

Protect yourself and your pets from harmful algae blooms this summer

With the intense heat of the past few days, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) is asking people to be on the lookout for harmful algae blooms on lakes and rivers around the state. Be alert to the possible presence of toxic algae, which can be harmful to both people and animals. Blooms typically begin to form in hot, calm weather.

You can't tell by looking at algae if it's toxic. It may look like pea soup, green paint, or floating mats of scum, and it will sometimes have a bad smell. But harmful blooms aren't always large and dense and can sometimes cover small portions of the lake with little visible algae present. (See images of toxic algae blooms in Minnesota on the MPCA Flickr account.) Take a close look at the water and the shoreline before diving in, to try to determine if a bloom recently happened.

"If it looks and smells bad, don't take a chance. We usually tell people: If in doubt, stay out," says Pam Anderson, MPCA Water Quality Monitoring Manager. "If you're not sure,

it's best for people and pets to stay out of the water." If you do come in contact with blue-green algae, wash off with fresh water immediately, paying special attention to the areas your swim suit covers. Rinse off pets with fresh water, too, and keep them out of algae that has accumulated on shore.

People and pets at risk
People can become sick from swallowing or having skin contact with water that has toxic algae, or by breathing tiny droplets of water in the air. In most people, symptoms are mild and may include vomiting, diarrhea, rash, eye irritation, cough, sore throat, and headache.

However, dogs are more likely than people to get sick or even die after contact with harmful algae blooms, in part because they are smaller. Dogs are also more willing to wade into lakes with algal scum. Dogs tend to swallow water while swimming, and lick their coats afterwards, swallowing algae on their fur. Dogs exposed to blue-green algae can experience symptoms such as vom-

iting, diarrhea, rash, difficulty breathing, general weakness, liver failure, and seizures. If your dog has symptoms after visiting a lake, seek veterinary care immediately. Several dog deaths in the state have been attributed to toxic algae.

New resources for local governments

Some cities, counties, or even resorts with popular beaches on lakes that are prone to harmful algae blooms may wish to test for toxic algae during the summer season. The MPCA has recently developed guidance and tools to help beach managers choose monitoring strategies and communicate with users about limiting their risk of exposure to harmful algae blooms. Learn more on the Harmful algae blooms: Water recreation advisories page.

Learn more about harmful algae blooms on the Blue green algae and harmful algae blooms page. Visit the Minnesota Department of Health's Harmful Algal Blooms page to report human or animal illnesses you suspect were caused by toxic algae.



In August 2016, the MPCA investigated what was thought to be a sewage spill in Steele County's Beaver Lake. Residents reported brown residue on the lake and a strong odor. However, MPCA testing revealed the sludge and odor came from growth of harmful algae blooms.



The Ron Weiss family (l to r): Matt Weiss; Ron Weiss is holding Grandson, Dexter Brumwell; Sharon Weiss; Kristen Brumwell, holding Athea Brumwell, our Granddaughter; Shelby Knott; and Sara Schindler.

Weiss Family recognized as a 2020 'U of M Farm Family'

The Weiss family of Red Lake Falls has been named Red Lake County's "2020 Farm Family of the Year" by the University of Minnesota.

Ron and Sharon Weiss started farming in 1977. They have been growing asparagus for the last 15 years. The family's 13 acres of asparagus is in addition to about 1,100 acres of wheat and soybeans raised on the Weiss farm in northwestern Minnesota. The Weiss family sells fresh and pickled asparagus at the Mentor Farmers Market and area grocery stores.

Family members are very important to the success of the Weiss farm. Ron and Sharon have four children. Daughter Shelby is married to Nolan Knott and another daughter, Kristen, is married to Ryan Brumwell. Ron and Sharon's daughter Sara is married to Matthew Schindler and the Weisses also have a son, Matthew.

Ron and Sharon are members of St. Joseph Catholic Church. Ron is a member of the Knights of Columbus, Red Lake Falls Sportsman Club, serves as a 4-H leader, and is a Red Lake County Commissioner.

Sharon belongs to the St. Joseph's Catholic Church Parish Guild and is a Red Lake County 4-H Extension Educator. The Weisses are a vendor at the local farmers market in Mentor.

And yes, after picking and processing 13 acres of asparagus the family still loves to eat asparagus!

Though COVID-19 has forced cancellation of the annual Minnesota Farmfest, where the awards are presented each August, this year's honorees will be celebrated in an online video tribute. The recognition, lead by University of Minnesota President Joan Gabel, will be available at 1 p.m., Aug. 6 at mnfarmfamilies.cfans.umn.edu.

Honored families are chosen, one per county, by local University of Minnesota Extension committees based on their demonstrated commitment to their communities and to enhancing and supporting agriculture.

"We'll miss the face-to-face

ceremony for the 2020 Farm Families of the Year, but nothing diminishes pride we take in celebrating their accomplishments," said Extension Dean Bev Durgan. "These families represent the best in agriculture. They're innovative and dedicated to their communities; they are stewards of the land."

A complete list of the 2020 Farm Families of the Year will be available at mnfarmfamilies.cfans.umn.edu.

Along with Farmfest, University units sponsoring the recognition event include University of Minnesota Extension, Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station, the College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences, and the College of Veterinary Medicine.

For more news from U of M Extension, visit www.extension.umn.edu/news or contact Extension Communications at extnews@umn.edu. University of Minnesota Extension is an equal opportunity educator and employer.

Updated Covid Info...

MN Department of Health COVID-19 updates:

July 13th COVID-19 update:

There is one new laboratory confirmed case in Pennington County, the individual is in their 90's.

There is one new laboratory confirmed case in Red Lake County, the individual is in their 40's.

Minnesota's daily situation update can be found at <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/situation.html>

The 20-29 year old age group is the age group with the largest confirmed cases.

The second largest age group that have had confirmed cases of Covid-19 is the 30-39 year old group.

The choices that individuals make, will impact the community as a whole and our recommendations remain the same to slow the spread of COVID-19. Practice good hand hygiene, practice social distancing, don't gather in large groups, wear a mask and get tested if you are sick.

Be mindful of what is occurring in our community as you make decisions on being out and about and interacting with others.

