peters Grocery hosted a Pie Eating Contest and first place winner was Ron Hamm and second place winner was Chad Hammer.

The Oklee Old Tymers featuring Orlien Rindal, Arlie Brekke, K.B. Knutson and Oliver Hagen entertained at the 3rd Annual Community Club picnic held in Oklee.

Karen Knutson and Steve Linvick, together with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Knutson of Oklee and Mr. and Mrs. Orris Linvick of Humbolt announce their engagement.

Friday night's rain brought 3 – 5 inches of rain to the Oklee area, making it look like Minnesota had some additional lakes.

Twenty Years Ago
August 30, 1995
Todd Fore, Oklee High School Social Studies teacher for 17 years, undertakes a new role and position at Bagley High School and will not be returning to Oklee High School this fall.

Miss Crookston 1995 is more than just a pretty face. She also packs quite a wallop. For the talent contest, Michelle Larson gave a martial arts demonstration of breaking a board and a concrete brick with her bare hands. She is the granddaughter of Mae Bergeron and Selma Larson, both of Oklee.

Tracy Disrud and Travis Carlson along with their parents, Tim Disrud and Dianne Disrud of Fosston and Glen & Crystal Bergerson of Gully, announce their engagement and upcoming marriage.

Ten Years Ago
August 25, 2005
Security State Bank has two new employees, Andrea Marquis from Goodridge and Wyatt Vettleson from Oklee.

Construction on the new body shop that Cole Bernier is building is moving along. The framing is completed and the roof is being installed.

Four grads and a bride. The Rice family had much to celebrate with all four children (Gavin, Andrea, Collin, and Aleisha) of Ludeen and Guy Rice from Fond du Lac graduating from college and high school. The bride: Andrea tied the knot on July 2nd. Grandparents are Alvin and Bonnie Jensen of Oklee.

Senior Site News and Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

It has been a gloomy Sunday with rain and cool winds. I notice it is sprinkling again now. I have a beach ball in my yard rolling along with the wind. A week ago it was in my yard too, so I put it near the road in hopes someone would claim it. I thought it was gone, but now it is back.

The City lost a dear friend when Leroy Hruby passed away so suddenly. He had been a Site Volunteer who delivered meals to shut-ins.

I had the pleasure to see Pat Asselin's secret garden back of her wood fence in her yard. She and Duane conducted a tour of all of her flowers, shrubs and yard. From the road I never realized she had more flowers back there. Pat is able to name each and every plant she has. She also has a lot of clever arrangements. Thank you Pat for giving me this tour.

Friday night at 7:15 p.m. I saw an unusual sight in the sky. I was walking to the front of the honeyhouse to see Don. I was looking west toward Skallet's and saw this large round orange thing in the sky. At first I thought it was the

moon, but realized the moon wouldn't be up at that time or in the western sky - it was the sun. It was very eerie as I had never seen a huge sun like that. I had Don and his workers all come and look. We tried to take pictures, but they didn't turn out very good. In a matter of minutes it started to haze over and it was gone. The next morning as I went for a walk a little before 7:00 a.m., I looked at the eastern sky and there was the same size sun rising - it too was bright orange. It lasted a few minutes and then had the look of a regular sun. I saw Dick McCloskey at the Cenex and he too had seen the sun Friday night. I'm sure I'll nver see anything like it again.

DATES TO REMEMBER
Sept. 1 - Evening Meal
Sept. 15 - Pot Luck Meal
Sept. 17 - Site Council Meets
Sept. 18 - Birthday Meal

WORDS OF WISDOM
Every day is a gift. Every meal is a feast. Every friend is a celebration.
To feel stronger, do something courageous.

JOKE TIME
In a small town the farmers of the community had gotten together to discuss some important issues. About midway through the meeting a wife of one of the farmers stood up and spoke her peace. One old farmer stood up and said, "What does she know about anything. I would like to ask her if she knows how many toes a pig has?"
Quick as a flash the woman replied, "Take off your boots, man, and count them."



