

Oklee Precipitation
By Einar Kvasager

	Rain	Snow
August 14	0.01	
Total in.	0.01	0.00

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Happy Birthday to the Oklee Herald who turned 107 years old this week.

Calendar of Events
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!
Sun, Aug 26:
-Worship at the church of your choice.
Mon, Aug 27:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
Tue, Aug 28:
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards
Wed, Aug. 29:
-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. 30:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
Fri, Aug. 31:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
Sat, Sept. 1:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!
Sun, Sept. 2:
-Worship at the church of your choice.
Mon. Sept. 3:
Labor Day

Construction and detours on Highway 92

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. The \$2.9 million project is expected to last through September.

Bids opened for Red Lake County # 10

The Red Lake County Commissioners meeting was called to order by Vice Chair, Ron Weiss, standing in for Commissioner Dave Sorenson, who was on vacation. All others were present.

Jerilyn Swenson, Interim County Engineer opened bids for Red Lake County Road 10 (SAP 063-610-008 (mill-overlay-shouldering)). There were four bids:

Knife River Materials from Bemidji, RJ Zavoral & Sons from East Grand Forks, Central Specialties from Alexandria and Agassiz Asphalt LLC from Newfolden.
Bids were as follows:
Knife River Materials \$1,015,657.72
RJ Zavoral & Sons \$1,155,314.00
Central Specialties \$1,490,759.94
Agassiz Asphalt LLC \$1,110,277.26

Swenson thanked everyone for their bids and informed the board she would go back to her office, look all the bids over to make the bids are correct and all items required and would come back to the meeting later with the final choice, but based on what she saw so far, it looked like Knife River was the potential winner of the bids.

Lee Meier from Northwest Housing Rehabilitation Authority (NW HRA) came to update the board with the annual report. Legislation for a levy/grant didn't go through this past year, but will submit it again for next year.

A letter of support will be needed for the new request for the levy/grant. Meier has talked to Senator Mark Johnson about this. A motion was made by Commissioner John Lerohl and seconded by Commissioner Al Remick, carried to have a letter written in support of the levy/grant.

Meier talked about a few projects that have been completed such as the East Grand Forks building where the NW HRA offices are located.

Other items reported on were the CRF (Community Revitalization Fund (Down Payment Assistance)), HRA Property Management, and the Section 8 Program.

Meier was asked by the commissioners if he was retiring and he replied, yes on January 31, 2019. The HRA board will be meeting on August 15th to decide who will replace Meier.

Tanya Hanson from the RLC SWCD (Red Lake County Soil, Water Conservation District) updated the commissioners on the Shoreland requirements and Buffer Strips. Remick had a few questions of Hanson about who polices the buffer strips, cost sharing, etc.

Hanson also reported on JD #60 where 18 side water inlets can go in. The RLC SWCD has approved a project that involves JD #60 & JD #66 where a grant will cover 75% of the cost and an additional grant from Enbridge Eco Footprint will cover the rest.

Hanson talked briefly about the proposed budget for 2019

stating it will be similar to last year overall, but personnel costs will go up, but capital outlay will go down.

Hanson also would like to go after another grant working with the Highway Dept. on a project.

Ending her update, she said that rain is needed to get better growth on the buffer strips that have been planted. Some have had to be planted twice because of the dry weather.

Committee meeting were reported with Commissioner Ron Weiss reporting on the TCCC meeting he attended. There were 174 person in jail with 64 paying per diem and 4 from Red Lake County. There were no juveniles from Red Lake County.

Weiss also said that Norman County would like to have a combined dispatch center but Red Lake County Sheriff Bernstein doesn't want to at this time.

Minutes were looked over and approved with a motion by Commissioner Chuck Simpson, Remick seconded, carried.

Bills were approved with a motion by Simpson and seconded by Lerohl, roll call vote, carried.

Red Lake County Jerilyn Swenson came back to the meeting and recommended that Knife River Materials be awarded the bid. A motion by Lerohl and seconded by Simpson to approve the awarding to Knife River. Questions ask were when this project would be started and was told to expect the start day to be the beginning of September.

Swenson was also asked about the bus lane in Plummer since that is a county road. She said patching would take place because in a few years, the City of Plummer will be doing some utility work so county will wait until that is completed.

Lou Tasa from the Minnesota Department of Transportation in Bemidji came to the board to ask how things are going. Lerohl asked if the Highway 92 project will be doing the same overlay that is on 92 from Trail to Clearbrook. Tasa wasn't sure, but thought it would be. Tasa asked a more pointed question to the board on what their plans were on hiring a permanent County Engineer. Swenson was asked how she thought things were going. She replied that there is not enough time to do everything that needs to be done. And that Red Lake County should have a full time engineer. It was asked if she got a assistant engineer if that would help, and she said she has that in Norman and it still isn't enough time to get all the things done,with the split job between Norman and Red Lake, she only has time to focus on the most important things.

Tasa said that with the growth of Thief River Falls and more traffic being counted, many roadways may need expansions. Under design in TRF is a new truck route by

Commissioners
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Operation Round Up® Grant Applications due Friday, September 7th

Organizations involved in community projects and charities are encouraged to apply for funds from Operation Round Up at this time. Completed grant applications are due in the Red Lake Electric Cooperative (RLEC) office by Friday, September 7th.

Operation Round Up is a program adopted by RLEC headquartered in Red Lake Falls. Members choosing to "round up" their monthly electric bill payment provide funds for this effort. Today 96% of RLEC members now choose to contribute pennies each month to enhance their communities.

Funds will be donated primarily to nonprofit organizations to help fund specific projects or programs. Since the program began in 1993, \$525 thousand has been granted to community organizations and charities. Money is donated for the betterment of the commu-

nity within the outside service area boundaries of RLEC.

The Red Lake Electric Trust Board of Directors determines grants. Board members are Julie Stennes, Thief River Falls; Tishara Melcher, Middle River; Diane Kolstoe, Oklee; Stephanie Johnson, Gatzke and Bonnie Christians, Crookston.

