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By Einar Kvasager
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At the RSVP Awards luncheon two of Oklee's Senior Volunteers were honors. Eleanor Christianson (who was unable to attend) received the American Bandstand Award for 27 years of RSVP service and Irene Rosten received the Making the Scene Award for good action in the first year of service.



RSVP Volunteers Rocking Around The Clock

Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) Volunteers rocked UMC's Brown Dining Room on August 1, 2018, during the annual volunteer recognition banquet.

Nearly 200 RSVP volunteers and station managers were honored at the event. "Rock-in around the Clock" was the appropriate theme as volunteers throughout the 7 county region tallied 65,246 hours of service during the past year. The value of these unpaid volunteer service hours is nearly \$1,600,000... a load of bread to Minnesota counties, cities and the State.

Attendees were welcomed by the sounds of the Best Hits of the 1950's and enjoyed a fifties diner style meal, complete with cherry topped milkshakes in old fashioned cups. Door prizes were distributed to those cool enough to tackle activities from that era, including hoola hoop, bubble blowing, hankee-folding and hand jive contests.

RSVP Director, Tammy Frohlich assured volunteers that they are making "Happy Days" for the 5000+ recipients of RSVP services, including Handyman, Groceries to Go, Home Delivered Meals, Food Shelves and Stay Active and Independent for Life senior programs.

A variety of special themed

awards were given, along with the presentation of the prestigious President's Lifetime Achievement Volunteer Service Award to five outstanding volunteers. These five have each contributed more than 4000 hours of volunteer service, exemplifying the American spirit of kindness and selflessness:

Helen Bergland, Roseau... 4,065 hrs.

Gertrude Hoglin, Roseau... 4,363 hrs.

Jane Smith, Roseau... 4,436 hrs.

Dennis Taus, Climax... 4,657 hrs.

Elmyrna Kaupang, Winger, 4,406 hrs.

Chart-topper themed awards include:

Pat Hanson, Middle River, the Stacked Award for the greatest number of placements and hours.

Eleanore Christianson, Oklee, the American Bandstand Award for 27 years of RSVP service.

Mike and Lori Sorteberg, the Fonze Award, for getting "Aaa's" from handyman clients.

The Golden Link, Crookston, the Dee Jay Award for keeping things running smoothly.

Deland Swanson, Karlstad, the Hand Jive Award for 180 hours delivering meals.

Stuart Halvorson, Roseau, the Hand Jive Award for 244 hours delivering meals.

Irene Rosten, Oklee, Making the Scene Award for good action in the first year of service.

Ruth Dietel, Fosston, Making the Scene Award for good action in the first year of service.

Sharon Knutson and Ada Food Shelf, Ada, Happy Days Award for making happy days for the hungry.

Lois Barth, Warroad, the Diamonds are Not a Girl's Best Friend Award for creating an atmosphere of caring in her

SAIL exercise class.

Donna Malarky, Crookston, the Burnin Rubber Award for serving 4 clients and 222 hours of Groceries to Go.

Halstad SAIL class trainers Bev Dietz, Mary Trandem, Kathy Michelson and Deb McGinty, Halstad, the Made in the Shade Award for guaranteed success with the exercise class.

RSVP connects volunteers age 55 and over with meaningful service opportunities that impact individuals and communities. RSVP of the Red River Valley Volunteers put their skills, talents, and life experiences into motion for others. To volunteer, please contact Tammy Frohlich at 281-281-8289 or tsykes@umn.edu.

RSVP is a Senior Corp program, administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), the federal agency for volunteering, service and civic engagement. CNCS engages millions of Americans in citizen service through its AmeriCorps and Senior Corp programs and leads the nation's volunteer and service efforts. For more information, visit NationalService.gov.

The University of Minnesota Crookston now delivers 34 bachelor degree programs, 22 minors, and 40 areas of emphasis on campus as well as 14 degree programs entirely online. These degrees are offered in the areas of agriculture and natural resources; business; liberal arts and education; and math, science and technology. With an enrollment of 1,800 undergraduates from more than 20 countries and 40 states, the Crookston campus offers a supportive, close-knit atmosphere that leads to a prestigious University of Minnesota degree. "Small Campus. Big Degree." To learn more, visit www.umcrookston.edu.

USDA Broadens Conservation Reserve Program Quality Assurance Measures

Minnesota Farm Service Agency Reminds Property Owners to Manage Lands According to Contract

The Minnesota Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds landowners enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) to manage their lands according to the contract to ensure program integrity. FSA is broadening its quality assurance measures to ensure that participants maintain approved vegetative cover, control weeds and follow all contract requirements.

"Most Minnesota CRP land owners adhere to their contract and follow conservation compliance regulations," said State Executive Director Joe Martin. "However, increasing spot checks across the state will allow us to ensure that we are doing what we can to help farmers succeed and maintain their CRP contract acreage be-

yond primary nesting season."

In Minnesota, Aug. 1, marked the end of the primary nesting and brood rearing season for wildlife. CRP maintenance activities such as mowing, burning, disking and spraying may now be conducted statewide.

CRP is a land conservation program administered by FSA. In exchange for a yearly rental payment, farmers enrolled in the program agree to remove environmentally sensitive land from agricultural production and plant species that will improve environmental health and quality. Contracts for land enrolled in CRP are 10 to 15 years in length. The long-term goal of the program is to re-establish valuable land cover to help improve water quality, prevent soil erosion, and reduce loss of wildlife habitat.

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Construction and detours on Highway 92 from Brooks to Trail begin next week

BEMIDJI, Minn. – Motorists on Highway 92 between Brooks and Trail will encounter detours, lane closures and delays as construction begins on Monday, August 13. The project includes culvert work, resurfacing 19 miles of pavement, and construction of a combined by-pass and right-turn lane.

The road will be closed in stages to minimize traffic impacts:

- **Stage 1:** Beginning August 13, Highway 92 will be closed from Brooks up to the intersection of Highway 222. This stretch of the roadway will be closed to thru-traffic for four days, weather permitting. Traffic will be detoured to County Road 7 and Highway 222.
- **Stage 2:** Highway 92 will

be closed from the intersection with Highway 222 up to the intersection with County Road 7. Weather permitting, this stretch will be closed to thru-traffic for five days. Traffic will be detoured to County Road 7 and Highway 92.

• **Stage 3:** Highway 92 will be closed from the intersection with County Road 7 to Trail. This section of the roadway will be closed to thru-traffic for eight days, weather permitting. Traffic will be detoured to County Roads 5, 6, 7 and 8, and Highway 92.

