

Oklee Precipitation
By Einar Kvasager

	Rain	Snow
July 21	0.20	
July 23	0.06	
July 26	0.01	
Total in.	0.27	0.00

Oklee Herald

...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

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Del, Cindy Determan and their son Jess, with his children Emma and Elizabeth and Macy, daughter of Brad Determan accepted the Farm Family Award July 24.

University of Minnesota salutes 2018 Farm Families of the Year

MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL (7/18/2018) — Eighty-one families from throughout Minnesota are being honored as 2018 Farm Family of the Year by the University of Minnesota.

The farm families will be recognized in ceremonies beginning at 1:15 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 9, at the annual Minnesota Farmfest on the Gilfillan Estate near Redwood Falls. The event is in the Wick Buildings Farmfest Center on the estate grounds.

The families were chosen by local University of Minnesota Extension committees based on their demonstrated commitment to enhancing and supporting agriculture.

“The University of Minnesota takes pride in honoring these

families. The farm families receiving this year's honors exemplify what makes Minnesota agriculture strong,” Extension Dean Bev Durgan said. “They bring innovation, science and hard work to farming. They care greatly about the land and animals and delivering quality products to consumers worldwide.”

Red Lake County Del and Cindy Determan 2018

The Determan family includes Del and Cindy and their three sons, Jess, Brad and Aaron, along with the sons' families. Del and Cindy live on a 300 acre farm near Brooks in northwestern Minnesota's Red Lake County.

The Determans have owned and operated Field Drainage Incorporated, since 1978. As pioneers in the tiling business they have supported hundreds of family farms in the Red River Valley by improving their profitability through improvement of land and crops. The Determans have up to four tiling crews and employ an average of about 25 people to keep operations running.

Del served as a councilman on the Brooks City Council, he a member of the NRA, the Red Lake County Republican Party and the Minnesota Soybean Growers Association. Cindy serves on the Brooks Credit Union Supervisory Committee, the Oklee Community Education Board and is a member of Minnesota Citizens Concerned

for Life and the Red Lake County Republican Party.

Cindy and Del enjoy traveling and stay active as they travel by playing golf, hiking, fishing, and hunting, camping and motorcycling. They've traveled to 14 countries and about 40 states. When they are home the couple is busy improving their farm, going to grandchildren activities and helping neighbors in the community.

Red Lake County Century Farms Since 1980

2018 Del and Cindy Determan, 2017 Larry and Candy Schafer, 2016 Weiss Family Farm, Gary and Terry, 2015 Hagl Family Farm, 2014 Purath Family Farm, 2013 David and Peggy Miller, 2012 Roger and Janel Walter, 2011 Calvin and Susan Harmoning, 2010 Leslie and Alice Hofstad, 2009 Orville & Genevieve Knott, 2008 Alan and Jeanette Ste. Marie, 2007 Kevin and Deb Amiot, 2006 Tom and Sheila Gerardy, 2005 Steve & Donna Linder Family, 1996 Walter & Cindy Novak, 1995 Joe & Jeanette McMullen, 1994 Greg & Deb Whalen, 1993 John & Diana Stich, 1992 Raymond & Barbara Swenson, 1991 Arlan & Gerda Koskela, 1990 Kenneth & Ellen Weiland, 1989 Leonard & Veronica Boucher, 1988 Robert & Lorraine Miller, 1987 Charles & Carol Bachand, 1986 Jean Beyer, 1984 Arnold & Carolyn Person, 1983 Erwin & Lucille Weiss, 1980 James & Iva Wells.



Robert Schmitz giving the oath of office to Al Remick at the commissioners meeting on July 24th.

Al Remick appointed to District 4 Red Lake County Commissioners position

The board of commissioners met on July 24th at 10 am with John Lerohl, Dave Sorenson and Ron Weiss present. Absent was Chuck Simpson and at the last meeting Anthony “Chuck” Flage had turned in his resignation.

Sorenson called the meeting to order, the pledge of Allegiance was said, and there were no changes to the agenda which was approved by a motion by Lerohl, seconded by Weiss, carried.

Sorenson asked that the meeting be closed for a public hearing. A motion to close the meeting was made by Weiss, seconded by Lerohl, carried.

The public hearing was to open the floor to comments regarding the vacancy left by Flage's resignation. Auditor Bob Schmitz explained the rules regarding a vacancy. If it is less than one year before an

election, the board can appoint a commissioner, if it is within 90 days of an election, they cannot appoint a commissioner and they would have a vacancy until the election was completed. And if the board could not make a decision then a special election would have to be held. There were a few people in attendance for the public hearing.

Comments were given by a member of the Gervais township who remarked that Al Remick has filed for the position and to have him appointed to the positions. A representative of Red Lake Falls had no comments.

Al Remick made the comment to the commissioners that he would be willing to be appoint for the position he is running for.

After asking for more comments and finding none, the public hearing was closed and

Fur Trading Exhibit in Oklee

“Here in northwest Minnesota, a global trade network flourished from 1730 to 1850. The small, slow-moving waterways and abundant poplar trees made excellent habitat for beavers. Trappers, traders, and voyageurs canoed the Red, Rainy, and Mississippi Rivers...bringing goods to and from markets around the world.” Thus begins the text for a new and far-reaching museum exhibit about life in northwest Minnesota that existed right here in our own part of the world in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

This traveling exhibit about the Fur Trade in our area will be featured in the [your local Museum] as well as in 14 others in the northwest corner of the state during the upcoming months. A regional group, Minnesota's Historic Northwest, made up of about 20 county historical societies and other historical and cultural organizations and museums, has been working with the Minnesota State Historical Society for nearly three years to prepare for this program.

Some of the topics covered refer to the early French explorers, the Metis (originally these were mostly children of Native American mothers and European fathers, who developed a unique culture), historical accounts of economic and political hostilities, and many fascinating details of the lives of those involved in fur trading. Dean Vikan of the Polk County Historical Society and president of Minnesota's Historic Northwest, says, “Whether you are native to this

area or a transplant, I believe you will find of great interest the little known or long forgotten tidbits of information revealed in this exhibit on the Fur Trade in Northwest Minnesota.”

