

Oklee Precipitation
By Einar Kvasager
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Backpack blessing held at Oklee's North Park last Wednesday

On Wednesday, September 2nd, Oklee Lutheran Parish held a campfire service at the Oklee North Park with the purpose of Blessing the children's backpacks before school started. Dawn (Hegge) Hanson, lay minister from the Gully Parish, performed the service and Oklee Parish supplied the wood and smores for the campfire and treats after the service. There were about six families that attended that evening with children and a few older members of the Parish. It was a nice service, fun children's songs to sing-along with and it ended with a sweet s'more over the campfire. One child was very concerned

that his backpack was going to get wet, but after it was explained that the backpacks were going to be blessed not baptized, he was happy. Elmer Hanson was one of the members of the Oklee Parish who attended and was telling us all about how the park came into being. Below is his story, written by him on how the park came into being. Last Wednesday evening, Blessings of the Backpacks was held in the Oklee Park. Comments were made how nice a place it was. But no one seemed to know much about the park except me, Elmer Hanson. Years ago, it was a very low spot and when we had heavy

rains and the river flooded, it would fill with water and stay there. Brush, cattails and whatnot grew there, and a lot of trash was thrown there. Lost river wasn't dredged until 1963. Anyhow, in 1953, Oklee had a major project going on. All the streets were dug up, new storm sewers were installed, streets were refilled with sand and gravel. Problem where should all the old dirt go! Omar Sundrud, publisher and owner of the Oklee Herald was Mayor. Councilmen could have been Orlo Melby, Bill Seeger, Bert Riel, Frank Cyr and others. Anyhow, Mayor Sundrud said let's see if we can buy or annex the low land north of the Lost River and east of the highway from the Stromme family. Which they succeed in doing. All the dirt taken out of the streets in Oklee filled in the low spots and made the Oklee Park. Also there was more dirt than was needed, so they covered the old city dump SE of the city and made a nice hill for children to climb and sled down. This all came about from an idea from Mayor Sundrud. I believe the Oklee Park should be named in his honor and called "Omar Sundrud Park!" (Editors note: These facts may not be 100% right, Elmer says. I think that is a great idea to give the park a name other than the commonly referred name of Oklee's North Park to honor someone that served the community if many different ways, as reporter, businessman, and serving on the council. Bonny Cote



Families gathered at Oklee's North Park for a Backpack blessing held on Wednesday, September 2nd. S'mores around the campfire were enjoyed after the service.

Red Lake County SWCD awarded a \$78,905 Enbridge Ecofootprint grant

Enbridge is pleased to announce the award of nearly \$1 million to 12 recipients of this year's Ecofootprint Grant Program administered by the Minnesota Association of Resource Conservation and Development Councils. Each project will improve, protect and restore the natural environment in North Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin. The recipients and their respective projects are as follows:

- Aitkin County Soil and Water Conservation District** for revegetation and forest management to stabilize shorelines and reverse declining water quality trends
- Buffalo-Red River Watershed District** restoration of Wolverton Creek to enhance habitat, improve water quality and reduce flood damages in the watershed
- Douglas County Land and Water Conservation Department** to assist in

- completing a watershed plan and developing a wetland management strategy for the Lake Superior Basin
- Dovetail Partners Inc.** for a research and education project on the Northern Long-eared Bat and other forest-dwelling bats impacted in northern Minnesota by White Nose Syndrome
- Minnesota Dragonfly Society** for research on Minnesota's dragonfly and damselfly species and corresponding public awareness activities
- Minnesota Land Trust** to support the Critical Shoreline Protection Program in Aitkin, Carlton, Cass, Crow Wing, Hubbard, Itasca and St. Louis counties
- Mississippi Headwaters Board** in support of its aquatic invasive species awareness campaign
- Montessori School of Duluth** to improve the quality of storm water runoff and groundwater quality by removing impervious cover and installing rain gardens
- Nelson County Park Board** to address erosion and stabilize the shorelines of Stump Lake
- Red Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District** as a matching grant in support of erosion control and water quality improvement projects
- Wadena Soil and Water**

Conservation District for establishing native trees, grasses and pollinator habitats in Minnesota's Wadena and Hubbard counties

West Polk Soil and Water Conservation District of northwestern Minnesota's installation of rock riffle structures in the Sand Hill River to reduce erosion, improve water quality and provide habitat for aquatic life

Enbridge received 29 proposals, totaling over \$3 million during this initial round of applications. The competition was extremely high for this year's funding, and awards were given to the organizations that most closely align with priorities to help protect and restore the natural environment in communities along the Sandpiper and Line 3 Replacement pipeline projects in North Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin. The \$3 million grant program will continue through 2017 with up to \$1 million available annually for the next two years.

Red Lake County SWCD was awarded \$78,905.00 through the Enbridge Ecofootprint Grant Program. These grant dollars will be used to assist with the local match requirements needed to match the BWSR Clean Water Fund Grant that the District received this spring in the amount of \$365,623.00.

NW Minnesota Foundation awards grant to Red Lake County SWCD

The Northwest Minnesota Foundation awarded a \$25,000 grant to Red Lake County Soil & Water Conservation District in Red Lake Falls. Red Lake County SWCD applied for the grant to assist with Administrative and Project Development costs associated with the installation of fifteen water quality improvement projects. Red Lake County SWCD received a BWSR Clean Water Fund grant this spring in the amount of \$365,623.00 to install fifteen water quality improvement projects. The Northwest Minnesota Foundation grant will assist with meeting the 25% required local match. Administrative costs include: ensuring compliance with the FY 2015 CWF Policy and the BWSR's Grant Administration Manual. Contractual requirements, time and expenditure tracking, financial responsibilities,

reporting requirements, and meeting the grant expiration deadline. Project development costs include: developing a partnership between the landowner, Red River Valley Conservation Service Area (RRVCSA) Engineer, and the SWCD District staff. Schedule with RRVCSA Engineer for surveying each project site. Schedule with RRVCSA Engineer a meeting with each landowner to review preliminary and final designs. Assist the landowner through the project's process: which includes signing a contract, reviewing preliminary and final designs with the RRVCSA Engineer, there is a bidding process for each project, and then when the project is installed a reimbursement voucher needs to be signed and approved by both the landowner and the SWCD Board.



Christopher Ingraham (right) visiting with Norm Columbe and owner of TJ's Tavern, John Kimball (middle), where the tour group stopped for lunch.

Washington Reporter had a great time exploring Red Lake County!

It was a pretty exciting time for Red Lake County since the Washington Post ran a story written by Christopher Ingraham using data from a USDA study on 6 amenities ranking all 3,111 counties in the United States and Red Lake County, MN came up at the 3,111 spot. Which of course, according to that data, made Red Lake County the worst county to live in. At least that is what came to everyone's mind. Ingraham, immediately felt the backlash of proud Minnesotan's that live in or near Red Lake County, though we all did it very politely. Oh, there were a few that said things that weren't very nice in the heat of the moment. But overall, we showed that we are still Minnesota Nice and just wanted this horrible mistake corrected.

As a reporter/editor, I felt sorry for Ingraham, who had looked at legitimate data, came to a conclusion that Red Lake County had the least amenities according to the study and then was for a short period of time the worst enemy to Red Lake County. I really didn't think he meant the article to come across the way it did, and some took it to mean the county was ugly and lacking physical beauty. It really only meant that we didn't have high scores in topography (hills & mountains), pleasing temperatures (we have cold winters), and I never saw anywhere in Ingraham's original article that Red Lake County was ugly.

Putting that all aside, Voyager View owner, Jason Brumwell saw this as a great advertising opportunity, not only for him, but the entire county, invited him to come see for himself what Red Lake County was all about. Ingraham did just that (the Post paid the bill) and what a fun time it was for him as he learned that Red Lake County was not only a beautiful county, but one with lots of hometown pride.

Ingraham says in his most recent article in the Washington Post released on September 3rd, that he wasn't sure what kind of welcome to expect as he came to the Red Lake County Courthouse in Red Lake Falls on Thursday, August 27th. And to his surprise and relief, he was greeted with a spectacular display of friendliness starting with officials and county residents, faces beaming and full of hometown pride, as the Drum Line from Lafayette High School performed on the steps of the courthouse.

