

Oklee Precipitation
By Einar Kvasager

	Rain	Snow
June 30	0.57	
July 3	0.03	
July 4	0.10	
Total in.	0.66	0.00

Oklee Herald

...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

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Red Lake County Fair had many events for all ages



Deb Kiel spoke to the Seniors about what is going in the legislature.



Darby Larsen from Riverview talked about diabetes and the importance of making changes if you are pre-diabetic.



There was lots of Seniors playing Bingo at the Red Lake County Fair Senior Day held in the Hall. Lots of great prizes were won. The Area on Aging served a light lunch and coffee.



Irene Rosten won a Cookbook and a gift of money. The other ladies were congratulating her on her win.



John Lerohl was the official Bingo caller for the Senior Day event at the Red Lake County Fair.



Vincent Dessellier and Don Brown raising the Flag on June 28th to open the Red Lake County Fair.

Calendar of Events

- Wed, July 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, July 11:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
- Fri, July 12:**
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
- Sat, July 13:**
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!
- Sun, July 14:**
-Worship at the church of your choice.
- Mon, July 15:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
- Tue, July 16:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards.
- Wed, July 17:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
- Thu, July 18:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
- Fri, July 19:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
- Sat, July 20:**
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!
- Sun, July 21:**
-Worship at the church of your choice.
- Mon, July 22:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
- Tue, July 23:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards
- Wed, July 24:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
- Thu, July 25:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
- Fri, July 26:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
- Sat, July 27:**
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!
- Sun, July 28:**
-Worship at the church of your choice.

The Red Lake County Fair officially opened the doors on a beautiful summer morning , Friday, June 28th with a Flag Raising Ceremony held in front of the RLCC High School in Oklee. The Oklee American Legion Post #159 presented colors and raised the flag.

Then the people came with their projects, crafts, canned goods, etc to enter into the 4-H or Open Class exhibits. Once that was completed, the judges spent most of the day judging all the exhibits.

By evening, everyone could see who was the lucky winners for not only 1st, 2nd or 3rd places but who took the Grand Champion or Reserve ribbons.

During the day for Seniors was their annual Senior Day at the Oklee Hall. They had a good sized crowd as usual. The Area on Aging served light lunch of delicious desserts and coffee while the speakers, Deb Kiel on the Minnesota Legislature about Eldercare & Abuse which can come in many different forms, Education got more funding, Roads & Bridges go more funding and Kiel said to call her if you have any questions or concerns. Darby Larsen from Riverview in Crookston talked about pre-diabetes, how to change your diet and other lifestyle choices to take control, and that Riverview offers free classes on controlling pre-diabetes if you qualify and Bruce Piersol gave some good information and instructions on using a AED machine which most public buildings now have in place. Also how important it is for these public AED machines to have fresh batteries and should be checked regularly.

Bingo is always a favorite part of Senior Day and the Seniors had a great time playing for some pretty nice prizes.

Later on Friday, Wojo Rodeo



The American Legion Post #159 presented the Colors and raised the Flag to officially open the Red Lake County Fair on Friday, June 28th. Pictured in the back row are Larry Skallet, Einar Kvasager, Don Stenberg, and John Lerohl. In the front are Jan Dulka and John Lessard. Raising the flag is Vincent Dessellier and Don Brown.

put on a great rodeo our at the Fair Grounds south of Oklee across from the Oklee Pits. The action was great I heard and there was some injuries to at least one bull rider. Hope all turnout out well.

After the rodeo, there was a dance with a DJ and the weather was great so folks got to kick up their heels or visit for the evening.

Saturday was the day if you were a kid, as every events

seemed to please all the children.

The day started with a Cowboy Breakfast out at the Fair Grounds by the pits.

The booths and exhibits opened at 9 a.m. and the children of all ages could to a couple of different activities at the school. One of them was the Make It and Take It table where they could make a nail & string project. This was a fun project and the kids and parents enjoyed it.

For adults that day or kids too, there was Bingo in the Hall from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and there were lots of lucky winners from reports received.

From 12 noon until 4 p.m. there was bounce houses for the kids to enjoy, a dunk tank for those that like to take a dip, and a climbing wall. I didn't see too many take advantage of that. All activities were free. There was a escape room also set up in the school.

At 12 noon was the favorite kids activity - the Pedal Pull Tractors. There were a few 2 years olds, Arianna and Patrick who took their first try on the pedal tractors and received a participation ribbon. Kids that compete, can go on to the State Fair if they win in this competition. There wasn't quite as much competition as past years. The categories were from ages 3 to 12. Winners received a Ribbon and the chance to compete in September at the State Fair if they chose.