You can find this exciting and interesting display at The Oklee Municipal Building by the north door.

The project was funded by a grant of \$90,000 from the Minnesota State Historical Society and has been carefully and thoroughly researched and constructed by Museology, an organization that works with local museums to develop exhibits, programs, partnerships, and other interpretive strategies.

According to Bret Pearson of Museology, “We loved researching and designing these exhibits. The history of the fur trade is a crucial part of Minnesota's cultural identity, and these displays are filled with stories that gave us a fresh understanding of its significance. The name

an.’ When we had coffee with an Ojibwe name expert, he told us that it actually meant ‘She Sits In Strength,’ the female equivalent of Sitting Bull, the buffalo who turns and faces the enemy while her family escapes. Pearson added, “This is a unique project as the full exhibit is hosted in fifteen different sites across northwest Minnesota. The exhibits will rotate, and each will eventually be on display at each site over the next five years or so. If that's too long to wait, visitors can head over to another museum/ host in the Minnesota's Historic Northwest, and get a jump on their neighbors!”

The cabinets housing the exhibits in each location are the product of Northwest Cabinets, Inc. of Bemidji. According to Ron Engesether, owner and project manager of this project, “This was a wonderful project for Northwest cabinets and me personally as the fur trade history and local history have always been a passion of mine.”

The Oklee Historical Society is happy to invite all residents and visitors to the Oklee City Building to share in this event.

This exhibit was made possible in part by the people of Minnesota through a grant funded by an appropriation to the Minnesota Historical Society from the Minnesota Arts and Cultural

Heritage Fund. Any views, findings, opinions, conclusions, or recommendations expressed in this exhibit are those of the authors and do not necessarily represent those of the State of

Minnesota, the Minnesota Historical Society, or the Minnesota Historic Resources Advisory Committee.



of Pierre Bottineau's mother, for example, has usually been translated as ‘Clear Sky Woman.’



Minnesota Delegates at Gettysburg. More photos and story on page 3.

the regular meeting began. Discussion was held about the comments and recommendations with Weiss making a motion to appoint Al Remick as a Commissioner for District 4, Lerohl seconded, carried.

Auditor Schmitz gave the oath of office to Al Remick.

Jeremy Johnson from RLC Highway Department reported to the board that bids have been advertised and will be opened on August 14th. On the slide caused by rain earlier this year, near Huot, they have been getting quotes and have received the go ahead to fix the area. Next Commissioners

meeting they will have news on hiring someone for driving truck, mowing and spraying. They got lots of applications.

And update on the RLF project was discuss some. The project is still waiting for news on some of their funding and the bids once again came in over their projected costs. This project needs to be done, so hopefully the funding will come through or the project will have to be scaled back.

The expenditures were approved with a motion by Lerohl and seconded by Weiss, carried.

The County Treasurer Nick Knott came before the board

and reported on the bonds held by the county. All are doing well. One bond bought in 1986, which Red Lake County still holds may have to be sold due to changes in laws and will be reinvested if that is the case.

Committee reports were given next. Weiss reported that he had attended a Tri County Corrections Advisory meeting and Andrew Larson, Executive Director of TCCC talked about staff turnovers, video visiting that has been installed, electronic medical

Commissioners
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Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH

Zion and Salem
Interim SAM Christy Klemz

Sun, August 5: 9:00 a.m.
Zion, 10:30 a.m. Salem; Salem
VBS 6:00-8:30 p.m.

Tue, August 7: 6:30 p.m.
Zion Council; Salem VBS 6:00-
8:30 p.m.

Wed, August 8: Salem VBS
6:00-8:30 p.m.

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OKLEE, GRYGLA & GOODRIDGE

Fr. Adam Hamness

Sun, August 5: 7:30 a.m.
Confessions 8:00 a.m. Mass at
St. Francis Xavier, Oklee; 10:00
a.m. St. Ann Parish, Goodridge;
11:45 a.m. St. Clement Parish,
Grygla.

BROOKS - RED LAKE FALLS

CATHOLIC PARISH
Fr. Bob Schreiner

Sat, August 4: 5:30 p.m.
RLF

Sun, August 5: 8:00 a.m.
Brooks. 10:00 a.m. RLF.

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA

Pastor Jonathan Dodson

Sun, August 5: 9:00 a.m.
Worship at Immanuel/Holy
Communion. 10:30 a.m. Wor-
ship at Ebenezer/Holy Com-
munion.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

August 6 - August 10
Call 796-5666 to order
a meal.

If you are over the age of
60 and would like to eat with
other seniors at the Senior Site,
please call the Café at 796-5666
to reserve your meal. A \$4.00
per meal donation is suggested.

Monday: ½ Grilled chicken
breast, salad, cottage cheese
and toast.

Tuesday: Pork noodle hot-
dish, broccoli, toast and des-
sert.

Wednesday: 4 pc. Chicken
nuggets, hash browns, green
beans, toast and dessert.

Thursday: Mushroom
swiss burger, French fries,
peas and dessert.

Friday: Country fried
steak, mashed potatoes, corn
and dessert.



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day. If you are needing any-
thing call ahead to make sure
someone is in the office.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA

Bethany-Ekelund-Faith

Pastor Kristen Ostercamp

Sun, August 5: 8:30 a.m.
Faith, 9:45 a.m. Bethany, 11:00
a.m. Ekelund

Mon, August 6: 1:30 p.m.
Ekelund Ladies, 7:00 p.m.
Faith Parish Board Meeting

CLEARWATER

LUTHERAN PARISH

Mt. Olive - Nazareth
Oak Park - St. Petri

Pastor Jeff Merseeth

Sat, August 4: 9:00 a.m.
Mt. Olive.

Sun, August 5: 8:00 a.m.
St. Petri, Oak Park 9:45 a.m.,
11:00 a.m. Nazareth

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH

Josiah Hoagland, Pastor

Tyler Stynberg,
Youth Pastor

www.newjourneyfosston.com

Sun, August 5: 9:30 a.m.
Worship

Tue, August 7: 9:30 a.m.
Ladies Bible Study. 10:30 a.m.
Quilting. 6:30 p.m. Bible Study.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH

Bethany * Lund

Sand Valley

Dawn Hanson,

Lay Minister

Sun, August 5: 9:00 a.m.