He was interviewed by many media groups from newspapers and local TV stations to cover the story. And then the tours of our county began. Ingraham only had 36 hours to learn all he could about our beautiful little county.

When Ingraham arrived, he was greeted by the Mayor of Red Lake Falls, Kevin Harmoning. And a full tour

was in the works with a tour of Homark Homes, Inc., who builds homes, Paradis, Inc. a company in Brooks that does many things, including the huge storage/transfer building for products coming and going from the area, and all the years the mail has been delivered by a Paradis truck. The tour included visiting a local dairy farm owned by Carl and Joe Schindler. Schindler's have a dairy herd of about 120 cows. A newborn calf gladly suckled his thumb as he learned about the farm and how important farming is to our local economy. Unfortunately, Ingraham missed the small grains harvest in our area where fields are filled with large combines harvesting the wheat, oats, and other small grains, but he did get to experience driving a 40 foot combine, owned by Alex Yaggie.

Ingraham met many people, some who had left and moved back years later and many who already knew they had the life style they wanted, so never left. At a Meet & Greet gathering TNJ's on Thursday night, Ingraham was greeted by many of the county residents, eager to visit and tell about what

the tour of the county on a bus with a sign that read, "Welcome to America's Worst Tour." Places on the tour included the county's largest asparagus farm, drove through the countryside, stopping at TJ's Tavern of Oklee (pop. 429) for fried cheese curds and a "Minnesota" burger. There Ingraham was again greeted by many folks from the Oklee area, welcoming him to our county. Minnesota Senator LeRoy Stumpf and U.S. Representative Collin Peterson, also joined the gathering. Velma Oakland, former Red Lake County Commissioner introduced Ingraham to the two politicians, one of which (Peterson) honored the crowd gathered with a song to ugliness on the bar's stage. Other areas toured in the Oklee area included the Fire Department, the Coya Knutson area in the Oklee Municipal building and before leaving town, the Oklee Area Veteran's Memorial Park.

With some reservations, Ingraham who writes about gun culture, learned that County Commissioner Chuck Simpson, the one interviewed by the Minneapolis Star-Tribune, "would be giving me (Ingraham)



Catherine Johnson, director of ICC, John Lerohl, County Commissioner visiting with Christopher Ingraham. Johnson is giving Ingraham information Red Lake County and ICC.

made their community special. After enjoying a TNJ's Ugly burger, dessert was served. A cake baked in the shape of Red Lake County with all the towns placed accordingly. The cake was created by Matt Weiss, a student at Lafayette High School and avid 4-H Club member.

Ingraham had done some research on Red Lake County and in his article, education was listed as an important element to Red Lake County people. With a population of approx. 4000, the county has two elementary and two high schools and graduates over 40 students between the two school systems.

The next day, Friday, August 28th, Brumwell continued



Rep. Collin Peterson took to the stage and sang a tune or two at TJ's in Oklee.

a tour of the Plummer Area Sportsman's Club's shooting range." This was the commissioner that asked for an apology from Ingraham at the last board meeting, but Simpson was gracious and "we made amends" reported Ingraham and they visited about how residents band together to raise funds and built the shooting range. Other examples of cooperation in the county where residents banded together to get things done include the Red Lake Falls municipal swimming pool, and Brooks' Community Hall. Ingraham said the high point of his tour was the kayak trip down the Red Lake River. It is a beautiful way to spend a summer afternoon, meandering past fields and bluffs. And he learned that in the winter, locals skate or ski across its surface. And fishing for walleye and bass in the rivers is a common pastime.

Ingraham ended his article very nicely and said "There's perhaps something amiss in a ranking that places Red Lake County at the absolute bottom of the nation when it comes to scenery and climate.... there's no doubt that the Red Lake County region is flat-out gorgeous." And Ingraham trip also reminded him that life flows at different rates and we are very different from the metro areas. It takes places like Red Lake County, a very small county, to realize how big the United States is.

If you would like to read his entire article go to: http://www.washingtonpost.com/news/wonkblog/wp/2015/09/03/i-called-this-place-americas-worst-place-to-live-then-i-went-there/?tid=pm_business_pop_b

By Bonny Cote

Calendar of Events

Wed, Sept. 9:

- LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
- Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.

- 7:00 p.m. RLCC Board meeting at Plummer
- 7:00 p.m. Am. Legion Bingo at Plummer

Thu, Sept. 10:

- LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
- Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.

Fri, Sept. 11:

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

Sat, Sept. 12:

- Support your local business – Shop Locally!
- Worship at the church of your choice.

Mon, Sept. 14:

- LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
- Tue, Sept. 15:

- LSS Sr. Meals 5:00 p.m.
- Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards

- Sr. Potluck @ Oklee Café 5:00 p.m.

Wed, Sept. 16:

- LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
- Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.

- 7:00 p.m. Am. Legion Bingo at Plummer
- Thu, Sept. 17:

- LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
- Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.

Fri, Sept. 18:

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

Sat, Sept. 19:

- Support your local business – Shop Locally!



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RLCC Menus

September 14 - 18

Oklee

Mon: Breakfast: Ham & cheese croissant, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Tacos in a bag or soft shell, rice pilaf, refried beans, fruit, and milk.

Tue: Breakfast: Cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Chicken burgers, lettuce, cheese, mayo, tots, fruit, vegetables, and milk.

Wed: Breakfast: Breakfast wraps, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetables, fruit, dinner roll, and milk.

Thu: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Chicken strips, cheesy potatoes, vegetables, fruit, mini muffins, and milk.

Fri: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** BBQ's, potato salad, baked beans, fruit, and milk.

Plummer

Mon: Breakfast: Breakfast scramble pizza, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Seasoned shredded pork/bun, cheese, pickles, smiley potatoes, corn cob, coleslaw, cookie, and milk.

Tue: Breakfast: Apple strudel, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Taco, lettuce, tomatoes, hash browns, refried beans, cucumber cup, fruit, and milk.

Wed: Breakfast: Egg omelet, yogurt, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Fish sticks, mashed potatoes, country gravy, peas & carrots, bread, fruit, and milk.

Thu: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Lasagna, garlic breadstick, salad, fruit, Go-Gurt, and milk.

Fri: Breakfast: Pancakes, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Ham, pepperoni & cheese sub sandwich, veggie toppings on salad bar, Sun Chips, peaches, and milk.

Sports Schedules

RL Rebels Football Varsity

Fri, Sept. 11: West Polk County away 7:00 p.m.

Fri, Sept. 18: Mahnomen at Plummer 7:00 p.m.

Fri, Sept. 25: Fertile-Beltrami away 7:00 p.m.

Fri, Oct. 2: BGMR away 7:00 p.m.

Thu, Oct. 8: Lake Park/Audubon (Homecoming) at RLF 7:30 p.m.

Junior Varsity

Mon, Sept. 14: Mahnomen at Mahnomen 5:00 p.m.

Mon, Sept. 21: BGMR at Plummer 5:00 p.m.

Mon, Sept. 28: Fertile-Beltrami at Oklee 5:00 p.m.

Mon, Oct. 5: Fosston at Fosston 5:00 p.m.

Junior High

Thu, Sept. 10: Ada-Borup at Ada 4:30/5:30 p.m.

Thu, Sept. 17: Mahnomen at Oklee 4:30/5:30 p.m.

Thu, Sept. 24: BGMR away 4:30/5:30 p.m.

Thu, Oct. 1: Fosston at Plummer 4:30/5:30 p.m.

Tue, Oct. 6: Fertile-Beltrami at RLF 4:30/5:30 p.m.

Elementary

Sat, Sept. 12: Erskine 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Sat, Sept. 19: Middle River 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Sat, Sept. 26: Halstad 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Sat, Oct. 3: Fertile 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

RLCC Mustang

Volleyball

Thu, Sept. 10: Stephen/Argyle at Plummer 5:00 p.m.

Sat, Sept. 12: Ada Tournament at Ada TBD

Mon, Sept. 14: Goodridge-Grygla-Gatzke at Oklee 5:00 p.m.

