

Oklee Precipitation
By Einar Kvasager

	Rain	Snow
Sept. 8	0.02	
Sept. 13	0.07	
Sept. 14	0.08	
Sept. 15	0.02	
Sept. 21	1.66	
Total in.	1.85	0.00

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Commissioner's approve abatement & Shoreland permit

The Red Lake County Commissioners met on September 11, 2018 at 10am with Commissioners Al Remick, Ron Weiss, John Lerohl, and Chuck Simpson present. Dave Sorensen was absent.

First on the agenda was Tanya Hanson from Red Lake County Soil Water Conservation District (RLC SWCD) requesting a Shoreland Permit to be approved. The permit is for Enbridge Pipeline who is requesting for maintenance along the Clearwater River. Remick made the motion, Simpson seconded, carried.

Expenditures were looked over and Auditor Robert Schmitz informed the board of a billing issue with the Auto Value bill, which Auto Value will fix. There also was a bill in the group that caused Remick to abstain from voting. The expenditures were paid with a motion by Lerohl, seconded by Simpson, carried with roll call vote to abstain from Remick.

Committee meeting reports were started with Remick's report on the RLC SWCD meeting he attended. The main discussion was about the Buffer projects in the county. The SWCD is working with farmers on the buffers. Everything is going well and a grant from the pipeline is being used for other projects. Hope to have them all finished by the end of the year/season. Remick also reported that a NW Water Festival is being held soon in Fertile and Warren that our 4th graders from the local schools (RLCC & RLF) will be attending.

Lerohl attended an Extension meeting where the discussion was on the local grocery stores situation. Many

local grocery stores are having a tough time making it. People work in larger towns, and inadvertently end up shopping more there than in their small towns, which hurts local businesses. Lerohl also talked about a project where local vegetable farms are working with local suppliers to get their products (garlic & potatoes) into the local stores, using the suppliers for distribution.

Lerohl also attended a NW Regional Development meeting and they toured Errico Manufacturing, located in Viking, MN. Errico is a multi-generational family owned business; founded in 1976 by George Erickson. Originally a tool and die shop with an emphasis on special machines, it has evolved into a sizable manufacturing facility currently producing over a million parts per year. They supply their customers with production machining, stamping, and forming to customer specified designs. They are capable of producing CNC machined parts from bar stock, extrusions, castings, and forgings using both vertical and horizontal machining centers. Lerohl said it was very interesting tour. They have 40 – 60 employees depending on demand for their products.

Another meeting Lerohl attended was a MN Housing Consortium. The discussion at that meeting was about the project to place a couple of new homes in local communities working with Homark, Inc. HRA is working with this project also.

Ron Weiss attended an auditor's meeting where issues with the system are discussed and recommendations are made for fixing issues.

Weiss also reported on the Tri County Corrections Center (TCCC) meeting he attended. There were 8 person's from Red Lake County in jail, and none in the Juvenile Center. The health insurance for employees is going down from last year. A grant to reduce recidivism has been received, Weiss will report on that at a later time when he has more

facts. TCCC is discussing with Mahnommen the possibility of more beds being available once Clay County's new facility is up and running. And looking at the budget, payment from Red Lake County may go down based on the average usage of the facility.

Weiss attended a meeting of the Area on Aging (Land of the Dancing Sky) where they discussed the aging population and homeless. Insurance plans for seniors is being dropped in the NW MN area and the seniors will have to find a new supplemental plan by the end of the year. This is impacting 19 counties in our area.

Simpson attended an Economic Development meeting and there were 2 new applicants for loans, with 15 loans out with only one business who went bankrupt, things are going well.

Schmitz presented a tax abatement issue with Enbridge that was found. The problem was that the amount was over-valued due to transposed numbers. Lerohl made the motion to approve the abatement, Simpson seconded, carried.

Schmitz also reported that the accounting needs a new agreement needs to be ratified. This affects many counties and this is why the ratification needs to be done. The audit is not completed yet, but will report on it when the audit is final.

Angie Lundeen, from Human Resources has been looking for information for re-alignment of their step system. This has not been done for many years and the questions are how much will it cost, do they need to do it, how it will affect departments. Lundeen has talked to Kittson County who recently did theirs. They said they did it because of union contracts which forced them to do it. Lundeen also found out it is not as expensive as it used to be, because they now have data available from past years, cutting down the research time. Lundeen was instructed to find out more information and get other quotes for the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.



Quarterback Derek Peterson sets up the play for Red Lake County's game on September 14th.



Volunteer Rebel youth football coaches: Kyle Dudycha, Pat Leines, Arick Broden and Bud Bjerklie.

Calendar of Events

- Wed, Sept. 26:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
- Thu, Sept. 27:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
- Fri, Sept. 28:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
- Sat, Sept. 29:**
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!
- Sun, Sept. 30:**
-Worship at the church of your choice.
- Mon, Oct. 1:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
- Tue, Oct. 2:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards
- Wed, Oct. 3:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
- Thu, Oct. 4:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
- Fri, Oct. 5:**
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
- Sat, Oct. 6:**
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!
- Sun, Oct. 7:**
-Worship at the church of your choice.
- Mon, Oct. 8:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
- Tue, Oct. 9:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards.
-Senior Potluck at Café 5:00 p.m.
- Wed, Oct. 10:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
- Thu, Oct. 11:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.

More photos from Blast To Brooks



Lots of fun things to do and see at the 47th Annual Blast To Brooks



Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Wed, Sept. 26: 7:00 p.m. Confirmation. 7:00 p.m. Youth Group meeting at Zion.
Sun, Sept. 30: 9:00 a.m. Zion. 9:00 a.m. SS at Salem. 10:15 a.m. SS at Zion. 10:30 a.m. Salem.
Wed, Oct. 3: 5:30 p.m. Zion Bazaar meal with auction starting at 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Confirmation.

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OKLEE, GRYGLA & GOODRIDGE
Fr. Adam Hamness
Sun, Sept. 30: 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, Sept. 29: 5:30 p.m. RLF
Sun, Sept. 30: 8:00 a.m. Brooks. 10:00 a.m. RLF.

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun, Sept. 30: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer. 9:15 a.m. SS at Immanuel. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Immanuel.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Wed, Sept. 26: 7:00 p.m. Confirmation rehearsal at Faith.
Sun, Sept. 30: 8:30 a.m. Ekelund, 9:45 a.m. SS; 9:45 Faith, 11:00 a.m. SS; 11:00 a.m. Bethany, 9:45 a.m. SS. Confirmation at each church.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

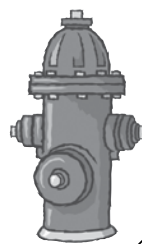
October 1 - 5
Call 796-5666 to order a meal.

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: Pancake, sausage patty, 1 egg, and dessert.
Tuesday: Goulash hotdish, corn, bread, and dessert.
Wednesday: Hamburger w/ bun, broccoli & cheese soup, and dessert.
Thursday: ½ BLT, fried potatoes, coleslaw, and dessert.
Friday: Grilled chicken, hash browns, carrots, toast, and dessert.