Lund, 10:30 a.m. Sand Valley.

Wed, August 8: 2:00 p.m.

Lund WELCA.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY

Fosston

Seth Johnson,

Interim Pastor

Sun, August 5: 10:00 a.m.

Worship

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homen.

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River Falls

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Happy 65th Anniversary

Harold & Shirley Cyr



August 4, 1953

NOTICE FOR BIDS

S.A.P. 063-610-008

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Red Lake County Auditor at the Auditor's office in the Red Lake County Courthouse, 124 Langevin Avenue, PO Box 367, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750 until 10:00 a.m. on the 14th day of August, 2018 for Project S.A.P. 063-610-008.

OnCSAH 10

Project Length: 8.0 Miles

Project consists of: Type SP 9.5 Wearing Course Mixture (2,B) = 19,274 Tons, Mill Bituminous Surface (1.0") = 59,586 S.Y., Aggregate Surfacing Class 1 = 3,914 Tons, Milled Rumble Strips = 77,747 L.F., Aggregate Base Class 5 = 267 Tons, Geotextile Fabric Type 5 = 267 S.Y.

Contractors who wish to bid can pick up plans and proposals at the Red Lake County shop in Red Lake Falls (204 7th Street SE Red Lake Falls, MN 56750). A \$20.00 fee will be charged for each plan and proposal set requested.

Bids must be accompanied by a certified check or surety bond in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid, made payable to the Red Lake County Treasurer. The successful bidder must furnish a payment bond equal to the contract amount and a performance bond equal to the contract amount, with the entire liability of the bond (s) equal to twice the full amount of the contract.

The Red Lake County Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities.

Dated: July 13, 2018

Robert Schmitz

County Auditor

Red Lake County, MN

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Legal Notice

BROOKS - TIF DIST 1-1 2017 ANNUAL REPORTING FORM

Name of Development Authority:

Brooks

Name of Municipality: Brooks

Oklee Herald

(Name of Newspaper)

8/1/2018

(Date of

Publication)

The following information represents the annual disclosure of tax increment districts for the year ended December 31, 2017.

TIF Dist. 1-1

Current net tax capacity \$17,981

Original net tax capacity 1,248

Captured net tax capacity 16,733

Principal and interest

payments due in 2018 0

Tax increment received in

2017 14,882

Tax increment expended in

2017 9,365

Month and year of first tax

increment receipt 06/1998

Date of required

decertification 12/31/2023

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Red Lake County Commissioners Minutes

RED LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION MEETING HELD JUNE 20, 2018

Pursuant to law, the Red Lake County Board of Appeal and Equalization duly met on June 20, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the courthouse in Red Lake Falls. Members present: Commissioners Dave Sorensen, Ron Weiss, John Lerohl, Anthony Flage, Charles Simpson & County Auditor Robert Schmitz. Also present: Nancy Amberson, County Assessor. No members of the public were present.

The oath of office was administered to the members. Commissioner Weiss moved to nominate Commissioner Sorensen as Chair and seconded by Commissioner Simpson. Commissioner Sorensen was voted in as Chair. Commissioner Flage moved to nominate Commissioner Weiss as Vice-Chair and seconded by Commissioner Simpson. Commissioner Weiss was voted in as Vice-Chair. Commissioner Simpson moved to nominate

County Auditor Schmitz as Clerk, seconded by Commissioner Weiss. County Auditor Schmitz was voted in as Clerk. All motions were unanimously carried.

County Assessor Amberson presented to the board an overview of the 2018 proposed values and other pertinent information regarding sales and values for the 2018 assessment. Amberson informed that the values did not include any state assessed property. There were no individual property valuation appeals brought before the County Board of Appeal.

Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Commissioner Lerohl and unanimously carried to accept the 2018 values as presented.

There, being no further business to be brought before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m. sine die.

Attest:

Robert Schmitz, Clerk

Dave Sorensen, Chairman
County Board Appeals
& Equalization
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RED LAKE COUNTY Regular Meeting Held June 26, 2018

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 26, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. Chair Sorensen called the meeting to order. All members were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Lerohl moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Simpson and carried unanimously.

Interim County Engineer Jerilyn Swenson met with the board regarding several topics. Swenson reviewed the balance of road construction and maintenance funds available through the state. Projects for 2018 construction were presented. County Road #1 and #2 will both have culvert replacements at an approximate cost of \$20,000.00 overall. County Road #10 will have 4 miles of milling and bituminous overlay, and another 4 miles of overlay and shouldering that will increase the road from 9-ton to 10-ton. Swenson requested approval to proceed with the three projects. Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Simpson and carried by unanimous vote to authorize the County Highway Engineer to proceed with construction Project SAP 063-610-008 (CR #10) as presented. Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Flage and carried by unanimous vote to authorize the County Engineer to proceed with culvert replacements on CR 1 and 2 as presented.

Engineer Swenson provided an update on the CR #13 (SAP 063-613-016) replacement of the Schirrick Bridge. The County Highway Department has completed the annual inspection of the bridge. Swenson informed that the bridge is "functionally obsolete" according to state standards but it's in very good shape, with an efficiency rating high at 93.7 percent. However, the vertical curves should be re-constructed according to state safety standards. Swenson recommends re-constructing the vertical curves and leaving the bridge as is. Board members concurred. Swenson informed that this will require updated plans and additional permitting to be completed as this is a change from original plans submitted to the state.

Swenson provided an update of the rain event of June 8, 2018 and the damage to CSAH #17 located near the Huot Park in western Red Lake County. The County Sheriff has submitted an application for emergency funding assistance from the state (75% state and a 25% county match). The county is waiting for notification from the state.

Swenson reports that the roof repairs are completed at the main County Highway Department location, and that Ross Bruggeman has moved into the vacant position formerly held by James Congdon.

Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Simpson and carried by unanimous vote to approve the following expenditures for the

period:

Vendor	Amount
University of MN Extension Service	\$18,696.26
15 Vendors Less Than \$2,000	5,245.98
TOTAL	\$23,942.24

The motion includes the following additional bills: \$70.00 to AMC; \$350.00 per diem and \$402.75 expenses to John Lerohl.

Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Lerohl and carried by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held on June 12, 2018 and minutes from the County Board of Equalization meeting held June 20, 2018 as presented.

The board reviewed the lease for county land in Lambert Township adjacent to the demolition landfill. Environmental Officer Casavan recommends a 3-year lease. Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Flage and carried unanimously to approve a 3-year lease (2018, 2019; 2020) with Mike Wicks for land rent in Section 2, Lambert Township at an annual rate of \$450.00 for 10 acres.

The following Commissioner/Committee reports were shared:

Commissioner Meeting/Report
Simpson: County Road

Committee, and a County Fair Board meeting discussing some member issues.

Weiss: County Road Committee and a Norman/Red Lake H&H Advisory Committee meeting regarding a Supervisory issue.

Flage: Attended a NW Mental Health meeting discussing the annual report, computer system upgrade, and renovation to the EGF office location.

Lerohl: County Fair Board meeting. H&H Advisory meeting with Norman County and an AMC District 3 meeting in Ada.

Sorensen: AMC District 3 and an Inter County Nursing Service meeting in Thief River Falls.

Auditor Schmitz informed that the state requires each county to establish a County Absentee Ballot Board and a County UOCAVA Ballot Board for the State General Election year. UOCAVA stands for the Military and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act. Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Simpson and carried unanimously to approve **Resolution No. 06-03-18 "County Absentee Ballot Board"** and **Resolution No. 06-04-18 "County UOCAVA Ballot Board"**. The resolutions authorize the County Auditor to establish both of the absentee ballot boards comprised of a sufficient number of election judges to process absentee ballots for all elections conducted in 2018. Auditor Schmitz was authorized to sign the resolutions. Copies of both documents are available at the County Auditors office.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned to July 10, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Attest:

Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

Dave Sorensen, Chair,
Board of Commissioners
O19C

in TRF have moved over the to the College building. They used be at Challenger School but rooms were needed for school. Catherine Johnson, Executive Director of ICCC is a Regent for a program homeless program and \$600,000 has been used for this program. They have received another 1.4 million from another source, bringing the total up to 2 million. She is now heading to Washington DC soon.

Sorensen reported on the regular TCCC meeting. There were 7 people from Red Lake County in jail in June, 0 in the juvenile center. He also touched on the electronic medical records that Weiss reported on. Per diems will be going down some with Clay and Pennington opening their new jails soon, but maybe Mahomen will increase the number of beds they need. Dale Arnold is the new Deputy Probation director. The East Grand Forks office will be at the EGF City building.

Sorensen also reported that NW Mental Health/NW Apartments are all remodeled. There is a shortage of space since males and females cannot share an apt. Four foster care slots are full. He reported that the Crisis center received 416 calls and 200 ended up face to face visits. Suicide every quarter is tracked and 50% NW Mental Health had contact with. There

is a vacancy on the Mental Health board since Flage resigned but Sorensen will finish out the term.

The minutes were approved as read with a motion by Lerohl, seconded by Remick, carried.

Schmitz had a letter from Governor Dayton approving emergency funds for Red Lake County and Fillmore County. Schmitz also updated the board on the Enbridge judgement. The judgement went against the state and the state is appealing it. Construction on Line 3 should start in the spring if all the permits are gotten.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

The next meeting will be on August 14, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.



Sudoku Solution

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

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Red Lake County 4-H'er (Kaydon Kenfield) learns about citizenship at Citizenship Washington Focus



On June 24-30, 34 4-H youth from Minnesota joined youth from across the United States in Washington D.C to get a hands-on experience exploring citizenship and social responsibility in our nation's capital.

4-H Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is held every summer at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center in Washington, D.C. Through a series of speakers, committee work, field trips and social events, youth are given the opportunity to explore, develop, and refine skills needed to be an outstanding leader on both a local and national level. CWF participants get a behind-the-scenes look at our nation's capital, meet members of Congress, hear from motivational speakers, and participate in educational workshops and assemblies that increase their individual commitment to citizen involvement and build lifetime skills for success. Through CWF, youth strengthen their communication, leadership, and citizenship skills, and

learn about the democratic process and the importance of becoming active and engaged citizens and leaders.

“CWF provides a unique opportunity for youth to learn about civic engagement at the national level while exploring Washington, DC,” said Jacquie Lonning, Extension 4-H Citizenship state program director. “By engaging in these activities at the national level, our youth get a unique opportunity to explore how their actions can affect change beyond the state of Minnesota. Additionally, they get the opportunity to meet other youth from across the country.”

Participants take what they learned back and get actively involved in a project or activity that will benefit their communities, such as volunteering at a nursing home, becoming a tutor, serving as an official youth board member, assist in developing a community garden, etc. They may also develop and deliver a presentation describing their CWF experience, what they learned, and how it changed their ideas about citizenship.

Kaydon says, “I had an incredible experience; made

some new friends and made memories, all of which are irreplaceable. It was a wonderful opportunity and I will forever be grateful that I got to experience it.”

To learn more about 4-H Red Lake County, contact 4-H Program Coordinator Sharon Weiss, at 218-253-2897 and visit the website, www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/projects/leadership/.