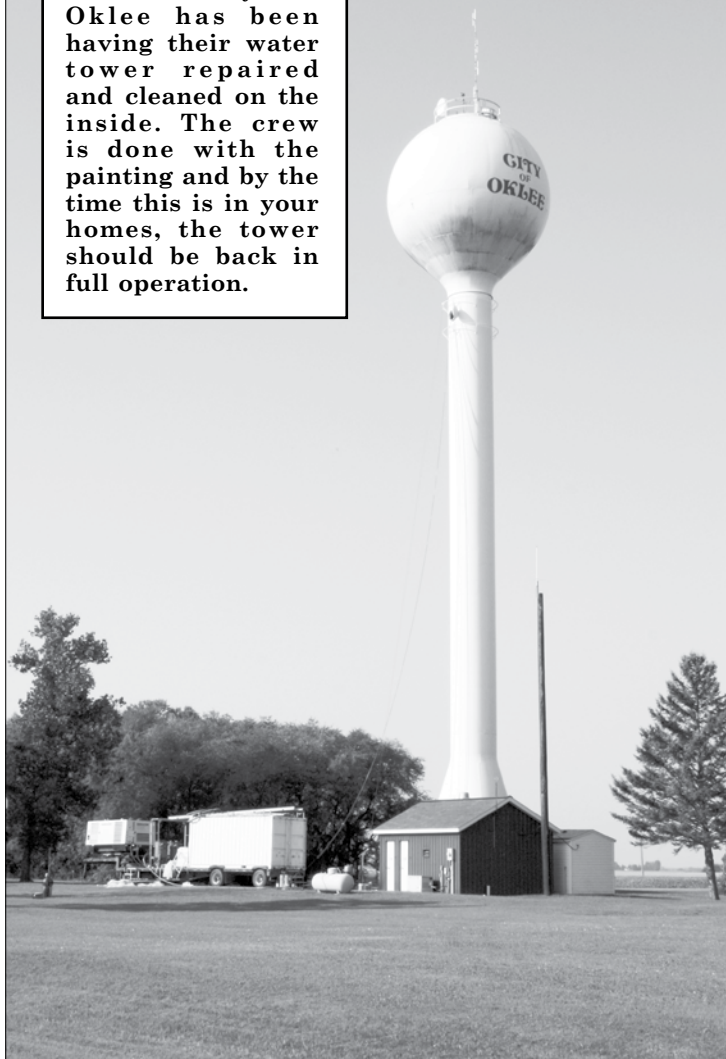
Thu, Sept. 17: East Grand Forks at EGF 5:00 p.m.

Tue, Sept. 22: Sacred Heart at Plummer 5:00 p.m.

Thu, Sept. 24: Crookston at Plummer 5:00 p.m.

Tue, Sept. 29: Red Lake Falls at Plummer at Oklee 5:00 p.m.

The City of Oklee has been having their water tower repaired and cleaned on the inside. The crew is done with the painting and by the time this is in your homes, the tower should be back in full operation.



ECFE/School Readiness at Red Lake County Central

Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE)

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

School Readiness

School Readiness is a program that provides children with various opportunities to enter school with the skills and behaviors needed for them to progress. Early Childhood staff will help your child learn skills that are important for school success, and provide Early Childhood Special Education or speech services if needed. Curriculum and lessons are

planned around each child's specific needs.

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

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

Classes available this year include:

3 ½-4 year olds: Wednesdays 8:00am-3:12pm (Children with birthdates before 3/16/12 can start **September 16th**. Those who are born after 3/16/12 will start January 6th, 2016.)

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

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Historical Bit/Who's Dat?



Here is a team from days gone by. I have the information on them, but do you know who they are and when they played. Watch for next weeks paper for the answers to the questions.

Thinking of

Sharpening Skills?

Do you or someone you know, need a GED, basic computer skills, or to sharpen basic skills in reading or math? This is the answer. Adult Education is available by appointment on Thursday evenings in Oklee,

and classes are FREE. After an assessment, you will receive individualized instruction to meet your needs. There is a one time, \$10.00 registration fee. For more information, call Sherry at 218-776-2789 or 218-688-1558.

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 \$15,000 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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Statepoint Crossword Theme: Nursery Rhymes

ACROSS

- Covered with water
- Fox competitor?
- R&R spots
- Port in Portugal
- *Turtle dove's sound
- Gorillalike
- "Animal House" party wear
- _____ of corn
- Bank in Mexico
- *He went to Gloucester
- *He kissed the girls and made them cry
- Witch's curse
- Like Piper of Hamelin
- School organization
- Clare Booth _____
- Bloodsucker
- "_____ is more"
- Nevada city
- Respectable and quiet
- Military group
- *Dog's name-o

- Like nay-sayers
- Jason the Argonaut's wife
- "In _____ of"
- 1/60 of mins
- Dancer's beat
- As opposed to gross
- "Be quiet!"
- Arrogant snob
- Simon & Garfunkel, e.g.
- *One of King Cole's three
- *If wishes were _____
- Empower
- *What Little Miss Muffet did to her curds
- Kind of wave
- Hardly worth mentioning
- Haul with a hitch
- Pigeon's perch
- Simon does what?
- Emergency helpers
- Clear, as in blackboard

DOWN

- Quick on the uptake
- *Sound of Mother Hubbard's pet?
- Mythological ship
- Narc's find
- Youth lodging option
- Tree having winged fruit
- Feathery neckwear
- Welsh dog breed
- Boxing action
- Golf club maker
- Ascus, plural
- *My dame has lost her what?
- "Humble _____," pl.
- Beyond suburb
- Unagi
- Composing or writing
- *Little Jack Horner's treat
- Religious doctrine
- To one side
- To furnish with a ceiling
- J.F.K. or Dulles postings
- Short for University of Miami mascot
- Unforeseen obstacle
- Type of cell
- Curved molding
- *It ran away with the spoon
- One up
- Little application
- Mining product
- Dr. Seuss' Yertle
- About to explode
- Twig of willow tree
- Come clean, with "up"
- Cuzco valley empire
- June 6, 1944
- Data Universal Numbering System
- Strikes with an axe
- Cocoyam
- Droops
- *Tucker who sings for his supper
- "Go Set a Watchman" author

Solution Football

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Christopher Ingraham and others stepped off the bus for the tour around Oklee. First stop was to get lunch at TJ's Tavern of Oklee. Below: Rep. Collin Peterson and Sen. LeRoy Stumpf, were introduced to Chrisopher Ingraham by Velma Oakland, former commissioner.



Ingraham also toured the City of Oklee building where there is a Coya Knutson display. Coya was the first congressman in the state of Minnesota. The display is part of the Oklee Historical Society.

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County of Red Lake, State of Minnesota

To all persons interested in the lands hereinafter described:
You are hereby notified that the parcels of land hereinafter described, situated in the county of Red Lake, State of Minnesota, were bid in for the state on the 12th day of May, 2003, at the tax judgement sale of land for delinquent taxes for the year of 2002; that the legal descriptions and names of the taxpayers and fee owners and in addition those parties who have filed their addresses pursuant to the section M.S. 276.041, and the amount necessary to redeem as of the date hereof and, at the election of the County Auditor, the current filed address of any persons are as follows:

Names and Addresses for Taxpayer & Fee Owner	Legal Description	Amount Necessary to Redeem as of Date
Ron Osmundson 903 Hamilton Ave NE Red Lake Falls, MN 56750	Lts 10-12 Bk 22 Kretschmar's Addition City of Red Lake Falls Parcel # 17-3071-000	\$9,523.54

Red Lake County State Bank
A.K.A. Unity Bank North
P.O. Box 280, 210 Main St
Red Lake Falls, MN 56750

That the time for redemption of such lands from such sale will expire sixty (60) days after service of notice and the filing of proof thereof in my office, as provided by law. The redemption must be made in my office.

FAILURE TO REDEEM SUCH LANDS PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF
REDEMPTION WILL RESULT IN THE LOSS OF THE LAND AND FORFEITURE
OF SAID LAND TO THE STATE OF MINNESOTA.

Inquires as to the proceedings set forth above can be made to the County Auditor for the County of Red Lake, whose address is set forth below.

Witness my hand and official seal this 2nd day of September 2015.