Outside the School was a booth set up from Rydell Na-



Rydell Refuge had an archery blowout unit with safety arrows and people of all ages enjoyed the display.

tional Wildlife Refuge. It was a very popular stop for everyone of all ages. They had a table full of information, but that isn't what was drawing folks in. It was the archery display. Kids and adults both enjoyed learning if they didn't already know how to shoot with a bow & arrow, and if they did, they enjoyed it also. The shooting gallery had four tubes blowing air that held up four colored balls. With the special safety arrows, you tried to knock the ball out of their place.

The Rydell National Wildlife Refuge is not too far from home, so it would be a great place if you like to hike, watch wildlife and they have different programs going on quite often. On July 20th at 1:00 p.m. they have a program about Raptors! The program will include live birds including a Red-Tailed Hawk, Rough-legged Hawk, Northern Saw Whet Owl and a Turkey Vulture. Sounds interesting.

After the Kids Pedal Tractor Pull, the activities had to be moved inside as Mother Nature provided some rain and wind, but thankfully no storms. The Children's Baja (with small electric vehicles), the kids games (three legged race, egg toss, and others) were moved into Oklee's Ice Skating Rink building.

Also due to the rain, Miss Sydney Melby was moved inside the big gymnasium to provide music for anyone who wanted to stop by and listen.

Later in the afternoon,, the rain quit and the Redneck challenge was held outside the Ice Rink building. This year the challenge was (with a partner) different than last year. One of the two would be blindfolded and then directed to fill a bucket by verbal instruction, walk to different bucket, and dump the water, then to get water again and dump in another bucket all by verbal instruction given to the blindfolded participant.

Red Lake County Fair
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Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Wed, July 10: 7:00 p.m. Zion. (C)
Sun, July 14: 9:00 a.m. Zion. 10:30 a.m. Salem. (C)
Wed, July 17: 7:00 p.m. Salem. (C)

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OKLEE, GRYGLA & GOODRIDGE
Fr. Adam Hamness
Sun, July 14: 7:30 a.m. Confessions 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Francis Xavier, Oklee; 10:15 a.m. St. Clement Parish, Grygla; 12:00 p.m. St. Ann Parish, Goodridge.

BROOKS - RED LAKE FALLS CATHOLIC PARISH
Fr. Bob Schreiner
Sat, July 13: 5:30 p.m. RLF
Sun, July 14: 8:00 a.m. Brooks. 10:00 a.m. RLF.

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun, June 14: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Immanuel.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Wed, July 10: 7:00 p.m. Evening Service at Bethany.
Sun, July 14: 8:30 a.m. Ekelund. 9:45 a.m. Faith. 11:00 a.m. Bethany.

Summer Rec Schedule

July 15 - 19
Monday July 15
1:00 - 2:00 Basketball for all ages in Oklee gym
2:00 - 3:30 PeeWees (ages 9-10) practice behind school, Cadets (ages 11-13)/Girl's Softball (ages 9-13) practice at the softball fields
3:30 - 4:30 Open Gym for all ages
6:15 T-Ball tournament at Fosston. Bus is not provided.
Tuesday July 16
10:00 - PeeWee tournament at Bagley. Bus leaves Plummer at 8:30, Brooks at 8:45, Oklee at 9:00.
1:00 - 2:00 Kickball for all ages in Oklee gym
2:00 - 3:30 Cadets and Softball practice at softball fields
3:30 - 4:30 Open Gym
Wednesday July 17
Kloster League at Clearbrook ages 9-14. Bus leaves Plummer at 7:45, Brooks at 8:00 Oklee school at 8:15, returns around 3:00 - 3:30.
Thursday July 18
10:00 - Cadet games at Oklee. RLCC Red plays Fosston Maroon at the softball field without dugouts, RLCC White plays Bagley at the main softball field with dugouts.
10:00 - Girls softball tournament at Bagley. Bus leaves Plummer at 8:30, Brooks at 8:45, Oklee at 9:00.
1:00 - 4:00 Various games either in the Oklee gym or outside
Friday July 19
No Activities

RLCC High School Summer Office Hours
The office at Red Lake County Central High School is beginning their summer hours' schedule. The office will be open 8 am to 3 pm Monday through Thursday. The office is closed Fridays.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth
Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Sat, July 13: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.
Sun, July 14: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri. 9:45 a.m. Nazareth. 11:00 a.m. Oak Park.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, July 10: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Sun, July 14: 9:30 a.m. Worship.
Tue, July 16: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions. 10:00 a.m. Quilting. 6:30 p.m. Bible Study.
Wed, July 17: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Wed, July 10: 2:00 p.m. Lund WELCA.
Sun, July 14: 9:00 a.m. Lund. 10:30 p.m. Bethany.
Wed, July 17: 2:00 p.m. Sand Valley WELCA.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston
Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor
Sun, July 14: 10:00 a.m. Worship.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

July 15 - 19
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: 1/2 BLT, hash browns, vegetables, and dessert.
Tuesday: Hamburger patty, American fries, carrots, and dessert.
Wednesday: Chicken drummies, hash browns, peas, and dessert.
Thursday: Tator Tot hot-dish, coleslaw, toast, and dessert.
Friday: Baked ham, boiled potatoes, vegetable, and dessert.