Statistics (7-13-2020):

- 42,772 Positive Tests
- 768,989 Complete Tests
- 37,199 Patients Who No Longer Need Isolation
- 1,504 Total Deaths

As of this printing - Total Confirmed Cases in surrounding Counties:

- Pennington County: 54
50 recovered cases
4 active case
- Red Lake County: 5
3 recovered cases
2 active case
- Polk County: 90
- Marshall County: 16
- Clearwater County: 15
- Beltrami County 55

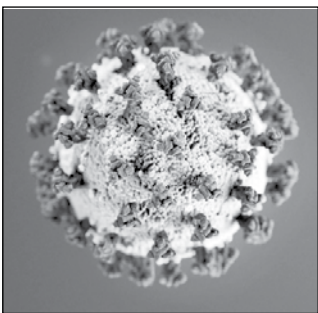
For the most updated information on COVID-19, see the following websites:

Minnesota Department of Health: <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/index.html>

CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

Please continue to do the social distancing and when out in public, mask up.

Essentia Health in Fosston has a COVID-19 Drive-thru test collection site in their clinic parking lot. So if you have a known exposure or are experiencing symptoms associated with Covid-19, you should start an E-visit at



EssentiaHealth.org/covid-19 or call their hotline at (833) 494-0836. Do not drive up there to get a test unless you have followed the instructions of first contacting them and getting the go-ahead and instructions how to proceed.

Red Lake County Offices

Effective Wednesday June 3rd and until further notice, Red Lake County will begin providing limited access to county buildings through scheduled appointments. Citizens will be required to wear a mask and practice social distancing when entering a county building for their scheduled appointment. Citizens will call the respective department to schedule an appointment. A listing of department contacts will be provided at each door and on the Red Lake County website. Citizens with appointments at the Courthouse must enter through the North door.

When to Fly Old Glory



Our flag is a symbol of American endeavor and sacrifice. It is a standard for the beliefs and values Americans cherish. It is the cornerstone of freedom for every citizen.

The American flag is not just a bit of cloth and gold thread. It signifies everything we are

and want to become. For more than two hundred years, the American flag has led troops into battle. Many men and women have died to preserve "Old Glory" and the way of life it represents. And when they were brought home, the flag became their solemn shroud. To the families of our fallen heroes, the American flag is a badge of pride and symbol of our nation's gratitude.

Days to fly your flag:

January: News Year's Day, Martin Luther King's Day, and Inauguration Day; **February:**

Lincoln's Birthday, Washington's Birthday; **April:** Easter Sunday; **May:** Mother's Day, Armed Forces Day, and Memorial Day; **June:** Flag Day and Father's Day; **July:** Independence Day, National Korean War Veteran's Armistice Day; **September:** Labor Day, Constitution Day; **October:** Armed Forces Day; **November:** Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day; and **December:** Christmas Day.

Remember the Flag is half-staffed until noon on Memorial Day.

McIntosh Senior Living residents to have scheduled visits

McIntosh Senior Living has some exciting news. MSL is now being allowed by the department of health to allow outdoor visits!! If you are interested in setting up an outdoor visit with your loved one.

Please call MSL at (218)563-2715, the outdoor visits can be scheduled from 9:00 am -3:30 pm and limited to 20 minutes. Visits are by appointment only to allow staff the opportunity to follow the safety regulations for COVID-19.

Visitors are encouraged to set up appointments Mon-

day-Fridays from 9:00 am-4:00 pm.

Visits at other times or on the weekend may be allowed on an individual basis. The staff has set up visiting areas in the courtyard.

Visitors and residents are required to wear masks and the visitor will need to check in prior to the visit and complete a quick screening.

As we all know this isn't quite getting back to "normal" but it is definitely a step in the right direction.

Courtesy of McIntosh Times



McIntosh Senior Living residents enjoyed music and entertainment by Pastor Karl Anderson outside of the residence on a bright, sunny day, while practicing their social distancing.

Calendar of Events

- Wed, July 15:**
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
- Thu, July 16:**
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.
- Fri, July 17:**
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
- Sat, July 18:**
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!
- Sun, July 19:**
-Worship at the church – check inside for church times and places.
- Mon, July 20:**
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.
- Tue, July 21:**
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.
- Wed, July 22:**
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
- Thu, July 23:**
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.
- Fri, July 24:**
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
- Sat, July 25:**
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH

Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
 No Church services until further notice. Sermons are on GVTEL Channel 35 (10 am Sunday & 2 pm Tuesday), also on Facebook or YouTube.
Tue, July 21: Mutual Ministry meeting at 7:00 p.m.

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OKLEE, GRYGLA & GOODRIDGE

Fr. Adam Hamness
 The Catholic Parishes of Oklee, Grygla, and Goodridge are open at 25% seating capacity for Masses at the regular service times. Those who wish to attend should wear a mask and distance themselves from others while inside the church.
 Go to: <http://www.oggcatholic.org/> for service times.

BROOKS - RED LAKE FALLS

CATHOLIC PARISH
Fr. Bob Schreiner
Brooks - Red Lake Falls Catholic Parish
Fr. Bob Schreiner
Sundays: 8:00 am - Brooks 10:00 am - Red Lake Falls

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA

Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sunday, July 19: 9:00 a.m. Immanuel. 7:00 p.m. Ebenezer.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH

Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
 No services until further notice - Please check out their Facebook page.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH

Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Sat, July 18: Mt Olive: 9:00 a.m.
Sun, July 19: St. Petri: 8:00 a.m. Oak Park: 9:45 a.m. Nazareth: 11:00 a.m.
 Find services and past sermons at www.facebook.com/clearwaterlutheranparish

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH

Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, July 15: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Sun, July 19: 9:30 a.m. Worship.
Wed, July 22: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH

Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, July 19: 9:00 a.m. Lund, 10:30 a.m. Sand Valley.
CDC Safety guidelines for COVID-19 will be followed.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY

Fosston
Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor
 Radio service continues at 8AM on 96.7
 We are opening for services at 25% capacity at 10AM starting May 31st.
 We will continue to be on Facebook Live as well, Sunday at 10AM.



Oklee Senior Site Dining

July 20 - 24

No congregational meals served.
 If you are over the age of 60 and you want a meal delivered to your home, call Jo Lambert at 796-4527 or Oklee Cafe 796-5666 to order a meal. A \$5.00 per meal donation is suggested.
Mon: 6 pc. Shrimp, hash browns, green beans, and dessert.
Tue: Ham salad sandwich, potato soup, and dessert.
Wed: Meat loaf, boiled potatoes, carrots, and dessert.
Thu: Crispy chicken salad (w/lettuce, onion, cheese), cottage cheese, and dessert.
Fri: Cheese burger, macaroni salad, peas, and dessert.