About Extension 4-H: 4-H is a youth development program available throughout Minnesota for youth grades kindergarten through 1 year past high school. 4-H's hands-on learning model helps youth build skills such as problem solving, decision making, coping and communicating that prepare them to succeed in school, college, community and careers. Research shows that youth who participate in 4-H are four times more likely contribute to their communities, twice as likely to be civically active and twice as likely to make healthy choices. 4-H empowers youth with the skill they need to lead for a lifetime. Learn more: <https://extension.umn.edu/>



At the Vietnam Memorial, Kaydon Kenfield is shading Mark Longtin and Francis Benoit's names



2018 Minnesota Delegation at the National Capital
Minnesota Earns AAA Bond Ratings

Fitch Ratings, Standard and Poor's agree Minnesota is in prime fiscal health

With sound fiscal management and a structurally-balanced budget outlook, national rating agencies assign top bond ratings for the State of Minnesota

Fitch's AAA rating notes "Minnesota has shown significant financial resilience"

S&P's AAA rating "reflects our view of the state's improved financial position and recently passed pension reform"

ST. PAUL, MN – In separate announcements today, two national bond rating agencies – Fitch Ratings and Standard and Poor's (S&P) – gave the State of Minnesota their highest "AAA" bond ratings, affirming that Minnesota is in prime fiscal health. Today's bond rating announcements follow nearly eight years of sound fiscal management from the Dayton Administration – including difficult budget cuts, the elimination of budget shifts and gimmicks that undermined our fiscal health, the long-term stabilization of the State's revenues, structural budget balances into the future, public employee pension reforms, and historic savings in Minnesota's Budget Reserves.

"Our state government has made a complete financial turnaround in the past seven-and-a-half years," said Governor Mark Dayton. "The credit for Minnesota's success belongs to the people of our state. I thank Minnesotans for their many contributions to the strength of our economy and the stabilization of our State's budget. And I thank MMB Commissioner Myron Frans and his tremendous staff for their steadfast commitment to improving Minnesota's financial management."

"Minnesota's financial health is better than ever, and these AAA ratings are proof of the progress we have made," said Commissioner Myron Frans. "One of the key reasons for our AAA ratings by S&P and Fitch is because of the Pension Reform Bill that unanimously passed by the Minnesota Legislature this year. This bill not only benefits 511,000 Minnesotans, it immediately eliminated \$3.4 billion of the state's unfunded pension liabilities, and put the plans on a path to fully fund pensions within 30 years the moment Governor Dayton signed it. Management of our state pensions had long been a concern for the rating agencies, so it was a highlight of my time as Commissioner to tell them we had taken a significant step to achieve pension reform with bipartisan support."

Standard and Poor's upgraded its rating to AAA, with a stable outlook. In its determi-

nation, S&P notes: "The stable outlook on Minnesota reflects our view of the state's improved financial position and recently passed pension reform. The state has shown a commitment to actively managing its long-term liabilities to better align its statutory funding of the pension with actuarially determined contributions and through benefit reductions."

S&P also called out the state's sound financial management and leadership, saying: "The state has historically had very strong budget management. Minnesota has strong policies and procedures. It was able to manage through the political impasse between the governor and the legislature over tax reform adopted in the fiscal 2018-2019 biennium... We have assigned a score of '1.5' to the state's overall financial management, on a scale where '1.0' is the strongest score and '4.0' the weakest."

Fitch Ratings upgraded Minnesota's bond rating to AAA in 2016, after having downgraded Minnesota's rating to AA+ in 2011. This year, Fitch reaffirmed its rating of AAA, with a stable outlook. In its determination, Fitch notes: "Minnesota has shown significant financial resilience through downturns and a strong commitment to bolstering its financial position as conditions improve. Minnesota's economy is well-balanced, with positive wealth indicators and innate demographic strengths. [The state is] exceptionally well positioned to manage throughout the economic cycle while maintaining a high level of financial flexibility."

A third national bond rating agency, Moody's Investors Service, reaffirmed today its Aa1 rating for Minnesota. In its determination, Moody's notes: "Minnesota's Aa1 general obligation rating reflects the state's diverse and growing economy, supporting healthy revenue growth in recent years. The rating also reflects improved financial management

practices that have resulted in replenishment of budget reserves and a structurally balanced budget... The state's manageable debt and pension burden, along with recently enacted pension reform, affords the state additional financial flexibility."

About Minnesota's Economic and Fiscal Turnarounds

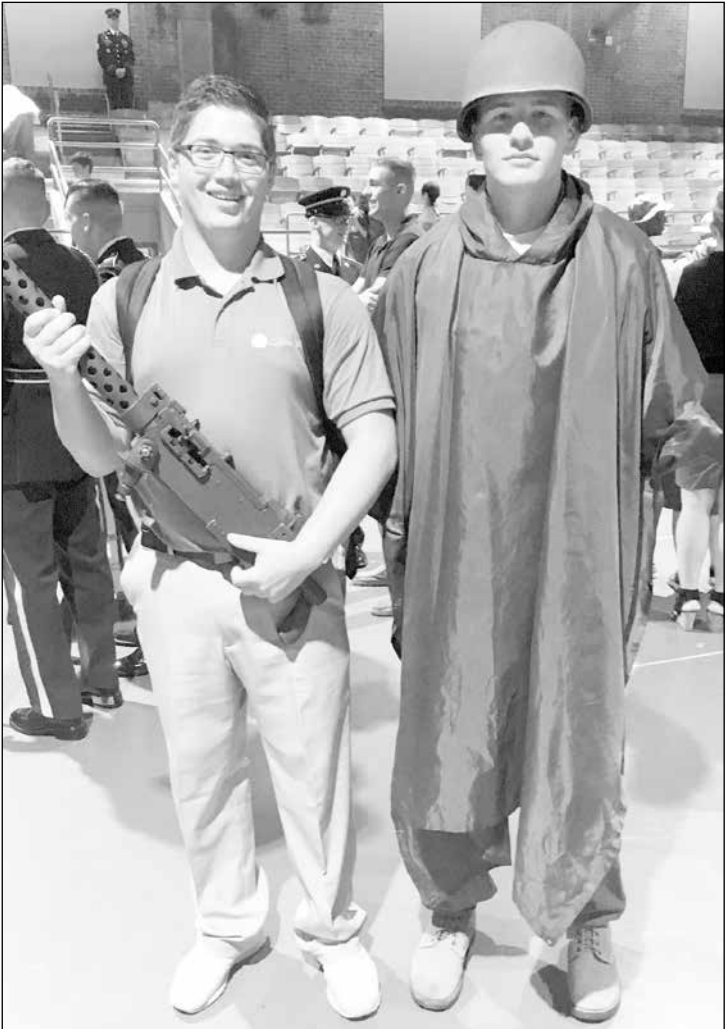
In January 2011, Minnesota was still facing the economic consequences of the Great Recession, and the state budget was a mess. Over 202,000 Minnesotans were out of work, the State of Minnesota was facing a \$6.2 billion deficit and owed school districts \$1.9 billion, and there was nothing in the State's Budget Reserves. Since then, Minnesota's economy and fiscal health has greatly improved. The chart below lays out some key comparisons of Minnesota's budget and economy between January 2011 and now.