City of Oklee

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CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Wed, Sept. 26: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School/Confirmation.
Sat, Sept. 29: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.
Sun, Sept. 30: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri, 9:15 a.m. SS; 8:30 a.m. Oak Park SS, 9:45 a.m. Oak Park; 10:00 a.m. Nazareth SS. 11:00 a.m. Nazareth.
Wed, Oct. 3: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School/Confirmation. 7:00 p.m. LYS meeting.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Sept. 26: 6:30 p.m. AWANA.

Thu, Sept. 27: 7:00 p.m. Shepherds meeting.
Fri, Sept. 28: 8:30 a.m. Friday School.
Sun, Sept. 30: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School. 5:30 p.m. Family VBS.
Tue, Oct. 2: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions. 6:30 p.m. Church Bible Study.
Wed, Oct. 3: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group. 6:30 p.m. AWANA.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund Sand Valley Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, Sept. 30: Parish Worship/Membership Sunday - 10:30 a.m. Lund. Potluck to follow.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston
Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor
Sun, Sept. 30: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship.

Tri-Valley Public Transportation

T.H.E. Bus is available for anyone. There are no age or income guidelines. However, children under the age of four must be accompanied by an adult and children under the age of one must be secured in an infant seat.

To reserve a seat, please call one business day prior to the scheduled trip - 1-800-201-3432.
For Polk, Red Lake and Clearwater county stops:
Every Monday - Grand Forks.
Every 2nd Tuesday - Mahanomen.
Every 4th Tuesday - Thief River Falls.
Every 1st, 3rd, & 5th Wednesday - Fargo/Moorhead.
Every 2nd & 4th Friday - Bemidji.

ATTENTION:

Drivers for Senior Meals on Wheels are needed NOW!
If you are interested in delivering meals, contact the Senior Site at 796-5149.

Vote for Delane "John" Dudycha for Red Lake County Commissioner District 3

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Write In "Nancy Kolstoe" for Red Lake County Auditor Time For A Change

Paid for by Nancy Kolstoe on her own behalf.

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Grant (Free) Money is available for replacing Failing Septic Systems

Red Lake County Environmental Services currently has grant money available for failing septic systems. This money is for residential/family homes, not businesses.

In the past, it was just available for strictly low income households. In Red Lake County we have a sliding scale system in use. For example: If you show earnings of \$10,000 on your 2017 taxes you would qualify for 90% of your septic system to be paid. Earnings of \$50,000 would qualify for 50% to be paid on the system. Earnings of \$90,000 would qualify for approximately 10% of the septic system to be paid. These are all examples to give you an idea of what you might expect to receive based on your income.

Examples of failing septic systems would be: Septic tank is not water tight such as cracked, block tank etc., dumping into a ditch, creek, river or any surface outlet not below ground, also signs of septage (liquid) coming to the ground surface.

Please call for more information. You are not required to give your name if you just want to call and ask questions. We currently have a large pot of money available. We require a copy of your most recent taxes, for most that would be 2017, to determine which bracket you fall into.

We encourage you to call us and use this grant money. Call Kurt @ (o) 253-4121 or (c) 218-791-5776.

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October WIC Schedule

The Women, Infants and Children's Supplemental Nutrition Education Program (WIC) is being held the month of October 2018.

Infants, children up to the age of 5, and women who are pregnant or breastfeeding may be eligible for the program. We are very interested in enrolling pregnant women in the program. We feel that the prenatal nutrition is a vital part of producing a healthy baby. Therefore, it is important to apply for WIC early in your pregnancy. We need no proof of pregnancy.

All potential clients must contact the WIC Program to schedule an appointment.

The following is the schedule of WIC Clinics for the month of October.

Thu, Oct. 4: Red Lake Falls Community Center (City Bldg)
Mon, Oct. 8: Thief River Falls Redeemer Lutheran Church
Tue, Oct. 9: Thief River Falls

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Wed, Oct. 10: Thief River Falls Redeemer Lutheran Church

Thu, Oct. 11: Thief River Falls Redeemer Lutheran Church

Fri, Oct. 12: Thief River Falls Redeemer Lutheran Church

Tue, Oct. 23: Oklee Inter-County Community Council Building

For further information concerning the WIC program, call or write WIC Quin, PO Box 248, Newfolden, MN 56738, phone 874-7845 or 1-800-223-1591, or e-mail at quinchs@wiktel.com.

North Valley Home Health will offer immunizations, dental varnishing & blood lead testing at the Newfolden and Warren clinics from 9 to 11 a.m. Arrangements should be made prior to clinics by contacting North Valley Public Health. For more information contact North Valley Public Health at 218-745-5154 or 1-800-950-6986.

Buffer Law Compliance Deadline: November 1, 2018

The deadline for buffer strips along public ditches, November 1, 2018, is fast approaching.

If you have not yet signed up for buffer cost-share assistance please do so at the Red Lake County SWCD office.

To be in compliance with the Buffer law along public ditches, a landowner must have a 16.5 foot minimum width continuous buffer as provided in section 103E.021, subdivision 1 by the deadline. Along public waterways a buffer strip with an average of 50 feet, and a minimum of 30 feet must be in place. However, there are alternative practices available for use. Red Lake SWCD staff are available to provide technical assistance regarding these alternative practices if you would like to make an appointment with our office.

For more information and buffer law fact sheets, visit the Red Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District's website at: <http://redlakecountyswcd.org> or please call Red Lake County

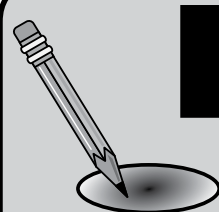
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Sudoku Solution

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

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Oklee Centennial Cookbook Recipe Corner - From page 318

Best Pumpkin Pie Carol (Breivold) Kjesbo & Violet Breivold

1-1/2 cups milk
1-1/2 cups pumpkin
1/2 cup sugar
1/4 cup brown sugar
1/2 tsp cinnamon
1/4 tsp nutmeg
1/4 tsp ginger
pinch of salt
2 eggs, slightly beaten

Combine all ingredients and pour into an unbaked shell. Bake about 1 hour.



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MUSTANG STAMPEDE

RLCC Menus

**October 1 - 5
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Monday: Breakfast: Raspberry cream cheese croissant, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Hot subs, chips, fresh vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Muffins, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken strips, cheesy hash browns, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Ham patty, tots, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Bagel with cream cheese, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Hamburger hotdish, breadsticks, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Hot dogs or polish, baked beans, chips, fruit, and milk.

Plummer

Monday: Breakfast: Muffin, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Ham patty w/ bun, cheese, potato wedges, steamed peas, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Diced ham & eggs, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Taco's, hash browns, corn, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Pancakes, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Fish nuggets, cheese potatoes, veggies & dip, PB sandwich, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Egg wrap, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chili, sliced cheese, corn bread, salad, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Cheese pizza, salad w/toppings, garlic bread sticks, fruit, and milk.

RLCC Sports Calendar

Mustang Volleyball

Combined schedule

Thu, Sept. 27: Bagley at Bagley Elementary 4:30 p.m.

