

Oklee Precipitation
By Einar Kvasager

	Rain	Snow
August 11	0.06	
August 12	0.01	
August 13	0.68	
August 14	0.01	
August 16	0.12	
Total in.	0.88	0.00

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Oklee Market Day - Something fun for Everyone!

On a beautiful August 10th, the town of Oklee was bustling with activity.

Actually it started the night before with all the volunteer workers for Market Day getting ready. They have signs to put up directing where not to park, where events are being held, hanging up quilts for the quilt show, etc., etc., etc. If it wasn't for all the great volunteers, Oklee wouldn't be able to host Market Day. Any event needs volunteers.

But on gorgeous August 10th morning, Oklee was ready as the sun came up for the fun filled day. The Hero Hustle 5K Registration opened at the Oklee Veteran's Park which was a great place to set up the Start/Finish line. A shelter with picnic tables makes it a comfortable place to be waiting for the start of the event which was at 8:30 a.m.

If you came dressed as your favorite superhero and some did, it just made it more special to be a part of the 5K event. Participants received their t-shirt if they registered early (a nice tied-dye t-shirt is bright green/blue colors), and also handed out to people was a collapsible cooler & Essentia Health water bottle. There were many signed up for the event and they were the heroes for the day, as all proceeds went to the organ donation organization. Along the pathways around the Veteran's Memorial Park were signs featuring people from the surrounding area that had received an organ donation and also of the person who donated the precious organ.

The winners (Heroes) of the 5K were: 12 & under - Eli Nelson (24:24) and Ashlyn Nelson (24:50); 13-18 - Caden Lee (32:41) and Shawna Majeres (29:20); 19-29 - none; 30-39 - no men and Brittanie Pahlen (25:51); 40-49 - Quentin Nelson (25:40) and Michelle Bakken (29:36); 50-59 - Larry (Snook) Olson (43:14 and Holly Spong (30:25); and 60 and over - Bob Melby (46:11 and Mary Jo Mugaas (31:06). Congratulations to Oklee's heroes for the day.

At 8:00 a.m. the Key Hunt

started and seven keys were hidden around town and all but one key was found. There was no age limit, with 1 key per person limit.

At 9 a.m. located in the RLCC High School halls and the small gymnasium were many vendors and crafters. The main school gymnasium had been waxed and polished and so was unavailable for this year's Oklee Market Day.

starting at 10 a.m. using chalk as their medium and before long, the sidewalks were beautifully colored. Entries needed to be completed by 1:00 p.m. for judging.

There was a couple of events that were new this year, and were fun for people of all ages. A Cornhole Tournament started at 11:00 a.m. and was held next to the newly remodeled Pickleball/Basketball courts on the corner of 4th and Main. There was 24 teams competing in the tournament. Ron Hamm and Dave Olson took first place and Richard and Jamie Hendrickson took second place.

The other new event was a Pickleball Tournament that also started at 11:00 a.m. 18 people participated in the tournament. Winners were, 1st Jason Jensen, 2nd Jamie Hoglo, 3rd Bob Melby, and 4th Jessica Hofstad. There were Old

Fashion Street Games on Main Street for all ages and were fun to watch and participate in. The games were old time favorites like the egg toss, three legged race, marshmallow on a spoon race, popsicle eating contest, and a beer chugging contest for contestants over age 21. At 3:00 p.m. the sand pile dig took place for kids where they loved digging in the cool sand and finding nickles and quarters to add to their coin banks.

At 3 p.m. they announced the winners of the many different raffles, key hunt, car show winners, etc.

Winners of the Raffle were: 1st prize: Queen sized quilt - Barb Picolet, Grygla.

2nd prize: \$100 L&M Fleet gift card, fish rod & tackle - Barb Anderson, TRF.

3rd 8ft Lifetime Kayak with paddle - Annamae Christensen, Plummer.

4th 4-man tent, double sleeping bag w/pillow, air mattress - Ron Hamm, Oklee.

5th Cornhole board w/bags - Shannon Moen, Oklee.

6th Cooler with TJ's Tavern & D&C gift certificates - Lindsey Rystad, Brooks.

7th-10th Yard Games - Rick Bjerklie, Gully, Theodore Perfecto, TRF, Rodney Smith, Oklee and Justin Rystad, Oklee.

Key Winners received \$5.00 except for one who received \$20: Owen O'Neill, Molly Smith, Gunnar Sandeen, Brody Rystad, Debra Boucher and Kataha Bosley

And then it was off to the 2nd Annual Oklee Lumber alumni softball game at the softball fields on the southeast side of town. The elders beat the youngsters by a score of 11 to 9.

If you were getting hungry after exploring all the fun spots in Oklee there were several options available for you to choose from, Oklee Cafe, Cenex, TJ's Tavern in addition to Zion Lutheran Church who served burgers in the fire hall and the American Legion over by the School serving brats and hotdogs.

If you needed to cool off people stopped into TJ's Tavern for a cold one and to listen to the Acoustic Entertainment that started at 3:30 p.m. and then that evening "Odd Man In" was the featured band starting at 9:00 p.m.

Thank you to everyone who came into Oklee and enjoy the day. And a huge thank you to everyone who put there time in to make this day happen! If you would like to help make something special happen at Oklee Market day or would like your organization to hold a fundraiser during it please contact Oklee Market Day staff at okleemd@gmail.com or Facebook.



Corey Olson, former Okleeite, now lives in Rochester, MN brought his wares to Oklee Market Day.

There is always many types of vendors and it is fun to see all the fine products and crafts. One of the vendors outside was James Stonouse doing spray can painting.

The Quilt show was in the Oklee Community Hall this year and they had many different quilts on display from large quilts to small projects. It was hard for the people coming to look at all the wonderful quilts to pick their favorites.

The winner of the Large Quilt was called "Fractured Star" made by Florence Tvedt from Plummer. The Small Quilt was named "Minnesota Panel" made by Linda Hoffman from Red Lake Falls, and the People's Choice for the Kids Division was a 'Four Patch Charm' quilt made by Sidney Olson of Oklee.

Another favorite that draws people into Oklee for Market Day is the Car show. There were some pretty nice cars at the show. The cars were once again lined up on the shady Main Street just outside of the Oklee Community Center on Main & 2nd. They do cash prizes for the winners, so if you register your car you get a chance to win. Winners this year were, Korydon Chervestad- Oklee, Loren Klopp- Thief River Falls and Orrie Flermoen- Winger. Thank you to everyone who brought their car for all of us to admire!

Another event planned for the day was the Carnival Games set up by the RLCC High School with games. This was a fund raiser for the Oklee Lutheran Parish Youth Group who is saving up for the next National Youth Convention in a couple of years.

