

Oklee Precipitation		
By Einar Kvasager		
	Rain	Snow
June 12	0.10	
June 17	0.01	
Total	0.11	0.00

Oklee Herald

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Wednesday, June 23, 2021

Red Lake County Fair starts on officially on Friday, June 25th

Can you believe it! The time is flying by as fast as can be and wow, all of a sudden, it is time for the Fair!

The 2021 Red Lake County Fair will have the barns open for the 4-Her's and open class to bring in their livestock from 6 - 8 p.m. along with the open class entries.

But Friday, June 25th is the first official day of the fair with opening ceremony in the morning at 8:30 a.m. At 9:00 a.m. the booths will be open and the non-livestock entries begin. 4-H judging in the barn with open class to follow. At noon, the non-livestock entries close.

The Fair Board has worked with the Area Board on Aging and have a great program set up for the Senior Citizens. The "Looney Lutherans" will be the main feature of the Senior program with a lunch served and Bingo will be played afterwards.

From 2 - 6 p.m. the judging for the 4-H will be at the school.

And at 5:30 p.m. there is the second show of the "Looney Lutherans" at the Oklee Hall that is open to all ages. A free will offering will be set up for that performance.

Saturday, June 26th will be the Baja Day of the Fair. The booths at the school will open

at 9 a.m. and registration will begin.

At 1 p.m. the Baja races start. This can be a fun and exciting bunch of races. It is

always interesting to see the cars and the drivers trying to be the lead car and winner for their round.

At 8 p.m. the release of the animals and open class livestock will happen and you can pick up your checks.

Sunday June 27th the booths again open at 9 a.m. but will close at noon. The Open Class non livestock check can be picked up.

But don't think things are done at this smaller than normal fair due to Covid-19. There is still the 4-H Awards Program at the Oklee Hall. Come see the winning skits, great sewing projects in the style show and cheer on the 4-Hers as they received their awards.



The Looney Lutherans
The RLC Fair Baja



Who Are the Looney Lutherans?

The Looney Lutherans are a trio of wacky gals on tour promoting their new cookbook and "lifestyle guide" entitled: Use Your Food: A Guide to Healthy Living

Inside and Out From Our Kitchen to Yours. Eat Like a Lutheran! Using music, comedy, and some help from the audience, these gals share some age-old wisdom for living a long and healthy life, the Lutheran way.

Performances include a variety of segments on healthy living, including discussion of the Lutheran "Food Wheel" (all roads lead to hotdish), a performance of the Lutheran Food Rap ("Eat Like a Lutheran"), and a demonstration of exercising "the Lutheran Way" (using products from your pantry, you can create a

healthy body).

All original material is comedic, family friendly, and interactive.

Meet the characters:
Ginger Johnson

Our resident food expert and mastermind of The Lutheran Food Wheel, Ginger loves food so much she married a man named Herb, and named her kids Cinnamon and Sugar.

Bella Anderson

Italian by birth, Lutheran by marriage, Bella is our resident exercise guru and is the owner, operator, CEO, personal trainer, and client at a local exercise franchise. Her exercise routine can be performed anytime, anywhere.

Lois Jensen

The tallest of the three, Lois is excited to share with you some of her Lutheran beauty

tips. Using items from your very own kitchen, you too, can be a 'sexy Lutheran'.

The idea for the "Looney Lutherans" was cooked up in 2006 when the founding members were appearing in the cast of the hit musical Church Basement Ladies. The company has now expanded to include two additional "Loonies," but all of these talented women have been performing for years as professional actresses, writers, singers, and improvisers. As the Looney Lutherans, they have appeared together around the country at fairs and festivals, at mother/daughter banquets, at fundraisers and customer appreciation events, and at women's and senior Expos. For more information visit: thelooneylutherans.com

Baja Information on Facebook

The Red Lake County Fair will be having the Baja on Saturday, June 26th with races starting at 1 p.m.

If your racing:
Rules can be found on the Red Lake County Fair's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/Red-Lake-County-Fair

Registration is at 9:00 a.m. and if you have any questions, contact Bernie at 218-689-0525.