Notice to All Farmers!

Due to Oklee Water Repairs and Painting of the Water tower, the City of Oklee requests all farmers filling with water, only do so during the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. starting July 12th so Oklee residents have good water pressure after 4 p.m. until further notice.
Thank You!

Red Lake County Commissioners Minutes

RED LAKE COUNTY Regular Meeting Held June 11, 2019

Pursuant to adjournment of its regular meeting the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners duly met in regular session at the courthouse in Red Lake Falls, MN on June 11, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. Chairman Weiss called the meeting to order. All Board members were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Commissioner Simpson moved to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dudycha and carried unanimously.

Kayla Jore, Inter-County Nursing Service Director was present at the meeting to introduce herself to the members. Jore recently assumed the position after the retirement of long time Nursing Service Director Anita Carlson in February.

County Highway Engineer Erik Jove was present to discuss several topics. Hove requested approval to advertise for two culvert replacement projects in Terrebonne Township, SAP 063-599-029 (Road T-179) and SAP 063-599-028 (Road T-135). Project will encompass replacing metal culverts in poor condition with concrete box culverts. Proposed bid opening is July 23, 2019 pending State Aid funding approval. Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried unanimously to approve the request as presented.

Hove requested approval to advertise for construction of a salt storage facility at the County Highway Department location in Red Lake Falls. The building will be located on the northeast corner of the property and sized to store a one-year supply of salt and salt/sand mixture. Hove commented approximately fifty percent of the project is eligible for state aid funding. Bid opening will be held in July/August pending approval of State Aid funding. Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried unanimously to approve the request as presented.

Hove stated that there will be 2 road striping contracts in 2019. The first is a district-wide contract with several of the counties in District 2 that is being administered by Beltrami County. The contract is for completing 6-inch line striping and is paid for with Federal Safety Funds.

The second contract is to complete striping on the remaining county roads and is not eligible for federal funds. Three quotes were received and Hove recommended approval of the low quote of \$28,045.55 from AAA Striping Services to complete the work in the west half of the county. Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried unanimously to approve the low quote as presented.

Hove informed that the apparent low bid accepted at the prior meeting from Triple D Construction was changed due to a calculation error, and therefore no longer making it the lowest bid. Taggart Construction had the next lowest bid at \$204,500.00 and has been awarded the contract. Commissioners questioned when the county road ditches will be sprayed for noxious weeds. EO Kurt Casavan was present and commented that spraying operations will be conducted later in the summer with assistance from County Highway staff.

Casavan informed of an issue with a property owner whose septic system is out of compliance and refusing to comply with requirements. Commissioner Simpson commented that a county resident cannot sell his residence because of the current County Septic Ordinance.

The County Board reviewed quotes to replace shingles on the Social Services building. Two

Red Lake County 4-H Open House

Come help us celebrate 100 years of 4-H in Red Lake County. Open house celebration will be held on Tuesday, July 16, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We will be serving birthday cake and refreshments. Please join us for socialization and stories of the past. Located at the Red Lake County Courthouse (Red Lake Falls) in the Extension Office.



quotes were received in the following amounts: \$11,600.00 from Aaron Seng Construction of Red Lake Falls, and \$19,125.00 from Roy Klipping Construction of Red Lake Falls. Scheduled completion date for both contractors is first part of August. Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Flage and carried by unanimous vote to approve the low quote submitted by Aaron Seng Construction pending proof of liability insurance. The county will provide the building permit.

Commissioner Dudycha moved, seconded by Remick and carried unanimously to approve the following expenditures for the period:

Vendor	Amount
Brummund Excavating, LLC	\$13,207.30
Cardmember Service	3,863.75
Counties Providing Technologies	3,676.00
Dick's Backhoe Service	7,078.83
Kruse Backhoe Service, LLC	7,861.14
Penguin Management, Inc.	3,036.00
ReadiTech IT Solutions	3,097.00
Red Lake County Co-op	4,119.37
University of North Dakota	2,367.63
49 Vendors less than \$2,000.	14,365.71
TOTAL	\$62,672.73

The motion includes the following added expenditures: \$257.78 to Sarah Kollin; \$900.00 to MN IT Services; \$409.85 to Personnel Concepts; \$136.88 expenses and \$530.00 per diem to Chuck Flage; \$8.12 expenses and \$140.00 per diem to Allen Remick.

Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on May 28, 2019 as presented.

