

Oklee Precipitation		
By Einar Kvasager		
	Rain	Snow
July 20	0.60	
July 21	0.03	
July 22	0.02	
July 24	0.13	
Total	0.78	0.00

Oklee Herald

...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

OKLEE (RED LAKE COUNTY) MINN. 56742

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Wednesday, July 28, 2021

It was a fun, beautiful night for a Community Block Party



Many families (Vettleson's, Hendrickson's and Kolstoe's) came for a fun night of playing games and visiting on Wednesday night, July 14th at the Oklee Park on the corner of Main Street and 4th Ave.



Enjoying July 14th evening at the Community Block Party were Ione & Norman Nelson, Alice Hofstad, Einar & Carol Kvasager, and Jo Lambert. All photos were submitted by Eric Mickelson.

Skip To Serve benefits our local emergency services

Remember when your children used to Jump Rope for Hearts, a fund that benefited people with heart disease through that fundraiser sponsored by the American Heart Association. Skip To Serve is very much like that program, with the exception that the funds raised goes to local services in our community.

The kids still skip rope, still get sponsors or donations for them to skip rope, but the funds go to our local emergency services: the Plummer Fire Department, the Oklee Fire Department and our Ambulance Service, which are all volunteer based services in our communities. The kids win prizes and have lots of fun competing with each other on who can jump the longest and gather the most sponsors/donations.

Two years ago the program started and the kids raised \$3,000 for each service. The top fund raiser that year was Isabelle Paradis. They held the fund raiser in the spring.

Then Covid-19 hit in March of 2020 and everything got put

on hold. The fall of 2020, the students and RLCC Elementary started their fund raiser, but almost immediately switched over to remote learning and the fund raiser was halted early. But they kids still had raised enough to give each organization \$1,000.

The top fund raiser this

past year was Ava Kolstoe. Due to Covid-19, both girls, Isabelle and Ave, were not able to enjoy their ride in the fire truck to school until this past Spring 2021.

Plans are to hold another Skip To Serve fundraiser in the spring of 2022.



Isabelle Paradis and Ava Kolstoe getting their ride to school on the spring of 2021.



Andrew Fougner, principal of RLCC Elementary presented Wade Westlake, Tracy & Doug Hamm and Gin Berns, representing the Plummer Fire Department, Oklee Fire Department and the Oklee/Brooks/Plummer Ambulance Service the Skip to Serve funds that they raised last Fall. This year each recieved \$1000 from the enthusiastic rope skippers at RLCC Elementary.



Some of the servers that night were Irene Rosten, Liz Follman, Ginny Stoneouse and Shirley Dessellier.



This Community Block Party had been in the works before Covid-19 took control of all our lives. It was decided that after Covid-19 restrictions were lifted this spring/summer, the Oklee Lutheran Parish would go a head with the Block Party.

Everyone in the community was invited, as it wasn't a church based activity, it was lets get together as a community after being confined and separated for so long.

Plans were made to not interfere with spring planting and of course harvest since we are basically a farming community. July 14th was the date chosen and plans came together.

It was to be a fun night of games (horseshoes, corn hole, volleyball, frisbee and a giant connect four) were set up for anyone to play. And many young and old, did play the various games, and had a good time.

The menu was a simple one for the first Block Party. BBQ's, baked beans, a variety of chips were the basic menu.

And Yes! There will be more in the future. There is some conversation about other groups joining in to organize an Annual Block Party. Interest was shown from the Oklee Community Club and St. Francis Xavier to join in the planning of the next Community Block Party.

Left: Conway Hamm and Pastor Linda Molitor enjoying the evening.

Below: Harold & Shirley Cyr, their son Paul visiting with (standing) Richard Hendrickson and Phil Fore.



MDA to Offer Free Waste Pesticide Collections in Northwestern Minnesota

July 22, 2021
The following press release was written and posted by Minnesota Department of Agriculture Staff in St. Paul, MN.

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is hosting a series of free waste pesticide collections available to eleven northwestern Minnesota counties. Residents from Beltrami, Cass, Clay, Clearwater, Lake of the Woods, Kittson, Marshall, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, and Roseau counties may attend any of the five collection sites in August.

The program accepts unwanted, unusable agricultural and consumer-type pesticides including insecticides, fungicides, herbicides, and rodenticides. However, crop oils, adjuvants, pesticide rinsate, fertilizer, treated seed, con-

taminated soil, and empty pesticide containers will not be accepted. The collections are open to farmers, homeowners, commercial pesticide applicators, golf courses, lawn care companies, structural pest control operators, and other pesticide users. No pre-registration for the MDA events is required.