Classes racing include: 4 cyl; 6 cyl; 8 cyl; 2 wheel drive and 4 wheel drive. 100% payback for 1st, 2nd, and 3d place. \$15.00 entry for car & driver PER CLASS, \$15. per pit member.

The Baja is held on the fairgrounds located south of Oklee (across from the pits).

For spectators, the price of admission is: Adults - \$10.00. Ages 5 to 17 - \$5.00 and children



Racing starts at 1pm

under 4 are free, **\$20.00 max for family of four or more.

The Barnes-Go-Getters are having a fund raiser at the Baja Races on that day. And the Bite Me Grill Food truck will be making their first ap-

pearance as well.

And remember that CDC Guidelines are to be followed.

Come on out and enjoy a great day of racing and fun at the Red Lake County Fair BAJA races on Saturday at 1 p.m.

Look who's 101



Leona Eleanor Christianson, Oklee's oldest resident was honored with a 101st Birthday Party at the Oklee Senior Site on Thursday, June 17th. She had many friends and relatives attend and she got many cards and birthday wishes.



The American Legion Post 159 gathered on June 14th, Flag Day, to properly dispose of American flags that have designated not able to be in use. Pictured is from left to right: Wallace Nelson, Larry Skallet, Don Brown, Jan Dulka, Bruce Bjerklie, Commander Rick Dulka, Einar Kvasager, Don Stenberg, Bennet Larson, John Lerohl and John Lessard.

American Legion Post 159 holds Flag Day ceremony at Oklee Area Veterans Park



Chaplin Don Stenberg and Commander Rick Dulka.

For the a couple of years, except in 2020, the American Legion Post 159 has held a Flag Day ceremony to dispose of flags that are torn and damaged properly according to the Flag rules of the United States.

This year it was only Legion members and their spouses and other family members that gathered. Most years it has been advertised for the public to attend the potluck meal and ceremony.

Commander Rick Dulka thanked everyone for coming and explained this would be shortened ceremony. Chaplin Don Stenberg gave an invocation. Inspection of the flags was done by members of the American Legion while the fire was started.

Once the fire was going well enough, the American Legion members added flags to the flames. Once burned the ashes are disposed of in a burial in an undisclosed area so they are not disturbed.

It is a ceremony that is important to members of the American Legion as all Legion members have given time from their lives to protect and preserve the American way of life, liberty and justice throughout the world.



Jan Dulka, Larry Skallet, John Lerohl and Commander Rick Dulak inspect the flags to make sure they are damaged before they are burned. Flags that are still good are removed and used again. After burning the ashes are buried in an undisclosed pit.



Bennet Larson and Don Stenberg properly disposing of damaged flags as other members wait to add more flags.

Calendar of Events

Wed, June 23:

-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.

-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.

Thu, June 24:

-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.

-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news

Fri, June 25:

-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.

Sat, June 26:

-Support your local business - Shop Locally!

Sun, June 27:

-Worship at the church - check inside for church times and places.

Mon, June 28:

-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.

Tue, June 29:

-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.

Wed, June 30:

-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.

-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Sun, June 27: 9:00 a.m.
Zion. 10:30 a.m. Salem.
Sermons are on GVTEL Channel 35 (10 am Sunday & 2 pm Tuesday), also on Facebook or YouTube.

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OKLEE, GRYGLA & GOODRIDGE
Fr. Adam Hamness
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. St. Francis - Oklee. 10:15 a.m. - Grygla. 12:00 p.m. - Goodridge.
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
Saturday: St. Joseph RLF 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: Brooks Sunday 8:00 a.m. St. Joseph 10:00 a.m.