Once again, the Sidewalk Chalk Contest took place along Main Street, with contestants



Owen O'Neill was one of the winners of the Key Hunt and received \$5.00.



Double The Trouble, 15-year-old twins Aidan and Luc Wrigley, along with their father, Rob, are returning to the Chautauqua and French-Canadian/Metis Festival. They will perform at 1 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 24 and 25, at Old Crossing and Treaty Park near Huot.

Double The Trouble returning to Chautauqua and French- Canadian/Metis Festival

The 15-year-old twin fiddlers are making encore performances.

Double The Trouble will return to the Chautauqua and French-Canadian/Metis Festival at Old Crossing and Treaty Park near Huot.

The boys, Luc and Aidan Wrigley, and their father, Rob, will be performing in the big tent at 1 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 24 and 25.

It was double the fun last year, when the duo rocked the tent and had the audience clapping, cheering and toe-tapping.

Their repertoire includes traditional Metis music, contemporary tunes and original music.

The French-Metis and Cree twins began fiddling and jiggling at the age of three.

The following year they won gold and silver medals in jiggling and fiddling contests at Festival du Voyageur.

By six, the twins along with

their along with their father, Rob, on guitar were entertaining at the Forks in Winnipeg.

At age seven, they began performing at Festival du Voyageur, an annual winter festival that celebrates the rich Metis and French Canadian culture of Manitoba.

Since that time the boys have been performing in both English and French at schools, markets and festivals.

The boys have also released two albums, "Keep Calm and Fiddle On" and "Juniper Woods".

The festival opens Aug. 23 at 6:30 p.m. with a potluck picnic followed by a bonfire with music by Dan Schmitz.

Throughout the weekend, there will be activities for children, displays and demonstrations.

Food, including French Festival specialties such as Tourtiere (meat pie) and bread

made in the earth oven, will be available. Silent auctions will be held Saturday and Sunday.

Admission is free and the public is welcome to all events in the park.

The Old Crossing and Treaty Park is on Red Lake Co. Road 3 and seven miles northeast of Gently on County Road 11 or 10 miles southwest of Red Lake Falls.

The festival, presented by AFRAN (Association of the French of the North), emphasizes the French heritage of the Red River Valley.

For more information, call Jerry Amiot at 218-289-8889 or Virgil Benoit at 218-253-2270.

This activity is funded, in part, by a grant from the Northwest Minnesota Arts Council and the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund as appropriated by the Minnesota State Legislature from the vote on Nov. 4, 2008.

Market Day Pickleball Tournament A Success!

The newly organized pickleball fun in Oklee featured a pickleball tournament on Market Day, Saturday, August 10th in Oklee. Players from Mentor, Plummer and Oklee registered for the tournament which was held for beginner play in a round robin format.

Dave Olson, president of the Oklee Pickleball Club was pleased with the entries as 18 people signed up to play.

Medals were awarded to Jason Jensen, Plummer, 1st place, Jamie Hoglo, Plummer, 2nd place, Bob Melby, Oklee, 3rd place and Jessica Hofstad,

4th place.

Designated pickleball play is Sundays at 6:30 pm, weather permitting. Anyone with questions about the game or who wants to be contacted when play is scheduled can contact

Dave Olson, 701-261-7605.



Pickleball tournament finalists were (l to r): Jason Jensen, Jamie Hoglo, Jessica Hofstad, Bob Melby.

Pickleball Players Warm Up Exercises To Be Held in Oklee

Pickleball players who are playing pickleball in Oklee are being offered an opportunity to learn "warm up" exercises at the court in Oklee.

On Wednesday, August 28th at 7:00 pm, Kim Rosendahl,

licensed physical therapist and Rehab Director at Rehab Authority in Thief River Falls will be at the courts offering a free session of exercises to warm up for the game of pickleball. These exercises will

assist players in playing in a healthy style.

There is no sign up and anyone interested is encouraged to come to the courts on Wednesday, August 28th at 7:00 pm.

Calendar of Events

Wed, Aug. 21:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. - Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
Thu, Aug. 22:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. - Bingo.
Fri, Aug. 23:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
Sat, Aug. 24:
-Support your local business - Shop Locally!
Sun, Aug. 25:
-Worship at the church of your choice.
Mon, Aug. 26:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
Tue, Aug. 27:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. - Cards
Wed, Aug. 28:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. - Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
Thu, Aug. 29:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
Fri, Aug. 30:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
Sat, Aug. 31:
-Support your local business - Shop Locally!
Sun, Sept. 1:
-Worship at the church of your choice.
Mon, Sept. 2:
-No LSS Sr. Meal
-Labor Day!

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Sun, Aug. 25: 9:00 a.m.
Zion. 10:30 a.m. Salem.

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OKLEE, GRYGLA & GOODRIDGE
Fr. Adam Hamness
Sun, Aug. 25: 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, Aug. 24: 5:30 p.m. RLF
Sun, Aug. 25: 8:00 a.m. Brooks. 10:00 a.m. RLF.

IMMANUEL–EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun, Aug. 25: 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
Sun, Aug. 25: 8:30 a.m.
Bethany. 9:45 a.m. Ekelund. 7:00 p.m.
Wed, Aug. 28: 7:00 p.m.
Evening Service at Faith.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

August 26 -30
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: 2pc. French toast, 1 egg, 1 sausage patty, and dessert.
Tuesday: BBQ on bun, French fries, peas, and dessert.
Wednesday: Drummies, American fries, carrots, toast, and dessert.
Thursday: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, cream gravy, corn, and dessert.
Friday: Tator tot hotdish, tossed salad, toast, and dessert.

Tri-Valley Public Transportation

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

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Every 4th Tuesday – Thief River Falls

Every 1st, 3rd, & 5th Wednesday – Fargo/Moorhead.

Every 2nd & 4th Friday – Bemidji.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive – Nazareth Oak Park – St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Wed, Aug. 21: 7:00 p.m.
Oak Park Ladies Aid.
Sat, Aug. 24: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.
Sun, Aug. 25: 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, Aug. 21: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Sun, Aug. 25: 9:30 a.m. Worship.
Tue, Aug. 27: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions. 10:00 a.m. Quilting. 6:30 p.m. Bible Study.
Wed, Aug. 28: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, Aug. 25: 9:00 a.m.
Lund. 10:30 p.m. Bethany.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY
Fosston
Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor
Sun, Aug. 25: 10:00 a.m.
Worship.

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15th Anniversary Party at Prairie Pines

Prairie Pines Community turns 15 years old this year. Instead of our annual carnival they will be having a 15th Anniversary Party on Wednesday, September 11 from 4 - 7 pm. the party will have a \$5 Taco in a Bag, a Bake Sale, Cake Walk, Silent Auction, and musical entertainment.