August birthdays were Ron Juneau and Pearl Johnson. Winner for a free meal was Ron.

singing, acting, dancing, a good variety and a lot of fun. Wavell Sorenson and Les & Alice Hofstad attended also. There were about 200 people and they had big malts for sale. Lawrence Welk performed at the Pavilion in 1951, when he just started touring the U.S. on his way to California. Many other well-known stars have played there. Roller skating is still popular. When I had the Girl Scouts, we took them skating. It was about 1978. Fun memories.
Have a good week!

Red Lake County Extension Educator

Curtis W. Nyegaard - 218-253-2895

Soil Sampling Following Early Crop Harvest

Soil sampling is encouraged IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING EARLY CROP HARVEST for winter wheat, barley, spring wheat, any wheat, rye, canola and early flax. The following are concepts to keep in your mind during interpretation of soil test results for next year's crop:

--Soil nitrate may or may not increase or decrease as fall season continues. Researchers at NDSU in the 1970's took soil samples from the same spot in several different locations in North Dakota from summer to major winter freeze up and on into spring showed that sometimes nitrate increased, sometimes decreased, and sometimes stayed the same. Dave Franzen, NDSU Extension Soil Scientist tried to relate these changes to soil moisture, but didn't find any connection. SO ANYTIME IS A GOOD TIME FOR NITRATE SAMPLING AND EARLIER MEANS IT GETS DONE!

--The majority of soil nutrient factors, P, K, pH, and Zn, rely on a 0-6 inch soil test. Any one that has taken lots of soil samples know that it is impossible to take a consistent 0-6 inch core sample following chiseled wheat stubble. So Dave's suggestion is to drive over the intended soil sample area and then probe in the tire tracks. Is this representative of the depth that the soil test is calibrated for? Dave thinks so, but SAMPLING AFTER THE COMBINE IS BETTER. Some of the variability in soil tests is sometimes due to inconsistent soil core depth because of having to sample worked fields.

--Potassium soil test values vary with monthly time of sampling. A number of potassium researchers, including Dave, are helping to rewrite the textbooks on available potassium. Don Sparks at the University of

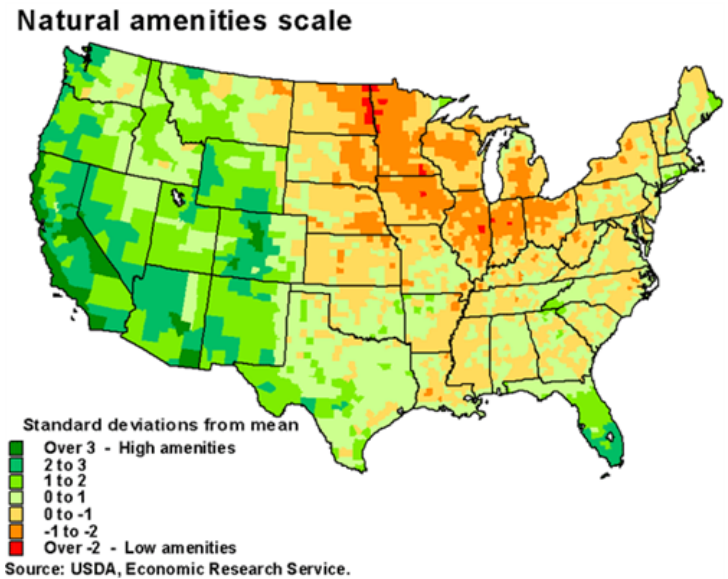
Delaware was the voice in the wilderness 20 years ago, followed by Mallarino at Iowa State University recently, followed by Dave and others, including Dan Kaiser from the University of Minnesota. Potassium nutrition is complex. Clay chemistry plays a much larger role than is usually taught at universities, and minerals such as potassium feldspar, which is prevalent in many soils found our area, contribute much more to seasonal plant nutrition than previously thought. Algorithms for K changes during the growing season are still being developed at NDSU and recommendations will not be in place until after next season; but it is known that soil K is highest in the early spring, with rapid or gradually decreasing K into June, and holding relatively steady at a low level until fall when rain leaches K from standing stubble before and after grain harvest which causes soil K values to start to increase. Work in Illinois by Ted Peck showed that winter freezing and thawing and frosty mud produced the highest K values. So if one is planning to soil sample for K, choose a time period that would be consistent in the rotation. Potassium need only be sampled in most soils (except low K sands) once every 3-4 years. Choose a time period and stick with it.