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Wed, June 23: 6 p.m. Ebenezer Church Council. 7:00 p.m. Worship at Ebenezer.
Sun, June 27: 9:00 a.m. Ebenezer. 10:30 a.m. Immanuel.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Sun, June 27: 8:00 a.m. Ekelund Worship. 9:30 a.m. Faith Worship. 11:00 a.m. Bethany Worship.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Mersteth
Sat, June 26: Mt Olive: 9:00 a.m.
Sun, June 27: St. Petri: 8:00 a.m. Worship. Oak Park: 9:45 Worship. Nazareth: 11:00 a.m. Worship.
Find services and past sermons at www.facebook.com/clearwaterlutheranparish

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, June 23: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Sun, June 27: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.
Tue, June 29: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions.
Wed, June 30: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Wed, June 23: 8:00 p.m. Parish Board meeting at Sand Valley.
Sun, June 27: 9:00 a.m. Lund; 10:30 a.m. Bethany.
CDC safety guidelines for COVID-19 will be followed.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY
Fosston
Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor
Sundays: 10:00 a.m.
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Oklee Senior Site Dining

June 28 - July 2
No congregate meals served.
If you are over the age of 60 and you want a meal delivered to your home, call the Oklee Cafe 796-5666. Please call by Friday to order your meals from the menu below.
If the cafe runs short, it will be Cook's Choice. A \$5.00 per meal donation is suggested.
Mon: Fried ham sandwich, broccoli cheese soup, milk, and dessert.
Tue: Fish fillet, American fries, carrots, bread, milk, and dessert.
Wed: Mushroom Swiss burger, French fries, green beans, milk, and dessert.
Thu: Chicken broccoli hot-dish, roll, milk, and dessert.
Fri: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, corn, grilled garlic toast, milk, and dessert.



Who's Dat?



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This week's photo is of a group of gals from the area.
Last week's photo was four classmates from Oklee School. They are fifth graders if I remember correctly. Pictured is Samatha ??, Becky Cote, Faith (Kruchowski) Qualley,

and Becky Jesme.

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.

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

If you mail a photo to the Oklee Herald office, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope so the photos can be returned. Mail them to: Oklee Herald, PO Box 9, Oklee MN 56742 Or stop by the office and I will scan your photo while you wait.



Inter-County Nursing Service Weekly COVID-19 Update

*cases from the week of June 10 - June 16

Pennington County		
0 NEW CASES	1538 TOTAL CASES	20 TOTAL DEATHS
0 ACTIVE CASE	72 TOTAL HOSPITALIZATIONS	

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Statistics (6-21-21)

- 604,608 Positive Tests
 - 10,220,996 Complete Tests
 - 4,390,069 People tested
 - 596,077 Patients No Longer in Isolation
 - 7,549 Total Deaths
- As of this printing - Total Confirmed Cases in surrounding Counties:
- Marshall County: 888
 - Clearwater County: 890
 - Beltrami County: 4,078
 - Polk County: 3890

Vaccination Stats (6-21-21)

	1st	2nd
Pennington	6,414	6,095
Red Lake	1,949	1,859
Polk	13,641	12,915

Preventing Identity Theft

- When you use your credit or debit card in a restaurant or store, don't let it out of your sight.
- Don't leave your checkbook or any financial documents in your glove compartment. Today's criminals are stealing items like these out of unlocked cars.
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Sand Box Fill June 30th

The Men's Activity Club announced that they will be doing their Sand Box Fill on June 30th. Please sign up at D & R Grocery, Security State Bank or the Oklee Cenex if you would like to have your sandbox filled for free. Or call Kent Bergerson at 218-686-9640 to be put on the list.

Sudoku Solution

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

Attention Open Class

In the RLC Fair Premium List, age category Tots & Children, have their own categories and cannot participate in the other areas. This is a printing error.

~ Red Lake County Fair Board.

Deadline: Fridays at noon!

Let's Have A Celebration!

Why you may ask!



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is on a first-come first-serve basis. There was discussion that the outside steps on the east side of courthouse are deteriorating along with repairs to some of the courthouse exterior & interior. Auditor Schmitz suggested Michael Burns Architects, the same firm that assisted on two prior large courthouse projects. The architect's report information and estimated projects cost will be used to fill out the grant application. Lundeen informed that State Legacy Funds may possibly cover the cost of the initial analysis report of the architect firm. Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried unanimously to contact the firm of Michael Burns Architects to do an on-site analysis of facilities.