They are looking for volunteers, donations for their silent auction or monetary donation but most of all they want you to come out and take part in the festivities at Prairie Pines Community.

This is the only fundraiser they do for the year and the funds go towards tenant activities such as Bingo prizes, special treats, craft supplies, new technology and everyone's favorite - Bus Outings.

Notice To All

To all Farmers and Residents, thank you for working with the City of Oklee while the repairs and painting were completed. The water tower is now full functioning. Thank you once again for your patience!

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The following positions are available at Quin County CHS SHIP COORDINATOR, SHIP STAFF, & WIC CERTIFIER

Quin County Community Health Services is seeking a full-time Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP) Coordinator, part-time SHIP Staff, and a part-time Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Certifier. Looking for self-motivated individuals who are confident and outgoing in public settings.

SHIP Coordinator (FT) would be responsible for the planning, implementation and evaluation of a comprehensive health promotion program in the Quin CHS area. This position is based in Newfolden. Baccalaureate in community health, health education, public policy, nursing or related health field.

SHIP Staff (PT) works with the SHIP Coordinator in health promotion in schools, workplace, healthcare and other community settings. This position requires strong computer, organizational, communication and public speaking skills. This position is based in Newfolden. A minimum of a two-year degree and/or experience is required in the area of nutrition, nursing, education, or human services. Prefer experience working with community-based initiatives and/or collaboration with multiple groups and stakeholders in the area of health prevention/promotion.

WIC Certifier provides nutrition and breastfeeding services and education to qualified participants. Qualifications: RN or degree in nutrition or related field. Strong communication and computer skills and ability to establish effective relationships with diverse families required. Experience working with pregnant and breastfeeding women and young children preferred. Must have ability to travel to clinic locations in Kittson, Marshall, Pennington, Red Lake and Roseau Counties.

Send letter of intent and resume to PO Box 248, Newfolden, MN 56738. Call 218-874-7845 or email quinchs@wiktel.com. for more information. Open until position is filled. 021-22C

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 are reminded that they can visit www.nwrlib.org/rllf.htm at any time, where they can create their own patron accounts to browse, request and renew materials all from their home computers.

More new foodie titles have arrived at the library: "Kawaii Sweet World" by Rachel Fong, creator of the popular YouTube show, with 75 yummy recipes for baking that's (almost) too cute to eat; "The Peach Truck Cookbook" by Jessica N Rose and Stephen K. Rose, with 100 Delicious Recipes for All Things Peach; and "Seriously Good Salads" by Nicky Corbishley, founder of Kitchen Sanctuary, with creative flavor

combinations for nutritious, satisfying meals.

The library has an ongoing book sale cart filled with a wide variety of genres and materials; some things have been donated and others withdrawn from the collection. Currently there are a number of young adult titles, Christian fiction by authors such as Lauraine Snelling and Beverly Lewis, an assortment of adult nonfiction, as well a few vintage books; all priced to sell at only .10 each or \$1/bag. Some DVD movies are also for sale, priced at \$1 each. In addition to the book sale, the library has a "read & return, or not" group of paperbacks, which are ideal for travel or casual reading, with no need to worry about returning them. Don't forget about the free "magazine exchange" where one can drop off or pick up current or recent issues of magazines.



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Red Lake County Commissioners Minutes

RED LAKE COUNTY Regular Meeting Held July 23, 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 July 23, 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 with the addition of the County Attorney. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dudycha and carried unanimously.

County Engineer Erik Hove and Engineering staff were present to conduct bid openings on two county projects. The first bid opening is a combined project for two culvert replacements, Project SAP 063-599-028 (TR #135) and SAP 063-599-029 (TR #179) both in Terrebonne Township. Four contractors submitted the following bids: \$212,493.00 Taggart Construction; \$215,782.00 Olson Construction; \$224,830.00 Triple D Construction, and \$230,135.00 Gladen Construction. Hove mentioned that all bidders submitted the required documents.

Hove then conducted bid opening for the Salt Storage Facility at the Red Lake Falls Highway Department location. Three contractors submitted the following bids: \$141,000.00 from Aaron Seng Construction; \$226,500.00 from Schmitz Builders-Kent Schmitz, and \$246,344.00 from Gerit Hanson Construction. Hove informed that the three bidders have submitted the required documents. The Engineering staff left to proof the bid calculations and Hove will return later in the meeting with his recommendations.

Hove mentioned that he received two quotes to install drain tile along approximately ¾ mile of CR #118. The tile will help prevent the severe frost boils in the spring by allowing water to drain faster from the section of road. Quotes are \$6,900.00 from Tile Drainage of Brooks, MN and \$14,497.81 from Ellengton Company of Concord, MN. Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Flage and carried unanimously to approve the quote of Tile Drainage as presented.

Rob Sipe, Executive Director of the RRWMB in Ada was present to provide an update and overview of the RRWMB operations. Al Page, County Representative to the Red Lake Watershed District was also in attendance. Sipe reported that the levy was set at 75% for year 2020 down from 100% from year 2019. The RRWMB Annual Conference is scheduled for March. Presently his office is concentrating efforts to secure bonding dollars for the area flood projects as approximately 17 to 19 million dollars are needed for year 2020. Sipe mentioned that the Black River Impoundment Project is currently on hold as funding was not approved during the recent session. Cost is estimated at around \$7 million with the RRMB contributing \$2.7 million and are seeking up to \$4 million in state funding with the balance of project cost from the Red Lake Watershed District.

Paul Hajduk, MCIT (MN Counties Insurance Trust) Risk Management Consultant met with the board to present the 2018 annual report. MCIT Insurance is a Joint Powers Company. Red Lake County has been a member of the organization for the past 39 years. Presently 81 of 87 Minnesota counties are MCIT members. Hajduk reviewed the claim history for Property/Casualty, Liability, and Workers Compensation and mentioned the many other services available to the county. Dividends will be paid to members again in 2019, the 29th consecutive year. County Attorney Mike Lacoursiere informed that he was contacted by the Office of State Auditor (OSA) on July 16th regarding a complaint that the County Board passed a motion on June 11, 2019 authorizing one-time bonus payments of \$6,500.00 each to County Treasurer Nick Knott and to Deputy Treasurer Carmen Harmoning. Payments have not yet been issued. Lacoursiere explained that the OSA considers this a misappropriation of public funds if payment is issued. Lacoursiere recommended that the County Board rescind the motion from the June 11, 2019 board meeting that authorized the two specific payments. Commissioner Remick moved and seconded by Commissioner Simpson that the County Board rescind the motion from the June 11, 2019 board meeting authorizing the two payments to Knott and Harmoning. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

County Engineer Hove returned to the meeting with the final tabulations from the earlier bid openings. Hove recommended the low bid of Taggart Construction for the combined culvert replacement projects. Commissioner Dudycha moved, seconded by Remick and carried unanimously to approve the low bid of \$212,493.00 submitted by Taggart Construction for the culvert replacement projects SAP 063-599-028 (TR #135) and SAP 063-599-029 (TR #179) as recommended. Hove recommended the low bid from Aaron Seng Construction for the Salt Storage Facility. Commissioner Dudycha moved, seconded

by Flage and carried unanimously to award the low bid of \$141,000.00 to Aaron Seng Construction for construction of the Salt Storage Building.