Upon completion of each stage, motorists will encounter loose gravel on the roadway until paving for the entire project is completed under traffic. Knife River is the prime

contractor for the \$2.9 million project, which is expected to last through September.

Beginning August 16 until completion of the project, public meetings will be held every Thursday at 11 a.m., at the Oklee City Hall, 301 Main Street. The meetings will provide opportunity to ask questions and stay up-to-date on the project's schedule.

MnDOT urges motorists to always drive with caution, and reminds them to slow down in the work zone and never enter a roadway that has been blocked with barriers or cones. For real-time traffic and travel information in Minnesota, visit www.511mn.org or get the free smartphone app at Google Play or the App Store.

MDA Announces Good Food Access Program Awardees

\$233,750 in Grant Funds Awarded to Fourteen Projects Statewide

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is pleased to announce that fourteen projects statewide, almost twice as many as last year, have been awarded funding through the Good Food Access Program (GFAP). A total of \$233,750 in grant funds has been awarded to projects to purchase equipment and make physical improvements, increasing access to affordable, nutritious, and culturally appropriate foods in underserved and low and moderate income communities. "Upgrading and purchas-

ing new equipment can be a significant barrier for grocery stores and small food retailers and the Good Food Access Program helps to eliminate some of that financial burden," said MDA Grants Supervisor Ashley Bress. "The grantees are using these funds to offset the costs of equipment purchases like produce cases, refrigerated cases, and freezers."

Additionally, farmers' markets are helping to increase access to locally grown foods through installation of electri-

cal outlets, generators, awnings and canopies, coolers, and produce displays.

D & R Grocery is a family run grocery store that has been operating for 32 years in rural Oklee. For their GFAP project, D & R Grocery will replace a dairy condensing unit, a three door freezer, two glass door condensing units, and compressors. The replacement of this equipment is essential for the delivery of nutritious, affordable, and locally sourced food for the Oklee community.



The new freezer is only part of the upgrades at D & R Grocery. Older freezer/frigerators will be getting upgrades such as compressors.

Lots of Fun at Market Day in Oklee



New this year at Market Day in Oklee was a Pedal Tractor Contest. Many signed up for this favorite contest in Oklee.



Steeren Myklejord was participating in the old time plowing with his Oliver Cletrac HG at Oklee Market Day.



In the late afternoon, there was a softball game Oklee Lumber team vs Oklee Lumber team alumni on Market Day

Correction: The photo caption of the Mayor with the other people last week should have read, "Mayor George Burthwich, Scott Sundrud, Jack Sundrud and Elmer Hanson."

Calendar of Events

Wed, Aug. 15:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.

Thu, Aug. 16:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.

Fri, Aug 17:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.

Sat, Aug. 18:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!

Sun, Aug. 19:
-Worship at the church of your choice.

Mon, Aug. 20:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
Tue, Aug. 21:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards.

Wed, Aug 22:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.

Thu, Aug 23:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.

Fri, Aug 24:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.

Sat, Aug 25:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Sun, August 19: 9:00 a.m.
Zion. 10:30 a.m. Salem.
Tue, August 14: 7:00 p.m.
Zion Council meeting.
Thu, August 16: 7:00 p.m.
Salem Council meeting.

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OKLEE, GRYGLA & GOODRIDGE
Fr. Adam Hamness
Sun, August 19: 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 18: 5:30 p.m. RLF
Sun, August 19: 8:00 a.m. Brooks.
10:00 a.m. RLF.

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun, August 19: 9:00 a.m.
Worship at Immanuel. 7:30 p.m.
Worship at Ebenezer.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Sun, August 19: 8:30 a.m.
Faith, 9:45 a.m. Bethany, 11:00 p.m.
Ekelund.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth
Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Wed, August 15: 7:00 p.m.
Oak Park Ladies Aid.
Sat, August 18: 9:00 a.m.
Mt. Olive.
Sun, August 19: 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
Thu, August 16: 12 p.m. Rotary.
Sun, August 19: 9:30 a.m. Worship.
Tue, August 21: 9:30 a.m. Devotions.
10:00 a.m. Quilting.
6:30 p.m. Church Bible Study.
Wed, August 22: 9:30 a.m. Christian Women's Club.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Wed, August 15: 2:00 p.m. Sand Valley WELCA.
Sun, August 19: 9:00 p.m. Lund.
10:30 a.m. Sand Valley.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston
Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor
Sun, August 19: 10:00 a.m. Worship.

Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia

An Education program presented by the Alzheimer's Association will be held on Tuesday, August 28th at 3:00 p.m. at the McIntosh Senior Living.

Alzheimer's is not normal aging. It's a disease of the brain that causes problems with memory, thinking and behavior.

Join us to hear about:

- The impact of Alzheimer's.
- The difference between Alzheimer's and dementia.
- Alzheimer's disease stages and risk factors.
- Current research and treatments available to address some symptoms.
- Alzheimer's Association resources.

Please RSVP at: carissa@macseniorliving.com or 218-563-2715.

Visit alz.or/crf to explore additional education programs in your area.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

August 20 - 24
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: Small cheese burger, hash browns, green beans, and dessert.

Tuesday: Grilled chicken breast, American fries, corn, toast, and dessert.

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

Thursday: Tator tot hot-dish, coleslaw, toast, and dessert.

Friday: Grilled ham & cheese, potato soup, and dessert.



Winners in the Market Day Pedal Tractor Pull for the 10-13 age group were Ashlyn Nelson and Kehan Nelson.