Commissioner Remick moved, seconded by Weiss and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held May 11, 2021.

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

Vendor	Amount
Towmaster Truck Equipment	\$41,551.00
18 Vendors less than \$2,000	5,202.34
Final Total	\$46,753.34

The motion included the following added bills: \$89.90 Quill; \$900.00 Office Enterprise Technology (MNIT); \$402.97 Ken's Electric; \$56.00 expenses and \$780.00 per diem to Chuck Flage.

The following Commissioner/Committee reports were shared: Commissioner Comm. Reports Dudycha: - Tri-County Corrections.

Gerardy: - None.
Remick: - NW Regional EMS Board, NW Mental Health.
Weiss: - Tri-County Corrections.
Flage: - Minnesota Rural Caucus-discussing legislative priorities and Enbridge tax litigation, and an Inter County Nursing meeting.

There being no further business the regular board meeting adjourned to June 8, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Attest:
Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

Chuck Flage, Chair,
Board of Commissioners 013C

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RLCC News

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS
The High School office will be open Monday – Thursday from 6:00 am until 4:00 pm started on Tuesday, June 1st.

2021 Oklee Summer Recreation Schedule

June 21 - 25
Monday - June 21
1:00 – 2:00 – Games for all ages outside (inside if raining). (Oklee).
2:00 – 3:30 – Girls Softball, Cadets, and PeeWees practice at the softball fields.
6:00-7:00 – T-Ball Practice behind the school at Oklee for ages 3-6 (or 7). Parent volunteers are welcome.
Tuesday - June 22
10:00 PeeWees doubleheader at Fertile. Bus leaves Oklee at 8:30, Plummer at 8:45, Brooks at 8:55.
1:00 – 2:00 - Games for everyone, all ages.
2:00-3:30 – Cadet Baseball Practice, and Girls Softball practice at softball fields.
Wednesday - June 23
1:00 – 2:00 - Games for all ages in the gym.
2:00 - 3:30 Practice for Cadets/PeeWees/Softball at the softball fields, Mites (ages 7 - 8) behind the school.
Thursday - June 24
10:00– Cadets at Mahanomen vs Win-E-Mac at 11:30, Mahanomen at 1:00. Bus leaves Oklee at 9:45, Plummer at 9:00, Brooks at 10:10.
10:00 – Bantams and Ponies Girls Softball at Clearbrook vs Fosston at 10:00, Fertile at 1:00. Bus leaves Plummer at 8:30, Brooks at 8:45, Oklee at 9:00.
Fridays
No scheduled activities.

Red Lake Falls Library

New adult nonfiction includes “Already Toast: Caregiving and Burnout in America” by Kate Washington; “the story of one woman's struggle to care for her seriously ill husband” and a revealing look at the role unpaid family caregivers play in a society that fails to provide them with structural support;”
“Hooked: Food, Free Will, and How the Good Giants Exploit our Addictions” by Michael Moss; “from the #1 New York Times bestselling and Pulitzer prize-winning author of ‘Salt Sugar Fat’ comes a gripping exposure of how the processed food industry exploits our evolutionary instincts, the emotions we associate with food, and legal loopholes in their pursuit of profit over public health;” and “Remember: The Science of Memory and the Art of Forgetting” by Lisa Genova; ‘a fascinating exploration of the intricacies of how we remember, why we forget, and what we can do to protect our memories, from the Harvard-trained neuroscientist and bestselling author of ‘Still Alice.’”
The Summer Reading Program begins July 6 and runs through August 14. All young readers are invited to participate, with activities and refreshments all day Tuesdays & Wednesdays. Prizes will be given weekly and grand prize of \$50 cash card will be drawn at the end of the program in August.
Free passes to all Minnesota State Parks and Recreation areas are available through any of the Northwest Regional branch libraries; call or stop by for more information and to reserve a pass.



There was a parade in Oklee June 16th for Gerald Melin who was heading to the State Track Meet.
This photo from left to right: Robyn Morinville, Becky Olson, and Jenna Drellack a few of the Security State Bank Oklee employees who had a goodie bag for him and Some posters for his send off.