Collection sites will accept up to 300 pounds of eligible product at no cost. The MDA requests that citizens call 651-214-6843 to provide advance notification if they wish to drop off more than 300 pounds of product.

The MDA has collected over 8 million pounds of pesticides around the state since the Waste Pesticide Collection Program started in 1990.

The 2021 MDA collections will be held at the following locations and times:

Date	Location	Time
August 3	West Central Ag 334 1 st St. SE, Ulen	2 – 4 p.m.
August 4	CHS Ag Services 3035 Highway 75 S, Crookston	9 – 11 a.m.
August 4	CHS Ag Services 624 3 rd St. W, Thief River Falls	2 – 4 p.m.
August 5	CHS Ag Services 420 S Main, Warren	9 – 11 a.m.
August 5	Nutrient Ag Solutions 1275 Atlantic Ave. S, Hallock	2 – 4 p.m.

Calendar of Events

Wed, July 28:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.

Thu, July 29:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.

Fri, July 30:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.

-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news

Sat, July 31:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!

Sun, August 1:
-Worship at the church – check inside for church times and places.

Mon, August 2:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.

Tue, August 3:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.

Wed, August 4:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.

DOG DAYS OF SUMMER
JULY 3-AUGUST 22

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Sun, Aug. 1: 9:00 a.m. Zion.
 10:30 a.m. Salem.
Tue, Aug. 3: 7:00 p.m. Zion
 Council meeting.
 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. Fran-
 cis – 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
Sun, Aug. 1: 9:00 a.m. Wor-
 ship at Immanuel. No Worship
 at Ebenezer.

GOODRIDGE AREA
LUTHERAN PARISH
Bethany–Ekelund–Faith
Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Sun, Aug. 1: 8:00 a.m. Faith
 Worship. 9:30 a.m. Bethany
 Worship. 11:00 a.m. Ekelund
 Worship.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

August 2 - 6
 No congregate meals served.
 If you are over the age of
 60 and you want a meal de-
 livered 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: Cold beef sandwich,
 chili, cottage cheese, milk, and
 dessert.
Tue: Fish, American fries,
 mixed vegetables, milk, and
 dessert.
Wed: Ham & Swiss on bun,
 fries, corn, milk, and dessert.
Thu: Taco salad w/chips
 (lettuce, onion, cheese), milk,
 and dessert.
Fri: Chicken noodle hotdish,
 coleslaw, bread, milk, and
 dessert.

CLEARWATER
LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive – Nazareth
Oak Park – St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Sat, July 31: Mt. Olive:
 9:00 a.m.
Sun, Aug. 1: St. Petri: 8:00
 a.m. Worship. Nazareth: 9:45
 Worship. Oak Park: 11:00 a.m.
 Worship.
Mon, Aug. 2 – 4: VBS at
 Nazareth 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Find services and past ser-
 mons at www.facebook.com/clearwaterlutheranparish

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg,
Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, July 28: 6:30 p.m.
 Youth Group.
Sun, Aug. 1: 9:30 a.m. Wor-
 ship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.
Tue, Aug. 3: 9:30 a.m.
 Ladies Devotions.
Wed, Aug. 4: 6:30 p.m.
 Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson,
Lay Minister
Sun, Aug. 1: 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
Sundays: 10:00 a.m.
 Services will continue to
 be live-streamed on Facebook
 (<https://www.facebook.com/bethelfosston>) as an alternative
 to attending in person.

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Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial Update

A donation to the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial was received recently from Joyce Rock, Crookston and well known in the Brooks area. Joyce has made a contribution to the Veterans' Memorial in memory of her husband, Dona Rock and his brothers Elmer Rock and Lester Rock. The Rock brothers all served in the US Navy, and we are grateful for their service.
 Donations to the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial are used for perpetual care including purchase of flags, land care and flowers, etc. Any donations may be sent to Security State Bank, Box 69, Oklee, MN 56742, Attn: Lori Melby. Any questions should be directed to Mary Lynn Bachand at maryl-bachand@gmail.com.



Thank You!
Thank You!
Thank You!

To all the friends and neighbors who drove me to Grand Forks for my dialysis appointments and other doctors appointments I don't know how to thank you for all you've done.
 This is what is so great about living in a small community.
 I thank you Sincerely!
 God Bless you All!!!
 Don LaCoursiere

Red Lake County Commissioners Minutes

RED LAKE COUNTY Regular Meeting held June 8, 2021

Pursuant to adjournment of its last meeting the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners duly met in regular session at the Courthouse in Red Lake Falls, MN on June 8, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Chair Flage called the meeting to order. Commissioners present were Dudycha, Gerardy and Flage. Commissioners absent were Remick and Weiss. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
 County Park Board member Al Page was present to update on the informational sign that is being installed at the Huot County Park. The contractor that was initially going to install the sign has since retired so Park Board members will do the install. Swingen Construction donated the metal piling; Red Lake Electric will auger hole, install piling and post; County Highway Department will supply crushed rock for the project. The county has received \$4,990.00 from the Minnesota Historical Society to cover most of the project cost.