Hove mentioned that he had discussion with the Polk County Engineer regarding its reimbursement to Red Lake County for Polk County's cost share of the MnDA lawsuit. Red Lake County invoiced Polk \$81,245.00 for its pro-rated share of construction and mediation costs from the joint project with Red Lake County. Polk County disagrees over the legal/mediation fees and thus is proposing to reimburse Red Lake County \$72,764.49 representing Polk's pro-rated share of construction costs. County Attorney Lacoursiere provided additional comment. Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Flage and carried unanimously to authorize that County Engineer Hove prepare a revised billing in amount of \$72,764.49 and submit to Polk County for reimbursement.

Hove informed that the Road Committee is scheduled to meet on August 13th at 9:00 a.m. at the County Highway Department.

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

Vendor	Amount
Geo-Comm Corp.	\$3,800.00
Houston Engineering, Inc.	2,119.00
M&R Signs Company, Inc.	2,402.08
ReadiTech IT Solutions	4,503.50
Red lake County SWCD	13,750.00
Red lake County Co-op	2,500.00
Aaron Seng Construction	11,793.00
26 Vendors less than \$2,000.	8,051.80
TOTAL	\$48,919.38

The motion includes the following added expenditures: \$336.20 to AT&T; \$173.93 to Quill; \$30.16 expenses and \$140.00 per diem to Allen Remick.

Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Flage and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on July 9, 2019 as presented.

Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Dudycha to change the June 25, 2019 Commissioner minutes to list Commissioner Weiss as abstain from voting on Resolution No. 06-03-19. Motion was carried unanimously.

County Auditor Schmitz presented the 2018 Tax Increment Financing report for the City of Oklee and discussed a letter from MN Department of Revenue regarding the court ruling of the 2015-2016 Enbridge Energy valuation appeals.

The following Commissioner/Committee reports were shared:

Commissioner	Meeting/Report
Simpson:	None.
Flage:	None.
Dudycha:	Tri County Corrections and Inter County Community Council meetings.

Remick: The NW Regional Radio Board and County Extension Committee with lengthy discussion and questions on the County Fair.

Weiss: A One-Watershed/One Plan meeting. Officers were elected, discussed grant projects, and reviewed cost-share policies and the financials. Attended a Quin CHS meeting and reviewed the WIC and SHIP programs reports.

HR Director Lundeen requested that 2 job descriptions for new Social Service positions be submitted to Bjorklund Consulting for job ratings at a cost of \$125.00 each.

The positions are an Office Support Specialist and Account Tech/Case Aid position. Commissioner Remick moved, seconded by Flage and carried unanimously to approve the request as presented.

Lundeen also requested that four part-time positions also be submitted for job ratings. The positions are:

Highway Department Shop Assistant, Tar Crew Supervisor, Tar Crew Laborer, and the Oklee Landfill Operator 1 position. Commissioner Remick moved, seconded by Flage and carried unanimously to approve the request as presented.

The regular meeting was closed at 12:14 p.m. to discuss Local 49 Union Negotiations. The regular meeting was re-opened at 12:31 p.m.

Commissioner Remick moved, seconded by Flage and carried by unanimous vote to approve the Local 49ers Union Contract for a 3-year period commencing January 1, 2020 pending the review of MCIT legal staff.

There being no further business the County Board meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m. until August 13, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Attest:
Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

Ron Weiss, Chair,
Board of Commissioners
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Official City of Oklee Minutes

City of Oklee Regular council meeting July 8th 2019, Oklee Café 6.00PM

Meeting called to order at 6.04pm
Roll Call: Mayor Burthwick, Olson, Genova, Brekke and Cyr, also present, Cross, Tougas and Gale Schmitz.

Previous meeting minutes
Motion to accept by Brekke and seconded by Cyr, motion carried.

June Financial
Motion to accept by Cyr and seconded by Olson, motion carried.

June Bills
Motion to accept by Cyr and seconded by Genova, motion carried.

Audit
Krystal Phillips of Hoffman, Phillips and Knutson gave a review of this year's Audit for the City of Oklee.

Motion to accept the Audit of 2018 by Olson, seconded by Genova, motion carried.

Sheriff's Report
it has been really quiet

Sidewalk/Gulseth, an overview of recent events, Gulseth asked about the decibel level and should there be a max level for music etc.?, maybe add to ordinance if there is.

Council to get together and may-

be amend some of the ordinances.

Decision on sidewalk removal tabled until we get legal advice.

Park Signage
Bobbies Basement Signs gave a quote for park signs.

Motion to use Bobbies Basement Signs for the signs by Cyr and seconded by Genova, motion carried.

Larry Olson abstained from the vote citing a conflict of interest.

Prepay for Heating Fuel
Prepay for 10,000.00 gallons at 1.25. Per gallon, total cost of \$12,500.00

Motion to pay \$12,500.00 to RLC CO-OP to prepay for the heating fuel by Genova and seconded by Cyr, motion carried.

Maintenance
Water tower to be started this coming weekend, we have asked farmers to pick up water between 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. so resident have plenty of water in the evenings.

Ponds lowered, mound at outlet pipe into the primary pond of waste products to be dragged away from discharge point.

Lift station, check valves and pumps all working good

Get bids for mower replacement, look at different types with bigger cutting area.

City Attorney Change
Ihle Sparby & Haase PA attor-

neys of TRF, Cross has been in contact with them and they are happy to be our City Attorney, they are Attorneys for Red Lake Falls and Thief River Falls.

Basket Ball hoops
Basketball hoops to be done on similar lines to Brooks basketball Court, look into new stanchions and get them made.

Bishop House
A discussion on the condition of Ronald Bishop's house at 412 Bourdon Street, Oklee,, MN 56742 the Council decided to condemn the property on health grounds.

Motion by Genova to condemn 412 Bourdon Street and seconded by Brekke, motion carried.