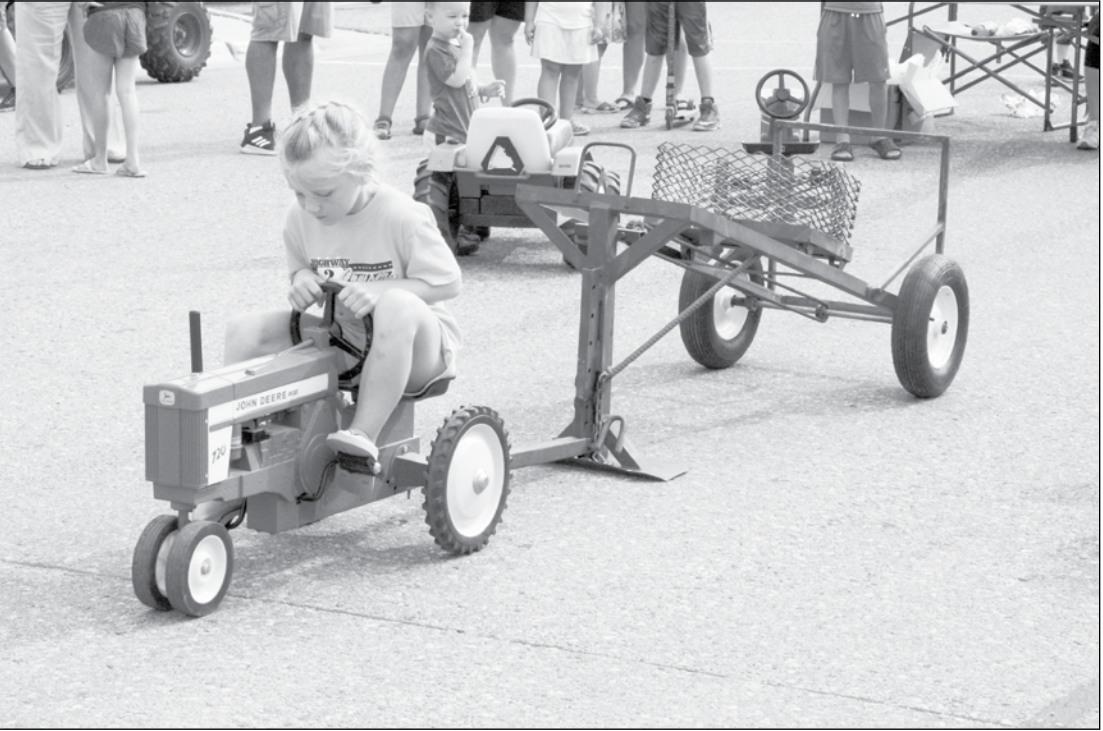


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Emma Howard, age 6 had a pull of 14'9", and McKenna Gordon, age 5 with a pull of 10'2", were the winners in the age 5 - 6 age group for the Pedal Tractor Pull held during Market Day in Oklee.

Below Emma during her pull with much determination on her face.



Hickory Township Potluck Picnic
Hickory Townhall, Rural Trail.
Sunday, August 19th, 2018, 2:00pm
Friends and neighbors of Hickory Township come on out for an afternoon fun! Bring a dish to share! The Hickory Township history books will be out to enjoy!

Meet the Mustangs Night
Monday, August 20th, 2018, RLCC High School, 6:00 p.m.
The 2018 RLCC Mustangs Varsity volleyball team will be scrimmaging RLF Eagles Varsity volleyball team for a night of fun! This will be a free will dinner sponsored by the RLCC Boosters.

Meet the Rebels Night
Monday, August 27th, 2018, RLCC High School Football Field, 6:00 p.m.
Come on out and check out our 2018 RLC Rebels Football Team! This will be a free will dinner sponsored by the RLCC Boosters.

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Sheriff's Report

On the evening of 07/24/18, the Pennington County Sheriff's Office reported they had arrested Micheal David Jorstad (32) on Thief River Falls on an active Red Lake County warrant. Mr. Jorstad posted the cash bond to satisfy the check forgery warrant. He was released from custody and will appear in Court in Red Lake Falls in August.

On the afternoon of 07/25/18, a Red Lake County deputy investigated a report of illegal dumping in Brown's Creek Township. As a result of this investigation, Jose Luis Almendarez (41) of Red Lake Falls was cited for misdemeanor or illegal dumping of garbage. He will be summoned to appear in Court in Red Lake Falls later in August.

On the afternoon of 07/26/18, a Red Lake Falls resident reported a theft of some property outside of their residence. That investigation remains ongoing.

On 07/27/18, a landowner reported a theft of tools from a shed in Gervais Township. That incident is still under investigation.

On the morning of 07/30/18, Ernesto Isac Leon (33) of Oklee was arrested at his residence, for violating the terms of his supervised probation. He was taken to the jail in Crookston. Mr. Leon was transported to Clay County jail on 08/01/18 to face the probation violation charge in District Court in Moorhead.

Centennial Recipe Corner
Strawberries 'N Cream No Bake Cheesecake
Linda Roisland



Crust:
2 cups graham cracker crumbs
6 Tbsp margarine, melted
1/4 cup sugar

Filling:
3/4 cup sugar
4 (8 oz) pkg cream cheese
1 sm pkg strawberry Jell-o
1-1/2 cups strawberries, chopped
1 (8 oz) Cool Whip

Mix graham cracker crumbs, sugar and margarine. Press into bottom of 9 x 13 pan. Refrigerate while preparing filling. Beat cream cheese and sugar in a large bowl with electric mixer until well blended. Add dry Jell-o mix and mix well. Stir in berries and Cool Whip. Spoon over crust. Cover and refrigerate several hours. Store leftovers in refrigerator.

Deadline Approaches for Continuous Conservation Reserve Program Enrollment

Producers Must File by August 17, One-Year Extension Available to Holders of Many Expiring Contracts

Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Richard Fordyce reminded producers today that the deadline to sign up for enrollment in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) is Friday, Aug. 17, 2018.

"Any agricultural producer that has eligible land should review the benefits of this program," said Fordyce. "It removes from production marginal, erodible land and, in doing so, improves water quality, increases wildlife habitat and provides more opportunities for recreational activities, including fishing, hunting and wildlife viewing."

For this year's signup, limited priority practices are available for continuous enrollment. They include grassed waterways, filter strips, riparian buffers, wetland restoration and others. View a full list of practices.

FSA will use updated soil rental rates to make annual rental payments, reflecting current values. It will not offer incentive payments as part of the new signup.

USDA will not open a general signup this year, however, a one-year extension will be offered to existing CRP participants with expiring CRP contracts of 14 years or less.

CRP Grasslands

Additionally, FSA established new ranking criteria for CRP grasslands. To guarantee all CRP grasslands offers are treated equally, applicants who previously applied (prior to the current sign-up period) will be asked to reapply using the new ranking criteria.

About CRP

In return for enrolling land in CRP, USDA, through FSA on behalf of the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC), provides participants that remove sensitive lands from production and plant certain grasses, shrubs and trees that improve water quality, prevent soil erosion and increase wildlife habitat with annual rental payments and cost-share assistance. Landowners enter into contracts that last between 10 and 15 years.