Thu, Sept. 29: 9th-10th — Red Lake Falls at RLF JV Tournament TBD.

Mon, Oct. 1: JH - Red Lake Falls at RLF 4:30 p.m.

Mon, Oct. 1: 9th/JV/ Varsity Climax/Shelly at Fisher High 5:00 p.m.

Tue, Oct. 2: JH - Clearbrook-Gonvick at Clearbrook-Gonvick 4:30 p.m.

Thu, Oct. 4: 9th/JV/Varsity Clearbrook-Gonvick at Oklee 5:00 p.m.

Sat, Oct. 6: 9th/JV/Varsity Mahnomen/Waubun at Mahnomen TBD.

Mon, Oct. 8: JH Triangular - Red Lake Falls, Win-E-Mac at Oklee 4:00 p.m.

Mon, Oct. 9: JH - Bagley at Oklee 4:30 p.m.

Mon, Oct. 9: 9th/JV/ Varsity Goodridge/Grygla/ Gatzke at Goodridge High 5:00 p.m.

Mon, Oct. 15: JH - Fertile/Beltrami at Oklee 4:30 p.m.

Mon, Oct. 15: 9th/JV/ Varsity Fertile/Beltrami at Plummer 5:00 p.m.

Tues, Oct. 16: JH - Warren/Alvarado/Oslo at Plummer 4:30 p.m.

Tue, Oct. 16: 9th/JV/ Varsity Warren/Alvarado/ Oslo at Oklee 5:00 p.m.

Rebel Football

Combined Schedule

Thu, Sept. 27: 7th-8th — Fosston at Fosston 4:30 p.m.

Fri, Sept. 28: Varsity - Fertile-Beltrami at Fertile-Beltrami 7:00 p.m.

Mon, Oct. 1: JV - Fosston at RLF 5:00 p.m.

Tue, Oct. 2: 7th& 8th - Fertile-Beltami at Fertile Beltrami 4:30 p.m.

Fri, Oct. 5: Varsity - Warroad at RLF 7:00 p.m.

Thu, Oct. 11: 7th & 8th - NCE/UH at Red Lake Falls 4:30 p.m.

Fri, Oct. 12: Varsity - Warroad at Oklee 7:00 p.m.

Mon, Oct. 15: 7th & 8th - Climax/Shelly TBD at 4:30 p.m.

Mon, Oct. 15: JV - Climax/Shelly TBD at 5:00 p.m.

Wed, Oct. 17: BGMR at BGMR 7:00 p.m.

Rebels Edge Thunder

The Polk County West Thunder brought their 10th rated team in the state to Red Lake Falls on September 14th. When the clock struck zero, the Rebels would edge out a 14-13 win.

Both teams would have their first couple drives move the ball and then stall out. After the 3rd Rebel drive would end in a fumble the Thunder would go to work.

PCW would move the ball on 9 plays to cover 63 yards. On a 4th and 12, John Fontaine would pull down a pass from Sam Modeen to give PCW a 7-0 lead.

The Rebel offense would then get moving. Some nice runs from Chris Longtin, Connor Lambert, Adrien Verbout, and Zak Kennett would move the ball down the field. With 4:41 remaining, Kennet would score from 4 yards out and also add the PAT to give RLC the 8-7 lead.

After stopping PCW, the Rebels would fumble. This would give PCW the ball in great field position. They would move the ball and as time expired connect on a 8 yard touchdown pass to lead 13-8 at half.

The 3rd period would remain scoreless for both teams. Both teams would move the ball but stall out or turn the ball over in the red zone.

Late in the fourth, the Rebels trailing by 5, the defense came up with a big 3 and out. On the punt, the rush got to the Thunder punter giving the RLC team the ball at midfield with 3:30 remaining.

The team would move the ball down the field. With 1:25 left the Rebels were facing a 4th and 4 from the 20. Derek Peterson would scramble and find Zach Benson for a 1st down to the 4 yard line. Kennett would score his 2nd touchdown and five RLC a 14-13 lead with 1:08 left.

PCW tried to come back but a Fred Landman IV interception would end the game and move RLC to 3-0.

Verbout led in rush yards with 65 followed by Lamberts's 54, Kennett's 45, Peterson with 35 and Longtin 13. Peterson was 1-6 for 13 yards passing.

"It was an exciting win. We had some issues that need to be better but the character of the kids came out. To fight to the end...I was proud of the team," noted Coach Remick.

Rebels JV defeat

Thunderbirds

The Red Lake County Rebel Junior Varsity team took on the Mahnomen-Waubun Thunderbirds on Monday, September 10th.

Both teams played a tight first half. The teams would both start a drive and then stall or turnover the ball. The defenses were in control in much of the half.

Late in the second quarter a big pass connection from Andrew Johnson to Trent Goulet would bring the ball inside the Thunderbirds' 10 yard line. As time ran out in the half, Carter Williams would score to give the Rebels a 6-0 lead.

The second half was much like the first. Although, on a fourth down late in the third quarter the Thunderbirds were able to connect on a 25 yard touchdown pass to tie the game at 6-6.

RLC would continue to fight. Another Johnson to Goulet pass play would put them close to the goal line once again. On a fourth down, Williams would score on a three yard run and give RLC a 12-6 lead.

The defense would then hold and RLC would win 12-6 and move to 2-0 on the JV season. By Coach Brian Remick.

Who's new at RLCC

This week the Mustang Stampede features five who were hired this school year to work at Red Lake County Central. RLCC welcomes Katie Tran, Ryan Voeltz, Debra Boucher, Kelly Melin, and Brian Peterson.



Science teacher Katie Tran

Katie Tran

By Madison Carlson

Katie Tran is the new Life Science, Earth Science and Biology teacher at Red Lake County Central. She is also in charge of River Watch. She went to college at North Dakota State University and majored in Biological Science Education and Biological Sciences. She was the executive officer of the International Student Association and the Vietnamese Student Association.

Tran had been a substitute teacher in the Fargo/West Fargo School Districts for about two years. She recently was a sub in East Grand Forks/Grand Forks for a year. In the summer she had jobs such as a swim instructor, lifeguard, bug counter, ice cream truck driver, docent and junior zookeeper coordinator at Red River Zoo and a banquet server at the Hilton Garden Inn. Tran's husband is currently going to med school at University of North Dakota. She doesn't have any pets but is hoping to adopt a puppy next summer.

In her free time, Tran likes to be with her family in Fargo when she has time, likes reading and watching Netflix and in the winter she likes to crochet. She loves to travel. Her favorite food is spring rolls. Her favorite song is "Can't Take My Eyes off You" by Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons. Her favorite movies are "Beauty and the Beast," "Sahara," "Jumanji" and "Guardians of the Galaxy 1."

Tran is looking forward to getting to know all of her students.



Ryan Voeltz, custodian

Ryan Voeltz

By Phillip Sorenson

Ryan Voeltz is a new custodian at RLCC High School. He lives in Trail, MN and is a graduate of RLCC High School. He is the son of Lori and Larry Voeltz, brother to Travis Voeltz, and has a niece and nephew Taelynn and Devin. His hobbies are hunting and ice fishing. His favorite food is a steak from Texas Roadhouse.