Mayor Burthwick

Derek Cross/City Clerk
O22C

Legal

19-110952

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: October 1, 2012

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$84,660.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Corby Hernandez, a single man

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

MIN#: 100588312090589257

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Mortgage Services III, LLC

SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed October 3, 2012, Red Lake County Recorder, as Document Number 131064

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

Lots (5) & (6) of Block (10) in Buse & Bottineau's Addition to the City of Red Lake Falls

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 313 3rd St SW, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750

PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-2829-000

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Red Lake

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$75,049.98

THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

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Red Lake County

Central School Dates:

Sept. 3: School begins
Sept. 11: School Board meeting in Oklee.
Sept. 13: Individual pictures
Oct. 2: Midterm
Oct. 9: School Board (Plummer)
Oct. 11: MHS Induction
Oct. 16: Day of Caring
Oct. 17-18: MEA break
Nov. 1: End of 1st quarter.



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Market Day Softball Tournament

On Monday afternoon, the softball fields at the southeast corner of Oklee were filled with fun and excitement as the Oklee Lumber Team took on the Old Timer's Team.

Members of the Old Timer's team were: Richard Hendrickson, Larry "Snook" Olson, Phil Fore, Eric Mickelson, Kurt Halvorson, Maverick Nelson, Adrien Verbout, Nick Vettleson, Jason Jensen, Cole Bernier, Austin Jensen, Dave Olson, Isaac Melby and Gunnar Halvorson.

The Oklee Lumber team players were Kevin Longtin, Joe Larson, Jacob Melby, Andy Bramer, Logan O'Neill, Anny Dessellier, Nick Mickelson, Wyatt Vettleson, Alex Halle, Dale Rystad, and Casey Goulet.

The bottom picture has everyone that played that day. Congratulation to the Old Timer's who won the tournament.



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Oklee Market Day Fun!!



This bright red 1935 Chevrolet Pickup is owned by Rick Myrum from Pengilly MN. He went to school in Oklee up to 10th grade and enjoys coming back to visit with friends.



This 1968 Plymouth Sport Fury Convertible was a sharp looking car painted in a nice olive green color.



The white and blue two toned pickup is owned by Jim Eck from Conveick. It is a 1961 Apache with a 261 Thriftmaster engine.



The black shiny 1962 Chevy Impala was a beautiful car also at the Oklee Market Day Car Show - it is owned by Dean Torkelson.



There was lots of action on Oklee's Market Day at the new Pickleball courts. Quite a few signed up for the tournament. In this group is: Kelly Lundeen, Snook Olson, Paige Olson, and Jason Jensen.



At the end of the game, the two teams shook hands and hopefully are ready for a rematch next year at the 2020 Oklee Market Day.



A Cornhole Tournament took place next to the Pickleball courts and lots of fun was had in this tournament also.



Sidewalk Chalk Art Decorated the Streets of Oklee



Brody Grove and his mom Kim were promoting Brody's new venture and a fish lure artist. He had many great lures to pick from. He hand paints each one so everyone is an original.



The youngest children got to dig through the pile of sand first looking for quarters and nickels. They were very excited every time they found a piece of sliver. The money for this is donated by the Oklee Ambulance Service.

Photo below: One of the Marshmallows on a spoon races.





The Hero Hustle 5K volunteers were: Bobbi DuChamp, Kim Olson, Tracy Hamm, Sylvia Majeres, Bobbie Olson. Not pictured, Jill Chervestad.

Photo right: The winners (Heroes) of the 5K were: 12 & under - Eli Nelson (24:24 and Ashlyn Nelson (24:50); 13-18 - Caden Lee (32:41) and Shawna Majeres (29:20); 19-29 - none; 30-39 - no men and Brittanie Pahlen (25:51); 40-49 - Quentin Nelson (25:40 and Michelle Bakken (29:36); 50-59 - Larry (Snook) Olson (43:14 and Holly Spong (30:25); and 60 and over - Bob Melby (46:11 and Mary Jo Mugaas (31:06). Congratulations to Oklee's heroes for the day.



Inter-County Nursing Service Feeling Fit and Fine Healthy Behaviors

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5th Week Winners



Azure Knott



Alice Warne

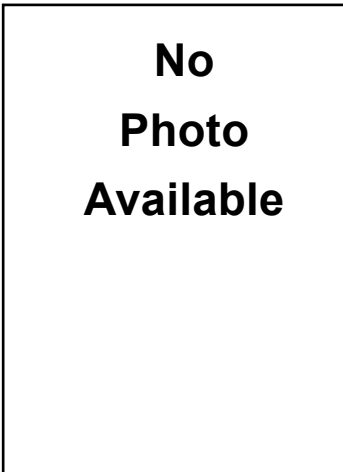


Ceceia Haugen



Ava Kolstoe

6th Week Winners



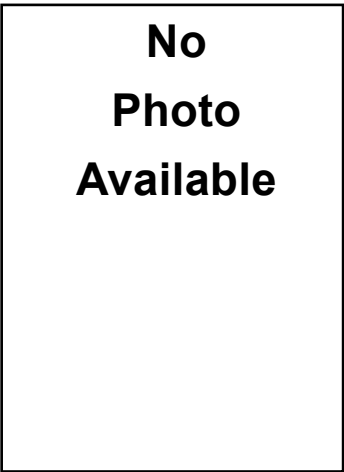
Jacob Schindler



Wylie Lehrer



Willow Wheat



Adalyn Boutain

7th Week Winners



Isaac Schindler



Nora Audette



Alanah Weesner



Sam Rath

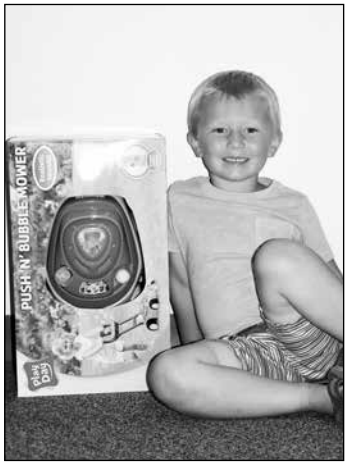
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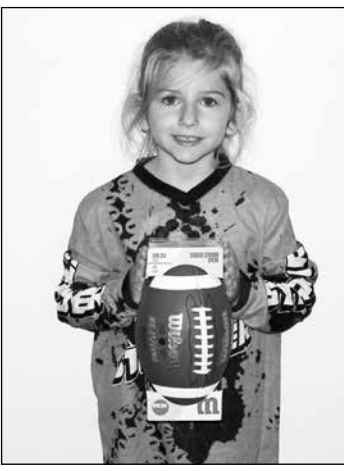
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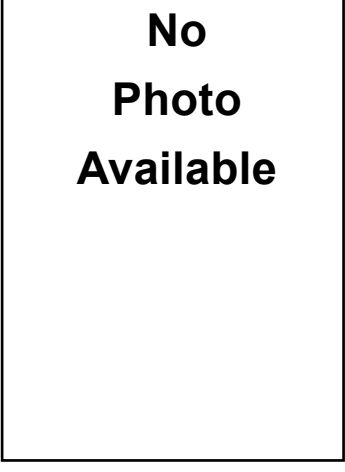
9th Week Winners



Isaac Shindler



Cambrie Russell



Rylyn Redden



Connor Suko

August 2019 Public Health Points

August is National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM)

This annual observance highlights the importance of getting recommended vaccines throughout your life. You have the power to protect yourself and your family against serious diseases with vaccines. As your children head back to school this fall, make sure vaccination is at the top of your checklist.