Signed into law by President Reagan in 1985, CRP is one of the largest private-lands conservation programs in the United States. Thanks to voluntary participation by farmers, ranchers and private landowners, CRP has improved water quality, reduced soil erosion and increased habitat for endangered and threatened species.

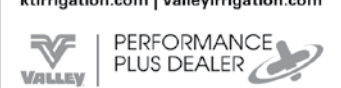
The new changes to CRP do not impact the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, a related program offered by CCC and state partners.

Producers wanting to apply for the CRP continuous signup or CRP grasslands should contact their USDA service center. To locate your local FSA office, visit <https://www.farmers.gov>. More information on CRP can be found at www.fsa.usda.gov/crp.

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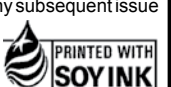
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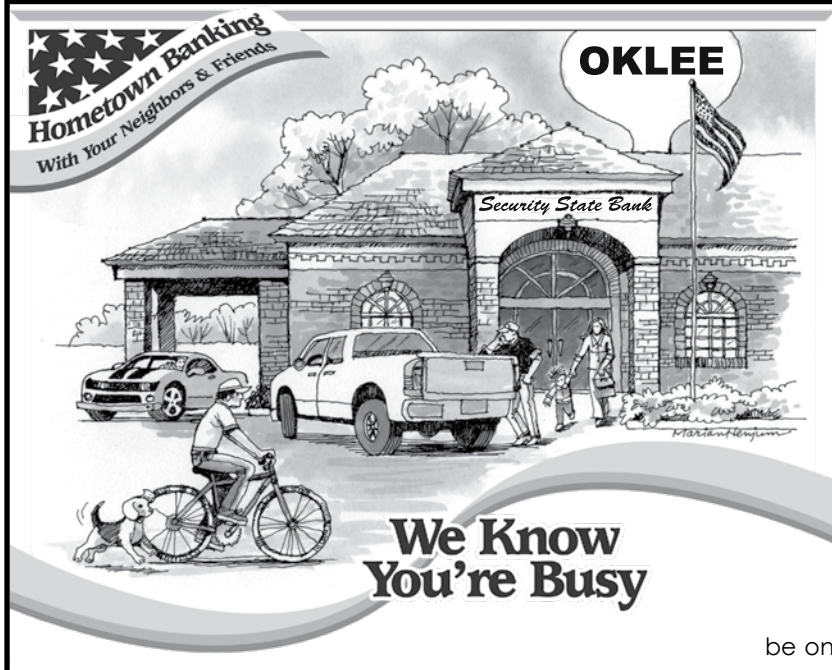
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Early Childhood Family Education is for all birth-5 year olds and their parents. Events and activities are planned and set up for babies, toddlers, preschoolers and their parents throughout the year to promote learning and exploring during the early 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, the Plummer site preschool, or the Brooks Community Center.
School Readiness
School Readiness is a program that provides children with various opportunities to enter school with the skills and behaviors needed for them to progress. Early Childhood staff will help your child learn skills that are important for school success, and provide Early Childhood Special Education or speech services if needed. Curriculum and lessons are planned around each child's specific needs. ***Parent volunteers are always welcome!!***
Preschool Screening
Preschool Screening is for all children (3-5 years) in the School District 2906. Packets (with times scheduled) will be sent out one to two weeks before the screening date. Contact the school if you do not

receive a packet. RLCC Oklee Site: October 10th – 8:00 AM. This will include both Plummer and Oklee Preschoolers.
Please Call: Plummer Site (465-4222) or e-mail (morin@gvtel.com) or Oklee Site (796-5136) or e-mail (sgunderson@rlcc.k12.mn.us) to see if your child is registered for our School Readiness classes. Local district children will get first chance to sign up then there will be a waiting list. Busing is also available on regular routes. Children MUST have their immunization records on file in the office before the first day of class.
Classes available this year include:
3 ½-4 year olds: Wednesdays: 8:20AM-3:12PM (Children with birthdates before 3/12/15 can start September 12th. Those who are born after 3/12/15 will start January 2nd, 2018).
4-5 year olds: Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:20AM-3:12PM (children who are 4 years old before September 1st, 2018). Classes will start September 11th.
Upcoming RLCC Plummer and Oklee
ECFE/School Readiness Event:
Wednesday, August 29th: Open House – RLCC Oklee and Plummer Sites: 4:00-8:00PM
Come and pick up your School Readiness packet and ECFE September page and check out the Preschool Rooms!
Margaret Hamrum-RLCC Plummer Site Preschool Teacher - Naomi Magnell-RLCC Oklee Site Preschool teacher



Above: In the afternoon at Market Day there was Old Fashioned games for all ages. Here is two teams trying the best in the three legged race combined with a spoon holding a marshmallow with out dropping it.
Left: Winners of the Oklee Market Day Pedal Tractor Pull in the age 7-9 group were Jake Howard with a full pull (27') and Jack Bartelt with a pull of 24'8".

Below: There was a ATV Pull scheduled, but no one showed up, but the crew who set it up decided to have some fun anyways. Steeren Myklejord driving his Case 446 did a full pull. He drove slow and steady all the way down the track.



American Life in Poetry: Column 698

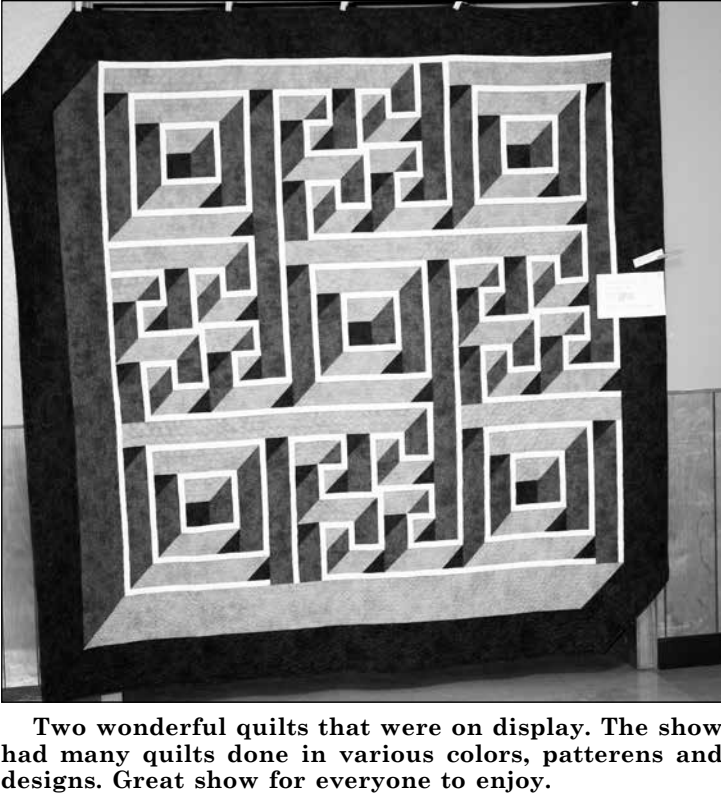
BY TED KOOSER, U.S. POET LAUREATE

My mother's best friend, Ruth Stickfort Kregel, was "Aunt Sticky" to my sister and me, and today I feel like telling you a little about this woman we loved. This poem is from my new book, Kindest Regards, published by Copper Canyon Press.