--Soil P, Zn, and pH are relatively stable over a growing season (except pH after N application), so time of the year is not very important for them.

To obtain more information on taking soil samples and making fertilizer recommendations; contact Dave Franzen NDSU Extension Soil Specialist by e mail at david.franzen@ndsu.edu.

Source: Dave Franzen, NDSU Extension Soil Specialist.

Amenities Scale from the USDA



Bonny's Bits...

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This past weekend, I attended the wedding on my niece through marriage, Kelsey Konickson & Brian Amann. She was married in a very nice service at Cooperstown Bible Camp in North Dakota. She is the daughter of Ginger & Larry Cote, formerly from the area and Neil and Pam Konickson from Plummer. The only thing better could have been the weather, as it was not typical August weather. It was cold, wet and windy.

But I remember hearing an old wives tale, Rain on your wedding day is a superstition said to bring good luck to the marriage. According to the

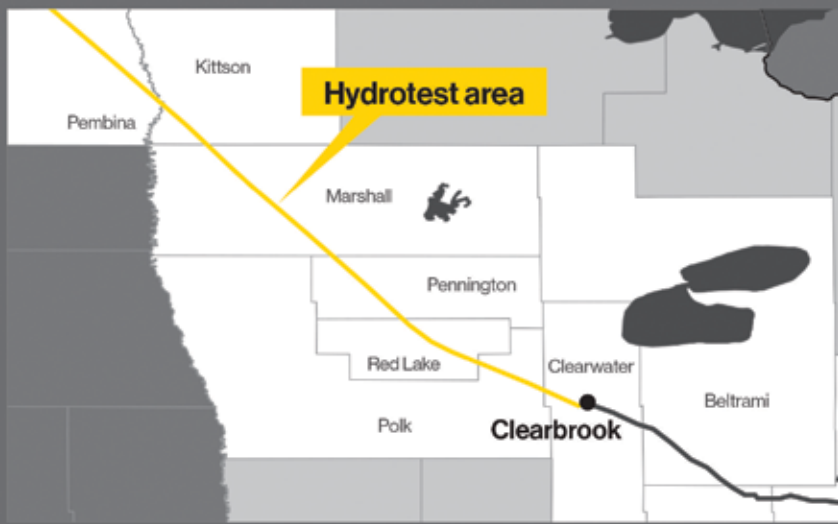
old wives' tale, "the knot in "tying the knot" becomes wet and is harder to break, thus making the marriage stronger." Congratulations Kelsey & Brian.

This week brings cooler weather according to the weatherman. Monday started with a temperature of 48 degrees and maybe we will get to the 70's. But as the week goes on, the temperatures rise, but to nice August temperatures.

On Monday the Oklee Cafe was closed for lunch due to repairs, but Cenex had a free Customer Appreciation Day so many folks went to Cenex for lunch - Delicious!!

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Brooks - Terrebonne News
By Barb Novak
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This will be short and sweet for today. I have hurt my back so am on the way to the clinic this morning.

Sandra Gagner visited with Jerome and Barb Novak on Saturday. She brought some cucumbers to share and was gifted with some tomatoes in return.

A family get together was held at the Greg Gagner farm on Sunday. Greg and Michelle Gagner, Sandra Gagner, Gene and Pat Proulx and Danny Proulx, Bryan and Sue Gagner all ate potluck, and played cards and visited the afternoon away. The weather was not too conducive for much outdoor activity so it was a good day to visit.

Vern and Mary Schindler left on Tuesday to visit the western side of North Dakota. While there they saw the Medora Musical, and then went down to Rapid City to see the Crazy Horse Monument. The traveling weather was good and they enjoyed the time away. They returned late on Saturday.

We hope you have a great week. Red Hats will be going to the Hive (the former Fraziers) in Thief River Falls on Wed of this week so I hope you all enjoy the time together. My plans are up in the air right now so I am not sure I will be able to make it. But go and enjoy the fun.