August is National Breastfeeding Awareness Month

Breast milk is the preferred and most appropriate source of nutrition for infants, adapting over time to meet the changing needs of the growing infant. Breastfeeding protects both infants and mothers from a host of chronic and acute diseases and conditions and builds a foundation for life-long health and wellness.

Updates to Clean Indoor Air Act

Minnesota's Clean Indoor Air Act update passed in the legislature recently. It will impact all places where smoking is currently not allowed in Minnesota (like the common areas of multi-unit housing, workplaces, bars/restaurants, etc.)

Here's what you need to know:

Background: Since 2007 "smoking" has been prohibited in indoor public places in Minnesota. This prohibition has NOT included the use of e-cigarettes or other substances that can be inhaled.

In 2014, legislation passed to also prohibit the use of e-cigarettes indoors in day cares, health care facilities and clinics and state-owned buildings.

Some individual communities have also passed policies that prohibit the use of e-cigarettes wherever smoking is already banned.

Updates made during the 2019 legislative session:

As of August 1, 2019, more types of tobacco products will be prohibited in indoor public places where smoking is already not allowed. Minn. Stat. §§ 144.411 to 144.417

The full prohibited list now includes the following:

Cigars, cigarettes, pipes, E-cigarettes and other electronic delivery devices (ENDs). Any other lighted or heated product containing, made, or derived from nicotine, tobacco, marijuana, or other plant, whether natural or synthetic, that is intended for inhalation.

The new rule includes the use of these products as well as the "activation" (e.g. turning on an e-cigarette) or "burning" or "heating" of them.

Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) Fact Sheet

Summertime in Minnesota: When in doubt, best keep out!

When temperatures climb and the summer sun beats down, conditions are ripe for Minnesota lakes to produce blue-green algal blooms, some of which can be harmful to pets and people.

What are blue-green algae?

Blue-green algae are not algae at all, but types of bacteria called cyanobacteria that are normally present in many lakes. This type of bacteria thrives in warm, nutrient-rich

water. When conditions are right, the bacteria can grow quickly forming "blooms." Blue-green algal blooms are often described as looking like pea soup or spilled green paint. Blooms can also produce a swampy odor when the cells break down.

What are harmful algal blooms?

When blue-green algal blooms produce cyanotoxins that can make humans and animals sick, they are considered harmful. In general, algae are not harmful.

When and Where are harmful algal blooms found?

Blue-green algae prefer warm, calm, sunny weather and water temperatures higher than 75 °F. Blooms usually occur during summer and early fall, but can occur other times of the year, if conditions are right.

Harmful algae can be found everywhere in Minnesota, but thrive in warm, shallow, nutrient-rich lakes. They will often be found on the downwind side of a lake or in a secluded bay or shoreline.

What are the possible health effects?

You can become sick if you swallow, have skin contact with, or breathe in airborne water droplets while swimming, boating, waterskiing, tubing, bathing, or showering in water that has harmful algae or if you drink water that contains algal toxins. If you become sick, symptoms you might experience include vomiting, diarrhea, rash, eye irritation, cough, sore throat, and headache. Symptoms generally begin hours to 2 days after exposure.

What should I do if I see blue-green algae in my drinking water source?

Avoid using untreated lake or river water for drinking, cooking, and brushing teeth, particularly for infants and small children. Boiling water will not destroy toxins and could actually increase toxin levels.

Can animals be affected?

Animals can experience symptoms within minutes of exposure to the toxins. Symptoms they might experience include vomiting, diarrhea, weakness, difficulty breathing, and seizures. If your pet experiences symptoms after exposure to algae, contact your veterinarian.

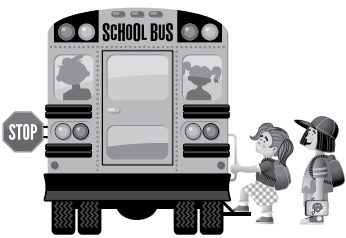
What should I do if I see a bloom?

There is no way to tell if a blue-green algal bloom is toxic just by looking at it. Adults, children, and animals should avoid contact with water with blue-green algae. When in doubt, stay out! If you or your pet go into water where there may be a bloom, wash off with fresh water immediately afterwards.

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/hab/hab.html>

Parenting Tips

Take time for a good laugh before all the homework and routines start again. Enjoy your children. Be grateful for all we have available to us.



School Starts September 3rd!

Oklee Herald Early Files

Eighty Years Ago August 17, 1939

Four hundred 4-H club members, parents and friends attended the 4-H Achievement Day which was held last Saturday in Red Lake Falls. There were 165 boys and girls participating with 40 livestock exhibits and 18 dairy calves.

J. G. Mercy left here yesterday afternoon for Royal Oak, Michigan to visit Father Coughlin, the famous radio priest. He will go by way of Minneapolis, where he will be joined by his daughter, Gloria.

Vern Bergeron, Gene Lindberg, Lloyd Rendal, Eugene Morrisette, Jimmie Piquette, Lloyd Cyr, and Leonard Lambert returned here last Wednesday from Fort Snelling where they spent the past month in the Citizens Military Training camp.

Grain cutting is nearly thru and threshing machines will soon be humming.

Seventy Years Ago August 18, 1949

Gerald L. Horstman and Vernon C. Cyr, both of Oklee, airmen recruits, USN, are undergoing recruit training at the world's largest Naval training center at Great Lakes, Ill.

Two brief hunting sojourns by local men into the Two Harbors community during the past week have netted 11 bear – two of which were brought back alive. Otto Bakken and Ray Jensen first sashayed into the area and in short order returned with five. Others caught the fever and Jensen went back accompanied by Harold Cyr, Percy and Peter Johnson and Ray Thorpe. They came back with four dead and two live bear. The two alive were a small cub and a small yearling.

Sherman Plante, about 12 years old, was taken to a Thief River Falls hospital following an accident. He was riding horseback on the main street in Brooks when a car driven by Mrs. Lanis Karel approached from the rear, the horse balked and threw the boy to the ground and Sherman's head struck the bumper on the car.