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

Robert Schmitz
County Auditor
Red Lake County Auditor
124 Langevin Avenue
P.O. Box 367
Red Lake Falls, MN 56750
(218) 253-2598

Auditor, the current filed address of any persons are as follows:

Names and Addresses for Taxpayer & Fee Owner	Legal Description	Amount Necessary to Redeem as of Date
Patrick Sherman P.O. Box 95 Thief River Falls, MN 56701	City of Oklee 1965 Addition, S50' Lt 4 Bk 34 Parcel # 15-2522-010	\$ 829.41
Michael J. Skjerven Heidi L. Skjerven 101 Willow Court Thief River Falls, MN 56701		
Carol Knutson P.O. Box 311 Red Lake Falls, MN 56750	City of Red Lake Falls C&D Addition Lts 8-10 Bk 10 Parcel # 17-2911-000	\$13,557.27

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400 Sibley St. Suit 300
St. Paul, MN 55101-1998

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Names and Addresses for Taxpayer & Fee Owner	Legal Description	Amount Necessary to Redeem as of Date
Mark & Susanne Herberg 18444 165 th St SW Red Lake Falls, MN 56750	R.D. #2, 6, & 7; 5-151-45 Parcel # 08-1621-000	\$5,328.65
Daniel Huot 14167 187 th Ave SW Red Lake Falls, MN 56750		
Joseph Bauer 300 International Dr Apt 15 Red Lake Falls, MN 56750	City of Red Lake Falls Lts 6-12 Bk 13 B&B Addition Parcel # 17-2845-000	\$7,424.73
Lorie Hartwell 1871 S Burgundy St Pahrump, NV 89048-4895	City of Red Lake Falls Lts 18 & 19; E 100' Lt 21 Bk 24 C&D Addition Parcel # 17-2984-000	\$7,831.12

That the time for redemption of such lands from such sale will expire sixty (60) days after service of notice and the filing of proof thereof in my office, as provided by law. The redemption must be made in my office.

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Witness my hand and official seal this 2nd day of September 2015.

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Red Lake County Auditor
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Red Lake Falls, MN 56750
(218) 253-2598

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John Helley Jr C/O McIntosh Manor 245 State St NE McIntosh, MN 56556	SW1/4 SW1/4 SW of RR 14-151-42 Parcel # 02-0504-000	\$52.00
Terry Baxter 15825 Garden View Drive St Paul, MN 55124	City of Oklee Lt 4 Bk 2 Parcel # 15-2344-000	\$4,676.52
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A P.O. Box 31557 Billings, MT 59107		
Robert Phillon 11849 65 th Ave N Maple Grove, MN 55369	C&D addition N25' of S 50' of Lt 1 Bk 4 City of Red Lake Falls Parcel # 17-2879-000	\$1,284.92

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Names and Addresses for Taxpayer & Fee Owner	Legal Description	Amount Necessary to Redeem as of Date
Merritts Driveline Service & Leasing C/O Scott Merritt 4259 Jackson Court White Lake, MI 48383	City of Brooks Lts 8-11 Bk 5 Parcel # 14-2292-000	\$7,992.66

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Names and Addresses for Taxpayer & Fee Owner	Legal Description	Amount Necessary to Redeem as of Date
Nick Clark P.O. Box 124 Oklee, MN 56742	City of Oklee S1/2 Lt 5; Lt 6 Bk 10 Parcel # 15-2410-000	\$2,087.39
Jennifer Dunn C/O Russell Thorp P.O. Box 34 Oklee, MN 56742	City of Oklee Lt 12 & S 1/2 Lt 13 Bk 11 Parcel # 15-2426-000	\$4,064.77
Leroy & Mary Mercil 314 Main St P.O. Box 55 Brooks, MN 56715	City of Brooks Lts 19-21 Bk 5 Parcel # 14-2296-000	\$4,345.13

Prinsbank
508 Third St
Prinsburg, MN 56281

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Spread the word

The Thief River Falls Caregiver Group will meet on every 2nd Thursday. This month, Thursday, September 10th at 10:00 a.m. at the Heritage Senior Center located at 301 E. 4th St. TRF, MN.

The group provides education and support for caregivers and opportunities to share with other caregivers in a confidential setting. There is no charge. These groups are open to all family caregivers. If you know of anyone who may benefit from these meetings, please call Brandi Halland, Program Coordinator, Lutheran Social Services Caregiver Respite Program at 218-280-3773 or email: brandi.halland@lssmn.org..

Sponsored by Lutheran Social Service-Caregiver & Respite and AmeriCorps Programs. Funded by Land of the Dancing Sky AAA.

Class in Wall Art Offered

Create It! Community Art Studios of Gonvick will be hosting a series of workshops on *Plaster of Paris Wall Art*

beginning Monday, October 7. Participants will do Plaster of Paris molds, stenciling, putty knife designing, carving, and shaping, and then paint, stain, and antique the finished product to create a variety of effects that can be done on YOUR walls at home. Come create with us what you can only imagine!

This four-part series will be held 6:30 to 9:00 PM, September 7, 14, 21, & 28 at CWLC-Gonvick, 226 Elm St. To see pictures, visit our Create It! Facebook page or our website at www.clearwaterslife.org. Cost is \$5.00 per week or free to studio members. To learn more about becoming a studio member, call Becky at 218-776-2789.

"This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through grants from the Region 2 Arts Council, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund."

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Red Lake Falls Library News

The library is open on Monday from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm, Wednesday from Noon until 8:00 pm, Friday from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm, and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. On-line patrons are reminded that they can visit www.nwrlib.org/rlf.htm at anytime, where they can create their own patron accounts to browse, request and renew materials all from their home computers.

New adult fiction includes "Point Blank" by Fern Michaels, "Last One Home" by Debbie Macomber, and "Alert" by James Patterson. Recent DVDs include "Comet," "Serena," "Mockingjay," part 1, "Girl on a Bicycle," "Bravetown," "Unbroken," and "Grantchester."

"The Good Shufu" by Tracy Slater is her personal story; from book review by N. B. Kenedy, "Tracy Slater had a dream life in Boston - a city she loved, and a promising academic career, teaching gender studies to undergraduates and creative

writing to MBA students and to inmates at a prison. Her assignment to teach East Asians in an executive MBA program in English changes her life forever. Once in Japan she meets Toru, one of her students. Their attraction is instant, despite an almost total lack of ability to communicate verbally. Toru is a salaryman, an employee of a company he most likely will work for his entire life in Japan. He's the oldest son of his elderly and failing father, a role that further precludes him from leaving his life for one in America. So, what's an independent American gal supposed to do? Soon Tracy is jetting between Boston and Japan, trying to hang onto her old life while adopting a new one in a culture that is baffling to her, seemingly the opposite of everything she stands for, where women seem to hold so little power. Tracy tells an enchanting story of negotiating two such different worlds while she contemplates becoming a "shufu," a housewife.

Red Lake County Commissioners Minutes

RED LAKE COUNTY Regular Meeting Held July 28, 2015

Pursuant to adjournment of its regular meeting the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners duly met in regular session at the courthouse in Red Lake Falls, MN on July 28, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. Chair Weiss called the meeting to order. Commissioner Simpson was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The following Commissioner/Committee reports were shared:
Commissioner Meeting/Report
Flage None.
Sorensen C o u n t y Economic Development meeting; Janitor interviews.

Lerohl N W H R A discussing the sale of the Foxtail Apartments; County Fair Board; Enbridge meeting in Erskine; Tour of Hillcrest Senior Living; ICCC meeting with Representative Deb Kiel present.

Weiss Quin County CHS discussing the budget, SHIP, weight program survey, WIC update, and advertising for a new Quin Administrator.

Sheriff Bernstein met with the board seeking approval to hire a full-time deputy to replace a vacant part-time position. The part-time was advertised on two occasions but there has been very minimal interest for the part-time position as most are seeking full-time status. Bernstein informed that he never replaced a full-time deputy that left in 2013 and asked that he be able to advertise to fill the full-time position instead. Bernstein mentioned that a current part-time employee is interested. Commissioner Sorensen moved, seconded by Lerohl and carried unanimously to authorize to advertise for an additional full-time deputy.