Commissioner Remick presented information from County Treasurer Nick Knott regarding recent state legislation appropriating funding to reimburse the County Deputy Registrar Offices related to the development/deployment of the Minnesota License and Registration System (MNLARS) in July, 2017. Red Lake County is being granted \$21,865.36 of the 13 million state appropriation. The County must approve the grant agreement and submit to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety by June 30, 2019. Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Flage and carried unanimously to approve the Reimbursement Grant Agreement as presented. Authorized signers are the Board Chair and County Auditor.

Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Flage and carried by unanimous vote to approve the Liability Release Agreement between Nick Knott, Deputy Registrar Appointee and the Minnesota Department of Public Safety as presented. Remick also presented a request from County Treasurer Knott for additional compensation based on a percentage of the Reimbursement Grant the county will receive. The request is for an additional wage or one-time compensation (bonus) amount of \$6,500.00 to Knott and \$6,500.00 to Deputy Treasurer Carmen Harmoning. According to Knott, the request is due to the extra work beyond normal job functions, increased motor vehicle transactions, and increase in fees generated by the office since MNLARS implementation. Commissioner Remick moved, seconded by Simpson and carried by unanimous vote to approve the one-time bonus payment of \$6,500.00 to Nick Knott and \$6,500.00 to Carmen Harmoning after Red Lake County receives the grant funds.

Commissioner Dudycha asked County Attorney Lacoursiere on the status of the reimbursement from Polk County for its portion of the MnDak lawsuit costs that were paid by Red Lake County. Lacoursiere informed that he had discussions the prior week with the Polk County Attorney and it is Lacoursiere's understanding the topic is to be discussed at a Polk County Board meeting.

The following Commissioner/Committee reports were shared: Commissioner Meeting/Report Simpson: Participated in a Census CCC meeting at Brooks City Hall.

Flage: Attended a NW Regional Development TAC meeting in Warren discussing the spring flood damages, Towards Zero Death program, the speed limit study on Pennington CR #3, road projects and northern border crossing issues.

Dudycha: NW RDC meeting in Red Lake Falls reviewing financials, discussing programs and toured the Weiss Asparagus Farm. Attended an Oklee City Council meeting.

Remick: SWCD meeting discussing the FEMA Flood Plain maps, Ditch Buffer compliance and several erosion issues.

Weiss: Attended the Census CCC meeting, NW Regional Development, Local 49 union negotiations, and a Tri County Corrections meeting in Crookston.

HR Director Lundeen met with the board regarding the final report

COUNTY PROJECT - BIDS CLOSE

Tuesday, July 23rd, 2019

RED LAKE COUNTY RED LAKE FALLS, MN 56750

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS - Bids will be received until 10:00 AM, Tuesday, July 23rd, 2019, by Robert Schmitz, County Auditor, at the Auditor's Office in the Red Lake County Court House, 124 Langevin Ave, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750, for the construction of the projects listed below. Bids will be opened publicly by Erik Hove, County Engineer, or a designated representative, on behalf of the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners.

S.A.P. 063-040-001- Construction of Red Lake County Salt & Sand Storage Facility

The proposed work includes furnishing and installing all labor and materials to construct a 42' x 30' Salt & Sand Storage Facility at the Red Lake County Highway Department, 204 7th St SE, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750.

Plans and proposals may be procured by purchase from the Red Lake County Highway Department, 204 7th Street Southeast, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750.

Complete Plans, Bid Proposals and Specifications:

Counter Price: \$50.00 (includes tax)

Mailed: \$58.00 (includes tax)

Bids must be accompanied by a cashier's check or bidder's bond made payable to the Red Lake County Treasurer in the amount of at least 5% of the total bid.

The Red Lake County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept any bid or reject any or all bids, waive irregularities, and award the contract in the best interest of Red Lake County.

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The Major quantities of work include COMMON EXCAVATION CY 630; AGGREGATE BASE CLASS 5 CY 375; GRANULAR BACKFILL (CV) CY 308; 14' x 7' PC CONCRETE BOX CULVERT CL. I LF 38; 14' x 7' PC CONCRETE BOX CULVERT 15 DEGREE END SECTIONS CL. I EACH 2; 14' X 6' PC CONCRETE BOX CULVERT CL.II LF 42; 14' X 6' PC CONCRETE BOX CULVERT END SECTION CL. II EACH 2; RANDOM RIPRAP CLASS III CY 350.

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Robert Schmitz - Red Lake County Auditor

of the compensation study recently completed by Bjorklund Compensation Consulting. Detailed information from the study was distributed. There was additional discussion. Lundeen informed that the recommendation reflects a 1.37% total salary impact if approved. Lundeen asked the board to make a decision whether to proceed and the date its implemented. Commissioner Remick moved, seconded by Simpson and carried by unanimous vote to accept the proposal as presented and to implement the Bjorklund Compensation study recommendation beginning January 1, 2020.

Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Simpson and carried by unanimous vote to close the regular board meeting at 12:35 p.m. to discuss Local 49 Union negotiations. The regular board meeting was reopened at 1:35 p.m.

The board acknowledged correspondence from Minnesota Rural Counties regarding the end of session legislative report for 2019.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned to June 25, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Attest:
Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

Ron Weiss, Chair,
Board of Commissioners
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ATTENTION

RED LAKE COUNTY SMALL BUSINESS AND POTENTIAL STARTUP ENTERPRISES

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

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

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

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Once that was completed, the blindfold was removed and the 2nd part of the challenge began. This was to back up a trailer into a designated spot (basically a 90 degree backup), then the partner would grab the jack from inside the trailer, jack it up as if changing a tire and then release the jack and place back on trailer. All of this was timed. There were at least three groups of challengers that participated.

The sky had cleared and the second night of Wojo Rodeo fun was once again the place to be. There was lots of action and the crowd enjoyed the rodeo very much and the nice weather.

Sunday is usually a quite day in the morning, booths open and people walk through the gym, but the activities usually don't start until later in the day. This year, there were two activities, both starting at 2 p.m. One was in town and was the 4-H Awards and Share the Fun event held at the Hall in Oklee. If you are in 4-H and have exhibits, this is the place to be. They had trivia contests and you win prizes if you answer correctly. There is the Share the Fun Skit winner from their contest earlier in the year. This year's winner was the "?????" and they

will go on to the State Fair to compete against other Share the Fun winners.

There is also the Fashion Show where 4-H sewer and purchasers show off what they made and what they purchased (for the least amount of money). And after that awards are handed out to everyone who exhibited. There are many sponsors that contribute to this and the kids are the winners.

The other activity is the Baja Races held at the Red Lake County's South Park outside of Oklee. There were many entries in the races and provided hours of fun for everyone out there watching. The day was beautiful with the sun shining down and a nice breeze.

There are four categories of races: Pickups, 4 cylinders, 6 cylinders and 8 cylinders vehicles. Depending on the number of racers, will decide how many groups will run. The winners of each group moves on to the final run in each category.

There are minor crashes, lost parts and lots of fun cheering for your favorite driver/car.

Some vehicles don't finish their initial run and are pushed out and disqualified. If you are a car Baja race fan, this was the place to be.

It was a fun fair and another successful fair has come and gone for 2019. Watch for more photos in the next couple of weeks.



Rydell's Archery range was a very popular place, outside or inside when weather turned wet. This display is held up by air which in turn, raises the balls above the cones and that is what you try to hit.



This fellow was busy pounding in his nails for his string craft at the Make It and Take It at the Red Lake County Fair.



Bruce Piersol demonstrated how to use a AED device to save a life.



The two Bounce Houses were fun for all the young children who spent hours in them.



Together, we can live healthier.

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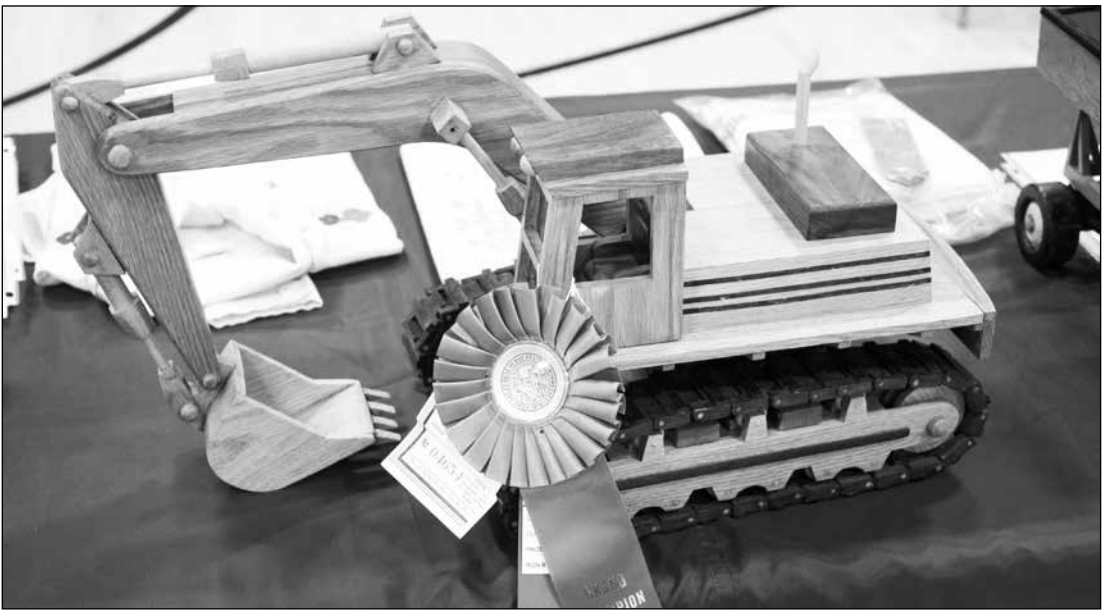
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In Open Class this wood project entered was a Grand Prize winner made by Larry Vaudrin. Beautiful workmanship.