Statepoint Crossword The 4th of July

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1. Steps to the river, in India
5. Hot springs resort
8. Meal in a shell
12. Driver's misbehavior?
13. *Grilling technique
14. Medal of Honor descriptor
15. Cracked open
16. What Knave of Hearts stole from Queen of Hearts, sing.
17. Raise one's rank
18. *July 4th pyrotechnic display
20. Hubble Space Telescope operator, acr.
21. Chip dip
22. i topper
23. *Main Street tradition on the 4th
26. Superlative of fummy
30. Ribonucleic acid
31. Store as fodder
34. Moonfish
35. Rose oil
37. Number cruncher
38. Fairytale garden dweller
39. Indian Lilac tree
40. Extinct type of zebra
42. Steampunk decoration
43. Did 2 + 2 (2 words)
45. Crocheted blanket
47. Swedish shag rug
48. Ancient port city in Israel

Bonny's Bits... okleeherald@gmail.com

Well, that was a very nice rain we got on Sunday. It was very much needed and from what I understand we could have enjoyed more nice rain for a few days, but it is what it is. Thankfully we got some much needed rain.
There has been much activity in town this summer as the county roads that go through town are being redone and new curb and gutter work also. They are making the sidewalks to be the correct angle, which should make walking safer down town.
The City building is also getting a major facelift, which it sorely needed. Lots of noise and commotion, but it will be beautiful when it is done. And hopefully much warmer. There was very little to no insulation under the tin siding. Yikes!
The Red Lake County Fair is here this weekend. It is much smaller than past fairs here, but it was because of uncertainty due to Covid and timing of mandates being lifted.
This year they focused on the Senior Citizens of our County and they will have an excellent program with the Looney Lutheran's. They sound like a hoot and lots of fun. I'm looking forward to the program. The Seniors will play

50. Smiley face
52. *First President to hold July 4th celebration at the White House
56. Snoo Dogg's "Gin and "
57. Medicinal succulent
58. Hit the bottle
59. Earthenware pots
60. View from a high-speed train?
61. Observer
62. "Glengarry ____ Ross"
63. G, in solfa
64. "The Fountainhead" author
- DOWN
1. Former tennis pro Steffi
2. One who's made the pilgrimage to Mecca
3. Petri dish filler
4. Mother of Calcutta
5. Roebuck's partner
6. a.k.a. anorak
7. A in B.A.
8. *No ____ without representation"
9. Unfortunately, exclamation
10. *Drink to wash down burgers and hot dogs?
11. Table scrap
13. Steal, past participle
14. What haters spew?
19. Crane or heron
22. Expecting woman's date
23. Life force in Sanskrit
24. Chipped in
25. What Motion Picture Association of America did
26. *Most popular July 4th decoration
27. Notable period
28. Polynesian island country
29. Feudal lord
32. Fish a.k.a. porgy
33. Beer acronym
36. *Lee Greenwood's "Proud to Be an ____"
38. Blooper
40. Sine ____ non
41. Old-timer
44. Force units
46. Wedding tossable
48. Jiggly dessert
49. Run ____ of the law
50. Type of sea bird
51. Agitate
52. Kickboxing moves
53. Miso bean
54. U.S. ____ in golf or tennis
55. Egghead
56. Leisurely run

bingo afterwards and win lots of prized.
The evening show of the Looney Lutheran's is open to the public, so make plans to come on in for that great show. Teresa at the Cafe has also increased her hours for the Friday night Chicken so you can come in early and eat before the show or eat after the show.
There will be no 4-H Food booth this year. Just too much road work, covid issues, etc. to do it this year.
There is a Baja out at the South Park on Saturday. Racing is fun to watch and there will be some food out there with the Bite Me Grill and the Garnes Go Getters doing something (I haven't heard specifics).