He's looking forward making the school clean and safe for staff and students.



Debra Boucher, paraprofessional

Debra Boucher

By Jeremy Kruchowski

One of the new employees at the Red Lake County Central High School is Debra Boucher. Boucher is originally from northern Iowa and she currently lives a couple miles out of Oklee. Her job at RLCC is to be a paraprofessional. Boucher said, "I look forward to working with the students and getting more acquainted with the community."

She attended college at the University of Northern Iowa where she got her Bachelor of Arts in athletic training. She also received a Master of Science in Physical Education from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale. She previously was employed at TRIA Orthopedic Center in Bloomington, Minnesota. Boucher said, "I worked in the Orthopedic Urgent Care and the Sports Concussion Program."

Boucher was recently married in June to Trenten Boucher and relocated to the area at that time. Her favorite hobbies and interests are traveling, hiking, baking, reading, and sports. Boucher said, "I enjoy cruising and have been to several locations: Caribbean, Hawaii, Alaska, and Panama Canal." Her favorite foods are pasta, chocolate, and caramel.



Brian Peterson, kitchen helper

Brian Peterson

By Isaac Aquino

Brian Peterson recently was hired at Red Lake County Central High School as a kitchen helper and is excited to see all the students as they go through high school. Peterson graduated high school from Oklee in 1991. He also previously worked at Oklee Elevator and Swenson Seed Farm. Peterson has also volunteered to deliver Meals on Wheels for the Oklee Café for about ten years.

He lives in Oklee with his wife Letty and his two children, Alex (12th grade) and Marin (8th grade) who also attend RLCC High School. Some of his favorite hobbies are fishing and walking. His favorite food is anything he doesn't have to make himself!



Paraprofessional Kelly Melin

Kelly Melin

By Eric Gieseke

Kelly Melin is a newly hired Paraprofessional at RLCC High School in Oklee. Along with being a paraprofessional at RLCC she is also the junior high volleyball coach and runs her own business doing photography, personalized/ customized clothing and rustic sign making classes. Melin is most looking forward to working with the students of RLCC.

Melin graduated from Oklee High School in 1996 and attended the University of North Dakota for a short time before moving to the Cities where she went to school for

graphic design. She is currently taking online classes at Northland Community College, and starting in January will be attending Bemidji State University for her education degree.

Melin's husband Greg currently works in Western North Dakota where he owns Northmen Utility. They have three sons, Gerald (14), Oliver (10), and Emmitt (7), all who are students at RLCC. They all live on their family farm, north of Gully. They also have their dogs, Hobbs, Tess, Tuff, and Sam.

Her all-time favorite thing to do is watch her kids participate in their activities so she spends a lot of time going to football, basketball, hockey, and track events. Melin loves to read when she gets the chance, loves watching her chickens, enjoys photography and spending time at the lake. Her favorite food is anything on the grill, favorite place to travel is Nashville, her favorite teams are the Minnesota Vikings, RLC Rebels, RLCC Mustangs and the RLF Eagles hockey team, and her favorite place to hangout is at home on the farm with all her family and friends.

Melin added, "I'm happy to be back working at RLCC and am looking forward to a great school year!"

RLCC Sport and Activity Schedules Available Online

By Kia Bachand

If you are looking for a schedule for a sport or other events at Red Lake County Central High School, go to the website www.rlcc2906.org. Go to Activities Calendar/Schedule, then to view schedules. From there, check any boxes that have the sports/events you want the schedule for. Click view, and then you can print, email, or download your document.

RLCC Mustangs vs Crookston Pirates

By Madison Carlson

The Red Lake County Central Mustangs won against the Crookston Pirates on Thursday September, 20th in Plummer. The scores were 28-26, 21-25, 14-25, 25-20, and 15-5.

From Red Lake County Central, Julia Bernstein had 25 kills and three blocks. Jenna Pahlen had ten kills, six blocks and two aces. Kia Bachand had six kills and one ace. Sydnie Gunderson had five kills. Tanisha Srnsky had 33 assists.

From Crookston, Rachel Hefta had 22 kills. Hailey Seaver had 11 kills. Kylie Solheim had 37 assists.

RLCC Mustangs defeated by Sacred Heart Eagles

By Tanisha Srnsky

The Mustangs traveled to Grand Forks, ND on Tuesday, September 18, 2018. Red Lake County Central lost to Sacred Heart in three sets; 7-25, 19-

September 2018 Health Points

Parenting Tips

Anyone can get head lice. These tiny insects (about 1/8" long) make their home in human hair and feed on blood. Head lice multiply rapidly, laying small greyish-colored, oval-shaped eggs (nits) which they glue to the base of the hair, close to the scalp.

Usually, head lice are spread by direct head-to-head contact with an infested person. They may also be spread by sharing personal items such as combs, brushes, other hair-care items, towels, pillows, hats and other head coverings.

The recommended treatment includes using an over-the-counter (OTC) or a prescription medicated (lice-killing) product.

Lice are often killed with one treatment; however, a second treatment seven to 10 days later is often necessary to

ensure all of the nits are killed.

Head lice cannot survive off the human body for more than two days. They do not reproduce off the body. They do not live on pets. Any nits that fall off the head will not hatch or reattach.

While most head lice control should focus on treating infested people, some simple things can be done in the environment:

- Wash bedding in hot water (above 130° F) and dry in a hot dryer. Wash and dry recently worn clothing (including coats, caps, and scarves) in hot temperatures.

- Clean combs, brushes and similar items by heating in water of at least 130° F for 10 minutes.

- Clean floors, carpeting, and furniture by thorough vacuuming only. The use of insecticide sprays is not recommended.

Parents are encouraged to check their children's heads for lice on a regular basis.

RLC Elementary Rebels coaches talking with players during their Sept. 7th game.

Is Big Tobacco in Your Kid’s Backpack?

As Students Go Back to School, Health Groups Warn of Insidious Nicotine Devices

As students across Minnesota go back to school, Minnesotans for a Smoke-Free Generation warns that Big Tobacco may be in their backpacks. The coalition of more than 60 organizations working to reduce youth tobacco use is sending a warning to parents, educators and students and urging lawmakers to do more to protect youth.

“Today’s tobacco products are designed by the industry to look like everyday items like candy and school supplies,” said Molly Moilanen, Director of Public Affairs at ClearWay MinnesotaSM and Co-Chair of Minnesotans for a Smoke-Free Generation. “Through stealthy designs, high nicotine content, aggressive advertising and candy flavors, this generation of tobacco products threatens our progress to reduce teen smoking.”

Big tobacco goes back to school poster with labeling (00000002)The Minnesota Department of Health today issued a new advisory on youth nicotine addiction, calling it a “major health concern.” The advisory describes the dangers of nicotine addiction to young brains, and details the steps that parents, educators and school staff, health care providers and policymakers can take to reduce nicotine addiction. Resources are available on their page: health.mn.gov/ecigarettes. In April, the Minnesota Commissioners of Health and Education issued a joint letter to school administrators alerting them to an uptick in student nicotine use.