This one earned a Reserve in Open Class and was made by Owen O'Neill. He is the son of Pat & Jenny O'Neill, Oklee.

Oklee Herald Early Files

Eighty Years Ago July 6, 1939

Roy Whiteley, son of Mrs. Q. Whiteley of Oklee and Miss Myrtle Amos, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Amos of Crosby were married at the home of the bride's parents last Saturday.

The Oklee Aces baseball team lost a game to Red Lake Falls here Sunday by the score of 11-8. It was a game characterized by heavy hitting and loose fielding.

The Equality-Garnes baseball team lost a 7 to 4 game to the Brooks team, at Brooks last Sunday.

Betty, six year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hince, died at her home west of town, Monday of this week, after an illness of several months duration.

Seven Oklee Boy Scouts returned here Sunday from Pike Bay, Cass Lake, where they had spent a week at the Scout Camp. While there, every boy passed a number of tests, and all were honored at the Court of Honor held there last Saturday evening.

Lightning struck the church steeple in Gully during the severe electrical storm Sunday night doing considerable damage to the roof.

Seventy Years Ago July 7, 1949

New members of the board are Ralph Sorenson and Alvin Fore to succeed George Spong and Oscar Lovaas. Spong and Lovaas, had served 23 and 22 consecutive years respectively on the board.

Lost River was over its banks again this week following a weekend rainfall of 2.3 inches. Prior to the last rains, it had receded within its banks after flooding hundreds of acres in record May and June downpours.

Minnesota taxes on hard liquor, beer & wine went up 10 percent on July 1st.

Sixty Years Ago July 9, 1959

Three Red Lake County youths will take part in the district 4H Share the Fun Festival at the Community Hall in Red Lake Falls on July 15th. Helga Kvasager, Ann Larson, and Sharon Hegge, members of the Garnes Go Getters will present an Irish Lilt dance.

A thrilling day of water skiing, boat riding and picnicking will be given Minneapolis Star and Tribune carrier salesmen Robert Perreault and Richard Perreault of Brooks, Francis Pladson of Gully and Bobby Lindquist of Oklee.

A new gravel processing

company owned jointly by the C.L. Nelson Company of Brainerd and Haagenson-Tranby of McIntosh expects to put its machinery into operation this weekend on a site about a mile west of Trail on old Highway 92. A one mile spur from the Soo Line tracks was completed last week under the direction of Oklee Section Foreman Andy Nistler.

Daniel James Jaeger, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. James Jaeger was baptized June 27th at St. Vincent Catholic Church.

Fifty Years Ago July 10, 1969

A crowd estimated at 1,500 people attended the Motorcycle Hill Climb at Trail on July 4th. Some 29 riders competed for prizes. Riders came from Minneapolis, Duluth, Anoka, Fargo, Hallock, Canada and other points. Norb Kaiser of Oklee, who managed the event, said another hill climb will be held later this year.

An estimated four to five thousand attended a weekend July 4th celebration sponsored by the Plummer Commercial Club, was extended through Sunday. Events included a parade, horse show, teen-age and old time dances, coronation of Miss Plummer, and numerous prizes given during the day.

Kenny Lessard of Oklee is being treated at a Fargo hospital for injuries received in a two-car collision near Highlanding. His car collided with one driven by Ordean Nelson of Oklee. Nelson was treated for minor injuries at the Thief River Falls Hospital and released.

The new F & M Café opened for business in Plummer on July 3rd. It is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Fredrickson who recently purchased the former Moreau Café.

Forty Years Ago July 5, 1979

“Lie Down and Be Counted” was the headline in the Oklee Herald – The United Blood Services Bloodmobile is coming to Oklee on July 19th. And when it does, the hope is that more Oklee residents will take the opportunity to lie down and be counted.

On Saturday, June 23rd, the children of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Dufault entertained guests at their home in Grand Forks in honor of their parent's 25th anniversary.

David Arveson took the plane to Minneapolis on Wednesday to be with his wife and baby boy who is a patient

at the University Hospital. Kyle underwent surgery on Wednesday.

Many came over to surprise Sena Chervestad on her 86th birthday and included Birdie Gunderson, Luella Peterson, Evelyn and Lottie Lundeen, Signe Evenson, and many more friends and family.

Thirty Years Ago July 5, 1989

The Red Lake County Fair makes final preparations for this year's fair. The Series Fun Shows should prove to be an exciting Medway for all fair goers, having 20 rides (10 for adults) and 30 concessions. This should be the biggest Midway the Red Lake County Fair has had.