To apply for Operations Round Up grants, organizations should contact the RLEC office in Red Lake Falls at 218-253-2168 or 800-245-6068. A short application must be completed and submitted along with a financial statement from the organization.

Grant application forms are available on the Cooperative's website: www.redlakeelectric.com

For more information contact Stephanie Johnson, General Manager of RLEC, at 218-253-2168 or 800-245-6068.

Photos from Market Day in Oklee



This cool 2008 Chevrolet Corvette 789 was one of many great cars on display at the Oklee Market Day on August 11th. The car is owned by Joy Ostlund.



Oklee Market Day Successful

Oklee Market Day was a success even though it was on the hot side. And of course every farmer in the area is out harvesting their grain crop. The crops have been coming in fast and furious.

The Oklee Market Day Hero Hustle 5K Run/Walk event was well attended and started their run at 8:30 a.m. This year's event is bringing awareness to Organ, Eye and Tissue Donation. Runners/walkers were to dress up in their favorite superhero costume, a prize was awarded for the most creative costume. Winners were:

Men's Division - 19 and under: Owen Chervestad (23:49); 20 to 29 years old: Travis Larson (24:02); 30 to 39 – no one entered; 40 to 49 year old: Casey Wiedenman (37:37); 50-59 age group: Larry (Snook) Olson (44:31); and 60 and over: David Mugaas (40:18).

Women's Division - 19 and under: Shawna Majeres (25:21); 20 to 29 years old: Kate Holmstrum (25:59); 30 to 39 – Jami Hendrickson (33:25); 40 to 49 year old: Michelle Bakken (33:10); 50-59 age group: Nancy Carriere (41:09); and 60 and over: Mary Jo Mugaas (35:56).

Also there was a key hunt that started that morning. They are a number of keys hidden and you have to look for them. Then at the end of the day, you get to try your key in the lock.

By 9 in the morning all the vendors were sent up and the quilt show was open. This year the quilt show was in the Oklee Community Hall and all the vendors were located in the RLCC High School gym.

The vendors had many things to check out and there was a little of everything for everyone. Decoration, cooking items, crocheted items, quilted items, food items, jewelry, perfume beads, Tupperware, Pamper Chef, creative craft items, etc.

The quilt show had many great quilts on display and a Trunk Show was held at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Trunk show are interesting things to go to. You not only learn about the quilt, you learn about the person who makes the quilt. There are so many fabrics and designs, it is a wonderful thing to learn about even if you are not a quilter.

There were also many other things going on at Market Day. At 10 a.m. the Car Show was in full swing with Wild Wes as the DJ playing lots of great music throughout the day. There was a Side Walk Chalk Contest

on Main Street and a Peddle Pull Tractor contest on 2nd Street.

Also behind the houses next to the RLCC Football field was the Old Time Plowing event where the guys bring in their old tractors and 2 and 3 bottom plows and get to play old time farmer for an hour or so. Tractors of all ages and types always make this an interesting event. The ground was surprisingly soft considering how hot and dry it has been here.

At noon there was a Blind Driver contest for adults and Peddle Tractor races for the kids, but the all must have been busy elsewhere because there was a low turnout for this event.

By 1:30 p.m. lot of folks gathered on Main Stree for some Old Fashioned Street Games. Many games were planned and many participated in all age groups. There were the traditional ones we all think of like the three legged race, the egg toss, etc. But there were a few new ones from last year. Cups of water poured over your shoulder to fill a cup behind the next persons back, and then on down the line of four people. The winner was the team with the most water in the cup. Lots of fun for everyone. At 2:30 p.m. Sand Pile Dig began that all the children love. They get to dig in sand and find the hidden coins. They were lined up for the start and had a blast.

Lots of drawing around town were announced around 2:45 p.m. on Main Street. Oklee Café had drawing for gift certificates and the winners were: Kids received a \$5.00 certificate: Guy Bergeson, Aubrey Halverson and Aubrey Swenson. Adults received a \$10.00 certificate: Dale Cote, Linda Mickelson and Jeannie O'Neill.

Winners of the Quilt Show were: Large Quilt Karen Matson, McIntosh, Small Grace Dessellier, Kids Paige Olson.

At 3 p.m. the last event of Oklee Market Day was an ATV Pull. However, due to heat, harvest and exhaustion from all the fun activities, very few showed up but the few that did, had fun anyways. Lawn tractor, a 4 wheeler and a small tractor had plenty of fun. Next year, maybe more will show up for the challenge.

In the evening at 9:00 pm Odd Man Out at TJ's Tavern entertaining folks in the cool bar with lots of beverages.

It was a fun day for many and planning for next year's Market Day will be starting soon.

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Sun, August 26: 9:00 a.m.
Zion. 10:30 a.m. Salem.

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OKLEE, GRYGLA & GOODRIDGE
Fr. Adam Hamness
Sun, August 26: 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 25: 5:30 p.m. RLF
Sun, August 26: 8:00 a.m. Brooks. 10:00 a.m. RLF.

IMMANUEL–EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun, August 26: 9:00 a.m.
Worship at Ebenezer. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Immanuel.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH
Bethany–Ekelund–Faith
Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Sun, August 26: 8:30 a.m. Faith, 9:45 a.m. Bethany, 11:00 p.m. Ekelund.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

August 27 - 31
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 chef salad, cottage cheese, toast, and dessert.
Tuesday: Goulash hotdish, corn, toast, and dessert.
Wednesday: Grilled pork & cheese sandwich, hash browns, green beans, and dessert.
Thursday: Chicken drummies, tossed salad, toast, and dessert.
Friday: BBQ on bun, macaroni salad, peas, and dessert.

Thank you!

Thank you to all who purchased a Zion Lutheran Church raffle ticket. The money raised will be used for the window project.