Minnesotans for a Smoke-Free Generation released a graphic that displays some tobacco products that parents may not recognize, including e-cigarettes, flavored cigars and snus. The goal is to raise awareness of these products before addiction sets in.

More than 26 percent of high-school students reported using tobacco products in the 2017 Minnesota Youth Tobacco Survey. The high-school tobacco use rate increased for the first time since the survey began in 2000, and is up 7

percent since 2014.

This disturbing increase is driven by a sharp rise in e-cigarette use, which is up 50 percent since 2014. This dramatic surge is a result of Big Tobacco’s aggressive marketing to youth, which includes prolific advertising, trendy devices, easy access to products and kid-friendly flavors.

The Legislature should take additional steps to reverse this alarming trend, such as increasing the tobacco age and restricting the sale of flavored tobacco products. Since nearly all addicted tobacco users started before they turn 21, raising the tobacco sale age to 21 would curb addiction and keep tobacco products out of schools. Restricting the sale of kid-friendly flavored tobacco products to adult-only stores and including e-cigarettes in smoke-free air laws would also help curb the threat of

youth addiction. Minnesota also should invest in robust tobacco prevention efforts that stop smoking before it starts.

In 2017, Minnesota collected over \$840 million in tobacco taxes and ongoing tobacco settlement payments. Less than 1 percent of these funds was spent on tobacco prevention, and none was dedicated to funding quit-smoking services.

“Nicotine is highly addictive and can harm the adolescent brain no matter how it’s delivered,” Moilanen added. “Some of these popular devices are delivering a massive amount of nicotine. Youth often don’t realize or underestimate the amount of nicotine in these products, and are becoming hooked at a young age. As Minnesota students go back to school, we urge elected leaders to step up and do more to protect youth.”

Key Facts:

is **Big Tobacco** IN YOUR KID'S **backpack?**

SMOKE-FREE Generation

**** = Tobacco Product**

1) Camel Snus**	8) blu e-cigarette**	16) Pen
2) Altoids gum	9) JUUL**	17) White-out
3) Camel Snus**	10) USB flash drive	18) Suorin Drop e-cigarette**
4) Watermelon cigarillo**	11) Pen	19) Phillis cigarillo**
5) Fruit Roll-Ups	12) Starbuzz e-cigarette**	20) Highlighter
6) Berry-flavored cigar wraps**	13) Pen	21) Swisher Sweets cigarillo**
7) Fruit Roll-Ups	14) Starbuzz e-cigarette**	22) Highlighter
	15) blu e-cigarette**	23) Highlighter



Rebels #10 Zak Kennett runs in the first touchdown of the game against the Thunder.

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- Peter of Peter, Paul and Mary
- Stay out of its way!
- Like word of mouth
- Truth, in the olden days
- American Society for Clinical Investigation
- *a.k.a. solvent of life
- Title for Turkish leader
- Woodwind mouthpieces
- Large, prefix
- Alexander Hamilton vs. Aaron Burr, e.g.
- Alaskan archipelago
- Agitate
- Before, in verse
- Fire starter, in a pinch
- Lamb serving
- *Star of Raffi’s song
- *Where ocean meets river
- Not a trick
- Boozehound
- It is best not mentioned
- Eagle’s nest
- Grass bristle
- Japan to U.S. in WW2
- Gwyneth, for short
- Actress ____ Thompson
- Official state sport of Wyoming

Nicotine is addictive and can harm the adolescent brain.

Source: U.S. Surgeon General

More than \$110 million/year: how much the tobacco industry spends every year marketing and advertising their products in Minnesota.

Source: Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids

Nearly 95 percent: of addicted adult smokers started before age 21.

Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (Results from the 2010 National Survey on Drug Use and Health).

Minnesota Youth Tobacco Trends – Source: 2017 Minnesota Youth Tobacco Survey:

67 percent: of high-school tobacco users and nearly 60 percent of middle-school tobacco users reported using flavored products.

11 percent: of high-school students reported smoking cigars or cigarillos, a 30 percent increase (from 8 percent in 2014).

Almost 40 percent: of high-school students have tried e-cigarettes, which come in kid-friendly flavors like gummy bear and cotton candy.

Nearly one in five: high school students reporting using e-cigarettes in the past month – a nearly 50 percent surge in high-school from 13 percent in 2014.

88 percent of high school and middle school students: reported they have seen advertisements promoting e-cigarettes.

Resources:

Minnesota Department of Health Nicotine Addiction Advisory

CDC Feature: “Keep Kids E-Cigarette Free”

About Minnesotans for a Smoke-Free Generation

Minnesotans for a Smoke-Free Generation supports policies that reduce youth smoking and help end the death and disease associated with tobacco use, including raising the tobacco age to 21, limiting youth access to menthol-, candy- and fruit- flavored tobacco, keeping tobacco prices high and funding future tobacco prevention and cessation efforts. Find out more at: smokefreegenmn.org.

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. Online patrons are reminded that they can visit www.nwrlib.org/rllf.htm at any time, where they can create their own patron accounts to browse, request

and renew materials all from their home computers.

New adult nonfiction: “The Art of Logic in an Illogical World” by Eugenia Cheng; “Gelato Fiasco: Recipes and Stories from America’s Best Gelato Makers” by Joshua Davis and Bruno Tropeano, “Joyful: The Surprising Power of Ordinary Things to Create Extraordinary Happiness” by

Ingrid Fetell Lee, and “The Old Farmer’s Almanac for 2019, No. 227.

Also “new” to our collection of movies are a few classics in both youth and adult viewer categories: 1967 family comedy film “Who’s Minding the Mint?” starring Jim Hutton and Jamie Farr; Paramount’s 1950 film starring William Holden “Sunset Boulevard;” 1960 release “Midnight Lace” starring Doris Day and Rex Harrison; and Alfred Hitchcock’s classic from 1958 “Vertigo.”



Adrien Verbout #20 stiff arms defender for a Rebels’ first down in their first home game in Red Lake Falls.

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- Kickoff prop
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OHS Class of 1968 50th Reunion Attendees, September 15, 2018. Back row, L-R: Joyce (Nelson) Austad, Karen (Olson) Francis, Ginny (Lerohl) Stoneouse; Middle row, L-R: Beth (Asselin) Alderson, Richard Martell, Jill (Williams) Flateland, John Lessard, Susan (Hegge) Spong, Linda (Champagne) Whalen, Sandra (Groven) Holmstrom, Tim Whalen, Barb (Bronken) Melby, Ron Bluemke, Renee Bergeron (Granger), Marie (Nadeau) Nelson, Mick Lee, Joanne (Fortier) Hafdahl, Betty (Johnson) Leiran, Renae (Brekke) Vedbraaten; Front row, L-R: Byron Flateland, Dale Spong, Tim Swenson, Warren Solheim, Arden Lundeen.

OHS Class of '68 Holds Reunion

A warm glow of nostalgia enveloped the Oklee Cafe on Saturday evening, September 15, as the Oklee High School Class of 1968 held their 50th reunion. Amid jokes about hearing, memory, and more frequent trips to the bathroom, friendships were renewed and the air was alive with reminiscences.