Then: January 2001

Unemployment was at 6.9%; 202,000 people were out of work. Minnesota faced a \$6.2 billion budget deficit. Minnesota owed our school districts \$1.9 billion. Minnesota had nothing in the budget reserve account to protect the state's finances from economic downturns.

Now: July 2018

At 3.1%, unemployment in Minnesota is at its lowest rate in 18 years (as of the latest jobs report). Unemployment has been at or below 4% for 47 straight months. Minnesota Employers have added over 302,600 jobs since January 2011. With 2.96 million jobs, Minnesota now has more jobs than ever before. Nine out of the last ten budget forecasts have projected budget surpluses in Minnesota. Minnesota Currently has a projected \$419 million budget surplus for the FY2020-21 biennium. Minnesota has nearly \$2 billion in cash and budget reserves to help protect the state's finances from future economic downturns and prevent harmful budget cuts to essential state services.



A Theater Production Faith of Our Fathers, which is performed by all active military actors.

Feeling Fit and Fine Week 3 Winners



Week three winner for Pennington County Ages 3-5 was Cori Ostercamp.



Week three winner for Pennington County Ages 6-12 was Ellie Holten.



Week three winner for Red Lake County Ages 6-12 was Josi Cardinal.



Week three winner for Red Lake County Ages 3-5 was Jacob Schindler.

Red Lake Falls Library News

The Summer Reading Program wraps up on August 1 with Ross Sutter's program "Music Takes You

Everywhere" at 1:00 pm. Thanks to the 105 young readers that signed up & participated in "Reading Takes You Everywhere" this summer! Weekly prize winners are Enoch Merseeth, Courtney Pier-sol, Gavin Roisland, and Jessie Lynn Stinar. Final winners will be published next week and grand prize winner of \$50 cash card will be announced at the drawing on August 1.

New adult nonfiction includes "Buddha Bowls: 100 Nourishing One-Bowl Meals" by Kelli Foster, "A Literary Tea Party: Blends and Treats for Alice, Bilbo, Dorothy, Jo, and Book Lovers Everywhere" by Alison Walsh, "Rebuild: Five Proven Steps to Move from Diagnosis to Recovery and be Healthier Than Before" by Dr. Robert Zembroski, and "This is Not a Wine Guide: A straight-from-the-sommelier's-mouth take on how to create a great experience around wine" by Chris Morrison.

New dvds include "The Leisure Seeker" starring Donald Sutherland and Helen Mirren, "Lean on Pete," "Truth or Dare," "The Vanishing of Sidney Hall," "Rescue in the Philippines" and "When Calls the Heart: Home is Where the Heart Is."

Rebel Football Starts August 13th

The 11th season of Rebel football starts on August 13th. All 7th through 12th grade players should report to the Red Lake Falls Arena locker room that day at 8:00 AM. The bus will leave Oklee at 7:00 AM and stop in Plummer on the way to RLF.

All players will need to turn in their MSHSL forms, insurance waivers and some will need their physical form that is needed every three years. All schedules and forms were mailed out to the players. Any questions please contact Brian Remick at rlfedu.org.

The 5th-6th grade football team will start on Thursday, August 23rd at 6:00 PM in Red Lake Falls with a parent meeting. All parents and players should attend the meeting held in the Red Lake Falls Arena. Contact Brian Remick with any questions.

Oklee Herald Early Files

Seventy Years Ago July 29, 1948

A bank of 60 new self-locking mail boxes were installed at the local post office and all boxes were encased in a new panel built of plywood.

"Registration for the new draft was ordered by President Truman to begin. The President's proclamation called on all male citizens and residents of the United States who had passed their 18th birthday but had not yet reached their 26th birthday.

A family reunion and lawn party was held at the home of Merie and Cora Hanson in Gully, with many family members present.

Sixty Years Ago July 31, 1958

Red Lake County had seven new cases of tuberculosis reported to the Minnesota Department of Health. That made the county's TB case rate 22.6 per 100,000 population. Tuberculosis was still the leading cause of death among infectious diseases.

An important new service was begun in the Oklee community with the delivery of an emergency first aid vehicle and the formation of an "Oklee Emergency Squad".

Vaughn Morinville and daughters, who were here visiting relatives, had the misfortune of wrecking his car near the Aristide Boucher farm when his car went out of control. No one was injured in the accident.

Fifty Years Ago August 1, 1968

A Gonvick youth drowned in a mishap at Pine Lake. Joel Eck, 16, son of Mrs. Shirley Eck and the late Marvin Eck. Joel and a companion Terry Erickson were fishing from a boat when the outboard motor caught fire. They jumped into the water and Terry swam to shore but Joel drowned despite rescue attempts by persons in another boat.

Army Private Curtis Moss-

er, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kendall Mosser, McIntosh, completed eight weeks of advanced infantry training at Ft. Lewis, WA.

The 13th District Horticultural Society presented its flower show in the theme of "August Symphony" at the Newfolden village hall with the Newfolden Garden Club of Newfolden, Town and Country Garden Club of Viking, and the Hallock Garden Club of Hallock as host clubs.

Forty Years Ago July 27, 1978

Wayne Walhaug caught a thirteen pound and three quarter Northern Pike out of Roger's Resort at Upper Red Lake. He was using a "Daredevil" as his lure.

David and Harriet Perreault celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. They started celebrating a mass, followed by an Open House and both took place in Brooks at the David Perreault residence.

Sixteen Springer Holstein heifers were struck by lightning in a thick woods on the Jerome Voxland farm 10 miles northeast of McIntosh. The herd was huddled under the trees.

Thirty Years Ago July 27, 1988

Vincent Anderson and Effie Vigstol were honored as Red Lake County Outstanding Senior Citizens during Senior Citizen Day at the Red Lake County Fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Weber announced that their daughter, Alice, was to marry Eldin Okstad at St. Francis Xavier Church.