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CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to safety. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 12 = T)

A. 8 1 13 12 10 23 25
Clue: Care taken

B. 14 24 23 12 21 8 12
Clue: Prevent harm

C. 10 25 2 13 24 9
Clue: Damage or hurt

D. 6 1 26 21
Clue: Protected

Answers: A. caution B. protect C. injury D. safe



The RLCC Cadets opened their season at RLF this year and came away with 2 victories, winning the first game 8 - 5, and the 2nd game 13 - 11.

Wednesday, June 23, 2021

THE OKLEE HERALD 3

Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteers Jo Lambert & Bonny Cote

Looney Lutherans at the Red Lake Co. Fair
The Senior Citizen's Program on Friday, June 25th at 1:00 p.m. will be a great one this year. The Fair Board has arranged for the "Looney Lutherans" to be the entertainment for the afternoon and afterwards BINGO with lots of prizes. If you haven't attended a Senior Program, this is not the one to miss and if you come every year, this still is not the one to miss. The Looney Lutherans will make you laugh out loud. See you there!!

SAIL Class Starting soon:
Jo Lambert and Carol Kvasager are being trained as coaches and hopefully the classes will start by the end of July or early August. The classes will be at 10:00 a.m. at the Oklee Hall.

You can sign up now, the paperwork is available. Stop by the senior site to sign up.

There is no cost to this exercise program for seniors and I believe they supply any equipment that is needed. This is a fun way to keep your strength and balance and have fun with your friends, all at the same time.

Remember:
On Tuesday, Bingo has resumed. This starts at 2 p.m. and all seniors are welcome. Come play, visit and win some prizes.

On Wednesday there is a group that plays cards. They start at 1:30 p.m. There are three tables available at the Site. Any card games are welcome. They are short Bridge players if anyone is interested in playing or learning.

On Thursday, Rummikub is being offered. Need 2 to four players and if you have played Rummy, you already know how to play this game. The only difference is it is played with tiles instead of cards.

Senior Meals: If you want to order a Senior Meal call the Oklee Cafe at 796-5666. Teresa is asking that Seniors call in their order for the week as soon as possible so she can order appropriately. So call in by Friday for the menu in this weeks paper. If you don't and call in later, you may get a Cook's Choice meal instead.

Craft Shop: is open four days a week - Mon - Tue - Wed - Fri from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. But if you are looking for a gift, and no one is there

you can ask Bonny if she is in her office at the Oklee Herald or call Jo Lambert to make arrangements.

Congregate Meals: We are working on getting the dining room open but in order to accomplish that, we will need volunteers to come in and set up for eating. If you are interested in being a volunteer for the dining room, please let Jo Lambert know. We have Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday's covered, still need someone for Thursday.

Potlucks: Will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month for summer and fall at the Oklee Cafe at 5 p.m. Bring a dish to share and enjoy an evening of conversation and fun.

Dates to Remember

June 23: 1:30 p.m. Cards.

June 24: 2:00 p.m. Rummikub - a fund game for up to four people per table.

June 25: Red Lake County Fair - Looney Lutheran's at the Senior Day at 1 p.m. at the Oklee Hall. All Senior Welcome.

June 29: 2:00 p.m. Bingo at the Senior Site.

Have a good week!

Oklee Herald Early Files

Eighty Years Ago

June 26, 1941

Work is progressing rapidly on the new theatre building here after having been delayed considerably by the heavy rains the first of the month. Workmen are also busy at the hotel building a short distance to the north and are now putting in a new foundation.

We have been informed that Miss Lola Flateland, local beauty shop operator and Marvin Tinneland of Trail were married at Bemidji last Saturday afternoon, June 20th.

A girl was born Friday, June 20, 1941 to Mr. and Mrs. Axel Burman of town of Equality.

A bit of excitement went almost un-noticed here Monday night when a car caught fire from a short circuit and bystanders put out the flames. Little damage was done.

Quite a number of the ladies around Equality attended the shower of Mrs. Ole Hofstad at the Gust Mostrom home Sunday afternoon.

Seventy Years Ago

June 21, 1951

One of the largest crowds ever assembled in Oklee came Saturday evening to participate in the closing events of the Setesdals Lag which convened Friday for a two-day session.