Out of a graduating class of 32, 24 attended (shown in photo), including two who had moved away before graduation. With spouses, a total of 40 people dined on broasted chicken, potato salad, and dessert prepared and served by the busy restaurant staff of two.

The event was organized by class members Barb Mel-

by, Ginny Stoneouse, Joyce Austad, Linda & Tim Whalen, Arden Lundeen, and Richard (Jake) Martell. Mick Lee had collected short bios from class members and published them in a commemorative booklet together with photographs. He also gave a short welcoming talk, remembering the five graduating class members who were deceased--Beth (Brandt) Skallet, Carol (Trulson) Hruby, Ramona (Stoneouse) Lessard, Henry Clark, and Gayle Hofstad. Thanks to all who worked so hard to make this reunion a reality!

Class members who were unable to attend included Howard Bachand, Rodney Bjerklie, Karen Good, Michael Paquin,

David Robidoux, LaVerne Stucky, and David Sweno. The gathering also remembered classmates who were members before moving away. These included Petey Payne, Kenny Ellis, Mike Asselin, Gaylen Sordahl, Nancy Shetterly, Gaylen Hendrum, Joanne Qualey, Greg Radniecki, Marion Hendrum, and Carol Iverson. Two others who were able to attend the reunion are Ron Bluemke and Karen (Olson) Francis.

The class decided that it would hold a 60th reunion and it was proclaimed that the organizers of the current reunion had done such a fine job that they were given the honor of organizing the next one too.



Gary Radniecki, who lives in California and is the son of Jack and Clara and Mary Ann Lambert, who lives in Oklee and is the daughter of Cob and Wylma, taken at the Bonfire.

Radniecki reunion - July 28-29

Saginaw, Minnesota was the scene of the Radniecki Reunion with over 200 attending from the states of Minnesota, California, Wisconsin, North Dakota, Texas, Illinois Arizona, and Virginia. We are the descendants of John L. Radniecki and Emma Vattendahl Radniecki.

Patti Nelson, (daughter of Richard & LaVonne Radniecki) Angie Whalen Radniecki, (wife of Dean Radniecki, son of Al & Vi Radniecki) Carin Mizera, (daughter of Ginger Mizera and granddaughter of Helen Radniecki Frank) and Monica Hendrickson, (daughter of Dean & Angie Radniecki) were the organizers of this special weekend.

Everyone was very thankful and appreciative of all their time and work on it. The day was spent visiting, sharing memories, meeting families,

catching up with each other and a delicious supper was served. Old pictures, letters, newspaper articles and other memorabilia were shared.

A Silent Auction was held with many historic items and handmade things made by family members, including our grandmother Emma. Our cousin, Ingaborg Von Agazzi (Emma Rustan, the daughter of Gerri and granddaughter of Virgil & Therese Radniecki) entertained us with her beautiful music and shared her CD's throughout the afternoon.

Some of us enjoyed a Bonfire at Dexter Nelson's place in the evening and he had everything ready for a relaxing informal time together. (Dexter is Patti's son) Some of the group met after Mass for breakfast on Sunday morning too.

Therese (90) was the only one of our parent's genera-

tion who attended. LaVonne, (90) who lives in Arizona and Elaine, (92) who lives in Wisconsin were unable to come and were missed. The day just wasn't long enough to enjoy a nice visit with everyone there. A wonderful time was had by all and we are looking forward to the next Reunion in a few years to be held in the Fargo-Moorhead area.

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Tidemann started his journalism career at the Bismarck Tribune in 1978 and began college teaching career as a graduate teaching assistant at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion in 1977. He has worked at newspapers in Iowa and the Dakotas and his work has appeared in Overdrive, Writer's Journal, the San Diego Union-Tribune and Snowmobile.

Dragon Teeth shows journey from pilgrim to pioneer

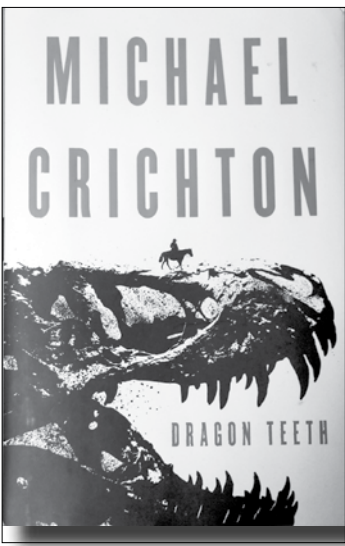
When I first moved to Lead, S.D., three miles from Deadwood, the people there first referred to me as a pilgrim. When I left seven and a half years later, I referred to others as pilgrims.

The word pilgrim, by the way, is not intended to be complimentary.

Dragon Teeth, a recently published novel by the late Michael Crichton who passed away in 2008, traces the evolution of one William Johnson from a spoiled, silver-spoon-in-the mouth Yale student to a hardened pioneer as he helps search for dinosaur fossils in the West in the epochal year of 1876.

And epochal it was – the same year Custer's 7th Cavalry was wiped out in the Battle of the Little Bighorn and when tens of thousands of gold-fevered miners filled the streams and hillsides of the Black Hills after Custer had discovered gold there two years earlier.

Johnson's adventures begin when he joins paleontologist Othniel Charles Marsh, only to be abandoned and later taken on by Edward Drinker Cope. While both Marsh and Cope were actual paleontologists, Johnson is a fictitious character – which gives Crichton



Dragon Teeth
Michael Crichton
HarperCollins
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some leeway in spinning a very engaging yarn. Johnson dodges raids by both warriors and his nemesis Marsh, all the time burdened with a half-ton of priceless dinosaur fossils.

Crichton's research is spot-on. Having logged for a time in the Black Hills, I first questioned his having Johnson bury his Native American companion under a fir tree. Upon further research, I determined

that the subalpine fir could quite possibly have been extant in the Black Hills at the time the novel takes place. The only departures from historical facts are when Crichton has Wild Bill Hickok's killer Jack McCall tried in Laramie, Wyoming Territory, rather than Yankton in Dakota Territory and when he writes of North and South Dakota rather than Dakota Territory.

It's Johnson's very convincing evolution from pilgrim to pioneer that's most convincing. As he's burying his other friend who was killed by warriors, his thoughts were, "When the first shovel of earth landed on Toad's face, Johnson stopped. I'm not who I used to be, he thought. Then he finished filling in the grave."

Crichton captures the vibrancy and flavor of Deadwood. As the owner of the hotel where he's staying tells him, "There is no law here," Perkins said. "This is Deadwood."

Crichton is quite forthright in that his novel is a work of the imagination – despite that, he has both feet solidly based in fact.

Michael Tidemann writes from Estherville, Iowa. His author page is amazon.com/author/michaeltidemann

Klobuchar, Markey Announce New Funding for Universal Flu Vaccine

U.S. Senators Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) and Edward Markey (D-MA) announced today that new funding for research into a universal flu vaccine has been approved by the Senate as part of the Labor-Health and Human Services-Education funding bill. Earlier this year, the Senators introduced the Flu Vaccine Act which would authorize additional resources over the next five years for research to help develop a more effective, universal flu vaccine.