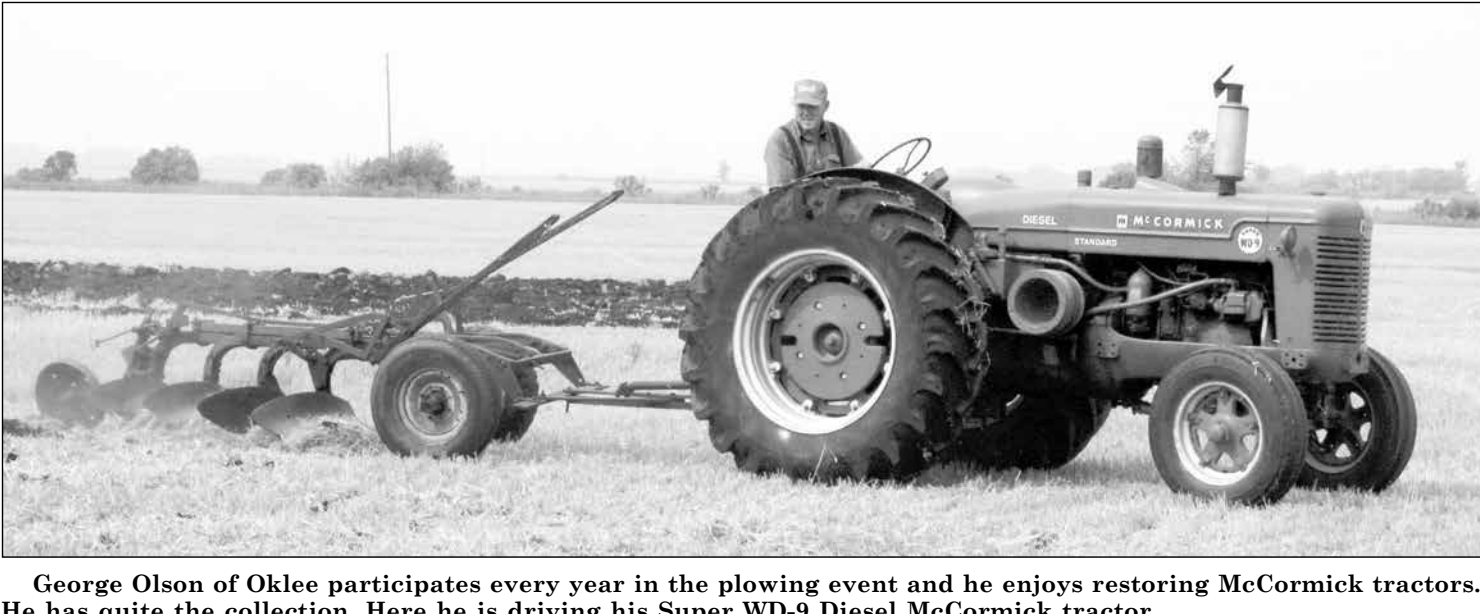
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The wall of identical boxes into which our Aunt Sticky sorted the daily mail was at the far end of her dining room, and from the private side looked like a fancy wallpaper upon which peonies pushed through a white wooden trellis, or sometimes like crates of chickens stacked all the way to the ceiling. I'd learned by then – I was a little boy – that a thing can look like one thing on one day and another on another, depending on how you might be feeling. There were times when we were there, having our coffee and sweet rolls, when some woman on the lobby side would with a click unlock her box and leaning down, peer inside to see if she had mail, and see us at the table, Mother and Father, my sister and I and our postmistress aunt, and call out, "Yoo-hoo, Sticky! I see you have company!" and waggle her fingers, waving hello.