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CITY OF PLUMMER MINNESOTA NOTICE OF CANDIDATE FILLING DATES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the period for filing affidavits of candidacy for the office of Mayor and City Council shall begin on Tuesday, July 28, 2020 and shall close at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, August 11, 2020.
 OFFICE TO BE FILLED: One (1) Mayoral position which serves a two-year term and two (2) Council member positions, both of which serve a four-year term. All terms begin January 1, 2021
 The City of Plummer Offices will be voted for at the state general election to be held Tuesday, November 3, 2020
 Candidates must file at the office of the Plummer City Clerk, 170 Central Ave E, Plummer during regular business hours: Monday - Thursday from 8:00 am - noon. Candidates must complete an affidavit of candidacy and pay the \$2.00 filing fee at the time of filing.

Margaret Peterson
 Plummer
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Red Lake County Commissioners Minutes

RED LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION MEETING HELD JUNE 17, 2020

Pursuant to law, the Red Lake County Board of Appeal and Equalization duly met on Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the courthouse in Red Lake Falls, MN. Members present: Commissioners Allen Remick, Ron Weiss, John Dudycha, Anthony Flage, and County Auditor Robert Schmitz. Also present: County Assessor Michelle Nelson. Absent: Commissioner Chuck Simpson. No members of the public were present.

The oath of office was administered to the members. Commissioner Flage moved and seconded by Commissioner Weiss to appoint Remick as the Chairperson. Motion was carried unanimously. Commissioner Flage moved and seconded by Commissioner Remick to appoint Weiss as the Vice-Chairperson. Motion was carried unanimously. Commissioner Flage moved and seconded by Commissioner Weiss and to appoint County Auditor Schmitz as Clerk. Motion was carried unanimously.

County Assessor Nelson presented to the board an overview of the 2020 proposed values and other pertinent information regarding sales and values for the 2020 assessment, including sales history for several prior years. Nelson informed that the values did not include any state assessed property. There was one individual property valuation appeal brought before the County Board of Appeals. Nelson discussed the prior history on the property and of several surrounding properties to justify the valuation her office assessed against the parcel in question. Commissioner Weiss moved and seconded by Commissioner Dudycha to leave the Estimated Market Value (EMV) on Parcel 04-0929-000 owned by Gary Mattison the same, with the EMV to remain at \$130,300.00 for the 2020 assessment. Motion carried unanimously.

County Auditor Schmitz moved, seconded by Commissioner Dudycha and unanimously carried to accept the 2020 values as presented by the County Assessor. There, being no further business to be brought before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m. sine die.

Attest:
 Robert Schmitz, Clerk

Allen Remick, Chairman
 County Board Appeal & Equalization County Board of Appeal & Equalization O17C

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS OF TOWNSHIPS HAVING NOVEMBER ELECTIONS

The dates of filing Affidavits of Candidacy for township offices are Tuesday, July 28, 2020, through Tuesday, August 11, 2020. Offices open are Supervisor and Clerk or Treasurer. Filing may be done at the Clerk's office at any reasonable time. Filings close at 5:00 PM on August 11, 2020. Filing fee is \$2.00.
 Red Lake County Township Officers Assn. O17-18C

RED LAKE COUNTY Regular Meeting Held June 9, 2020

Pursuant to adjournment of its last meeting the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners held its regular board meeting on June 9, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. All Board Members were present. Chairman Remick called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Red Lake Falls Mayor Al Bertilrud, Council Member Brianna Ingraham and City Clerk Kathy Schmitz were present to request some financial assistance regarding the repairs needed on the bridge for the Pedestrian Trail System. City Clerk Schmitz informed that an Engineering Firm has estimated from \$400,000 to \$450,000 in repair costs. Bertilrud explained that the city has applied for a grant from State Legacy Funds with the requirement of 25% matching funds from the city. Bertilrud inquired if the county would share the 25% cost with the city. The estimated shared cost is \$110,000 between the two entities. The County Board was also informed the city has already secured a grant to re-pave the trail. Ingraham commented that the trail is a financial benefit to the area but if the bridge is not repaired and becomes unsafe a big portion of the trail can't be used. Bertilrud mentioned that the city is looking at bonding for the project over either a 10 to 20-year period which will make annual payments fairly minimal. Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Flage and carried unanimously to provide half of the 25% matching share with the City of Red Lake Falls.

County Environmental Officer Kurt Casavan met with the board to update on some ditch maintenance issues. Casavan has received calls from landowners wanting to petition into a legal ditch system when tiling nearby lands that are not associated with their benefitted drainage area. Due to the COVID-19 issue ditch hearings cannot be held, therefore Casavan has been calling all landowners in the ditch system for a verbal agreement before issuing a permit. Casavan issued verbal permits for three projects. Al Page the County Representative to the Watershed District Board commented that upon a recommendation of its legal counsel the Watershed District will no longer approve any permits without the county first conducting a county ditch hearing. The issue will be discussed further at its meeting later in the week. The County Board concurred that the ditch hearing process must be conducted prior to permit authorization.

Lou Tasa, MN Dot State Aid Engineer-District 8 met with the board to provide an update on state aid road projects and projects funding. Tasa commented that County Engineer Erik Hove is doing a good job for the county, and with assisting towns and cities with projects design and finding available funding sources. Tasa also announced that he will be retiring from Mn Dot effective July 8,



KURTIS ELLEFSON

RED LAKE COUNTY VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER

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Oklee Centennial Cookbook Recipe Corner - From page 450

Cocoa Munch Snack Mix Donna (Jensen) Larson

4 cups Cheerios cereal (whole grain is good!)

4 cups Chex (corn or rice) or Crispix cereal

1 cup (1 pkg) Almond Accents (honey roasted or toffee flavored) OR slivered or sliced almonds

2 Tbsp baking cocoa

2 Tbsp sugar

1/2 cup (1 stick) - butter

1 cup Craisins (or raisins)

1 cup white/vanilla (baking) chips



In a large bowl, combine cereals and almonds. Melt butter in a small saucepan; add sugar and cocoa. Cook and stir just to combine and dissolve the sugar. Remove from heat; stir well again. Pour over cereal mixture; toss to coat. Pour into Pam-sprayed 9 x 13 pan. Bake at 250 degrees for 1 hour; stirring every 15 minutes. Cool completely. Stir in Craisins and chips. This keeps for a couple of weeks in an airtight container.