Mrs. Edna Hyde had been invited to attend the Congressional Award Ceremony at the Stephen B. Humphrey Theater at St. Johns University at Collegeville, MN. The ceremony was for achievement and excellence of young person's ages 14 through 23 who accomplished high grades in Voluntary Public Service and

personal development activities with the Presentation of Bronze, Silver, and Gold Congressional Award medal by a member of Congress.

Twenty Years Ago July 29, 1998

Eric, son of Roger and Janel Walter of Plummer, had a pitch fork that fell and bounced some 12' away and hit Eric on the shoulder and on the forehead between top of the nose and eye.

Joan Bronken was Red Lake County Senior Citizen of the year. Some of her family members were present at the Senior Citizen Program.

Donald Vatthauer, who was Red Lake County Fair President, presented a plaque to the Oklee Lumber Yard Inc. which was received by Isaac Melby. The plaque was in appreciation for the commitment and dedication for the success of the Red Lake County Fair by the Lumber Yard.

A bridal shower for Jacqueline Maul, who was bride-to-be of Anthony Jaeger, was held at Christina Parsley's residence. All friends and relatives were invited.

Ten Years Ago July 23, 2008

Brittany Waldal, daughter of John and Lori Waldal of Thief River Falls, and Janita Ramirez, daughter of Marlene and Juan Rodriguez of Thief River Falls were the Plummer American Legion Auxiliary Post 623 delegates to the 2008 Session of the American Legion Auxiliary Girls State.

Winger Implement was forced to close after an anonymous caller claimed a bomb was placed on the property. The Grand Forks Regional Bomb Squad was called in but they declared the property clean and highway 59 was reopened to traffic.

The University Of North Dakota College Of Nursing announced that Brooks native, Kayla Bachand, had received two scholarships. She received the Clenora Evangeline Anderson Berge scholarship and the Dakota Medical Foundation of Fargo, ND gave her a scholarship as well.

Letter to The Editor

The end of an era: RLCC THEATER:

I found it so difficult to watch as 44 years of RLCC Theater properties, supplies and decorations were discarded. I always believed theater was as important as sports because the skills the actors learn can be used for their entire lives. I have had a variety of people going on into professional theater. I had six rooms of theater decorations. I was told that the State Fire Marshall said that the burnable theater items must go. The school threw 40 gallons of assorted paint, an antique roller that created instant wall paper and I had found 25 special rollers that created an instant wallpaper using only a cup of paint. All of the pictures that decorate the set, costumes, wigs, hats, and other items as well as the jewelry were tossed. Other items that were thrown were the furniture including antique round table, other tables, chairs, end tables, coffee tables, an antique wheel chair donated by Alvin and Bonnie Jensen, all of the glasses, bowls, silverware, pots, and pans.

Other things thrown included a desk, items that decorated the walls and adorn a set. A Brass insert for the fireplace was considered burnable as well as the iron chandelier I used in many shows. The school threw the grandfather clock built by John Dulka and the oriental carpet that was sold by Paradis' Antiques for only \$20. Bonnie and Alvin Jensen had donated an antique wheelchair that I used in a variety of shows. I never knew which props I was going to need until I selected a new play. So many items were discarded that I had used to make a set look real. These props were used to stage a play.

It really heart wrenching to see these theater decorations that I had spent years going to auctions, rummage sales and donations from the people of Oklee. I often used my money to buy items that often was broken. I did not care if it was broken because it looked good on stage. The audience did not know it was broken items. Why it could not have been stored in a storage facility? Theater now will cost so much more. These props were used by cast members over the last 44 years.

Michael Swenson, former director of RLCC Theater

Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

This morning began with the sun shining brightly. This afternoon we are now receiving a down pour. My gauge shows a half inch and it is still raining. However, the sun is trying to peek out in the west. I know the farmers will welcome the rain.

Yesterday I had a call from Shirley Cyr that she had company. It was Marty Walker. She said he wanted to visit with me too. He came over and we had a nice visit. I had not seen Marty since he had moved from Oklee to Grand Forks. He certainly had not changed much and likes living in Grand Forks.

Lately I have seen so many people visiting from afar who have been visiting family and friends. I guess it has helped as there has been quite a few H.S. Classes having reunions. We did not have Bingo at the site last Thursday, but we plan

to have it this week. There are few times when we cancel, but occasionally someone cannot come for calling Bingo. We always call the regular players if we won't be having Bingo. It is time for Oklee's Market Day which is on August 11. Mark your calendars.

Dates to Remember

August 11 – Market Day
August 16 – Site Council Meets

August 17 – Birthday Meal

Words of Wisdom

If you want someone to overlook your imperfections, be ready to do the same of theirs.

Pity never won an argument.

Joke Time

One night Oscar vent calling on Lydia and he came home so

early we just thought something wasn't OK, so we asked Oscar what's the idea of coming home so early, it was only a little after nine. We told him he could never win a sweetheart that way. "Is that so." Says Oscar. "Ay guess ay know a teng or two, about 9 o'clock, you know vat Lydia did? She turned off one light. Den she turned out all de lights. Ay guess ay can tak a hint. Ven she did dat, ay got my hat and went home and ay didn't say good night."

A banker fell overboard while taking a cruise on a friend's yacht. The friend grabbed a lifebelt, held it up, and not knowing if the banker could swim, and shouted: "Can you float a loan?" "Of course I can!" yelled the banker. "But this is a heck of a time to talk business."

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

Well the hole in the sky is doing its thing again for us. We got only a spit of rain over the weekend, where other places at least got the cement or road wet. It wasn't a lot of rain, but it was wet. We are dry. I think my nephew had it right there is a hole in the sky here. Clouds go by never opening up. We must be patient and wait.

Over the weekend, Anita and Jack Mattson of Bismarck, North Dakota came to visit her sister and brothers and stayed at the lake camp of Ray and Reinette Walter. Jerome and Barb Novak spent the afternoon of Saturday visiting with them and Vicki and Mitch Olson, of Annandale MN. Reinette and Ray Walter went to the tournament in Red Lake Falls for the baseball championship. The final game was on Sunday evening and they also attended that game.