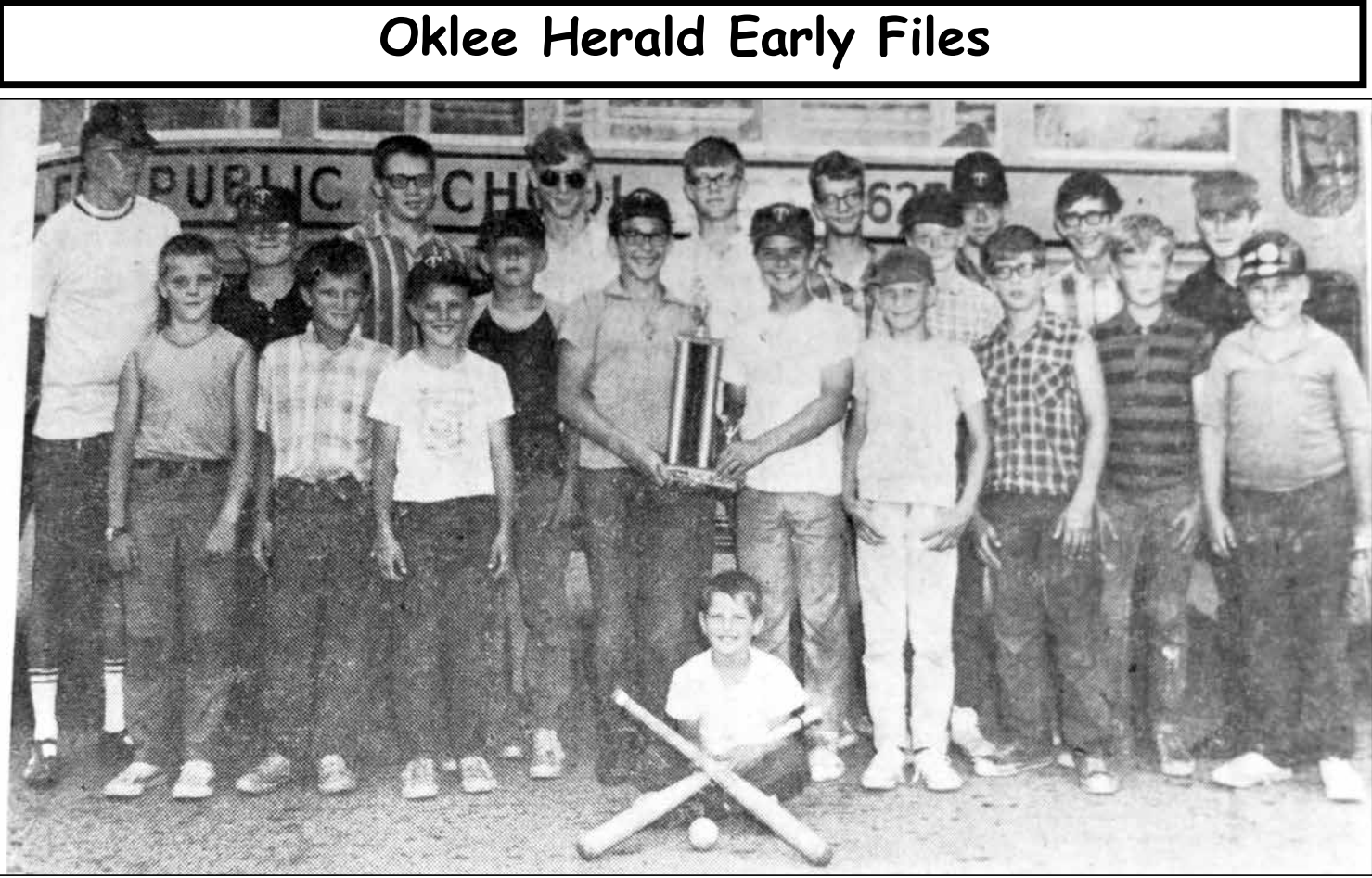
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Two wonderful quilts that were on display. The show had many quilts done in various colors, pattersns and designs. Great show for everyone to enjoy.



George Olson of Oklee participates every year in the plowing event and he enjoys restoring McCormick tractors. He has quite the collection. Here he is driving his Super WD-9 Diesel McCormick tractor.



From 1968: The Champs: Here are the Oklee ball players who last week took the trophy in tournament play at McIntosh were: Clyde Peterson, summer director, John Gunderson, Jim Dessellier, George Longtin Jr., Bob Melby, Danny Walsh, Randy Hokkanen, Paul Larson, Steve Cyr, Rick Lindquist, Paul Cyr, Myles Flateland, Rick Nelson, Jim Bronken, Gary Spong, John Melby, Francis Bergeron, Mark Nelson, Pat Hardisty, John Woods, and Joey Cyr (sitting in front).

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RLCC School Legal

ISD 2906 Red Lake County Central Minutes-July 2018

The ISD 2906 Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, July 11, 2018 at RLCC Elementary in Plummer, MN
Duden, Hamrum, Kolstoe, Majeres, Paradis, Person were present.
Motions were carried to approve: June minutes, Financials, Policy updates from the 2018 Legislative session, resolution establishing dates for filing affidavits of candidacy for school board, Security State Bank, MN School District Liquid Asset and Ultima Bank as official depositories, Oklee Herald as official newspaper, bid for milk, bid for bread, bid for petroleum products, bid for propane,

2018-19 school fees, date for public hearing for tax and budget review, Long Term Facility Management Plan, approve fall coaches-Rhonda Vettleson, Britta Glass, Kory Baril, Marshall Mickelson, hiring Patty Mickelson and Krista Bernstein as Community Experts as Music Instructors for 2018-19, hiring Heath Mickelson as Technology Coordinator, Meet & Confer dates for 2018-19. Motion denied: Personal leave buyback for bus drivers.
(Complete minutes may be seen in the district office at 260 Minnesota Street, Plummer, MN or on our school website at www.rlcc2906.org.)

Jody Duden
ISD 2906 School Board Clerk
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Oklee Herald Early Files

Seventy Years Ago August 12, 1948

1948 Loan Rates on farm commodities – details of the price support program for 1948 crop wheat as it applies to Red Lake County farmers were revealed this week by William Cassavant, chairman of the county agricultural conservation committee. National average support for wheat is \$2 a bushel, which represents 90% of the \$2.22 parity figure of July 1, the beginning of the marketing year. Following are the loan rates for various commodities for Red Lake County: No. 1 flax - \$5.72; No. 1, 2, 3 rye, test weight only, \$1.26; No 1 barley \$1.16; No. 3 or better oats, \$.65.

Two boys from Red Lake County will attend State Farm Boys Camp August 28 through September 6. They are Vernon Gagnon, Red Lake Stickers Club and Delbert St. Marie, junior leader of the Riverside 4-H Club.

Terry Lambert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Lambert celebrated his first birthday anniversary Monday, August 9. Lunch was served and Terry received many nice gifts.

Final arrangements were made at a meeting of the board of directors of the Lutheran Rest Home Association last week to purchase the Winne-Mac County Club for conversion into a home for the aged and senile.

Sixty Years Ago August 14, 1958

The Oklee Fire Department made two trips out on Friday – the first an automobile accident victim and the second a near-drowning victim. The first call was at 4:25 p.m. when Allen Christopherson of Trail was injured when the car he was driving left the road and rolled over a gravel road a short distance from the Norman Boucher farm. He was on his way to the swimming hole at the gravel pit. The second call a little after 6 p.m. to the Elmer Champagne farm near Brooks where little 15 month old Ronald Champagne had fallen head first into a small barrel of water and was for time believed drowned. Elmer called his two brothers-in-law, Maurice Cote and Jay Martell, who were working nearby and both had previous experience with artificial respiration (Cote had revived four near drowning victims while in the Armed Forces). They began to work on the child and in about 15 minutes the little boy began to cough and cry.

Remodeled and enlarged Plummer Bowling Alleys expects to open within the next few weeks, accouring to announcement this week by Med Benoit, manager.

Jerome H. Christianson, seaman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Christianson of Brooks was scheduled to return to Boston, Mass, August 7th aboard the heavy cruiser USS Macon.