CITY OF OKLEE, MINNESOTA NOTICE OF CANDIDATE FILLING DATES

The following City of Oklee Offices will be voted for at the state general election to be held Tuesday, November 03, 2020. Candidates may begin filing for these offices on Tuesday, July 28, 2020 until 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 11, 2020.

Candidates must file at the office of the Oklee City Clerk, 301 Main Street, Oklee Candidates must complete an affidavit of candidacy and pay the \$2.00 filing fee at the time of filing.

Candidates who will be absent from the state during the filing period may arrange to file in person with the Clerk within seven days prior to departure by giving written affidavit of reasons for absence and completing all other filing requirements.

Filings will be accepted during the filing period for the following offices to be elected on November 3, 2020
 Mayor (2 year term)
 City Council (2 positions-4 year regular term)

Derek Cross
 Oklee City Clerk

O17-18C

NOTICE OF FILING DATES FOR ELECTION TO THE SCHOOL BOARD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2906 RED LAKE COUNTY CENTRAL SCHOOLS STATE OF MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the period for filing affidavits of candidacy for the office of school board member of Independent School District No. 2906 shall begin on Tuesday, July 28, 2020, and shall close at 5:00 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, August 11, 2020. The general election shall be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020. At that election, three (3) members will be elected to the School Board for terms of four (4) years each.

Affidavits of Candidacy are available from the school district clerk at 201 Governor St, Oklee, MN and at 260 Minnesota Street, Plummer, MN. The filing fee for this office is \$2. A candidate for this office must be an eligible voter, must be 21 years of age or more on assuming office, must have been a resident of the school district from which the candidate seeks election for thirty (30) days before the general election, and must have no other affidavit on file for any other office at the same primary or next ensuing general election.

The affidavits of candidacy must be filed in the office of the school district clerk and the filing fee paid prior to 5:00 o'clock p.m. on August 11, 2020.

BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
 Dated July 9, 2020
 /s/ Suzan Gunderson
 Election Administrator

O17-18C

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS OF CHESTER TOWNSHIP

The dates of filing Affidavits of Candidacy for township offices are Tuesday, July 28, 2020 through Tuesday, August 11, 2020.

Offices open are
 2 - Supervisors
 (4 year term)
 and
 1 - Treasurer
 (4 year term)

Filings may be done at the Clerk's home at any reasonable time.
 Filings close at 5:00 p.m. on August 11, 2020. Filing fee is \$2.00

Pam O'Neill
 Clerk, Chester Township
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2020. Mn Dot is currently reviewing a list of possible replacements. The County Board thanked Tasa for his many years of service assisting Red Lake County.

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

Vendor	Amount
Counties Providing Technology	\$ 4,210.00
Davidson Construction	57,108.00
DBS Backhoe, LLC	9,471.23
Penguin Management, Inc.	3,036.00
RDO Equipment Co.	5,194.00
ReadiTech IT Solutions	2,841.26
Red Lake County Co-op	2,838.30
Daniel Schirrick	9,846.00
WSB & Associates, Inc	10,985.69
60 Vendors less than \$2,000.	14,094.09
TOTAL	\$119,624.57

Commissioner Simpson moved and seconded by Flage to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on May 26, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

Board members reviewed a billing received from Polk County for shared expenses on maintenance of joint drainage systems. Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried unanimously to approve payment of \$2,026.21 to Polk County pursuant to Mn Statutes 103E.711, Subd. 1.

Commissioner Dudycha inquired whether the county will support the resolution from the City of Brooks resolution regarding re-opening businesses due to COVID-19. The board members concurred to support the resolution of the City of Brooks.

The following Commissioner/Committee reports were shared:

Commissioner Meeting/Report
 Simpson: -None
 Dudycha: -Tri-County Corrections discussing budget and levy. -NW Regional Development.
 Weiss: -Tri County Corrections and NW Regional Development Commission.

Flage: -Transportation Advisory Committee meeting.

Remick: -Affordably Housing Loan Committee and SWCD Committee.

The regular board meeting was closed at 11:47 a.m. to discuss a LELS grievance settlement matter. The regular meeting re-opened at 11:57 a.m.

Commissioner Dudycha moved, seconded by Flage and carried by unanimous vote to accept the settlement agreement with Brett Anderson former Law Enforcement Officer in Red Lake County.

There being no further business the regular board meeting was adjourned to June 23, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

Attest:
 Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

Al Remick, Chair,
 Board of Commissioners
 O17C

(U.S.P.S. 407-240)

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Sudoku Solution

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

Writers & Writing by Michael Tidemann

Tidemann started his journalism career at the Bismarck Tribune in 1978 and began college teaching career as a graduate teaching assistant at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion in 1977. He has worked at newspapers in Iowa and the Dakotas and his work has appeared in Overdrive, Writer's Journal, the San Diego Union-Tribune and Snowmobile. (Michael Tidemann writes from Estherville, Iowa. His author page is [amazon.com/author/michaeltidemann/](https://www.amazon.com/author/michaeltidemann/).)



Dad's Maybe Book filled with pathos and longing

When Tim O'Brien tried to leave behind Worthington, Minn., the community where he lived his formative years, and later the Vietnam War, it was to try to forget both.

Fast forward 50 years later and we have Dad's Maybe Book, O'Brien's homage to his sons Timmy and Tad and advice he hopes to leave behind for when he's no longer around to mentor them.

O'Brien, who did not become a father until well into his fifties, anticipates a sense of loss by not being able to experience key events in his sons' lives. This book imagines what those events may be, and how he can fill those voids before they happen.

While this is by no means a war memoir, the Vietnam War has crept into O'Brien's latest book in a huge way. While his deployment was but a year, the impact was immeasurable on his experiences and how he later dealt with life. O'Brien also takes a hard look at the work of Ernest Hemingway, a literary mentor, and assesses Hemingway's fiction through the lens of a soldier who saw war firsthand.