May 13th, the Lillo family had a reunion at the Arnold Lillo home in rural Good Thunder with many family from around the United States attending.

Many girls from the area attended the Junior High Volleyball camp in Oklee. Champions of the 4 on 4 competition in the morning session were Michelle Lundeen, Lisa Howard, Cheryl Greenwald and Jenny Walter.

Twenty Years Ago July 7, 1999

97th Red Lake County Fair – one week away – there will be lots of activities to interest all age groups throughout the three days of the Fair.

An accident took the life of William (Billy) Klasi in the early morning hours of July 5th. He apparently went off the east side of Hwy 222 just south of Oklee and hit an approach. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Lionie and Kenya Paradis and Amanda of Brooks are happy to report that a little fellow called Spencer Ronald arrived on Monday, June 14th.

An article about Betty (La-Jambe) Piccolo from the Elk River Star News was reprinted in the Oklee Herald.

Ten Years Ago July 8, 2009

The Red Lake County 4-H Leader's Council presented three \$100 scholarships to Jamie Lee (Happy Go Lucky), Marshall Mickelson (Garnes Go-Getters) and Shelby Weiss (Huot Hustlers).

The annual Red Lake County performances were held at the Red Lake County Fair. The top skit went to the Garnes Go-Getters and they will go to the State Fair to compete.

History came full circle on Sunday, June 21st at Nazareth Lutheran Church, rural Gully with the baptism of Espen Sievert Leirfallom. Espen is the son of Kristofer and Angela Leirfallom of Grand Forks, and the great-great-grandson of Nazareth's first resident Pastor, Reverend Sievert Leirfallom, who served the Nazareth community from 1911 until 1925. Espen was baptized in the gown, that Pastor Leirfallom had his own children baptized in.

Quin County Meeting

The Quin County Board and Advisory Committee will meet on July 15, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at the LifeCare Greenbush Manor in Greenbush.



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First Annual “Paint Your Own Rain Barrel” Activity

Red Lake County Soil & Water Conservation District is excited to be hosting their first annual “Paint Your Own Rain Barrel” Activity for anyone interested.

We plan to host the event on Thursday, August 8th from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm at the Soil & Water Conservation District garage (located next to the MN Wheat Growers Building) south of Red Lake Falls.

All of the supplies will be provided by the Red Lake County SWCD. Space is limited

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Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

We had a very smoky day yesterday. It was quite difficult with the odor and the driving as it was quite dense in places. Of course it is nothing like they are having in California.

I have guests for a few days. Suellen and Scott are here. It is always nice to have company. Scott's class from school days was having a celebration. I understand it was a jolly affair.

I have not heard of anything happening in Oklee now, but something could come up.

Dates to Remember

July 18: Senior Site Council at 10:00 a.m.

July 18: Birthday meal - if your birthday is in July, sign up and maybe you'll win a free meal.

Words of Wisdom

Life is unfair, but you don't have to be.

Never swat at a bee when you're on a ladder.

Joke Time

A little boy was excited when his father finally agreed to take him to the zoo. When they got home the mother asked whether he had a good time. “It was great,” said the boy. “and the boy said dad really

enjoyed himself too -- especially when one of the animals came in at 20-1.”

Why did the raisin go out with the prune?

Because she couldn't find a date.



Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

Clarence and Dianne Gagner have been gone for about 10 days. They were camping north of Bemidji at Summerhaven with Dick and Karen Delage. They moved to Squaw Lake, for a few days and then on to Round Lake where they spent their July Fourth. There they spent time with their Grandson and his family Trent and Allyson of Tempe, Arizona, and Steve and Meriam White parents of Allyson, and Leroy and Joyce Christianson. Tim and Brenda Gagner of Fergus Falls Brittney and Mitch Grunig of Fargo also were on hand to visit and celebrate Clarence's birthday.

Tim and Brenda Gagner of Fergus Falls also came to visit with the Gagners on Friday of this week to visit and stayed until Saturday. A houseguest of the Gagners was Jane Wichterman Hackenmuller of St. Michael, MN. She came to attend the family reunion of the Schmitz family in Red Lake Falls. It was reported that 600 were there to feast with the family.

Clarence and Dianne Gagner also helped their grand daughter, Ashtyn, celebrate her birthday in Fertile where she was visiting her aunt and uncle Steve and Tammy Filipi. She is the daughter of Dan and

Alicia Gagner. Happy Birthday to both Clarence and Ashtyn.