Winners were:
Cheryl O'Neill \$1000
Alma Stenberg \$750
Lori Melby \$500
Toni Johnson \$250
Mike Swenson \$100
Tracy Lee \$100
Sandie Schmitz \$100
Denise Olson \$100
Kate Lerohl \$100

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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 and the difference between Alzheimer's and dementia.

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

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive – Nazareth
Oak Park – St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Sat, August 25: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.
Sun, August 26: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri, 9:45 a.m. Oak Park, 11:00 a.m. Nazareth.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, August 22: 9:30 a.m. Christian Women's Club.
Sun, August 26: 9:30 a.m. Worship.
Tue, August 28: 9:30 a.m. Devotions. 10:00 a.m. Quilting. 6:30 p.m. Bible Study.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, August 26: 9:00 p.m. Lund. 10:30 a.m. Bethany.
Wed, August 29: 8:00 p.m. Parish Board meeting at Lund.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston
Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor
Sun, August 26: 10:00 a.m. Worship.

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Legal Notice

NOTICE OF HEARING
Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103D.911, notice is hereby given that the Board of Managers of the Red Lake Watershed District will hold a public hearing on the proposed 2019 General Fund Budget at 9:30 a.m., September 13, 2018, at the Red Lake Watershed District Office, 1000 Pennington Avenue South, Thief River Falls, MN 56701. The following is the 2019 proposed budget:

PROPOSED 2019 BUDGET	
Manager's fees & salaries.....	\$20,000.00
Board of managers' expense.....	22,000.00
Staff salaries.....	472,500.00
Payroll taxes.....	36,146.00
Employee benefits.....	73,492.00
Travel and meetings.....	5,000.00
Audit.....	9,000.00
Legal.....	16,000.00
Office supplies.....	15,000.00
Office equipment.....	18,000.00
Appraisers and Viewers.....	2,000.00
Professional services.....	20,000.00
Dues and subscriptions.....	10,000.00
Insurance and bonds.....	25,000.00
Repairs and maintenance- building.....	10,000.00
Utilities.....	10,000.00
Advertising & publications.....	4,000.00
Telephone.....	11,000.00
Vehicle expense & maintenance.....	14,000.00
Engineering supplies.....	3,000.00
Engineering equipment.....	40,000.00
TOTAL.....	\$836,138.00
LESS: ESTIMATED OVERHEAD.....	(708,750.00)
LESS: MISCELLANEOUS.....	
REVENUE.....	(7,000.00)
PROPOSED 2019 GENERAL FUND BUDGET AND LEVY.....	\$120,388.00

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
An ad valorem tax of .0004836 times the taxable market value for 2018, collectible for 2019, will be levied on all taxable property within the Red Lake Watershed District. One-half of the levy will remain in the District for projects listed below; the other one-half of the levy will be sent to the Red River Watershed Management Board for projects within the Red River Basin.

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

RLCC-Oklee Site Summer Hours:

Summer hours at the high school site will be from 7:00 AM-3:30 PM Monday-Thursday. If you are needing anything call ahead to make sure someone is in the office.

Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary

Gary & SueAnn Brantl

AUGUST 24, 2018

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University of Minnesota Extension NW MN Soybean Plot Tours – August 28 & 29, 2018

Tours of field plots established by the University of Minnesota soybean breeding program and county associations are scheduled for August 28 and 29 at five locations in northwest Minnesota. The tours are sponsored county growers and the soybean check-off through the Minnesota Soybean Research & Promotion Council (MSRPC). Speakers will include University of Minnesota Extension educators and representatives of both state and county soybean associations.

While the agenda for each location may vary depending upon speaker availability, topics might include: the status of soybean aphid management, the soybean cyst nematode (including distribution of soil sample kits for project-sponsored testing), performance of pre-emerge herbicides in soybeans, soybean variety trials and a comparison of planting date and plant population for northern soybean varieties.

The tour dates, start times, local sponsors, locations and directions are as follows:

August 28 – Norman County – 10 AM – Swenson Farms, 1 mile east of Shelly on Hwy 3, and south 3/4 mile on 130th St. (GPS point: 47.4424, -96.7943). A noon meal will follow the tour.

August 28 – Becker/ Mahnomon Counties – 3 PM – Bill Zurn Farms and Mitch Hoekstra of Select Ag Inc., 3 miles west of Select Ag offices located at Hwy 59 and 250th

Red Lake Falls Library News

The library is open on Tuesday from Noon until 7:00 pm, Wednesday from Noon until 7:00 pm, Thursday from Noon to 5:00 p.m.; Friday from Noon until 5:00 pm, and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Even though summer reading events are finished, kids are encouraged to keep reading, especially from among the many new children's books that arrive weekly at the RLF branch. There are lots of animal titles in easy picture book format, such as "Click, Clack, Quack to School!" by Doreen Cronin and Betsy Lewin; creators of the hilarious "Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type" and related titles; "Crunch, the Shy Dinosaur" by Cicero Dunlap; "Arf! Buzz! Cluck! A Rather Noisy Alphabet" board book by Eric Seltzer; and "A Dog Named Doug" by Karma Wilson. New easy nonfiction that will captivate kids includes "The Squirrels' Busy Year," a First Science Storybook by Martin Jenkins; "Look At Me! How to Attract Attention in the Animal World" by Steve Jenkins and Robin Page; and "100 Bugs: A Counting Book" by Kate Narita. Classic children's favorites have new titles as well: "Caillou Tries New Foods" in board book format; "Amelia Bedelia Gets a Break" by Herman Parish, an I Can Read! title; and Margaret & H. A. Rey's "Curious George: Super George!"

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St (plot is 1/4 mile west of Hwy 5 and Hwy 10 intersection, GPS point: 47.2824, -96.0023). Pioneer plot and meal will be at the Select Ag building.