Bernstein asked that the board consider an "On Call Policy" that would give any deputy that was on call after normal work shift hours to receive \$2.00 per hour. Bernstein mentioned that there are not deputies scheduled to work every hour of the day, and the last deputy that worked must remain on call. The policy would require deputies to remain accessible if they are getting paid until the next deputy comes on shift. The salary cost to the county for implementing the policy would amount to \$2,186.00 per year (excluding benefits). The policy would become effective January 1, 2016. Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Sorensen and carried unanimously to approve the request.

County Medical Examiner Dr. Mary Sens was present to discuss two changes to MN Statute 390 that will be effective beginning August 1, 2015. Sens presented an informational brochure explaining autopsy policies. Law changes require that Coroners and Medical Examiners must maintain and make publicly available a statement of policy to be used for communicating

with the families during a death investigation, and in addition, families of a deceased may file a religious objection to not have an autopsy completed. Sens informed that although families may refuse, there are certain circumstances where a compelling state interest will supersede a family's religious beliefs and an autopsy will be completed. Sens informed that fees will increase by approximately 25 cents per capita beginning in 2016, as there will be additional staffing and other costs to her office to comply with the new requirements. Board members thanked Dr. Sens for the update. Commissioner Sorensen moved, seconded by Flage and unanimously carried to approve the expenditures for the period as follows:

Revenue:	\$ 7,929.86
Road & Bridge	\$32,637.26
Social Services	\$ 67.43
Total	\$39,634.55

The motion includes the following additional bills: \$79.15 to Decotah Paper Co.; \$134.95 to Ecolab; \$6,683.00 to NW Regional Library; \$280.00 per diem and \$108.10 expenses to John Lerohl.

Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Flage and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held July 14, 2015 as corrected.

The board discussed a letter from Polk County stating its concerns with the likely outcome of the Minnesota Tax Courts review of the Enbridge Limited Partnership's property tax petition to be heard later this year as the court will be addressing utility valuations around the state. A ruling in favor of Enbridge to lower pipeline valuations as established by the Minnesota Department of Revenue for years 2013, 2014, and 2015 will require counties to refund property tax payments to Enbridge. Concerns are that such large property tax refunds are not budgeted for, and thus creates undue hardships and other budgeting issues for the affected counties. Surrounding counties affected by the Enbridge pipelines also received similar letters from Polk County asking for support. Commissioner Sorensen moved, seconded by Lerohl and carried by unanimous vote to approve **Resolution No. 07-01-15** "Tax Court Petition-Enbridge Energy" and to submit the resolution to area legislators. A complete document is on file at the County Auditor's office.

The board acknowledged the 2014 Tax Increment Disclosure Reports for the cities of Oklee and Red Lake Falls, and a notice from the Red Lake Watershed regarding an amendment to permit and drainage rules.

There, being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until August 11, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

Attest:
Bob Schmitz, County Auditor

Ron Weiss, Chairman
Board of Commissioners
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Farm Service Agency News update

By Mike Philipp, CED, East Polk/Red Lake Counties

Farm Program Enrollment Underway- The final step to signing up for the 2014 and 2015 ARC-PLC farm program is underway through September 30th at your local county FSA office. Many producers may think they're done with the signup process because they've already signed so many papers, but the actual process of signing the contracts (enrolling) still has to be completed by about half of the producers in East Polk and Red Lake counties. So if you don't remember if you've completed the enrollment process please give the FSA office a call and we'll check. Producers will not want to miss this final (and easy) step because there is a good chance there will be payments in October on some crops, for the 2014 program. We encourage producers to please take care of this ASAP because soybean harvest is just around the corner and then there will be even less time for paperwork.

Deadline to Enroll in Key Farm Bill Safety Net Programs Approaches

Producers have Until Sept. 30 to Sign Up for ARC/PLC and MPP-Dairy

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3, 2015 – U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Val Dolcini reminds farmers and ranchers that they have until Sept. 30 to enroll in several key Farm Bill safety net programs – Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC), Price Loss Coverage (PLC) and the Margin Protection Program for Dairy (MPP-Dairy).

“These programs provide important risk protection for farm and dairy operations, so it is important not to miss the deadline for enrollment,” said Dolcini. “Producers already have elected ARC or PLC, so now is the time to sign the contract and enroll for the 2014 and 2015 crop years. I also remind dairy operations to enroll for coverage in 2016. Just \$100 covers 90 percent of milk production at a \$4 margin, and with incremental premiums, up to an \$8 margin can be covered.”

ARC and PLC programs trigger financial protections for agricultural producers when market forces cause substantial drops in crop prices or revenues. More than 1.76 million farmers and ranchers are expected to sign contracts to enroll in ARC or

Commodity Loans Available- With the lower market prices we're beginning to get 2015 commodity loan applications, and we want producers to be aware of the following reminders:

- Only 2015 production is eligible for the 9-month loan. The grain should be dry and otherwise in good condition. Peaks should be leveled whenever possible and the grain should be stored in a good condition, safe bin with attached ladders (or a good ladder available for possible FSA spot-checks). Commodity loans are also available on Warehouse stored commodities, please check with us for details. Some of the East Polk and Red Lake 2015 loan rates are wheat-3.07 (3.08 Red Lake), Barley-1.82 (1.80 Red Lake), and soybeans- 4.67 (4.70 Red Lake). Other crops are available.

- Producers will need to provide FSA with accurate measurements at the time of application, including the diameter or circumference

of the bin and the height of the grain excluding false (air) floors. Be sure to clarify with FSA the sidewall height and if there is a peak. Poor measurements can lead to over-disbursements and other legal problems later.

- Measurement Service is available on a limited basis and farmers should be aware that the loan will take longer. Check with FSA for more details.

- The August loan interest rate is 1.25% and the loans mature after 9 months, but can repaid earlier. A marketing authorization is needed before the grain is moved to the elevator.

- UCC lien filings and searches are now processed through the Secretary of State's Office and can take up to 5 business days for the office to receive. Please plan accordingly.

If you are interested in applying for a Commodity Loan, please call the office prior to stopping in. The office staff will have the necessary documents prepared for you.

net. More than half of the nation's dairy producers are enrolled in the program. For more information, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/dairy.

For more program information, contact your FSA office or visit www.fsa.usda.gov. To find your local FSA office, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

These risk management programs were authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill, which builds on historic investments made in rural America over the past six years, while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for the taxpayer. Since enactment, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has progressively implemented each provision of this critical legislation, including providing disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; strengthening risk management tools; expanding access to rural credit; funding critical research; establishing innovative public-private conservation partnerships; developing new markets for rural-made products; and investing in infrastructure, housing and community facilities to help improve quality of life in rural America. For more information, visit www.usda.gov/farmbill.

Red Lake County Extension Educator Curtis W. Nyegaard - 218-253-2895

U. S. Soybean Farmers Are Sustainable

For soybean farmers, sustainability isn't a buzzword; it's a way of life. Farmers were GREEN before it was even a movement. From crop rotation and reduced tillage to nutrient and water management, every day is an ongoing commitment to the land and resources. U. S. soybean farmers are committed to continuous improvement -making sure the land that they farm now is prosperous for many years to come. Here are just a few of the sustainable practices soybean farmers are already using day after day, year after year!

Crop Rotation

Ninety-four percent of soybean acres are under planned rotation sequences and continuous plantings, contributing to increased biodiversity. (*USDA Economic Research Service (ERS) www.ers.usda.gov*)

Water Management

Ninety four percent of U. S. farmland is non-irrigated. (*USDA Ag Census 2012*)

Seventy-five percent of sediment is removed by conservation buffers, which improves water quality. (*USDA Water Quality Information Center*)

Reduced Tillage

Seventy percent of U. S. soybean acres use conservation tillage. (*USDA National Agricultural Statistical Service (NASS) www.nass.usda.gov*)

Pest Management

Ninety-five percent of U. S. soybean farmers personally scout their fields each season to manage pests. (*Best Practices Report, United Soybean Board, October 2014*)

Farmers have reduced herbicide runoff by 70 percent, which helps to keep the water supply healthy. (*Comparative Environmental Impacts of Biotechnology-derived and Traditional Soybean, Corn, and Cotton Crops, accessed January 6, 2014, Council for Agricultural Science and Technology, www.cast-science.org*)

Nutrient Management

Ninety-two percent of U. S. soybean farmers have tested their soil to maintain proper nutrient levels. (*Best Practices Report, United Soybean Board, October 2014*)

Conservation

Ten percent of U.S. farmland is taken out of production to protect sensitive areas. (*USDA FSA*)

You can check out more on sustainability and what farmers across the country are doing to continuously improve on their farms by visiting the web at www.SustainableSoy.com.