Probably most remarkable

National Council for Behavioral Health Announces New Board Members



Shauna Reitmeier, MSW, LGSW, CEO, Northwestern Mental Health Center

The National Council for Behavioral Health is pleased to announce the results of its recent Board elections.

The National Council welcomes our newly elected Directors:

- Region 1 (CT, MA, ME, NH, RI, VT)

Tomasz Jankowski, Ph.D., President and CEO, Northeast Kingdom Human Services [VT]

- Region 2 (NJ, NY, PR, VI)

Yaberci Perez-Cubillan, LCSW-R, SIFI, Senior Vice President-Behavioral Health & Service Integration, Acacia Network [NY]

- Region 3 (DC, DE, MD, PA, VA, WV)

Richard Edley, Ph.D., President and CEO, Rehabilitation and Community Providers Association [PA]

- Region 5 (IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, WI)

Shauna Reitmeier, MSW, LGSW, CEO, Northwestern

Mental Health Center [MN]

- Region 6 (AR, LA, NM, OK, TX)

Lee Johnson, MPA, Deputy Director, Texas Council of Community Centers [TX]

- Region 8 (AZ, CO, MT, ND, SD, UT, WY)

Joseph (JC) Carrica III, Ed.D., MA, CAC, CEO, Southeast Health Group [CO]

- Region 9 (CA, Guam, HI, NV)

Camille Schraeder, MA, Director of Public Policy, Redwood Community Services [CA]

- Region 10 (AK, ID, OR, WA)

Jodi Daly, Ph.D., President/CEO, Comprehensive Healthcare [WA]

The Board elected the following Officers:

- Second Vice Chair Susie Huhn, MA, CEO, Casa de los Niños [AZ]

• Secretary-Treasurer Ed Woods, Board member, LifeWays Community Mental Health [MI]

The Board is composed of elected volunteers from the staff and community boards of National Council member organizations. They are elected by National Council member organizations representing 10 regions covering the entire U.S. The Board of Directors represents the membership and is committed to diversity, leadership and promoting excellence in mental health and addictions treatment.

"I look forward to working with our new Board members in the months ahead," Board

Chair Jeff Richardson, vice president and chief operating officer of Sheppard Pratt Health System said. "Community behavioral health clinics face incredible challenges. Their experience and enthusiasm will be a wonderful asset to all National Council members as we navigate the road ahead."

We are grateful to the following individuals for their service as they depart the Board on June 30, 2020:

- Vic Armstrong, MSW, Director of the North Carolina Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, Substance Abuse Services [NC]

• Kevin Campbell, former CEO, Greater Oregon Behavioral Health [OR]

- Danette Castle, MPA, Chief Executive Officer, Texas Council of Community Centers [TX]

• Daniel Darting, Chief Executive Officer, Signal Behavioral Health Network [CO]

- Alan Hartl, Executive Consultant, Lenape Valley Foundation [PA]

• John Kastan, Ph.D., Interim CEO, Chief Program Officer, Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services [NY]

- Rich Leclerc, MS, MSW, Consultant, Substance Use and Mental Health Leadership Council of Rhode Island [RI]

• Chris Stoner-Mertz, MSW, CEO, California Alliance of Child & Family Services [CA]

"I want to thank each of our outgoing Board members for the many hours they devoted to the National Council since their election," Chuck Ingoglia, president and CEO of the National Council said. "I will miss their expertise, determination and professionalism. But I also know I can rely on their guidance even after their departure as our organization continues its important work on behalf of members."

The newly elected Board members assume their duties on July 1, 2020.

Red Lake County Sheriff's Report

On 06/25/20, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report of traffic traveling at high rates of speed on McLean Ave. in Red Lake Falls. Traffic between CR. #1 and Hwy. #32 has increased on that street because of a detour to avoid road construction on Hamilton Ave. Extra patrol was assigned to that area. The construction on Hamilton Ave. is now complete and that roadway is open to travel.

On the afternoon of 06/26/20, Maddelyn Francine Krenelka (23) of Grand Forks was cited for speeding on Hwy. #92 east of Brooks.

In the early morning hours of 06/27/20, Red Lake County deputies dealt with two domestic disturbance calls. One of them occurred in the city of Red Lake Falls and the other was at a residence in Oklee. Both incidents were mediated without arrests or citations.

In the early morning hours of 06/27/20, a Red Lake County deputy stopped a vehicle on CR. #5 north of Oklee for unsafe driving conduct. The driver, Kristi Ann Wojciekowski (41) of Roseau was cited for petty misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia.

On 06/27/20, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office was notified that a cooler was found along the bike path in Red Lake Falls. The Sheriff's Office has possession of the cooler and if you think it may be yours, contact the Sheriff's Office.

On the morning of 06/28/20, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report of a possible death at a residence in Louisville Township. Red Lake County deputies and the Red Lake Falls Ambulance were dispatched to the scene. It was discovered that Kassandra Jayne Juarez (29) had passed away at that residence sometime over-night. The body was taken to the Forensic Medical Examiner's Office in Grand Forks, ND for an autopsy. The East Grand Forks Police Department assisted with notifying Ms. Juarez's family of her death. This incident is still under investigation.

On the afternoon of 06/28/20, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report of a juvenile having a mental health crisis at a residence in Oklee. A deputy responded

and provided counseling and transportation to the Sanford Hospital in Thief River Falls so the juvenile could be professionally evaluated.

In the early morning hours of 06/29/20, a Red Lake County deputy checked a suspicious vehicle that was parked in the Salem Church parking lot north of Oklee. A female occupant alleged that she had recently been assaulted at a nearby residence. She claimed that she had driven there to get away from the situation. The suspect in the assault, Mark Douglas Stenberg (29) of Oklee, was apprehended later that morning. He was taken to the jail in Crookston and was booked for misdemeanor domestic assault. Mr. Stenberg appeared in Court in Crookston on 06/30/20. He was released on conditions to not possess firearms nor have any contact with the victim. His next court appearance was scheduled for 07/22/20 in Red Lake Falls.

On 06/30/20, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report of criminal damage to property at a residence in Emardville Township. That report is still under investigation.

On the evening of 06/30/20, the Plummer Legion called for assistance with an extremely intoxicated individual. Red Lake County deputies responded and found Steven Guy Lillemoe (66) of Crookston "passed out" at the bar. Deputies removed Mr. Lillemoe and ultimately ended up arresting him and bringing him to the jail in Crookston for the night. He was booked for misdemeanor public nuisance and he was released from custody the following day.