August 29 – Marshall County – 8 AM – Jim Potucek Farm, 27001 County Highway 34, take Hwy 1 East two miles from Warren to County Road 34, then go North 5 miles to the plot (GPS point: 48.268188, -96.719311). Refreshments will

be served.

August 29 – Pennington/ Red Lake Counties – 11 AM – Kyle Mehrkens Farm, 1 mile North of St. Hilaire on the West side of HWY 32 (GPS point: 48.036195, -96.214879). Lunch will follow.

August 29 – Polk County – 4 PM – Mike Theis Farm, 748 350th Ave. SE (Co Rd 6), from HWY 2 go North on Johnson

Ave. and continue on 6th St. NE and 350th Ave. SE (Co Rd 6) to the plot across from St. Mary's Cemetery (GPS point: 47.581183, -95.736306). Supper will follow.

Visit <http://blog-nwcrops.extension.umn.edu> for updates or more information or contact UMN Extension educators Phil Glogoza (218) 236-2008 or Angie Peltier (218) 281-8692.

Minnesota Sheriff's Scholarship Program

Sheriff Mitch Bernstein of Red Lake County announced today the commencement of the Law Enforcement Scholarship Program for 2018. Sheriff Bernstein proudly announced that the MSA Board of Directors has established a scholarship fund for the awarding of up to 15 - \$600 scholarship this year. These scholarships are due to the coordinated efforts of the 87 Sheriffs of the State of Minnesota.

The Members of MSA gives special recognition to the financial needs of students attending the peace officer skills course, or one of the two or four year law enforcement degree colleges. "The Board of Directors feel peace officers in our democratic society have

complex duties to perform" said Sheriff Berstein. MSA recognizes the importance of pre-entry training for considering law enforcement as their career choice. MSA recognizes some students need outside help in meeting the costs of such training, even though they excel academically.

The Scholarship Committee, in making its selection of awards, intends on achieving representation from all geographical areas of the state. Scholarship awards will be announced December 28th of the same year. Application forms and a statement of procedures are available at the Red Lake County Sheriff's office. Scholarships are only available to

students currently enrolled in one of the following three categories:

1. Mandated POST Skills Program
2. In their second year of a two year law enforcement program.
3. In their third or fourth year of a four year college criminal justice program.

In order to qualify, students must have completed at least one year of the two year program or two years of a four year program. Student meeting these criteria are invited to obtain a scholarship application form from their local sheriff's office or online at www.mnsheriffs.org.

Sudoku Solution

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

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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 RLCC Rebels Football Team! This will be a free will dinner sponsored by the RLCC Boosters.

ATTENTION

RED LAKE COUNTY SMALL BUSINESS AND POTENTIAL STARTUP ENTERPRISES

The Red Lake County Economic Development Corporation can help you start your own business or expand an existing one. We are here to assist with a five (5) year loan for an amount up to \$20,000 at 2% APR. The business must be located in Red Lake County.

For more information, contact the Red Lake County Economic Development home office at 1-218-253-2897.

Or call David Ste. Marie, Red Lake Falls, 218-698-4279; Mike Spurgin, Red Lake Falls, 218-465-4648 or Leo Olson, Oklee, 218-796-5656.

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Centennial Recipe Corner

Oatmeal Waffles Anita Bachand

1-1/2 cups flour
2 eggs, slightly beaten
1 cup quick oatmeal
1-1/2 cups milk
1 Tbsp baking powder
6 Tbsp butter, melted
1/2 tsp cinnamon
2 Tbsp brown sugar
1/2 tsp salt, opt

Stir together flour, oatmeal, baking powder, cinnamon, and salt. In small bowl, stir together eggs, milk, butter and brown sugar. Add to flour mixture; stir until blended. Pour batter onto grids of preheated, lightly greased waffle iron. Close lid quickly; do not open during baking until waffle is done. Use fork to remove baked waffle. Makes 12 (4") waffles.



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ECFE/School Readiness/Screening

Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE)
Early Childhood Family Education is for all birth-5 year olds and their parents. Events and activities are planned and set up for babies, toddlers, preschoolers and their parents throughout the year to promote leaning 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

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August 2018 Health Points

August is National Breastfeeding Month
The Benefits of Breast-feeding

Breast feeding is the best, most nurturing way of feeding your new baby – something special you can do for your child and you.

- Breast feeding is best for your baby
- Breast milk has everything your baby needs to grow and be healthy.
- Breast milk is easy to digest. Your baby's stools will be soft and easy to pass.
- Breast milk protects babies from ear infections, colds, allergies, diarrhea and constipation. Your baby will be sick less and have fewer doctor visits.
- Breast feeding helps baby's eyes and brain develop.
- Breastfed children are less likely to have diabetes or become overweight in later years.
- Breast feeding is great for mother-baby bonding.
- Breast feeding is good for moms
- Baby smells sweet and diapers smell less.
- Breast feeding saves time. No messy bottles to fix at night, so everyone sleeps better. Breastfeeding helps you lose weight.
- Breast feeding lowers your risk of breast and ovarian cancer, osteoporosis, diabetes and heart disease.
- Breast fed babies are easy to take on trips. Just grab the diapers and go!
- Women enjoy breast feeding. Hormones your body makes during breastfeeding help you relax and feel close to your baby.
- Breast feeding saves money (no formula or bottle costs, fewer doctor bills and medication costs).
- WIC moms may get extra food for the first year of breast feeding.
- Breast feeding is good for your family
- Breast feeding families are happy knowing their babies are getting the best food possible.

Fathers and others are very important. They can: Talk and sing to baby; Cuddle baby; Take baby for a walk, Bathe baby; Read or tell stories.

www.health.state.mn.us/divs/oshii/bf/bfyourbaby.html

(percent not calculated for <30 infants)
Minnesota Department of Health WIC Program, July 2018

Why Walk? Why Not!
Walk more - take action to improve your health.

The Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans recommend that adults get at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic physical activity or 75 minutes of vigorous-intensity physical activity, or an equivalent combination each week. The guidelines also recommend that children and adolescents be active for at least 60 minutes every day. Following these guidelines can contribute to overall health, and decrease the risk of chronic diseases such as heart disease, cancer or diabetes.

Walking is a great way to get the physical activity needed to obtain health benefits. Walking does not require any special skills. It also does not require a gym membership or expensive equipment.

Why not! Add walking as part of your daily routine.
www.cdc.gov/physicalactivity/walking/index.htm

Healthy Water
Getting enough water every day is important for your health. Healthy people meet their fluid needs by drinking when thirsty and drinking with meals. Most of your fluid needs are met through the water and beverages you drink. However, you can get some fluids through the foods that you eat. For example, broth soups and foods with high water content such as celery, tomatoes, or melons can contribute to fluid intake.

Water helps your body:

- *Keep your temperature normal
- *Lubricate and cushion joints
- *Protect your spinal cord and other sensitive tissues
- *Get rid of wastes through urination, perspiration, and bowel movements

Your body needs more water when you are:

- *In hot climates
- *More physically active
- *Running a fever
- *Having diarrhea or vomiting

If you think you are not getting enough water, these tips may help:

- *Carry a water bottle for easy access when you are at work of running errands.
- *Freeze some freezer safe water bottles. Take one with you for ice-cold water all day long.
- *Choose water instead of sugar-sweetened beverages. This can also help with weight management. Substituting water for one 20-ounce sugar sweetened soda will save you about 240 calories.
- *During the school day students should have access to drinking water, giving them a healthy alternative to sugar-sweetened beverages.
- *Choose water when eating out. Generally, you will save money and reduce calories.
- *Add a wedge of lime or lemon to your water. This can help improve the taste and help you drink more water.

www.cdc.gov/healthywater/drinking/nutrition/index.html

Breastfeeding Initiation and Duration at Two Weeks and Two and Three Months for Minnesota WIC Infants in 2017

Minnesota
Total Babies: 28,483
Initiated Breastfeeding: 23,120 (81.2%)
Two Weeks: 20,629 (72.8%)
Two Months: 15,109 (54.2%)
Three Months: 13,321 (47.9%)
Pennington County
Total Babies: 87
Initiated Breastfeeding: 65 (74.7%)
Two Weeks: 52 (59.8%)
Two Months: 30 (34.5%)
Three Months: 29 (33.3%)
Red Lake County
Total Babies: 25
Initiated Breastfeeding: 19 (76.0%)
Two Weeks: 17 (68.0%)
Two Months: 12 (48.0%)
Three Months: 11 (44.0%)

Commissioners Continued from page 1.

Challenger Elementary School to Sanford Hospital/Clinic plus other projects in the next 3 years for more roundabouts. Housing is growing fast also.

Next on the agenda was Sheriff Mitch Bernstein with a resolution for a joint powers agreement for crime reporting. Bernstein will be the representative for this project and there will be some software upgrade required but that should be reimbursed. The resolution was approved with a motion by Lerohl, seconded by Simpson, carried.

Remick asked County Attorney Mike LaCoursiere up to the table while Bernstein was still there for a few questions. A letter has been sent to the Commissioners regarding an issue that is under investigation at this time and LaCoursiere said he couldn't comment further than what was in the letter. This issue regards the timing of the approval of an increase in the commissioner's monthly wages and the matter is under investigation. Until it is resolved the board members have not been receiving the increase in their wages and it has been set aside in an escrow account.

Other questions regarding the investigation of Anthony Flage issue, and when is the MinnDak going to trial.

LaCoursiere again stated he couldn't comment on an ongoing investigation and the trial dates, he didn't know, but it should be soon.

Auditor Bob Schmitz and a couple of items for the commissioners to finish off the meeting.

The Veteran's Service Officer, Kurt Ellefson had a grant and the county needs to be the fiscal agent for this grant for outreach only which includes billboards and advertising. A motion was made by Simpson, seconded by Lerohl, carried.

Also two joint powers agreements regarding the re-counting of ballots for the Primary and General Elections is need and is an item that is done every year needed approval by the board. The motion by Lerohl and seconded by Remick was made and approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 p.m.

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Feeling Fit and Fine Winners for Pennington and Red Lake Counties



Week 7 winner for Pennington County age 3-5 was Rylyn Redden.



Week 8 winner for Pennington County age 3-5 was Ava Kolstoe.



Week 7 winner for Pennington County age 6 - 12 was Connor Suko.



Week 8 winner for Pennington County age 6 - 12 was Zachary Ostercamp.



Week 7 winner for Red Lake County age 3 -5 was Jacob Schindler.



Week 8 winner for Red Lake County age 3 -5 was Isaac Schindler.



Week 7 winner for Red Lake County age 6 - 12 was Jacob Harmoning.



Week 8 winner for Red Lake County age 6 - 12 was Layna Schindler.

Parenting Tips

Immunizations (also called shots or vaccines) help prevent dangerous and sometimes deadly diseases. Immunization isn't just for kids – to stay protected against serious illnesses like the flu, measles, and pneumonia, adults need to get vaccinated, too.

National Immunization Awareness Month is a great time to promote vaccines and remind family, friends, and coworkers to stay up to date on their shots.

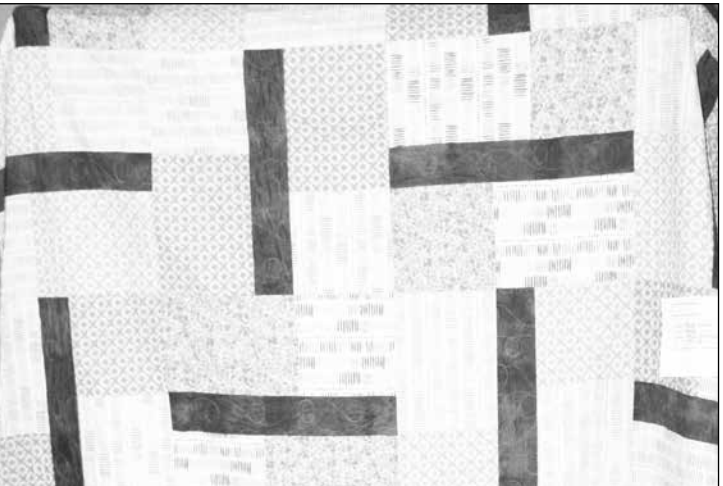
How can National Immunization Awareness Month make

a difference?