Rebecca Novak came to the Jerome and Barb Novak home on the night of July 3rd and on the 4th took in the parade and festivities at Plummer and then went on to Warroad to view the parade and her nephew and nieces, Daphne, Phillip and Margaret Ellenson in the parade there. She returned to the Novak home on the evening of July 4th and on Saturday the Novaks and Rebecca went to a family gathering in the honor of Gerard Novak's 65th birthday. Gathered there was Jackie and Bill Schroeder of the cities, Theresa Lampa of Grand Forks, Leonard Novak of Warren, Jerome and Barb Novak of Brooks, Ray and Reinette Walter were the hosts at their lake home Camp Ray Rei, Dan and Renae Lindgren, of Argyle, Jenny and Jason Yutrenzenka of Argyle, Carly and Adam Reese Carter and Carson Reese of Brooks. We enjoyed the company and the visiting. It was one of those memorable occasions. Lots of kidding and enjoying each other.

Deb Champagne and Randy Versdahl went to Seattle to visit with her son Lance recently. They got acquainted with their granddaughter born on May

8th and named Liberty Grace. Congratulations to Deb and Randy on your new grand-baby. They were gone for two weeks and took in some of the sights in their traveling. They went through Bear Tooth Pass, and visited the church in Helena, the St. Helen's Cathedral and impressive church on the top of a hill. It overlooks the area in a beautiful way. They visited Yellowstone and West Yellowstone and visited with Randy's daughter. It was a great way to travel and see the sights and visit with family as well.

The weather for the fourth was perfect not too hot or cold. It was sunny, and not too windy. You can't order weather like that it was bestowed on us. The smoke from the fires kind of spoiled our time at the lake on our family gathering. But we sucked it up and still had fun. It seems every year we are getting these smoky days and it is very debilitating for those of us who are allergic or lung compromised in some way. Pretty soon we will have to buy oxygen tanks to carry around. Happy Birthday to Clarence Gagner, and to Gerard Novak. We hope you have a lot longer to celebrate and many parties to enjoy.

Have a great week.

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

Aging served lunch which was delicious desserts, bars and coffee. Alice Jobe and Anna DeHate attended.

Friday evening, Alice and Anna came back for the rodeo and it was very warm.

Chancy Greenwald's and family of White Bear Lake were weekend visitors.

On July 1st, five ladies from the McIntosh Garden Club and one man came to tour Tri River Museum.

Saturday, the 29th, we got 6/10ths of an inch in town of rain. Some got more. Badger had one inch and 2/10ths.

The soybeans and wheat grew well after that, I heard.

On Monday, July 1st, Tri River Pioneers met at the museum.

Saturday, June 29th, was Jean Carpenter's 95th birthday party, decorated with a Birthday Fiesta theme. Kids enjoyed

the pinata's filled with candy, even a two year old joined in. The menu was enchiladas, tacos, rice & beans, chips and salsa. Also desserts were birthday cake, bars, cookies and ice cream sundaes and cones.

Nine of her eleven children and relatives attended from Minnesota, Idaho, Kansas, North Dakota, Wisconsin, Colorado and Arkansas.

Wilma Arlt, Bunny DuChamp, Anne Traxler, Alice Jobe, Cindy Arlt and Anna DeHate enjoyed attending Jean's birthday party.

Rick and Bonnie Greenwald of White Bear Lake came early in the weekend and stayed for the 4th celebration.

Try to stay cool! I hope you had a good “4th” celebration.

PS: Last weekend there was a wedding dance at the Skjerven Barn. Guess they had a good crowd!

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. On-line patrons can visit www.nwrlib.org/rllf.htm at any time from their home computers.

Last week's Summer Reading Program prize winners were Hunter Grembowski, Lila Knott, Archie Nelson, Netasa Peltier, Kayelyn Renwick, Koleton Renwick, Isaac Schindler, Jacob Schindler, Hudson Shulstad and Amelia Warne. SRP Wednesday crafts, weekly prizes and other program fun continues until the end

July WIC Schedule

The Women, Infants and Children's Supplemental Nutrition Education Program (WIC) is being held the month of July 2019.

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.

July Schedule:

No Red Lake Falls Clinic

this month.

Wednesday, July 10: Thief River Falls Redeemer Lutheran Church

Thursday, July 11: Thief River Falls Redeemer Lutheran Church

Friday, July 12: Thief River Falls Redeemer Lutheran Church

Tuesday, July 23: Oklee Inter-Country Community Center Building

For further information concerning the WIC program, call or write WIC Quin, PO Box 248, Newfolden, MN 56738, phone 874-7845 (Newfolden, Viking, Middle River, Holt or Thief River Falls residents) or 1-800-223-1591, or e-mail at quinchs@wiktcl.com.

Wednesday, July 10, 2019

Who's Dat?



Who's Dat

This week's photo is of a couple who lived and worked in Oklee for many years.

Last week's photo was of Lavonne and Dick Radniecki who lived in Deer Park township for many years. This photo was taken in 2017 at Apache Junction, AZ. They have both passed since then, Dick in 2017 and Lavonne in April 2019.

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.

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