On the morning of 07/01/20, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report of a dog that has been habitually barking, crying and it also appeared to be neglected. This dog was tied up outside of a Red Lake Falls residence. The Red Lake County Sheriff's Office has also received other complaints about this dog over the past few days and has made attempts to remedy the issue by speaking to the owner. That course of action was unsuccessful so Samantha Jo Lynn Toftstad (33) of Red Lake Falls was cited with misdemeanor public nuisance and failure to license the animal with the city.

On the evening of 07/01/20, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report of tubers and kayakers stranded on the river near Sportsman's Park. The Red Lake Falls Fire Department, Red Lake Falls Ambulance Service and Red Lake County deputies responded to the scene. All involved parties were rescued and no injuries were reported.

On the afternoon of 07/02/20, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report of a theft of property from a location in Louisville Township. That report is still under investigation.

On the afternoon of 07/02/20, Levi Owen Sparby (18) of Grygla was cited for speeding on CR. #5 north of Oklee.

On the evening of 07/02/20, Red Lake County deputies, the Red Lake Falls Fire Department and the Red Lake Falls Ambulance were dispatched to Sportsman's Park to assist in recovering some stranded tubers on the Red Lake River. Crews were able to assist eight tubers off of the river and they were all delivered safely to shore.

Mitch Bernstein 07/03/20

Red Lake Falls Library

The Summer Reading Program gets underway this week in the RLF Library with the theme "Dig Deeper: Read, Investigate, Discover." Readers up through age 18 can stop in to sign their name & age on the display door, check out books & get a weekly treat, register for weekly and grand prizes and participate in a self-guided craft or activity on Tuesdays & Wednesdays, while enjoying popcorn & juice. The program will run until August 15. All young people are welcome to participate.

New adult nonfiction includes "Nothing is Wrong and Here is Why" - essays by Alexandra Petri; "acclaimed Washington Post satirist Alexandra Petri offers perfectly logical, reassuring reasons for everything that has happened in recent American politics that will in no way unsettle your worldview." And in new adult fiction, "Afterlife" by Julia Alvarez, "Before I Called You Mine" by Nicole Deese, "The Time of Jacob's Trouble" by Donna VanLiere, "The Shape of Family" by Shilpi Somaya Gowda, "You and Me and Us" by Alison Hammer, and "Where the Road Bends" by David Rawlings.



How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Coast

SPANISH: Costa

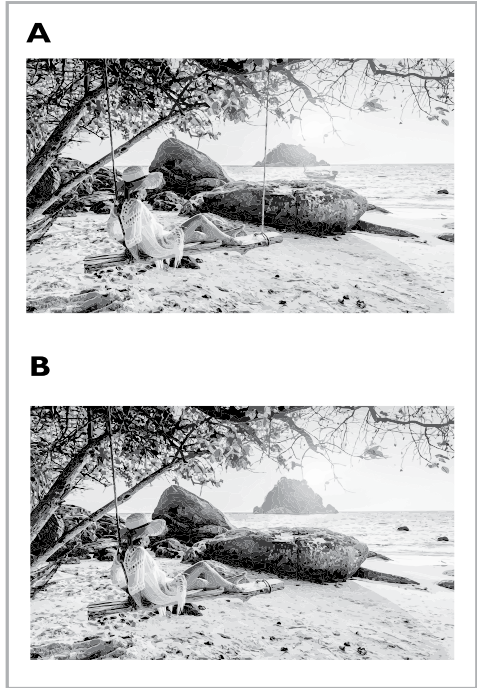
ITALIAN: Costa

FRENCH: Côte

GERMAN: Küste

What's the Difference?

There are four things different between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?



Answers: 1. Rope on swing missing 2. Boat missing 3. Extra rock in water 4. Distant island bigger



THIS DAY IN...
HISTORY

- 1810: CITIZENS OF BOGOTÁ DECLARE THEIR INDEPENDENCE FROM SPAIN.
- 1969: ASTRONAUT NEIL ARMSTRONG BECOMES THE FIRST MAN TO WALK ON THE MOON.
- 2015: THE UNITED STATES AND CUBA RESUME FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AFTER FIVE DECADES.

New Word

TIDE

alternate rising and falling of the sea



WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to water quality.

RILFTE

Answer: Filter

CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to water quality. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 1 = T)

A. 1 22 20 15 23
Clue: Poison

B. 9 2 25 16 15 1 12
Clue: Standard of something

C. 1 6 18 1 15 23 21
Clue: Measures performance

D. 26 25 14 1 15 8 2 16 25 1 6
Clue: Minute separate particles

Oklee Herald Early Files

Eighty Years Ago July 11, 1940

The Oklee Aces baseball team lost to Red Lake Falls in a game played at the county seat. The score was 17-2.

The Garnes-Equality baseball team took an 18-6 decision from the strong Bernier team last Sunday.

Miss Agnes Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gunder Anderson of Equality, and Douglas Olson of Breckenridge were married at the Lutheran parsonage in Hickory on Sunday evening.

The Fourth of July passed quietly in Oklee. There was no local celebration, and residents spent the day at celebrations at Plummer and Clearbrook, while other sought nearby lakes.

Virgil Fore spent last Thursday and Friday at Bemidji where he visited his sister, Miss Lillian.

The Lund School and parochial school held a picnic at Begley Lake on Sunday. A large number of parents as well as children attended.

Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Bruggeman and children of Plummer and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bruggeman were visitors at the H.B. Bruggeman home here Sunday.

Seventy Years Ago July 13, 1950

Oklee Lutheran Parish to hold 31st annual picnic on Sunday. The event will follow the service with a program and special music directed by Mrs. Andy Knutson.

A cabin on the shores of Clearwater Lake, owned by Ed Halseth of Oklee, burned to the ground in an early Wednesday morning fire.

A son was born Sunday, July 9th in Crookston to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Martel.

The Gully nine came from behind to whip the Colts last Sunday 10-6 at the Sportsman's Park here.

Carol Anne Mandt spent Wednesday afternoon with her cousin Sharron Larson and also celebrated Sharron's 7th birthday.