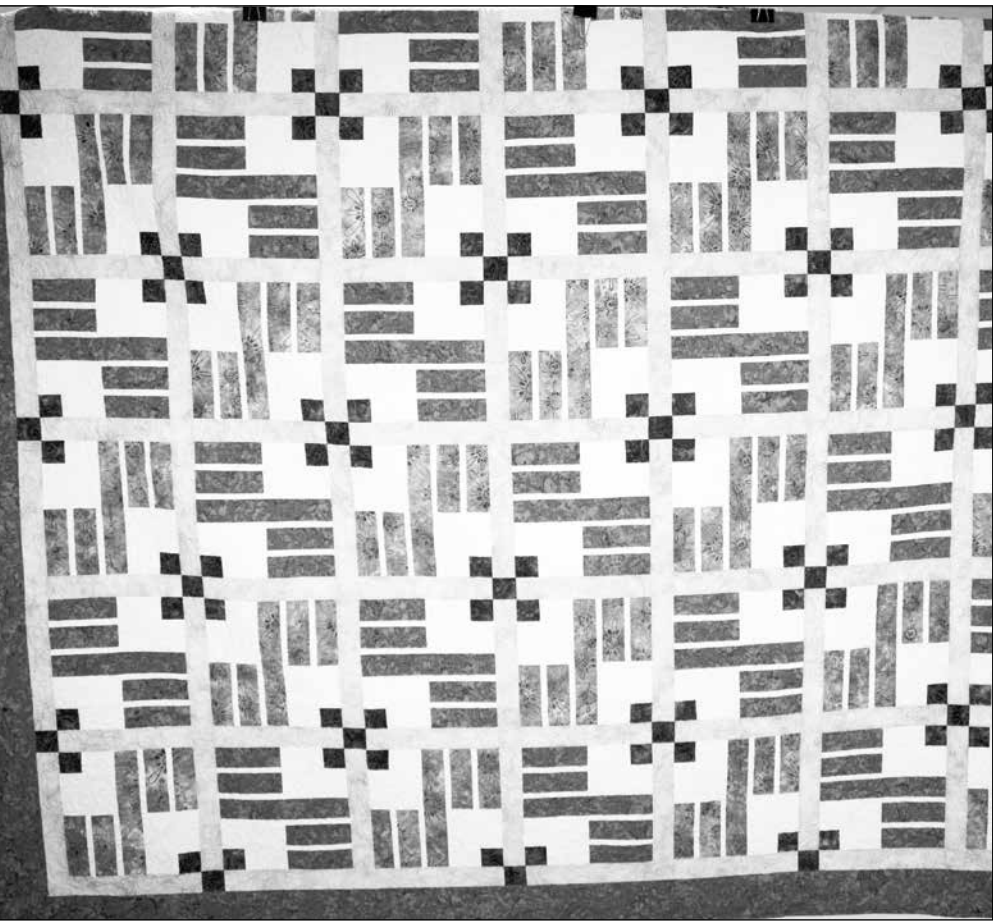
We can all use this month to raise awareness about vaccines and share strategies to increase immunization rates in our community.

Here are just a few ideas:

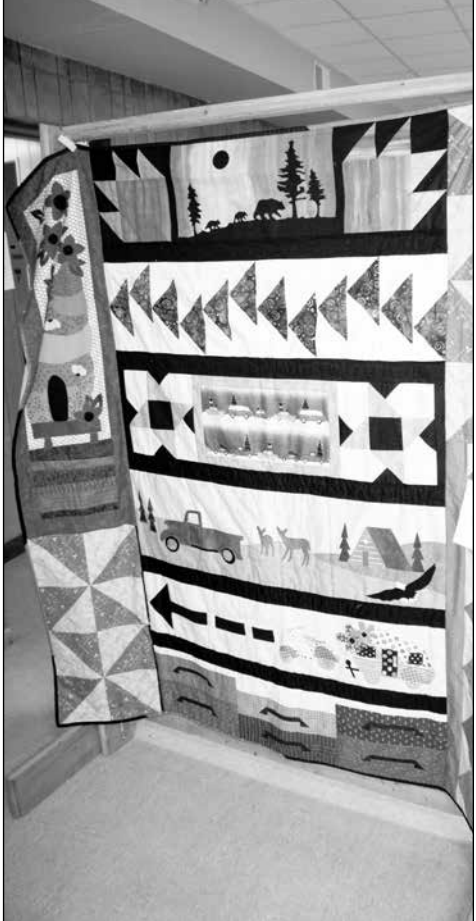
- Talk to friends and family members about how vaccines aren't just for kids. Shots can protect people of all ages from serious diseases.
- Encourage people in your community to get the flu vaccine every year.
- Invite a doctor or nurse to speak to parents about why it's important for all kids to get vaccinated.



Paige Olson was the winner in the Kids Division of the Quilt Show at Market Day on August 11th.



Karen Matson from McIntosh was the winner of the large quilt (left) in the Quilt Contest at Oklee Market Day. Grace Dessellier was the winner of the small quilted item (right).



Oklee Herald Early Files

Seventy Years Ago August 19, 1948

Gus Clemenson was elected commander of Frank Lund Post of the American Legion at the meeting held on Thursday night at the Club.

Virtually all telephones from the Oklee Exchange office northward were temporarily thrown out of service last week when a 52-wire underground cable was severed accidentally by the trench hoe engaged in digging for sewer mains on the local streets. Normal service was restored in a few hours.