Source: United Soybean Board.

Stored Grain Pros and Cons Of Temporary Grain Storage

With some of last year's grain crop still in storage and a bumper crop expected this year, the demand for grain storage is very high. Grain can be stored many different ways, but all storage must keep the grain dry and provide adequate aeration to control

grain temperature. The grain must be kept dry and cool (near the average outdoor temperature) when placed in alternative storage facilities because providing adequate, uniform airflow to dry grain or cool grain coming from a dryer is not feasible according to Ken Hellevang, NDSU Extension Ag Engineer.

Structural Issues

Grain pushing against the walls can damage buildings not built for grain storage. The wall must be anchored securely and the structural members must be strong enough to transfer the force to the building poles or support structure without breaking or bending them excessively. Typically, you'll need additional poles and a grain wall to support the grain force in a pole building. Hellevang advises hiring an engineer to complete a structural design or analysis, or contracting the building company for guidance to prevent a structural failure.

Before placing grain in a building previously used for grain storage, look for anything out of alignment, such as a bowing wall or roofline. Bowing or bending indicates the load on the building already exceeds the load for which it was designed and built. Examine connections for separation or movement. Only one structural failure can sometimes lead to a total building failure. You may need to reinforce some connections by adding a gusset or splice.

Storing In Bags

Storing grain in poly bags is a good option, but it does not prevent insect infestations or mold growth in damp grain. Grain should be placed in the bag at the regularly recommended storage moisture of the grain and the outdoor temperatures. Heating will occur if the grain exceeds a safe storage moisture content; grain in a bag cannot be cooled with aeration. The average temperature of dry grain will follow the average outdoor temperature. Select an elevated, well drained site for the storage bags, and run the bags north and south so solar heating is similar on both sides. Sunshine on just one side heats that side, which can lead to moisture accumulation in the grain on the cool side. Wildlife can puncture the bags, creating an entrance for moisture and releasing the grain smell, which attracts more wildlife. Monitor the grain temperature at several place in the bags.

Never Enter A Grain Bag Because It Is A Suffocation Hazard! If unloading the bag with a pneumatic grain conveyor, the suction can “shrink wrap” a person so they cannot move and will limit space for breathing.

Grain Piles

Grain frequently is stored short term in outdoor piles. However, precipitation is a severe problem in uncovered grain. A 1-inch rain will increase the moisture content of a 1-foot layer of corn by 9 percentage points. This typically leads to a loss of at least 2 feet of grain on the pile

surface. A 1-foot loss on the surface of a 25 foot high cone shaped pile is about 13 percent of the grain. Using a cover to prevent water infiltration is a must. Aeration and wind blowing on the pile will not dry wet grain adequately to prevent spoilage. Prepare the ground surface where grain will be piled using lime, fly ash, cement or asphalt to prevent soil moisture from reaching the grain. The storage floor should be higher than the surrounding ground to minimize moisture transfer from the soil into the grain. Make sure the ground surface is crowned so moisture that does get into the pile drains out rather than creating a wet pocket that leads to grain deterioration. Also examine the entire area to assure that flooding will not occur during major rain events.

Grain Covers

A combination of restraining straps and suction from the aeration system holds grain covers in place. However, you must provide inlets for adequate airflow through the the grain to control its temperature. Place perforated ducts on the grain under the cover to provide the cover to provide a controlled air intake for the aeration system and airflow near the cover to minimize condensation problems. Properly sized and spaced ducts should be placed on the ground under the pile to pull air through the grain. If a perforated grain wall is used, the aeration ducts near the wall should be perforated or the airflow through the grain will be limited to near the wall.

Cooling Stored Grain

Cool grain with aeration to reduce the insect infestation potential. Insect reproduction is reduced at temperatures below about 60 F, insects are dormant below about 50 F, and insects can be killed by extended exposure to temperatures below about 30 F. Cooling grain as outdoor temperatures cool reduces moisture migration and the condensation potential near the top of the grain pile. Grain moisture content and temperature affect the rate of mold growth and grain deterioration, with allowable storage time approximately doubling with each 10 degree reduction in grain temperature. The grain should be cooled whenever the average outdoor temperature is 10 to 15 degrees cooler than the grain. It should be cooled to near 30 degrees for winter storage, depending on available air temperature.

Aeration ducts need to have perforations sized and spaced correctly for air to enter and exit the ducts uniformly and obtain the desired airflow through the grain. The maximum spacing for aeration ducts is equal to the grain depth to achieve acceptable airflow uniformity. For more information, do an online search at the University of Minnesota on grain drying and storage at www.extension.edu/ or at NDSU at www.ag.ndsu.edu/. You can also e mail Ken at kenneth.hellevang.ndsu.edu with questions.

Source: Ken Hellevang, NDSU Extension Ag Engineer.

Regional Ag News

Jim Stordahl, Extension Educator

Corn Silage Harvest on the Horizon

This week's timely tip comes from my coworker, Dan Martens, Extension Educator in central Minnesota.

If you raise corn, harvesting the crop as silage is always an option, even if you do not have livestock yourself. Given the dismal price of corn, chopping provides one more harvest option; this is especially true if your corn was damaged by recent storms. Another advantage of silage is getting the crop off early, at least a month earlier which may be desirable given the unpredictability of fall weather.

The earliest maturing corn is beginning to dent. As it moves from early dent, when the whole plant moisture might be 73% or more; full dent is about 71%; ½ milk line around 65% moisture; 1/4 milk line around 63%; no milk line around 60% and the grain moisture might be around 32%...and a black layer starting to develop on the kernel tip. I use the milk line process where ¼ milk line means there is still milk about ¼ of the distance up from the bottom of the kernel.

I have one reference that says it might take 5 days to move from early dent to full dent, 5 days from full dent to half milk line - if weather conditions push things quickly. That seems really fast to me. So as the corn starts to dent, it's time to watch the crop pretty closely for chopping corn silage.

Ultimately reaching the whole plant moisture that is correct for your storage and feeding practices is important. When we have good soil moisture, we can be fooled into thinking the corn is too green to chop. The grain makes up half of the total dry matter weight of plant. So when the grain gets down around a 35% moisture range and less, that weighs heavily on the whole

plant moisture content.

With normal weather and crop conditions, once we get to where most kernels have started to dent, we might expect to lose about one-half of one percent whole plant moisture per day. So if we think we are around 71% whole plant moisture when most kernels have dented, we might drop 6% moisture and be at 65% moisture in around 12 days.

PRICING CORN SILAGE

With a better planting season and ample moisture, there might not be as many people shopping for corn for silage as last year, but there will be some, especially is storm damaged areas.

Ohio State Extension posted an article recently about pricing Corn silage. This can be found by doing a website search for “Ohio Extension Pricing Corn Silage August 2015”. You're welcome to call us at the County Extension Office to get a copy. The article lists several links to related topics.

One article tells about a computer program (SESAME) that calculates a value for corn silage based on the value of 20 or 30 other feed materials. The article shows an example that resulted a “corn standing in the field price” of about \$24 per ton. That's in the range of a thumb-rule estimating that a ton of corn silage purchased out of the field might have a value of 6 to 8 times the price of a bushel of corn. This is based on expecting 6 to 8 bushels of corn per ton of corn silage. Some value for the fodder might be added to that. DO NOT take \$24 as the right number for your situation – do you own math.

People who start negotiations with 6 to 8 times the price of corn should study a Wisconsin Extension Article about field trials looking at the variations and factors that play into bushels of corn per ton.

With yields averaging from 25 to 200 bushels per acre and moisture ranging from 60 to 70% over several years, this ranged from 0 to 12 bushels per ton. Wisconsin Extension forage information can be found by searching for “Wisconsin Extension Forage FYT” or call the County Extension Office. Moisture alone makes a huge difference. For corn at 125 bushels per acre, for example, if chopped at 60% moisture, these field trials averaged 14.6 tons of corn silage per acre and 8.5 bushels of corn per ton. If chopped at 70% moisture, they averaged 19.5 tons per acre BUT only 6.4 bushels per ton - because more of the weight is water.