"Last year's flu was the worst we've seen in years and with the next flu season starting soon, we have to be prepared," Klobuchar said. "The Flu Vaccine Act will support critical research at the National Institutes of Health to finally develop a universal vaccine so Minnesotans and all Americans can be better protected from all variations of the flu."

"Flu shots are already available for the coming flu season, and we need to make funding available for a universal flu vaccine to end of this viral scourge," Markey said. "Increased federal investment in a vaccine will help predict the right strain for the next season, produce a more optimal vaccine, and protect all Americans against all strains of this virus. I am pleased that we continue to invest in a flu-free future."

The most recent flu season was particularly damaging in the United States, resulting in at least 160 pediatric deaths. De-

spite the damage inflicted by influenza annually, the current vaccine is only 60 percent effective at best. The flu costs the nation \$10.4 billion in direct medical costs annually and \$87 billion in total economic burden.

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Oklee Herald Early Files

Seventy Years Ago September 23, 1948

Five Oklee men were hurt, one seriously, when a section crew motor car was derailed on the Soo Line about five miles west of Oklee on Monday. All were taken to a Thief River Falls hospital. Most seriously hurt was Fred Bernier, with a fractured skull and several broken ribs. Harry Nelson suffered leg and shoulder bruises, Omer "Pete" Gibeau received superficial bruises, Ed Morrisette was bruised, and Halvor Bjorgun suffered a dislocated thumb and bruises.

Two steeplejacks from the Bemidji Tank & Tower Company this week cleaned and painted the interior of the village water tank.

Janis Larson, daughter of Mrs. L.C. Larson of Borup, MN and LeRoy Rahier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Rahier of Oklee were united in marriage at the parsonage at Borup.

Radniecki & Jensen, contractors have moved their dragline up from Wannaska and are now employed by the Johnson Construction Company on the Red Lake River drainage project.

Sixty Years Ago September 25, 1958

The pelican, which startled Oklee citizens when it flew in from parts unknown last week, has already departed this vale. Lester Lambert took it out to his farm in Lambert Township from which is shortly disappeared after refusing to take any form of food. A few days later the bird was found dead in Lambert's field.

Area bowlers have met in Oklee twice the past week to complete organization of leagues and teams as they await the opening of the Oklee Recreation lanes about October 1.

Pfc Oliver Lien, son of Mr. and Mrs. T.O. Lien, Oklee, recently participated with the 34th Armor in annual combat efficiency Army training tests in Germany.

Pvt. Irvin A. Flatgard, son of Mrs. Annie Flatgard, Oklee, recently completed eight weeks of basic combat training at Fort Carson, Colorado.

Friday evening supper guests at the Mrs. Evelyn Prigge home in Thief River Falls were Mrs. Sena Chervestad, Mrs. Gunda Myrum and Mr. and Mrs. Ole Gunderson.

Many gathered at the Harry Sorenson home Sunday to help Lloyd Sorenson and Mrs. Charles Magnell celebrate their birthdays.

Fifty Years Ago September 26, 1968

A temporary board of directors was named at the first meeting of the Oklee Teen Club. Members were Becky Melby, Yvonne Bluemke, Bob Brandt, David Sletto, Beth Bronken, Shirley Walhaug, and JoAnn Bergeron. Mrs. Lowell Sovde served as secretary and Norb Kaieser, who presided at the meeting. At the next meeting officers were chosen and rules set for teen dances.

Red Lake County Sheriff Gerald Hinz told a meeting of Oklee and Plummer councilmen and police officers Wednesday night that a county-wide radio system would be great help in area law enforcement. Under construction is a two-way ra-

dio system for the Oklee and Plummer police departments to provide communication to the Sheriff's office.

G.A. Beito, Jr., president of Northern State Bank in Thief River Falls and Security State Bank of Oklee was elected president of the Ninth District Minnesota Bankers Association at the annual meeting held at East Grand Forks.

Mr. Edgar J. Lerohl announces the engagement of his daughter Virginia Marie to Ordean Stoneouse, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stoneouse of Oklee. No definite date has been set for the wedding.

Forty Years Ago September 28, 1978

With the help of some concerned citizens the Sheriff Department was able to raid two more marijuana gardens. One was located south of town and one was east of Oklee. Many people questioned the fact that the department doesn't "stake out" the gardens. Red Lake County doesn't have the manpower to pull men off their regular duty and sit for days or weeks at a "stake out."

The 4th annual Oklee Appreciation Days was a success and served 600 people at their noon meal. Games were played and sidewalk sales were held.

The Oklee High School Queen and her court were: Queen Glenda Rustan, and homecoming royalty – Sandy Nelson, Jackie Solien, Mary Cyr and Anita Hanson.

Red Lake County 4-H's Dee Ann Huotari and Joel Hanson traveled to the State Fair Grounds in St. Paul to participate in the 4-H Community Pride Event and the Market Livestock Show.

Thirty Years Ago September 28, 1988

The Oklee Hall was the scene of an emotionally charged gathering of approximately 150 residents of Red Lake County on Monday evening. The meeting had been called by the Waste Management Board and Pollution Control Agency and had invited members of the Legislative Commission on Waste Management as well as Red Lake County residents. The purpose of the meeting was to give residents an opportunity for voice their opinions of a proposed stabilization and containment facility for the State of Minnesota.

Rebecca Willett's birthday was celebrated at the home of Sheila and Tony Gerardy. Helping her celebrate were Tom, Tricia, and Todd Willett, and Lloyd and Wavell Sorenson.

Dean Hanson, 15, son of Howard and Linda Hanson, of Trail, shot a 10 point buck while bow hunting. It was shot on Hanson's farm with a 30 year shot.

Twenty Years Ago September 30, 1998

Ione Austad has received two great thrills this summer – first she was chosen as Pennington County Outstanding Senior Citizen and then she was awarded the very first Minnesota Humanitarian Award.

A baby shower to be held for Whitney Olson, daughter of Nicholas Olson and Kala Perkins at the Bill Champagne home.

ICCC is congratulated on their beautiful new office fa-

cility and thanked for staying in Oklee.

Although the leaves are falling quite fast, it still looks like spring in Dorothy Myhre's backyards with a flock of robins enjoying themselves. Dorothy went out and gave them warm water and some bird feed. Mrs. Lillian Hince was a honored guest on Saturday at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Brooks to help her celebrate her 90th birthday. Lillian Riel was born in Lambert Township in 1908, married Theodor Hince in 1928 at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Oklee and raised five children.

Ten Years Ago September 24, 2008

On Saturday, September 13th, TJ's Tavern of Oklee celebrated their Grand Opening with a night of music, food and fun.

Einar Kvasager and Mary Lynn Bachand were busy installing the first shipment of black granite blocks that have been purchased for the walkway at the Oklee Area Veteran's Memorial Park along with many other volunteers.

The house next to the Community Building was removed by the City of Oklee. It once served as a funeral home in Oklee's past. The land will be shared between the house to the south and the City of Oklee.