Kathleen Wicks celebrated her fourth birthday anniversary on June 14th.

Pfc. Virgil Sorenson arrived home Sunday evening to spend a two week leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sorenson before leaving for overseas duty.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sweno and son, and Marlyce and Corrine Bergerson left Thursday morning for Joice, Iowa, to spend a week visiting at the home of Mrs. Sweno's there.

Sixty Years Ago

June 29, 1961

Farmers and townspeople in this area continue to watch the skies and listen to the weather forecasts in hope that moisture may soon be forthcoming.

Sunday following the services at the Brooks Presbyterian church the Brooks-Plummer congregation head a dinner as a "farewell" to the Brooks church building which will soon be moved to Plummer.

The Oklee Fire Department answered two calls during the

past week. The first at the Andrew Larson home in the village where a chimney fire was under way. No damage. And the second call came Monday when a grass fire threatened buildings at the Alvin Fore farm.

Due to extremely dry conditions, a notice from the Village of Oklee that watering of lawns from the village system is forbidden. Moderate water of gardens is permissible, but users must conserve water as far as possible until the end of the emergency.

Fifty Years Ago

June 24, 1971

The Oklee Depot, a landmark here since the early days of the village, will be among several area depots to be torn down under Soo Line's traveling agent system.

The Swenson Oil and Equipment Co of Oklee was entered by a burglar or burglars early Monday morning by breaking a hole in the fiberglass door on the building. Only a small amount of money was taken.

Pictures of the world's weirdest farm machine was in the paper, a rice thinner. It looks like a normal tractor with some kind of a rotating wheel that pulls up rice plants to thin out the crop. The rice thinner crawls through the rice paddy, traveling backwards and the driver sits in front of the steering wheel, on top of the hood of the tractor.

Forty Years Ago

June 25, 1981

John Peoples, Brooks, received the door prize for the largest recruitment of members during a recent membership drive held by the Northern Minnesota Pork Producers Association.

RSVP, Senior Meals and Activity Program and other organizations worked together to sponsor a Senior Olympics July 14th.

Oak Park and Nazareth Lutheran Churches are going to be celebrating their 75th anniversaries at the end of June.

Renee Bergeron, a former Oklee resident, is among the Spring graduates of the University of Minnesota Law School.

Thirty Years Ago

June 26, 1991

The Setesdals Lag held

82nd Annual Convention in Oklee on June 22, 1991. It was first organized June 30, 1909 at Grand Fork, ND.

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Plummer will observe its 100 years of worship, witness, baptisms, weddings, confirmations and goodbyes on June 29-30th.

DeeAnn Huotari and Jon Engeland have announced their engagement and plans to be married.

Our birthday lady, Edna Hyde, who bakes cakes and arranges many happy occasions for others has been feted this week for her special day. On Monday, the neighbors gathered for a picnic at her house.

The Oklee Community Theatre presented "Show White on June 14-15-16. Fifteen children participated in the first act and 15 in the second act of the play and had lots of fun.

Twenty Years Ago

June 21, 2001

Like ants on a tent worm, the boys at the Oklee Elevator were busy Thursday morning getting the new distributor ready to be hoisted into place. A crane was brought in from Grand Forks to lift the bulky device in its mounting brackets high above the bins.

David and DeeAnn Eskeli announce the arrival of their new son, Isaac William who was born on May 21, 2001.

Lisa Hofstad graduated May 11th from MSUM with a master's degree in Public and Human Services Administration. She is married to Benji Hofstad and the daughter of Eddie and Sharon Larson of Oklee.

Ten Years Ago

June 22, 2011

The Red Lake County Fair starts this weekend. Many things planned for the fair.

The Red Lake County Central High School held their Battle of the Bands and Choirs on Friday, May 20th. The judges were Judy Schue, Pastor Margaret Jacobus and Corey Olson. The Senior & Junior High bands each played 3 songs - winning was the Junior High Band. The Senior & Junior High Choirs also sang three songs each and the Senior High Choir was chosen the winner.