Wisconsin also has a worksheet for putting harvest and production costs and other information for estimating potential buyer and seller prices for corn silage. Testing corn silage for moisture and feed quality can be helpful in considering corn silage prices.

For the buyer, a key question is: What will I have invested in the feed when I put in in the feed bin - when I add what I pay for the standing crop and my costs to chop, haul, and put it in storage?

For the seller, a key question is: How does the standing crop stumpage value compare to my cost of production... and how does net income for the crop, if chopped - compare to the value of the grain I would harvest MINUS my cost for harvesting, drying, hauling, storage and/ or moisture deductions. What about the value of stalks left on the field with grain harvest?

At the end of the day, the buyer and seller need to figure out if there is a price that makes sense for their situation.

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Blast To Brooks this Saturday

This Saturday, the place to be is in Brooks for their 44th Annual Blast To Brooks.

The day begins at 9:00 a.m. with an opening prayer and the St. Joe's Raffle also starts at this time. There is a Bake Sale being held at St. Joe's and if it is like any of the local church bake sales, you better get there early, which this year means right after 9:30 a.m. At 11:00 a.m. St. Joe's will begin serving their Plate Lunch.

At 12:45 p.m. the Brooks Library has a Magic Show and free ice cream. A great place to bring you kids.

The Grand Parade will be

East Polk Heritage Days in Fosston

The East Polk Heritage Center is extending our usual summer season by an extra two weeks this year, changing the 2015 Heritage Day from the last weekend in August to September 12. It promises to be an event you won't want to miss. The scheduled events begin with the Farmers' Market at 8 a.m.

The Moen Schoolhouse will be a favorite stop with everyone as many of the events scheduled for this year will be held here. One of the main attractions will be a Rosemaling demonstration by the Norda Gonvick Rosemalers Club.

Also a free quilt show showcasing various quilts made by local quilters, including Clifford Bartz, a 93 year old McIntosh resident who sews his quilts on an antique treadle

lining up and it starts at 2:00 p.m. Every year there is a great variety of floats and entries.

This year there will also be the annual Classic Car and Bike Show. Registration starts at 1:00 p.m.

Pig Races is new this year as one of the many events and they begin at 2:30 p.m. This could be a very fun event to watch.

At 3:00 p.m. brings the start of the Antique Tractor and Machinery Show. And at 3:30 p.m. a Frozen T-Shirt Contest. Lets hope it a hot day.

The event that the children really look forward to is the

Ping Pong Ball Drop and this year it is going to be held at 4:30 p.m.

Supper is on everyone's mind by this time and there is a delicious meal as usual set up, the annual Pig Roast.

Live Entertainment by DMS finishes off the evening of fun.

Don't forget there is also softball tournaments, beer gardens, flea markets, and food vendors set up at Brooks that day.

Come on down and enjoy the day at Brooks!

Oklee Herald Early Files

Seventy Years Ago September 6, 1945

Mrs. Albert J Bergeron returned home last week to her home southwest of town after spending a week in a hospital in Crookston.

Mink may be taken anywhere within the state in Minnesota in any manner from November 1, 1945 to January 29, 1946.

Playing at the Oak Theatre in Oklee is "The Invisible Man's Revenge" starring Leon Errol, John Carradine, and Alan Curtis.

Sixty Years Ago September 8, 1955

Red Lake County Sheriff Carl Kankel has issued warrants for the arrest of two Missouri men charged with passing a worthless \$1,000 check on a local implement dealer and fled with a two tractors.

The ridiculous spectacle of ball players riding to bases on balking donkeys will highlight a performance here Saturday.

Doors swung wide open at Oklee School with a total of enrollment of 451.

Fifty Years Ago September 2, 1965

After a two-week delay for want of the steel for the roof, construction of the new Oklee Recreation was resumed at a good pace this week.

Sp/5 David Westerlund called his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gust Westerlund from Fort Bragg saying he was leaving within the hour by plane for Vietnam.

Miss Karen Noyes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Noyes, left Sunday evening for Fort Sill, OK and will become the bride of Richard Delage, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Delage.

Forty Years Ago September 4, 1975

Plummer Band added another trophy to its collection when they received a trophy last Saturday after marching in the Clearbrook Bi-Centennial Parade.

Oklee Public School has two new teachers in the system.

Kaye Marquis formerly of Goodridge is the new first grade teacher and Judy Fankhanel is the new Home Economics teacher.

Thirty Years Ago September 4, 1985

Myra (Mrs. Omer) Nesland is the new library aide for both the elementary and high school libraries.

The rains missed Oklee on Friday for the first time in two weeks, but it still didn't mean much as it rained the last five days and some farmers had to discount some of their crops completely.

September 11th, 1985 is proclaimed to be Otto Bakken Day in recognition of being chosen Minnesota Outstanding Male Senior Citizen at the Minnesota State Fair.

Twenty Years Ago September 13, 1995

Jodi Lee is the new half-time Special Education teacher for the Oklee School system.

A large crowd attended the potluck picnic that was held on Sunday at the newly remodeled Deer Park Community

Recreation Center.

Marisha Pahlen would like to announce the birth of her sister, Shelby who was born on August 13th. Proud parents are Steven and Stacy (Korelewski) Pahlen.

There were 13 entries in the Blast To Brooks Kiddie Parade and 1st place went to Seth & Zachary Knutson.

Ten Years Ago September 8, 2005

Betty (LaJambe) Piccolo was one of eleven inducted into the Elk Hall of Fame at the Elk River High School, celebrating a rich athletic tradition going back 100 years.

34th Annual Blast To Brooks is coming on September 10th.

2nd Annual Oklee Market Day is planned for September 24th.

Mitch Bernstein was appointed as Sheriff of Red Lake County by the County Commissioners.

The Brekke family hosts an old fashioned threshing bee on August 21st and was held on the Brekke farm north east of Oklee.

Bonny's Bits...

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When used for food, zucchini are usually picked when under 20 cm (8 in.) in length, when the seeds are still soft and immature. Mature zucchini can be as large as a baseball bat. The larger ones are often fibrous. A zucchini with the flowers attached is a sign of a truly fresh and immature fruit, and it is especially sought after for its sweeter flavor.

Unlike cucumber, zucchini is usually served cooked. It can be prepared using a variety of cooking techniques, including steamed, boiled, grilled, stuffed and baked, barbecued, fried, or incorporated in other recipes such as soufflés. Zucchini can also be baked into a bread similar to banana bread or incorporated into a cake mix.

Its flowers can be eaten stuffed and are a delicacy when deep fried, as tempura.

Zucchini has a delicate flavor and requires little more than quick cooking with butter or olive oil, with or without fresh herbs. The skin is left in place. Quick cooking of barely wet zucchini in oil or butter allows the fruit to partially boil and steam, with the juices concentrated in the final moments of frying when the water has gone, prior to serving. Zucchini can also be eaten raw, sliced or shredded, in a cold salad, as well as lightly cooked in hot salads, as in Thai or Vietnamese recipes. Mature (larger sized) zucchini are well suited for cooking in breads.

Regional Ag News

Jim Stordahl, Extension Educator

Growing Garlic

Most garden crops are planted in the spring, but garlic is a common favorite that should be planted in the fall of the year.

Garlic is closely related to onions and chives and is used as a medicinal and culinary herb. Garlic forms bulbs, which separate into many cloves, each covered with a white-purplish or pinkish, papery sheath.

Most commercial garlic is grown in the mild climate of northern California. These varieties of garlic will not grow well in Minnesota, and will develop a "hot" flavor. When choosing garlic for your garden, use varieties adapted to cold climates.

Garlic is easy to grow and propagated by planting cloves. Purchase cloves at the local farmers market or trade freshly baked cookies with a benevolent neighbor that grows garlic in the garden. Do not plant cloves from the grocery store, most are softneck varieties and will not do well under Minnesota conditions.

Optimal shoot and bulb production require a cold treatment, so cloves are generally planted in the fall, usually one or two weeks after the first killing frost. Roots and shoots will emerge from the cloves by the first hard freeze, but shoots will usually not emerge from the soil until the following spring.