Hundreds of stolen items recovered in Oklee home. The Red Lake County Sheriff's Office reported the occurrence of several unlocked vehicles in the City of Oklee that occurred between September 12 to September 15, 2008. There were approximately 20 victims and their losses ranged from a few dollars in change to sunglasses, binoculars, to jewelry, firearms and a large quantity of tools.

**Deadline:
Friday's at noon!**

Oklee Historical Society needs your pop cans!

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

Carpenting is now needed to finish the transformation of a museum area upstairs. All the laminate flooring has been installed and it is beautiful. Thank you to all who donate their pop cans.

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

Your continued support in the aluminum can drive is greatly appreciated by the Oklee Historical Society.

Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

Oct. 19: Birthday Meal.

Words of Wisdom

Never walk on ice or descend stairs with your hands in your pockets.

When you want guests to leave, get out the vacuum cleaner.

Joke Time

Two friends, Sue & Steve, met on the street after not having seen each other for sometime. Sue was surprised to Steve using crutches.

"Hello!" said Sue, "What's the matter with you?"

"Car Accident," replied Steve.

"When did it happen?"

"Oh, about six weeks ago."

"And you still have to use crutches?"

"Well," said Steve. "My doctor says I could get along without them, but my lawyer

says I can't."



Vi Cote was the birthday meal winner for September.

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

On Thursday it rained a good all day rain. We were blessed with 1 and ¾ inches. There wasn't a puddle in the yard, a very unusual occurrence. It soaked right in and the earth was happy to get that moisture. On Saturday the neighbor went into his field and harvested his soybeans, without getting stuck even once. Another unusual occurrence after a nearly two inch rain. It is an unusual year to say the least. It seems as though when Labor Day hit we went right into Fall. It has been cool ever since.

On Tuesday Jerome and Barb Novak and Nancy Ellenson of Warroad, went to the funeral of Barb's last cousin on her Mother's side of the family. He lived in Gaastra, Michigan and his nieces and nephews kept an eye on him over the years. He had severe diabetes, and heart problems over the last few years. After the funeral the Novak family went on a couple of excursions

to show Nancy the sights. She had never been to Michigan as an adult. The leaves were just starting to turn and the reds of the maples were so striking. The other ooh moments were when you crested a hill and saw a great scenic vista. Many wild animals, and birds were seen, including more eagles than we have seen in our lives. Deer frolicked across from the motel we stayed at along with sand hill cranes. Though we were sad to say goodbye to Tony Penkivich, may he rest in peace, it was an interesting trip with all the sights and scenes.

Little Jacinta Marie Wanner was baptized on September 15th, in Bismarck, North Dakota. Her parents are Brianna and Kyle Wanner and she joins Andrew James and Felicity Wanner in this growing family. Her grandparents are Del and Cindy Determan of Brooks. Among those attending the festivities were Caleb and Theresa Wanner and Kim and Theresa Wanner of the

Bismarck area, Jess and Heidi Determan and their children Elizabeth, Emma, and Mickala, Brad Determan, Masie, and Aubrey, Colton and Jaime Determan, Candace and Camden, Aaron and Meg Determan Kim and Gloria Wanner, Caleb and Theresa Wanner, Jeff and Ashley DeMars of Thief River Falls, and Jackie and Abigail. Theresa Wanner and Jess Determan were the sponsors for little Jacinta. God bless this little child of God.

The trees are just hanging with fruit this year and the flowering crabs are just heavy with fruit. I also have a yellow crab apple that is so delicious but have no use for it this year since I hurt my back again. If anyone want to make a great spiced apple, contact me at 698-4296. They are free. There are so many and I don't want to see them go to waste.

Have a great week. The cool weather is something we will have to get used to.

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

Kevin and Gloria Malwitz of Thief River Falls went to San Antonio, Texas for their daughter Brandi's graduation from Combat Medic Training. They also went to see the Alamo while there. They returned Sunday.

Alice Jobe visited Jean Carpenter at her Greenleaf apartment on Saturday.

Monday evening, Plummer Legion Auxiliary met at the Legion at 6:30 p.m. Ideas for fund raising were discussed. Also this fall, the Legion celebrated 100th anniversary of the Legion Nationally in Minneapolis.

On Saturday, out at the Skjerven farm they had a barn dance. Activities started started around 5 p.m. They served pulled pork on a bun, potato salad and beans to 200 plus people. Slides were shown on a screen of the restoration of the barn from start to finish,

very interesting. There were wood barrel kegs on the floor. It looked just great. Some of those that came were John Skjerven from out west, Gayle (Skjerven) and son from Wayzata, Melanie Praisse from Shoreview, Randy and Kathy from Grand Rapids,

Mike and Jerry and Tristen, Karen and Tim Bakken, Jim Skjerven's, Peggy and Kermit Genereaux and Lorie Gildea. It was estimated that from late afternoon til late at night, there were about 500 people. There were even a few from out of state. Also Red Lake Falls, Oklee, Brooks, Thief River Falls, and Plummer, etc.

The "Woodpicks" from Thief River Falls played. The music was good. Stoney Skjerven from Thief River Falls Oakland Park Nursing Home came and he was playing his ukulele. Tons of people enjoyed the evening visiting and dancing or listening to the music.

On Wednesday, Karen Tvedt, Anne Traxler, Micki Duden, Wilma Arlt, Anna DeHate, and Alice Jobe went to Carol's Cozy for our "Red Hats" dinner. Hamburger steak dinner and chicken were the specials.

Thursday, Lenny & Meiko DuChamp, Debbie & Jim DuChamp, Bunny DuChamp and Milt Peterson's went to Carol's Cozy for dinner.

Thursday, Plummer Senior Citizens met at the Plummer Hall and enjoyed a good potluck and visited.

Brian Fallon combined the soybeans south and west of my house. Bernie, his dad, said they had gotten 45 bushels to the acre - higher than other areas north of here and other directions. My nephew had gotten 25-30 bushels on his soybeans.

Have a good week.

Who's Dat?



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This weeks photo is of a family that lived in the area. Some still live here.

Last weeks photo was of Scott Lambert & Shannon (Perreault) Lambert 1995's Homecoming King & Queen.

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.

If you email a photo, please scan at 300 dpi (high quality) if you can. You can email to okleeherald@gmail.com.

If you mail a photo to the Oklee Herald office, please enclose a self address stamped envelope so the photos can be returned. Mail them to: Oklee Herald, PO Box 9, Oklee MN 56742

Or stop by the office and I will scan your photo while

you wait.



Wednesday, September 26, 2018

STICK IT TO THE FLU!

Get your flu shot!

**Walk-In anytime to Essentia Health-Oklee Clinic
or call 218.796.4525 to make an appointment.**

Vaccines are available for everyone six months of age or older.



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Monday, Tuesday, Friday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Wednesday: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm | Thursday: 12:00 pm - 7:00 pm

FluMist, the nasal spray vaccine, will not be available this year based on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention determination that FluMist had not effectively protected children or adults against the flu and should not be used.