Sixty Years Ago August 20, 1959

John Gjernes left last week by train for New York to embark by air for Germany where he will teach physical education and science in an Army Dependents School.

Burglars take nearly \$1000 in Plummer raid by burglars who entered five Plummer business places Thursday night last week. The break-ins, described by Red Lake County Sheriff Carl Kankel as the work of "professionals," involved little if any merchandise.

Vic Aalbu of Gonvick, newspaper publisher and magician (an inseparable combination of talents) will present the Vic Boo Variety Show at the Red Lake County Fair Sunday evening. In addition to music, the show will include Vic's mystifying "Egyptian Mummy Escape."

Cheryl Otfelie celebrated her 6th birthday Saturday with many friends and family attending the party.

Fifty Years Ago August 21, 1969

Construction is about to begin on a 40 x 136 school bus barn in Oklee on a lot across Highway 222 west of the school buildings. Contractors are Ray and Mauritz Lindquist of Ok-

lee. Estimated cost is about \$20,000.

Two "Upward Bound" students were chosen out of a field of 12 to represent the students as King and Queen of Bemidji State College's Upward Bound program. Elected were Tim Auelow and Linda Longtin. Linda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Longtin of Oklee.

Nancy and Randy Chaput attended a birthday party in honor of Brenda Ness Wednesday afternoon in Oklee.

Mr. and Mrs. Adeline Paquin of Brooks announce the engagement of their daughter, Theresa Ann to Mr. Leo Malicki, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Malicki, Sr., of Cudahy, WI.

Mrs. Leona Via, Dennis and Kathy, Mrs. George Dessellier, James, Dianne, Doris and Dorene left Sunday for Duluth where the children will have ear surgery on Monday and Tuesday.

Forty Years Ago August 16, 1979

Dr. Donald J. Hagen has just opened Oklee's newest business, Oklee Veterinary Service. He is located on the farm previously owned by Rep. John Corbid and the business will operate from there.

Oklee School to open August 27th for all K-12 students.

Helene Bras of Bonneville, France has spent the last few weeks visiting with the Don Fourniers. Bonneville is about the size of Thief River Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Delage are the parents of a daughter born on August 9th. She was named Darci Dawn.

Mr. and Mrs. James DuChamp attended the 25th anniversary celebration held in honor of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vettleson at the Clearwater Lutheran Church, rural Oklee.

Many of Oklee's Senior Citizens enjoyed the first meal served from Oklee's new Senior Center last Monday. The center serves to the Oklee area and also takes meals to a satellite center in McIntosh.

Thirty Years Ago August 16, 1989

Ray and Maryann Lessard have been chosen 1989 Conservation Farmer by the Red Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District. At present Ray Lessard farms 600 acres of wheat, barley, oats and sunflowers. He also has 385 acres in the CRP program.

The Trail VFW made a contribution of \$500 to the Red Lake County Emergency Services to be used towards the purchase of a "Jaws of Life".

Ernie and Dorothy Pederson just spent two enjoyable weeks visiting with their children and families in Milwaukee. The last week they all went to a resort called Dutch Hollow where they had a relaxing good time.

Perry and Rita Lundeen are proud parents of a baby girl born on August 9th at the Fosston Hospital. She has been named Haven Luella Ella.

Theodora (Teddy) Jacques and Richard Bronken were united in marriage on May 13th. He is the son of Marvin and Joan Bronken of Oklee.

Twenty Years Ago August 18, 1999

A baby shower was held on Wednesday evening for McKay Berns, infant son of Virginia and Jon Berns of Oklee at Zion

Lutheran Church.

Saturday afternoon Roger and Mary Jane Paradis, Ron and Dellas Paradis, Willard and Donna Bergeron of Oklee, attended the 50th wedding anniversary of Leon and Evelyn Lussier in Grand Rapids, MN.

Jerry and Emilie Skjerven quietly observed their 40th wedding anniversary on July 24th. Their entire family came home for the weekend and they had an anniversary dinner at Third Base in Brooks.

Ten Years Ago August 19, 2009

St. Joseph's Cemetery in Brooks was blessed on May 25th at the Memorial Day Mass. The history of the St. Joseph's Memorial Garden was read by Clarence Gagner. The idea started in 1950 when Mrs. Rose Thibert built a small shrine near their home and station business at the junction of Hwys 59 & 92. This shrine grew over the years, the property changed hands and time took a toll on it and it needed to be taken down for safety reasons. That is when the idea came forward to build a new memorial garden at the Cemetery.

Rick and Jan Dulka of Trail announce the engagement of their daughter Elizabeth to Christopher Brakefield, son of Scott and Deb Brakefield of Audubon, MN. A fall wedding is being planned.

Bonny's Bits...

okleeherald@gmail.com

Fall is coming fast and only a few weeks until school starts. That usually signals that there is lots to do yet before summer ends so things will start to pile up. I know our garden is now starting to produce and we are freezing beans. The tomatoes are starting to ripen and I plan on canning some salsa and spaghetti sauce. We ran out of both this summer.

From my Email:

Questions:

1. Which bounces higher, a ball of steel or a ball of rubber?
2. A raisin dropped in a glass of fresh champagne will move up and down continuously. Will it do the same in beer?
3. Why does a whip crack?
4. Lightning strikes the earth: a) 1000 times an hour. b) 100 times a minute. c) 100 times a second.
5. An egg, set spinning, may rise up on end. What if anything does that indicate?

Answers:

1. A steel ball bounces higher than a rubber ball.
2. Yes, in beer too – or in any carbonated drink.
3. A whip cracks because its tip moves faster than the speed of sound.
4. c) 100 times a second
5. It proves the egg is hard-boiled. If uncooked or soft-boiled a spinning egg will not rise up on end.

I just received an email that Essentia Health in Oklee will no longer be open on Wednesdays starting on September 4th. Hours the rest of the week will remain as they currently are:

Monday, Tuesday and Friday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Thursday: 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Have a great week and enjoy the nice warm weather.

Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

Saturday was beautiful and my company and I took advantage of it by going to Bemidji. We visited Paul and his Blue Ox. The park area has been changed from the last time I visited it. There are many things for the kids to play on and many places to have lunch or just sit and have a picnic lunch.

My granddaughter is here visiting along with her husband and daughter. I'm sure many of you remember Angela as she visited often. She lives in California. After visiting Paul, we visited with my nieces in Bemidji. On our way, we were treated with very heavy rain between Bagley and Fosston. It was very difficult to see the road.