Fifty Years Ago August 15, 1968

An Oklee business man of many years has announced he plans to retire. He is Arthur J. “Butch” Melby, proprietor of Melby’s Locker Service. Mr. Melby has been in Oklee since 1915 when he came from Lake Mills, Iowa, with his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. John Melby. He joined his father in 1919 in the operation of a meat market and grocery which

continued until 1946 when he sold his grocery stock to Peter Bergeron. He opened his locker plant in April of 1947.

Construction of a fertilizer plant here is under consideration by the Oklee Farmers Cooperative Elevator Company. A special meeting of stockholders has been called for Friday, August 30th to consider the proposal which is expected to involve in investment of about \$35,000.

SA Lenny DuChamp of San Diego, California, arrived here Thursday to spend his leave with his parents the Jesse DuChamps.

Mrs. Frankie Cyr, Mrs. Harold Cyr, Miss Sarah Strande and Mrs. Edith Connars helped Mrs. Lottie Cyr celebrate her 80th birthday on Tuesday with coffee and cake.

Forty Years Ago August 10, 1978

There will a 16-team mixed doubles tennis tournament to be held in Oklee on Wednesday, August 16th and Friday, August 18th. Entry fee is \$1.00 per team.

The “Joyful Noise” is again on tour this summer under the direction and guidance of Pastor and Mrs. Barb Randall. Those members going on the trip are Vance Haugen, Brenda Olson, Jodi Stolaas, Duane Swanson, David Swanson, Mark Nesland, Cathy DuChamp, Kathy Pahlen, Cathy Gustafson, DeeDee Huotari, Cindy Houtari, Julie Konickson, and Maribeth Vigstol.

Brent Strand of Oklee will be one of the 160 young men from throughout the State who will be participating in the 1978 Mr. Minnesota Teen Program which gets underway August 10-12 in Morris, MN. Brent was sponsored in the program by Na-Churs Liquid Fertilizers.

Two young people were found dead of carbon monoxide poisoning in a car at an abandoned farm house one-half mile north of Trail, Saturday morning. Ronald Voeltz and Ruth Ann Jensen were found by a neighbor around 11 a.m. They had been missing for two days.

Thirty Years Ago August 10, 1988

The Brooks Community is preparing for the 17th annual Blast to Brooks celebration. The Brooks Queen candidates are: Catherine Fossell, Michelle Mare Riendeau, Joy Hince, Tammy Grove, and Carrie Fallon.

Farmers urged not to plow if drought continues. Fall tillage practices and the severe drought could make conditions ripe for another dust bowl, said Jim Birkholz, executive director of the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources.

City officials from at least 72 communities in the area are expected to attend a regional meeting hosted by the City of Plummer and sponsored by the League of Minnesota Cities.

PeeWee Batting Champs: Jamie Carriere batted .540 (27 for 50) for the Oklee Pee-Wee Baseball Team Summer Recreation Program. Aaron Chaput was very close with a /532 average and third was Eric Reinbold at .442. The Oklee PeeWee’s finished with a 16-11 record for the season.

Kim and Rhonda Vettleson are the proud parents of a 10lb. 6 oz. baby girl born August 6th. She will be named Ana Alecia. Grandparents are Walter and

Shirley Vettleson, Jack Rindahl and Mary Lou Schmitz.

Twenty Years Ago August 12, 1998

Around 40 law enforcement officers from Federal, State and Local law enforcement agencies descended upon a rural Red Lake county residence in the early morning hours of Tuesday, August 11th. Red Lake County Sheriff Allan Morken said the search warrant executed Tuesday was the result of a year long drug investigation conducted by the Red Lake County Sheriff’s Department, Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, the Paul Bunyan Drug Task Force, and Federal Drug Enforcement Agency. Morken said they discovered several plots of marijuana growing on 80 acres of property located about three miles west of Plummer in Gervais Township. Morken said in his years of law enforcement, it is the biggest drug operation he has seen. Two people have been taken into custody. Their names have not been released but Morken said they are from Oregon.

Letty Sistad and Brian Peterson, along with their parents, Gerald and Cheryl Sistad and Ron Peterson and the late Jean Peterson, are pleased to announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage. An August 15th wedding is planned.

Itasca Community College wrestling staff is proud to announce the signing of Oklee Wrestler, Brett Bishop, to a letter of intent for 1998-99. Bishop will bring a 125-45 high school record to Itasca.

Ten Years Ago August 6, 2008

When Doris Nelson moved to Oklee in 1973, she went to work as a seamstress at the OMC (Oklee Manufacturing Company). At that time the OMC was owned by Wally Groberg. One afternoon, while she was walking home from work, from out of the blue, like in a movie—a thought came to her. “Something told me I should make dolls.” Doris said. Her dolls range form as small as a mere two-inches high to as tall as three feet.

Crop circles were discovered in a field near Fosston on Sunday afternoon, July 27. Dean Vikan, staff writer for the 13 towns, received a call from Pat Swenson, who lives on a farm about 6 miles east of Fosston. She asked Vikan if wanted to take some pictures of some circles. After he had been out there, he decided to hire a plane to get better photos, but couldn’t find a pilot that day. BLT Researc Center from Cambridge, MA, sent a representative out to Fosston to study the circles. Two other organizations also sent investigators to examine the circles. It was decided that is was the work of a prankster.



From 1978: Blast To Brooks Queen Jill Parenteau was photographed recently with the seven candidates for this year’s pageant who are via for her title. They are front row (l to r): Diane Tougas, Vicky Berberich, Miss Brooks – Jill Parenteau and Nancy Carriere. Back row (l to r): Dawn Johnson, Elaine Lessard, Anita Hanson, and Kathy Ann Capp.



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Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

IT is a bright sunny day outside. Yesterday was a beautiful day also. The only trouble was the heat. My thermostats did not agree on the temperatures. One showed 93 and the other showed 96. They are indoor / outdoors so I am not sure which I should choose. All I know it was extremely hot out doors.

The Oklee “Market Day” was a huge success. It is easy to come and enjoy, but in order to be a success, many persons had a lot of work to get ready for 8:00 a.m. I saw many walkers pass by my house. I give the walkers credit for walking in the hot temperatures. That was just one of the many things that took place during the day. I enjoyed seeing all the beautiful

quilts displayed in the Oklee Community Hall. There were many cars displayed outside, plus some farm machinery from the past years.

It was sad to see my grandchild, Ariel and Scott leave for Virginia on Thursday. Scott is a professional Chef and spent one day looking over my old home place and the areas around Gully and Gonvick.

This week at the Site we have the Site Council meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday. We also have the Birthday meal on Friday.