Clearwater Ladies Aid planned to meet at the Gunder Hofstad home on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marlow Hovland of Plummer visited at the Maurice Lillo home Sunday.

Sixty Years Ago July 14, 1960

On July 4th, in connection with the Golden Jubilee celebration U.S. Senator Hubert Humphrey operated the controls of Julian Finseth's saw mill. There was little time for grass to grow under the senators heels as he went from the speaker's platform to pitch bundles in to the steam powered grain separator and then the saw mill and then on to Minneapolis to meet another engagement.

A two-car collision north of Plummer caused an estimated \$450 damage to cars involved. Loren Joppru, rural TRF was backing from a private driveway along Hwy. 59 when his was struck on the right side by a car driven by Alvin Strand of Gonvick.

Walter Pigeon of Minneapolis spent the past week here with his brothers, Henry and Albert and with his sister Mrs. Delia Rossignal in Oklee.

Those helping Sharon Sebenaler celebrate her birthday were Richard and Robert Brandt, Carolyn and John Melby, Paul Larson, Gen and Steven Hardisty, and Bobby Melby.

Rory Jay, son of Mr. and

Mrs. Lawrence Myrum, was baptized at services at the Oak Park Church. Sponsors were Mr. and Mrs. Bernell Myrum, Carol Knutson and Jerry Myrum.

Fifty Years Ago July 16, 1970

Roy Jorgenson, CAP director of Inter-County Community Council was named Director of the Month.

About 15 members of the Oklee Boy Scouts troop left Sunday for Camp Wabanaquat near Mahnomen for a one-week campout.

Jeanne Sovde, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Sovde of Oklee, will be one of the candidates for the Miss Thief River Falls title at the 16th annual Jaycee Aquacade.

Mr. and Mrs. Rene Hofstad were formidable team on the Oklee Speedway Sunday afternoon. Rene won the first heat, the trophy dash and the feature event while Mrs. Hofstad nearly took the powder puff event but was edged out by Mrs. John Loiland.

A reunion of the 1960 and 1961 classes of Plummer was held at the Legion Club rooms in Thief River Falls on June 27th with a good attendance.

Mrs. Gust Westerlund was hostess at her home Thursday afternoon for a birthday party honoring the 88th birthday of her mother, Mrs. Annie Grenwald.

Forty Years Ago July 17, 1980

On July 11, it was reported to the Sheriff's Department that someone had burglarized Marcoux Corner. Machines at Marcoux Corner were broken into and an undetermined amount of money was taken.

The Class of 1970 held their 10 year class reunion on July 5th at the Cozy Bar for social hour and supper. On Sunday they had a potluck picnic at the Oklee Park.

Jack and Clara Radniecki celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on Sunday with approximately 35 relatives attended the dinner at Third Base.

A large crowd attended the Fourth of July at Trail. There were 25 entries for the Kiddie Parade.

On Thursday, July 10th, the Oklee Lumber (Elevator) team traveled to Goodridge for a make-up game and each team won one game.

Many came to the Howard Hanson home to celebrate Dean Hanson's 7th birthday and a few of his buddies, Jamie Gunderson, Jon Nord and Shawn Carlson helped him celebrate also.

Last Friday evening tornado activity was watched by many people throughout the area. One funnel dropped, grew and reached the ground in the Dorothy area damaging 8 farms. The tornado path was about 7 miles long.

Thirty Years Ago July 18, 1990

The Oklee City Council is discussing the purchase of the Oklee Creamery property. The Council received a letter from Atty. Geller stating that the creamer building property was free and clear. The City had also received a letter from MN Health Dept. that there was not enough volume in the present well. The well on the creamery property should be a problem solver if the City is mandated to add an addition well.

Brooks "Blast To Brooks" candidates named: Michele

Hince, Catherine Fossell, Sarah Paradis, and Carrie Fallon. Last year's Blast of Brooks' Miss Brooks is Tammy Grove.

Many family members came to the home of Jerry Skjerven, Plummer, to attend the wedding of Karen to Tim Bakken from Goodridge.

Lyle & Muriel Mandt, Julian & Shirley Gunderson and Helen Chervestad spent the weekend at the Iron Range attending the Iron Days in Chisholm and visiting with Evelyn Myrum.

Twenty Years Ago July 13, 2000

George Burthwick and some friends were at Trail's End Bar when he noticed a woman rushing from her table to the bathroom. Then Jason Magnell called out that the woman was choking and George rushed into the bathroom and performed the Heimlich Maneuver and after a few attempts dislodged the food particle and she was able to breathe again. George is a member of the Oklee Fire Department for the past 15 years and luckily the training he received saved a life.

Larry LaCoursiere and his wife were in Oklee for their class reunions and he stopped by the Oklee Herald office, who learned he has been delving in the art of genealogy.

The All-School Class reunion brought many persons to the area and many participated in the 5K Walk/Run held July 1st. Steve Pekarek placed 1st, and Isaac Kvasager placed 2nd in the 13-19 year age group. Renee Bergerson Granger placed 2nd in the Woman's Division of 50-59 years old. Benji Marquis placed 1st in the Men's Division of 20-29 years old.

Ten Years Ago July 14, 2010

Horseshoe winners at the Oklee Centennial were 2nd place winners were Curt Wright & Jim Kelley, and 1st place winners were Alan Vettleson and Seth Vettleson.

Mary Olson from Colorado was the lucky winner of the Oklee Centennial Quilt. Mary is the daughter-in-law of the late Ruth and Ingvald Olson.

Ron Hamm was the Grand Champion Beard contest winner at the Oklee Centennial Beard Contest. Other winners were Norman Nelson – Whitest; David Johnson – Longest; Rene Hofstad – Best Trimmed; Conway Olson – Youngest; Jared Hofstad – Most Unique; Jake Melby – Sexiest; Donnie Larson – Best Effort/Least Result; Chris Cowan – Best Goatee; Jim Asselin – Traveling the longest distance (2200 miles); Joel Hanson – Best 5 o'clock Shadow; and Wallace Nelson – Oldest.

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Who's Dat?



Who's Dat?

This weeks photo is of a group of people from the area.

Last week's photo was of Michael Fore, Elizabeth Munt and Brent Nelson at Vi's Daycare in Oklee.

I am always 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.

If you email a photo, please scan at 300 dpi (high quality) if you can. You can email to oklee-

Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

It's a nice Sunday afternoon. As I sit here looking out the window, I see cars, trucks and walkers out enjoying the day.