Separate individual cloves a day or two before planting. Plant cloves in double rows 6 inches apart within and between rows on beds centered 30 inches apart. If planting in raised beds, garlic can be "solid" seeded in a grid pattern throughout the entire bed, there is no need for rows to walk or cultivate.

Cover beds with 3-4 inches of leaf or straw mulch to prevent fluctuating temperatures during the winter and early spring, and to help control weeds. The mulch can be removed in the spring after the threat of hard freezes is over to help the soil warm up, or it can be left in place to help with weed control and preserve soil moisture. Be sure to plant the pointed side up, with the base of the clove 2-3 inches from the soil surface. Planting the cloves "upside down" will result in the plant growing the wrong direction and the fruit of your labor will be enjoyed by a surprised Chinese gardener.

Garlic grows best on well-drained, moisture-retentive soils high in organic matter. Well-rotted manure or compost

is an ideal soil amendment. Prior to planting, soils should be well tilled to provide a loose growing bed for bulb growth. Garlic has a moderate to high demand for nitrogen, so additional amounts can be top dressed as soon as shoots emerge and 2-3 weeks afterwards. Avoid applying nitrogen after the first week in May, or bulbing may be delayed. Nitrogen in the spring may not be necessary if adequate compost was incorporated in the fall.

Proper watering will enhance good production. Soak the soil thoroughly when watering, to a depth of at least one inch each week during the growing season. There is little or no value in light watering that only wets the soil surface. Sandy soils may require more frequent watering. Stop watering two weeks before harvest to avoid staining bulb wrappers and promoting diseases.

Garlic does not compete well against weeds. Use of mulch will help control weeds. Frequent, shallow cultivation will kill weeds before they become a problem. The roots of garlic are very close to the surface of the soil, so it is important not to cultivate too deeply. Cultivate just deeply enough to cut the weeds off below the surface of the soil. Be careful not to damage the plants when cultivating.

Harvesting too early will result in small bulbs, and harvesting too late will result

in cloves popping out of bulbs. Depending on variety and climate zone, garlic is normally harvested between late June and late July. One indication to start harvesting is when the lower leaves turn brown and when half or slightly more than half of the upper leaves remain green. Alternatively, you can pull a few bulbs and cut them in half; if the cloves fill the skins, then the bulbs are ready to harvest.

Harvest plants with shoots and bulbs attached. Knock off any large clumps of soil, and then put the plants in a warm, dry, airy place for 3-4 weeks to cure. This will dry the sheaths surrounding the bulbs, as well as the shoots and roots. After curing, the shoots can be cut ½ - 1 inch above the bulbs and the roots trimmed close to the bulb base.

Garlic cloves can easily be saved from one crop to the next. It is recommended to keep the biggest one for planting the following year.

Garlic is easy and fun to grow. Whether you grow it for its medicinal properties, culinary uses or to keep vampires at bay now is the time to get started.

For more tips to keep vampires at bay, contact me 800-450-2465 or stordahl@umn.edu. This article was adapted from the UM publication, Growing Garlic in Minnesota Home Gardens. To see the full article, simply Google the title.



It was a beautiful evening to hold a Backpack Blessing service at the Oklee North Park. Dawn (Hegge) Hanson was the lay minister for the evening.

Senior Site News and Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

Sunday has been different with rain coming down in small showers. I'm sure we haven't had enough to measure. Weather reports say our temperatures will be in the 70's this coming week.

One of our bridge players has moved to Thief River Falls. Rose Mandt decided to move to an assisted living home, Greenleaf. She moved there this past Saturday. Our Bridge Club will miss her as she had been a member of our club for about 20 years. I'm sure she would appreciate a visit when you are in TRF.

We have several homes

for sale in Oklee. We have many new residents and would welcome more.

School will have begun by the time this column appears in the paper. It is so nice to see all the children excited about a new school year. When I was working at the school, I was anxious to see the students also. I still miss seeing their eager faces.

Dates To Remember

Sept. 15 - Pot Luck Meal
Sept. 17 - Site Council Meets
Sept. 18 - Birthday Meal

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

Happy Birthday to my grandson Ian Ellenson. Helives in Warroad with his parents Nancy and Matt Ellenson and his siblings Phillip, Daphne, and Margaret. He is 15 years old.

Walter Novak, Caleb, Jerome Novak, and Adam Reese went to Rollag to take in the Steam Thresher Reunion on Sunday. On the way home, they stopped at the Lake Union Campground to eat supper at the camper where Cindy Novak had supper ready for them.

Reinette Walter went to Annandale last week to see her grandchildren play volleyball. On her return she stopped at the home of Jim and Karen Otto, and then went to visit with Judy Vanyo where she saw Dave Novak who was headed to the Steam Thresher Reunion to be entertainment

with the band. On Friday night she went to see Justin and Hunter Yutreszenka play football in the rain.

A big welcome home to Myrtle Hamrum. She was in Alaska to visit with Susan Bailey, her daughter, and Susan's family. Her grandson Mason also came to visit her in Alaska at Susan's and got some grandma time in. Myrtle said she attended two fairs, a couple of birthday parties of her friends there and an anniversary. She also saw a volleyball game that her granddaughter was playing in. She said this was a first time viewing a game. She had a good time but is glad to be home.

Clarence and Diane had a wonderful anniversary on Saturday. Many relatives and guests came to wish them well. There was a full course

Words Of Wisdom

Fearlessness is a powerful business advantage.

Try the pie at any place called Mom's.

Joke Time

Jim was relaxing in his favorite chair on Sunday. He told one of his co-workers. "I was reading the paper, watching ball game on TV and listening to on the radio, drinking beer, eating a snack, and scratching the dog with my foot--and my wife had the nerve to accuse me of just sitting there doing nothing."

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

The Plummer Legion had a steak and pork chop supper (grilled) fundraiser, also silent auction. Corn on the cob, mac salad, cucumbers and brownies. They had a good turnout.

Jane Kolstoe and Inga Linder visited with Margaret Johnson at the Care Center in Thief River Falls and also visited with Doris Malwitz.

Goodwin & Lucille Kvasager, Loretta Hesse, and Cindy Arlt attended the Oakland Park picnic and visited Jean Matt.

Mare and Don Ranstrom of Mille Lacs, attended the Ridgewood County School Reunion on Sunday afternoon. Don went through all eight grades there. They had a good turnout. This is by Viking. They enjoyed a good supper and visiting with classmates. Later they visited Anna DeHate.

John Sorenson and Tanya Hagen got married at Trinity

Lutheran Church in Thief River Falls. John is the son of Karl and Rita Sorenson and the grandson of Wavell Sorenson. The reception was held at the Plummer Hall Saturday afternoon with a wedding dance that evening. Alice Jobe visited Fern Eskeli at Oakland Park on Wednesday morning.

Rick and Bonnie Greenwald, of Stacy, came Tuesday evening. They had just returned home from a trip out west. They visited Larry Johnson's at Las Vegas. They spent time in Utah sightseeing.

Alice Jobe visited Bonnie Greenwald on Wednesday afternoon uptown in Plummer.

On Friday, August 28th, Christopher Ingraham, Washington Post reporter came on a bus tour to Brooks, then to Oklee and on to Plummer. He visited the Cremery (Cenex) and was given a cap and tote with Plummer on it.

LeRoy Stumpf had given him 2 Fools wine as a gift. They stopped at the Museum and he took several pictures. It was interesting to meet him. They also went to the barn, where they took a few pictures, one with him on the tractor with Linus Schmitz. Then Chuck Simpson invited them to come to the Sportsmen's Club Rifle Range west of town which was his last stop here. They left for Huot Park where he was shown and told about the Indian Peace Treaty, oxcart trail (Pembina) and taken down by the river. While in Red Lake Falls, he had toured the Courthouse, kayaked on the river and went to the golf course and also ate at TNJ's. He had a lot to take back with him to show there are many wonderful places to see and fun things to do here. I think it was a memorable vacation for him.

Who's Dat?



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This week's photo is of two couples celebrating their 25th anniversary. One coupled lived in Oklee, the other east of Oklee.

Last week's photo is a First Day of School photo of Jeanine (Hammer) Metzдорff and Kristin (Lambert) Emanuel all dressed in their best.