Taaral Gunstenson of Oklee was aboard the Great Northern's 18-car westbound Oriental Limited which derailed Monday night near Rugby, ND. He was unhurt, although approximately 50 passengers were reported injured.

Little Sally Anne Hjelmhaug was guest of honor on her fourth birthday anniversary at Berry's Café. Twelve cousins were guests as well as her grandfather, Peter Hince.

Sixty Years Ago August 21, 1958

A six-lane bowling and recreation center will be opened in Oklee about October 1 as a result of a partnership formed between W. B. Seeger of Oklee and Alfred Bergh of Trail.

Lowell Sovde has been appointed chief of the civil defense health, medical and special weapons defense service for Oklee. In the event of a nuclear attack upon the state, Sovde's duties will include the establishment and operation of a first aid station to provide lifesaving, emergency first aid treatment. He will supervise a training program in home nursing and personal sanitation for the local population, and will be responsible for maintaining a safe water supply, a program of adequate sewage and waste disposal, insect and rodent control, and other essential medical and public health services.

Bobby Brandt, 6, narrowly escaped possible serious injury here Tuesday afternoon. He ran into the street from between parked cars in front of the Rolandson Implement building and ran into the side of slow moving automobile. He was more frightened than hurt.

Fifty Years Ago August 22, 1968

Although at least two funnel clouds touched down in this area Thursday afternoon, there were no injuries and only a small amount of property damage. From the Hickory Township weekly news: A funnel cloud touched down about 6:20 p.m. Thursday, felling trees just off the old Trail road, then dipping down south of the building on the Harry Hanson farm, pulling fence posts out of the ground and felling a small grove of trees.

One of the biggest tractors in Red Lake County is a Model 1700 Steiger owned by Stenberg Bros. Inc. of Oklee and was built by Steiger Manufacturing Co. of Red Lake Falls. This model has a 195 hp engine and has nine speeds forward and four wheel drive.

Despite threatening weather, an all-time record crowd established at about 1600 people attended Sunday's Stock Car racing on the Tri-County Speedway here.

Organization of a snowmobile racing association will be the object of a meeting scheduled in Oklee August 26th.

Pottery and flints dating

back 1,000 years were recently found in a pre-historic mound near Bemidji. It will be referred to as the Mattison Mound.

Forty Years Ago August 17, 1978

Oklee Herald has a new editor. Judy (Roue) Schue will take over as the "Oklee Herald" Associate Editor as of Monday, August 21. Associate Editor Judy Ditsch will be laying down her pen and turning over her position to the new Judy.

The Norway Symphony Orchestra from Harmar, Norway will perform in Oklee at the school on August 27. This well-known 56 piece orchestra had delighted audiences throughout Europe and have served as official good will ambassadors for the Kingdom of Norway.

Mrs. Glen Tasa motored to Erskine to visit at Tillie England home. Sena Chervestad has been spending several weeks with her sister Tillie England.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Peterson are the proud parents of twins born to them Saturday at the United Hospital of Grand Forks. One was a boy and other a girl. There will be a baby shower for Mrs. Ron Peterson and her twin boy and girl who have been named Troy and Tracy.

In concert at Red Lake Indian Fair August 18th will be Tommy Cash, brother of Johnny Cash, and his band, "The Tomcats".

Thirty Years Ago August 17, 1988

Oklee Community Theater will present the small Broadway comedy hit "Harvey" with John Larson playing the part of Elwood P. Dowd, the mild sweet inebriated who took up with a large rabbit six feet and a half inches tall. Mike Swenson is the director.

Sandy Radniecki was recognized for her contribution to the wellness of the older members of our community at a recognition event in Detroit Lakes. Radniecki and 85 others site managers in Region 1, 11, and IV received a certificate and a pin from the Board on Aging.

Alice Hofstad, of Plummer, recently attended a conference for the Minnesota Educational Media Organization (MEMO) held at the College of St. Benedict.

Emmitt Morinville retires after 42 years of service as a substitute and regular Rural Carrier. During this time he worked with quite a few Postmasters over the years including Art Laniel, Ralph Laniel, Clarence Gagner, Arnold Lanman, Roy Bachellor and Sharon Johnson. His daughter Phyllis Melby is currently Postmaster of Oklee.

Twenty Years Ago August 19, 1998

Follow up on the reported largest drug bust in the area, Steven Hugh Surcliff of Bank, Oregon and William George Daggett of Seaside, Oregon were arrested without incident on August 11th.

On Saturday, August 15, the Oklee Fire Department responded to a motor home driven by Kevin Skime from Grafton which had burst into flames 10 miles north and 11 miles east on the Gully road.

My Special Older Person essays were in the Oklee Herald: Mark Bachand wrote about Harold Cyr, Maureen Munt wrote about Vi Cote, and Isaac Kvasager wrote about Viola Kvasager.

Heidi Paradis of Brooks and the daughter of Roger and Mary Jane Paradis, was one of two Moorhead State University business administrators majors named as winners of this year's L.B. Hartz Achievement Scholarship.

Ten Years Ago August 13, 2008

Things have been progressing at the Oklee Area Veteran's Memorial this summer. The most recent change to the Memorial is the addition of the tow walkways, one heading north and the other east from the center of the memorial platform.

Anne Jaeger, Mayor of Plummer, passed away on July 31, at the age of 76. She served on the Plummer City Council for many years and currently serving her second term as mayor.

On a Tuesday, near the end of May, the new cell tower built by Alltel in Oklee was nearly completed and is now operational.

New tile floors have been installed in the main hall in RLCC High School and are now bright and cheerful as you enter the building.

James Chaput, a package car driver for UPS was recently recognized by UPS for completing 30 years of driving without an accident.

Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

Early this Sunday morning, I glanced out the window and it was lightning all over the southern sky. It was steady lightning but no thunder. Later when I got up the lightning was in the northern sky and it was raining. It was a welcome rain as it has been very dry.