I'm getting kind of afraid of storms as Donald and I had a taste of one last Thursday. I was taking my car for some work in Thief River Falls and I was following Don with my car. On the Casino road it started raining and soon I could no longer see his truck, it lasted until about 4 miles from Thief River Falls when it stopped abruptly and the highway was perfect. TRF didn't get any rain.

Yesterday (Sunday) we went to Pine Lake. It was too cool to swim or go on the lake. We had a good time anyway. Angie and family left to go visit with the Gunderson children and the rest of us went to our homes.

Dates to Remember

Sept. 2: Labor Day
Sept. 19: Senior Site Council at 10 a.m.

Sept. 20: Birthday meal.

Words of Wisdom

Respond quickly to requests even if the answer is no.

When you make a mess, make it count.

Joke Time

Lars: Do you enjoy bathing beauties?

Ole: Vell, I don't know - I've never bathed any.

Ole: Why do you suppose da Indians were before White people?

Lars: I suppose because they had reservations.

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

We are back. Over the weekend Jerome and I went to my 60th class reunion. Yes I graduated in 1959 from Elcho High School. There were 33 of us then. Now about 18 are still with us. We lost two this spring. As usual most have died from cancer or heart disease but a few have had accidents or rare cases of disease. Only 8 of us came to meet together. We are at the age now that our kids tell us if we can drive that far or not. A couple that married the week before we did (and my best friend and bus buddy), was not able to make it because they had orders from the kids that they should not drive from Milwaukee to Elcho a matter of 200 miles.

It was interesting that no former classmate forgot what I looked like. They saw me and knew who I was. I must have not changed for all those years I guess ugly is way down to the bone. It was fun seeing the reunion attendees form other years because the all school reunion was held the same day that we got together. It was interesting that we had one person who graduated in 1940 and he was honored.

We laughed at all the funny things we remembered about our various escapades in school and commiserated with each other about our infirmities and the philosophy of don't give up for any reason seems to be the way we were able to get there to enjoy the day. We have two adopted graduates. Nelson who was a special student all those years but rode on our bus and went to every game that our guys played because his Dad drove the bus to the games, is now 80 and lives nearby in Post Lake. He is always invited to our reunions. He

remembers everybody who he ever talked to. It was good to see him in good health. And Bob Javonovich, who left us when his family moved, when we were sophomores. He always has been included with our graduating class and he hasn't missed a single reunion. He and his sweet wife were so much fun to talk to.

The area where I lived was hit on July 18th with a huge storm. The area was a pristine treed woods and there had never been a storm like that before. Thousands of trees were blown down broken off and huge areas of woods is now prairie. We drove around the area where I had lived, and it is devastating to see the ruin the woods have taken. Huge piles of cord wood is piled in driveways, and anywhere they came to clean up the trees. One driveway had about two cords of wood ready to be picked up for pulp wood. Huge piles of branches and debris are piled all around yards. This is repeated around the whole area where I lived. This was a densely forested area and it has a lot of holes in the canopy now. My friend Vern told me that the area where I lived was ground zero for the destruction. He has been busy with chain saw and backhoe cutting trees and digging up stumps. Many of the trees were uprooted. But some were broken off near the ground. The roads were blocked with trees that fell over the road some times two or more in one spot, and this was not just in one place, it was in several places. For rescue to get to the people, it took a couple of days to clear out the roadways first. Of course there are charlatans everywhere you go and some

came and told people it would take 8 thousand dollars for them to clean up. Vern said he had a local price and it wasn't anywhere near the quoted price. So some of the yard jockeys went out with their little chainsaws from the hardware store and in their shorts, and no hard hats started to cut trees. Many chainsaw cut legs, bee stings, widow makers falling and hurting or killing people. Vern is a seasoned lumberjack who made his living in the woods and he said this has been a lesson to a lot of people that taught them that lumberjack life is not just a lark.

On TV on Saturday evening, there was a report of a girl that was killed by a widow maker when her dad was cutting a tree up. They were considering charging him in the death of his girl. All in all everyone is keeping a stiff upper lip and grinding through the clean up. It will take many months to finally say they are done. Vern has lived there almost all his life. He said, "You know Barb, most of the time we don't really have a lot to do with the summer folks or neighbors who come only in the summer. When this storm hit, we were our and everybody was out trying to help everybody right away. It brought the area together and made them neighbors in a real sense of unity. We live in a great area and the people are great.

We live in paradise. How many times I say that, and it is true. I guess I know, I came from there. Red Hats our eat together will be August 28th at the Ness Café in Erskine. See you there.

Have a nice week.



Logs piled after cleanup from storm in Post Lake. Many piles like this are along the road in the storm area. Also many piles of branches are along the road.

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

Roger Skjerven recently celebrated his 82nd birthday.

A couple of local bikers returned after attending the Sturgis Bike Rally in South Dakota.

Monday, Anna DeHate, Anne Traxler, Wilma Arlt and Alice Jobe went for the buffet lunch at the Casino.

On August 9th, Smokey Bear was 75 years old. I remember the song I learned in grade school about Smokey.

The previous Saturday, Marty and Linda Hogenon of Thief River Falls, Anna DeHate, went to Warroad for Marty's mom's birthday. She is 82 years old.

Saturday, Matt Eskeli, son of Steve Eskeli and Becky, married Courtney Olson in Grygla. They had the reception and dance at the Plummer Hall.

Cindy Thomas of Manhattan, KS came earlier in the week for a few days visit with her mother, Jean Carpenter and her siblings in the area.

Cathy Samuelson of Sarles, ND came Tuesday for a visit and to help her mom, Bunny DuChamp.

Alice Jobe went to Badger to her brother Jack Kukowski's

where they had an outdoor supper. Turkey, ham, salads and pie was served. It was a nice sunny afternoon. Phyllis and Joe Unruh of Warroad came, also Allan Kukowski, son Bradd and daughter Angie, Loren Kukowski of Badger also. Brother Gerald and his wife Lorraine were gone on a trip out to Montana and Idaho.

Senior Citizens was canceled till next week, because of lack of people.

On Thursday when I was coming home, a doe and two fawns ran through the ball diamond corner. I guess they'd been eating crab apples at the neighbors.

Some farmers have been combining wheat and other grains. There has been some interruption with rains. But this week was fairly good weather.

Soon the kids will be back in school. It goes by fast. When I was a teenager, I looked forward to school. Mostly because it was a relief from the work at home. It costs so much to get kid's supplies for school, I can hardly believe it.

Have a good week!

Who's Dat?



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This week's photo is of two with a race car.

Last weeks photo was of Randy Brekke and Kevin Roisland.

****I am in need of more photos - please send or



bring some more of your great old photos. School days, church events, sports, etc.

Everyone has a photo or two that would be great for this column. Please share them with our readers as it is one of most popular columns of the Oklee Herald.

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