I have been looking through a Minnesota book and found something I never knew.

1. Tallest person: Igor Vovkovinskiy, 7 feet 8 1/3 inches from Rochester, MN.
2. Oldest person: Walter Breuning 114 years old, Melrose, MN.
- 3: Lake Superior: Largest fresh water lake on the planet.
4. Some 6000 ships have sunk in the Great Lakes.

Words of Wisdom

Live beneath your means.

Remember it takes only a little extra effort to be considered exceptional.

Joke Time

Overheard: A conversation between two small boys, not yet old enough to be in school. "My name is Billy. What's your's?" asked the first boy. "Tommy," replied the second.

"My daddy is an accountant," said Billy. "What does your daddy do for a living?"

"My daddy's a lawyer," Tommy answered.

"Honest?" asked Billy.

"No, just the regular kind."

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

Cindy Thomas, of Manhattan, KS came Monday to visit her mom, Jean Carpenter and siblings, Nancy, Judy, Russ and other family.

On the 4th around 2:30 in the afternoon, there was a little parade. There were about seven 4-wheelers followed by a pickup pulling a trailer with a table and chairs and umbrella over it with a sign that said, "Red Neck Party Deck" and a few sitting at the table. Also, Bonnie Wichterman and her twin grandkids each rode a horse. Behind Kristie with daughter McKenna on her horse and Dean Hesse behind on his horse. It was rather fun. Just a few cars came to watch. It was hot!

People also let off fireworks Friday, Saturday and Sunday night.

Peggy Hesse's birthday was July 1st. On the 4th, her

family celebrated with her at her home. Sharon, Amber, Landen and Jaxen Larson. Also Dean, David, Ricky and McKenna Hesse. The Hesse's had a fish supper on July 1st. On the 4th, Raymond Dahl, Diane and Clarence Dahl of Middle River and Dan Hesse had a lawn picnic at Hesse's.

Kelly and Brenda Knutson brought supper on Sunday. Also, brought a cake.

Tuesday night, there was a tornado that went through Dalton, MN. It's a small town east of Fergus Falls. One person was killed. There was lots of damage. The winds were about 16 mph. There were about 15 more tornado in Minnesota that night.

Wednesday evening at Bingo at the Legion, Susie Zimpel treated everyone to cupcakes at half time. Her birthday was Friday, the 10th.

Bonny's Bits...

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I think we had the nicest weekend of the summer this past weekend. The temperatures were perfect, the humidity was perfect, etc. No rain, no windy conditions, I will not complain.

It is hard to believe it is already the middle of July. Even without the rush of events that the area usually has, the summer seems to be passing by quickly.

I hope everyone has been doing well with this Covid-19. I know it has been hard on everyone, but the last thing I want is to catch this bug. It can be a bugger for many people, even if you think your healthy, you may be surprised. I know a few people that have contracted the disease and so far all have recovered, but some have ended up in the hospital and some on the ventilator. This is serious business and we all have to be careful so we don't get it and if we have it, don't spread it.

We have been busy working on the screened front porch as it needed some new screens and since we had to replace them, why not give it a coat of fresh paint, and of course if you have ever done a project, something more always pops up and the job gets larger and larger. Well,

we have now replaced the bad wood in a few places, have it all primed and I believe we can start putting the porch back together. And I will enjoy being able to sit and read a good book on a nice summer afternoon or evening, bug free.

Garden Valley has been busy around a number of towns installing the new optic lines. That will be so nice because it brings better and faster internet to our area. We have been very lucky that Garden Valley has been very proactive in making sure we have great quality internet services. This is not true in many areas of the rural community and even in larger cities. I have family members that are using their cell providers for their internet usage and it eats up all your data on your phone, etc. So count your blessing, that we have Garden Valley for our internet provider.

Here is the rest of the story...just kidding. Here is the rest of :

DID YOU KNOW THIS?

Coffee filters Who knew! And you can buy 1,000 at the Dollar Tree for almost nothing even the large ones.

• Keep in the bathroom. They make great "razor nick fixers."

• As a sewing backing. Use a filter as an easy-to-tear backing for embroidering or appliquéing soft fabrics.

A lawyer was on a vacation in a small farming town. While walking through the streets on a quiet Sunday morning, he came upon a large crowd gathering by the side of the road. Going by instinct, the lawyer figured that there was some sort of auto collision. He was eager to get to the injured parties but couldn't get near the car. Being a clever sort, he started shouting loudly, "Let me through! Let me through! I am the son of the victim."

The crowd made way for him, lying in front of the car was a donkey.

A woman from out east had a 4th of July birthday and has twin daughters in their 20's, also born on the 4th. They were on the Today Show. The one twin is in the service and couldn't come to be with them. But surprised them with a virtual visit. The mother was in tears. It was really special.

On Monday, the 6th, Country Singer Charlie Daniels died from a stroke. He was 83. He was well-known for his song, "Devil went down to George." He was really good on the fiddle.

Willie Nelson had a 4th of July live streamed concert in Lufkin, Texas with a couple of artists. I believe it was at a drive-in theater. There were two other artists with him. He's 86 or 87. He recently released a new album!

Stay cool and be kind to others.

• Put baking soda into a coffee filter and insert into shoes or a closet to absorb or prevent odors.

• Use them to strain soup stock and to tie fresh herbs in to put in soups and stews.

• Use a coffee filter to prevent spilling when you add fluids to your car.

• Use them as a spoon rest while cooking and clean up small counter spills.

• Can use to hold dry ingredients when baking or when cutting a piece of fruit or veggies.. Saves on having extra bowls to wash.

• Use them to wrap Christmas ornaments for storage.

• Use them to remove fingernail polish when out of cotton balls.

• Use them to sprout seeds..

Simply dampen the coffee filter, place seeds inside, fold it and place it into a plastic baggie until they sprout.

• Use coffee filters as blotting paper for pressed flowers. Place the flowers between two coffee filters and put the coffee filters in phone book..

• Use as a disposable "snack bowl" for popcorn, chips, etc.

Hope this hints about coffee filters were helpful. I know they also make beautiful butterflies. Have your child or niece's and nephews color the coffee filter and then take an old fashioned clothes pin for the body and pipe cleaner for the antenna's.

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