On Sunday morning Ray and Reinette Walter, Jack and

Anita Mattson and Jerome and Barb Novak went to Lakeview to eat brunch after church. From there Anita and Jack left for Bismarck, Ray and Reinette went to the game to decide the championship of legion baseball.

The Red Hats met at the Cozy Bar and Grill in Brooks. It was a nice day and everyone was in a great mood. The visiting was easy and fun and the food was terrific. The roast pork dinner was popular and the meatballs were terrific. Wow what a dinner. The quarter pot was won by Anna De Hate. Those attending were Renae Fallon, Bunny DuChamp, Wilma Arlt, Mickey Duden, Mary Schindler, Jeanine Pahlen, Anne Traxler, Karen Tvedt, Anna DeHate, Alice Jobe, Elinor Olson., and Barb Novak. The next Red Hats will meet on August 15th the time and place not determined at this time. This past week has been

busy for Joanne and Francis Bradley. Joanne's sister Leila and Lee Medrow of Oak Creek, Wisconsin came to visit, and Leila came to attend her 65th class reunion at Oklee. They stayed at the Oklee Inn along with Marc Medrow. Their other two boys Mike and John Medrow stayed with Keith Delage at his Oklee home. Bryan and Marlene Buck of Andover, Minneosta also came up and stayed at the Oklee Inn for a week to visit with her family. Francis and Joanne Bradley had all of them over for dinner and their youngest sister Mary and Eddie Walseth of Thief River Falls also came. She is the youngest of the sisters. A few evenings were spent at the Cozy for fun and visiting.

We had a nice weather week last week, and it promises to get hot this week, so get the shorts out. I hope your week is going to be great.

Bonny's Bits...

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The past few days have been interesting with the weather. You wake up and you think it is going to be another normal sunny day and all of a sudden, out of nowhere popcorn showers pop all over the place, but I can tell you, they haven't hit my house at all. I see them all around us on the radar. So I can only complain about the lack of rain, which most of us need. But we need it in a nice slow soaker, not down pours that come out of the popcorn showers, that gives you not enough, but too hard when it come.

Here is some stuff from my email files:

AS I AGE, I REALIZE

THAT:

1. I talk to myself, because sometimes I need expert advice.
2. Sometimes I roll my eyes out loud.
3. I don't need anger management. I need people to stop pissing me off.
4. My people skills are just fine. It's my tolerance of idiots that needs work.
5. The biggest lie I tell myself is "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."
6. When I was a child I thought nap time was punishment. Now it's like a mini vacation.
7. The day the world runs out of wine is just too terrible to think about.

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe
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Anne Traxler and Micki Duden left on the 19th by Bergan Travel Bus to Park Rapids. First, they went to Dorset, a tiny tourist town, went to shops and ate lunch. After lunch, they went to the Jasper Theater where a family group had a musical performance. While there, they also visited with Karen Bakken, of TRF. She is Emilie Skjerven's daughter. In the evening, they went to a logging camp for supper and came home that evening.

Last weekend, Chuck Simpson went to Sturgis, SD for the Bike Rally. Becky Opals of Kinsey, MT visited Karen Tvedt and other family and returned by Amtrak.

On July 18th, Mike and Sandy Greenwald drove to the

cities. Sandy went with Bonnie Greenwald, Carol Torkelson and Joy Paulley by a chartered bus to Dubuque, Iowa, where they went on the "Celebration Belle", a cruise ship.

Mike visited at Chancy Greenwald's, then when Sandy returned, they left for Medora, ND and met their girls, Cheryl, Patti and Sheena and their families. They had a great time even though the musical was cancelled because of rain. They did see Theodore Roosevelt Park and a few other points of interest.

Our sympathy to the families of Eddie Eskeli and Shirley Baune.

Twelve ladies went for Red Hats on Wednesday to Carols Cozy. The special was hot pork sandwiches, and meatball din-

ner, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, roll and bread pudding for dessert. It was a beautiful sunny day and a lot of conversation and fun. It was good to see Mary Schindler after an absence for a while. She looked good.

The weather sure cooled down and it's been very dry, even though there was a light shower this morning. The crops, gardens and grass need moisture.

Jim and Debbie DuChamp went to Milwaukee for a few days to take in the Fair and spend time with Mark and Jana Granum who work at the Fair and also Marcie Kloetz, their daughter, spent time with them, as she had a meeting for work in Milwaukee.

Have a good week!

Who's Dat?



Who's Dat

This weeks photo is of three siblings who where highlighted in Citizens of Tomorrow.

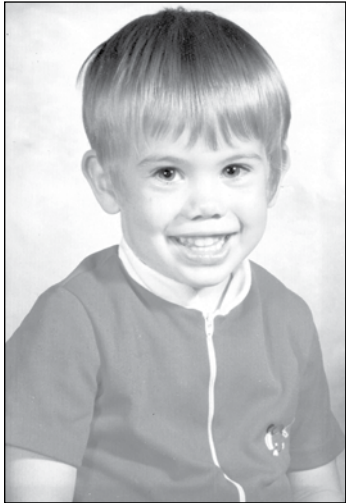
Last weeks photo was of Richard Hendrickson. He lives south of town and is a teacher at Win E Mac School in Erskine and runs the RLCC Summer Rec program.

Everyone has a photo or two that would be great for this column. Please share them with our readers as it is one of most popular columns of the Oklee Herald.

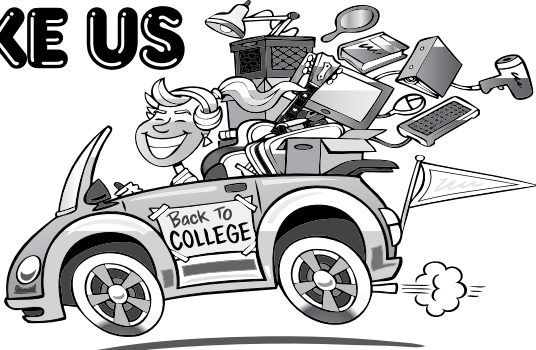
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