I had sad news last week. A cousin of mine had passed away in her home. She was only 58 years old. She was always such a jolly person. The funeral will be on Tuesday.

In case you weren't informed, the "Pot Luck Meals" have started after some time off. Pot Luck will take place on the second Tuesday of every month at 5:00 p.m. All Seniors are invited, just bring something for the meal.

At the Site this week on Thursday, we will be having

an Ice Cream Party. There is no charge, just come and enjoy. It will take place at 2:00 p.m.. Come for Bingo at 12:30 p.m. and the party will be right after Bingo.

Dates to Remember

August 23: Bingo and Ice Cream Party.

September 3: Labor Day

Words of Wisdom

When you're giving something and someone your best, be sure it's worth the effort.

Don't let a negative attitude cause you to miss a beautiful day.

Joke Time

A Californian was visiting his Texan cousin and while

walking with the cousin across the barren section of land, saw a funny-looking bird flop across the road in front of them.

"What is it?" the Californian asked.

"It's a bird of paradise," replied his Texan cousin.

The Californian replied, "Long way from home, isn't he?"

An accountant and a lawyer bumped into each other in the elevator one evening. The accountant turned to the lawyer and commented, "Nice weather we're having, isn't it?"

As the attorney was about to reply, the accountant gasped and held up his hand. "Wait," he said, "don't answer that, I can't afford the fee for your opinion!"

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

We did get a scant half inch of rain on Sunday. It helps, but we are way behind in the amount we actually need to recharge the land. Our ground is parched. We need much more rain to be able to chisel plow effectively, for next year. I guess we have to be patient though, as we have been. It was so nice to get the air cleared for just a few hours. The smoke that has been choking up so

many people in the past week, is still evident, and won't go away for some time until the fires in Canada are gone. Pray for rain in Canada.

The Red Hats met on the 15th at Carols Cozy Bar and Grill. Anne Traxler, Karen Tvedt, Bunny DuChamp, Wilma Arlt, Alice Jobe, Mary Schindler, Letty Hair, and Barb Novak gathered to eat and visit. The chicken linguini

with Alfredo sauce was absolutely terrific. The helpings were generous and the dessert was Rhubarb crunch. Wow, Carol treats us so very fine. In September we will meet on the 19th.

School starts soon and the kids are so anxious to start and get into the swing with their friends again. I bet there are mothers that are just hanging on by a thread waiting for that bus to come and take them away. It is a bittersweet day to see the kids go off to school, but then miss their banter and presence during the day. I hope the kids all enjoy their time in school with their friends. The learning will be the one thing that goes with them all their lives.

Joe Pueringer and his wife Tracey came to visit with Vern and Mary Schindler on Sunday and then went to the Ness Café for dinner. Mike Pueringer joined them for dinner.

Blast to Brooks will be on Saturday September 8th. There will be a church dinner at St. Joseph's church and there will be a hot dish potluck, and fresh vegetables, along with many salads. A bake sale will also be available to the people, and there are always many selections of baked goods for the many tastes of customers. Come down and join us in the festivities.

We hope you all have a great week, and get a great deal accomplished. Summer is winding down now, and soon we will be fighting snowballs.



Travis Larson, Kate Holmstrum, Casey Wiedenman, Shawna Majeres, Owen Chervestad, Jami Hendrickson, David Mugaas, Snook Olson, Michelle Bakken, Nancy Carriere, Mary Jo Mugaas, were the winners in the Oklee Market Day Hero Hustle 5K Run/Walk event.

The photo on top shows the group taking off at the starting line on August 11th. This year they did a different route and there was less traffic to watch for.

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Plummer News

By Alice Jobe
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A birthday party for Chuck Simpson and Dean Hesse was held at the Legion Saturday evening. Chuck is 70 and Dean is 60 this month. They are cousins. Some of those coming for the party were cousin Nancy (Hesse) Mattison of Virginia, Tracy Simpson of Bismarck, ND. Lots of cousins came, Hesse's, Malwitz's, etc. Open house was from 6 – 8. They served pulled pork, brats, salads, crackers & cheese. Cake served also. The band played at 8 p.m. It was a good turnout.

On Tuesday, Karen Tvedt and her grandsons Ryan Tvedt, Mason Pahlen and granddaughter Leah Pahlen, age 10, 11 and 7, went to the museum in Thief River Falls. The kids really enjoyed it and were interested in many old things from the past. They also went to lunch at Dairy Queen. Last, they went to two parks for fun and exercise.

Wednesday evening, at Bingo at the Legion, Les Hofstad treated everyone to cupcakes for his birthday.

Wednesday eight Red Hat ladies went for dinner to Carol's Cozy in Brooks. The special was Chicken Alfredo, with garden salad, rhubarb dessert. Also they served tacos. Alice Jobe won the quarter pot. Mary Schindler finally got to come. It was fun to have her back. She so entertaining. Anne Traxler, Karen Tvedt, Bunny DuChamp, Wilma Arlt and Alice Jobe from Plummer went.

Plummer Senior Citizens met on Thursday at the Hall.

The Red Lake County Senior Picnic will be September 11th, at the Museum. It is put on by the Board on Aging. They will be serving from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. BBQ's, hotdogs, potato salad, bars will be served.

The dry hot weather continues. The crops, trees and lawns are stressed. Funny how the East Coast can be so rainy. Most of us would welcome a nice rain. It's soon school time and some colleges already had classes.

The flowers are about ready to quit blooming. It's a job keeping them watered every day.

Everyone have a good week!

Who's Dat?



Who's Dat

This weeks photo is twins who were raised in Oklee.

Last weeks photo was of three boys ready for their first day in school. They are Scott (Oklee), Nathan (Glyndon) and Tim (St. Cloud) Lambert.

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.

Stop by the office and I will scan your photo while you wait.



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