Damage due to heaving during the spring thaw is being repaired. A number of storm drains either heaved upwards or had the ground sink around them.

John and Darlene Eisbrener celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with friends and neighbors on June 9th.

A Flag Day Dinner was held at the Oklee Hall on June 14th. 75 people were served a delicious meal of pulled pork, beans, roasted potatoes, and a variety of bars. Funds raised help support the Oklee Area Veteran's Memorial Park.

**Deadline:
Fridays at noon!**

Crossword Solution

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Wednesday, June 23, 2021



In appreciation for the wonderful support we have received over the past 18 months we would like to invite everyone to please join us at our:

Community Appreciation Picnic

June 29th, 2021

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Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

The God of all rejoiced us with rain. We are grateful. We were blessed with three quarters inch of rain. It surely greened up the fields so nice. Maybe the heads of the wheat that is heading up will fill even though it is rather short this year.

Happy Birthday to me on Wednesday of this past week. I spent the afternoon talking to my two children who are far away in Utah and Washington, and caught up on the goings and comings of their children.

One of my grandsons is on his way to Alaska to work and finish his doctorate in Alaska. His brother is in Montana doing his work in Environmental Science with his goal for graduation from college. It is exciting to hear that they are working hard to their goals in Park and Forestry service.

On Sunday, Father's Day, they called their Dad Jerome Novak, and gave him their news of their family too. It is very fulfilling to have children that remember you, and wish

you the best. When you can't be there, the phone is the next best thing.

Senior Day at the fair this year is June 25th. The Looney Lutherans will entertain at the Oklee Hall. Be there should be fun for all.

Sympathy goes out to the Dave Nelson family. He succumbed to serious burns. May he rest in peace.

Not much news here this week. So I will wish you a great week, and hope you all stay safe.

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe

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Rick and Bonnie Greenwald of White Bear Lake, MN came for a few days visit. Also, their son Chancey, Carter and Gracie came. The kids enjoyed four wheeling while here.

Anna DeHate went to the lake for a surprise birthday party for her son-in-law, Marty Hogenson of Thief River Falls. This was on Saturday.

Paul Jaeger of Billings, Montana came for about two weeks vacation to Plummer. He has a few siblings here. He was driving a nice long white 68 Pontiac Bonneville car. It was beautiful!

Alice Jobe visited Arlene Zimpel on Sunday afternoon.

Thursday, Anna DeHate, Anne Traxler and Karen Tvedt went to Moran's in Winger for the salad bar special and

dinner.

On Friday, Mike and Sandy Greenwald left for Aberdeen, SD to attend a Children's Theater. Sheena and Adam Buckhouse's three children were in it. Sheena is Mike and Sandy's daughter.

Plummer Senior Citizen's met Thursday afternoon at 2 p.m. Cookies, bars and coffee were served for lunch. They discussed Senior Day at the fair and other topics such as the 4th of July.

On Wednesday, a new door was installed at the north end of the Tri-River Pioneer museum.

President Biden visited Queen Elizabeth while on his Europe trip. He had tea with her on Sunday. When Reagan was President, he and Queen

Elizabeth went horseback riding.

On Thursday morning, Jenna Bush-Taylor, sky dived out of a plane in Virginia. It was an Army plane. The pilot skydiving with her is in the Army. She did this in honor of her grandfather George Bush Sr's 97th birthday. He had skydived at age 90. It is the 246th anniversary of the Army.

There has been no rain here since Friday, the 11th, when we got 4/10th of an inch. It was a nice rain. Some fell in North Dakota and up north earlier in the week.

On Thursday, Monte and Rick Greenwald worked on the roof of the garage (formerly Howard Greenwald's). They were replacing the shingles with steel roofing. It was 86°.

~~ Oklee Project Update ~~

So things are moving along on the remodeling of the City of Oklee Building. Windows have been replaced and insulation and moisture barrier is on. This week they have been starting on the fascia around the building. Removing the old plywood and will be installing new materials.

The street work has continuing in town. Things are being done, but the area right around the building is quiet from the street work. Makes it a little easier to access the post office and the City Building.