Dates To Remember

Aug. 16: Site Council meeting at 10:00 a.m. Bingo at

12:30 p.m.
Aug. 17: Birthday meal.

Words of Wisdom

Sometimes you just have to be patient. Time has a way of sorting things out.

Enthusiasm and a good pair of shoes can take you anywhere.

Joke Time

A priest was called to the house of an elderly attorney. “How is the patient? The priest asked the doctor.

“I’m afraid he’s lying at death’s door,” said the doctor.

The priest sighed. “Poor soul, going to meet his maker and still lying.”

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

No rain yet. It is DRY. Many farmers are going full bore in the fields getting their wheat crops off the fields. Today the wind came up and the oppressive heat is stifling. The roads are dusty and no car that travels on the side roads can get away from being dirty. It is August and it hasn’t rained here in weeks. I guess we will have to just wait for Mother Nature to do her thing.

Yvonne Hoeger just returned from a visit to Norway. She traveled with her kids Vicki and Mike Holien and Dawn Hoeger. They visited with aunts and cousins while in Norway and then toured the sights. They spent two weeks in Norway and had a wonderful time. They even went on a moose safari, where they saw three moose and a fox. It was good to see them back smiling and ready for their next adventure.

Willie Katschke celebrated her birthday with a surprise party hosted by her children. What a tribute she had. Willie was the official Brooks babysit-

ter for many years. She was second Mom to about 80 young Brooks children over many years. Many of them joined her on Saturday to honor her on her 90th birthday. The food and refreshments were served and a program was given for her to laugh and enjoy. Happy Birthday to you Willie. We hope God blesses us with your presence for many more years.

Mary Schindler and Barb Novak went to Willie Katschke’s birthday party on Saturday. They enjoyed the company of Willie’s oldest daughter while munching on the wonderful food and cake served to the guests.

Deb Champagne is having a retirement party at the Cozy on August 31st. It will be held at the Cozy in an open house setting. The party starts at 5 and will last till 8. She definitely requests that she wants No Gifts. Just come and enjoy.

We hope you have a real great week. One day this week we are supposed to have cooler weather. With the high temps we have had the heat gets on

the nerves really quickly. Keep cool as best you can, and don’t expect too much accomplishment from yourself or others. This too shall pass, it will be cold before you know it. Smile.

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Plummer News

By Alice Jobe
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Randy Pahlen, Jim DuChamp, Jim Kelley and Wayne Vettleson went to Lake of the Woods fishing recently. They filled out and Jim Kelley got a 25 inch walleye. They had a great time.

John (Jack) Skjervén of Arizona, came Monday for a visit, staying at Roger Skjervén’s and got to see the restored Skervén barn. He attended the Tri River meeting with Roger Monday evening.

Tony and Sheila Gerardy’s house is coming along very fast.

Anne Traxler and her sister Gloria Niswanger of Walker celebrated their August birthdays Wednesday, the 8th, at the

Bagley Casino. They enjoyed a buffet dinner.

Tri River Pioneer members met Monday night. Chief Justice Lorie Gildea will make a visit September 13th at the Museum with four other judges. The school kids get to see her.

The wheat was ready to cut and they may combine instead of threshing it.

Alice Jobe went to her sister Phyllis Unruh’s Sunday afternoon and got to visit with a great niece Megan and her little daughter Kailani. They were visiting for a few days and are from Glendale, Arizona. Kailani is eighteen months old and is cute and tries to say a few words. They had been to the park in Warroad where she got to swing. She loved it.

Anna DeHate, Bunny DuChamp, Wilma Arlt, and Alice Jobe went to Moran’s in Winger for their BBQ ribs, a special

for senior citizens. They had a big crowd and the place was packed. It was delicious.

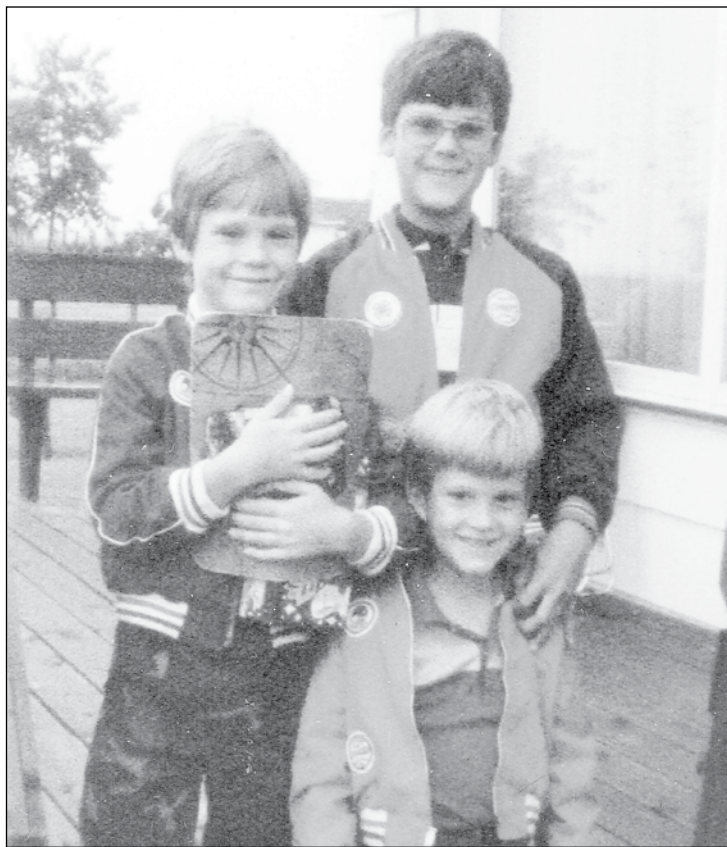
Some farmers have been combining wheat.

Today when three of us gals went picking corn out east, we saw a nice sunflower field on the north side which I haven’t seen in a few years. It is very rare. In the seventies and eighties sunflowers were widely grown here. I noticed along the highway between Warroad and Badger, it was mainly wheat fields, soybeans were quite rare.

It continues to be hot and dry. I long for a good soaking rain. Wednesday and Thursday it was smoky from the fires in British Columbia. That’s a long way for smoke to drift. Imagine where the smoke from the California fires goes through a few states.

Have a good week!

Who’s Dat?



Who’s Dat

This weeks photo is of three boys ready for their first day in school.

Last weeks photo was Mandy Roisland, she was 2 1/2 years old.

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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