Tanya Hanson of the SWCD met with the board seeking approval of a Shoreland Permit for Ernie Kolling in section 11, Terrebonne Township. Hanson informed that Kolling meets the setback requirements for a home and septic. Commissioner Gerardy moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried unanimously to approve the permit as presented.

Hanson updated on the Demaris/Hanson Erosion Project in Louisville Township. The Engineers have completed the design study and the project was approved to proceed. Approximately \$240,000.00 project cost dollars are being provided by the Red Lake 1W1P with any excess cost covered by the local SWCD.
 Hanson informed that the Public Input meeting for the Clearwater River 1W1P is scheduled for Thursday June 10, 2021 at the Brooks Community Center from 4:30pm to 6:30pm.

County Engineer Erik Hove met with the board regarding two topics. Hove requested approval to sell a Ford F-800 truck and pup trailer. The truck was originally purchased in 1991 and the pup trailer was replaced with a new end dump this spring. Commissioner Dudycha moved, seconded by Gerardy and carried unanimously to allow the Engineer to advertise the two items on bids to be opened at a future board meeting.

Hove reported on LRIP project grants awarded in Red Lake County. MnDot released a solicitation for competitive Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) grants back in 2020. MnDot scored and ranked all applications. Hove distributed a list and map of projects awarded in the state. Two projects were selected within Red Lake County:

Red Lake County received \$119,000 to overlay CAR 119
 The City of Plummer received \$549,500 to pave Red Lake Ave & Poplar St.

Frankie Latimer, 4-H Program Coordinator, was present to update on some activities. Latimer is busy preparing for the County Fair to held June 25th through June 27th in Oklee. Several youth activities are scheduled. A summer Youth Assistant was recently hired for the office. Latimer also reported that she has received over \$1,300 from business sponsors to help with activity costs.

The board discuss hiring Latimer for an additional day per week as a county employee. Latimer is currently working 4-days per week as a 4-H Program Coordinator (state employee), and if approved will work an additional day per week as an Extension Office Manager (county

employee). HR Director Lundeen commented that the Extension Office Manager job description needs to be updated and a rating be established under the county salary grade system. Lundeen was instructed to update the job description and submit to Bjorklund Compensation Consulting for a job classification rating.

Lundeen informed that County Environmental Officer Kurt Casavan is eligible for a salary increase. Commissioner Dudycha moved, seconded by Gerardy and unanimously carried to approve the salary step increase from Grade 21-Step 7 (\$35.97 hourly) to Grade 21-Step 8 (\$36.97 hourly) for Kurt Casavan.

Commissioner Gerardy moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held May 25, 2021.

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

Vendor	Amount
City Clerk of Red Lake Falls	\$18,326.85
Counties Providing Technology	4,314.00
Elections Systems & Software, Inc	2,400.00
Penguin Management, Inc	3,036.00
RJ Zavoral & Sons	174,940.84
Thygeson Construction	617,833.15
Titan Machinery	3,060.56
WSB & Associates, Inc	10,764.25
49 Vendors less than \$2,000	17,425.83
FINAL TOTAL	\$852,101.48

The motion included the following added bills: \$49.83 to Bills Small Engines; \$50.00 to Kerry Erickson.

The following Commissioner/Committee reports were shared:
Commissioner Comm. Reports
 Dudycha: NW Regional Development

Gerardy: None.
 Flage: None.

Discussion was held on the Enbridge litigation the effects on the 13 counties by the proposed paybacks to Enbridge. Counties are adopting a letter to encourage legislatures to support a bill whereby the state refunds Enbridge the tax. Commissioner Gerardy moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried unanimously to approve **Resolution No. 06-01-21 "State Legislative Financial Solution-Enbridge"** as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners are requesting a State Legislative Financial Solution to all years of the final Enbridge Apportionable Market Values as ordered by Tax Court, beginning in the 2012 Assessment Year, from the State Department of Revenue, with funds to be taken from the State General Fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners identify that this error in Assessment was caused by the State of Minnesota Department of Revenue and that this payment due to Enbridge should be the responsibility of the State to rectify, similarly to how the County rectifies our own local abatements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Red Lake County does not have adequate reserves to pay this obligation and would need to resort to bonding and/or significantly increase taxes on all property owners in the County, subsequently causing a ripple effect in tax burden on taxpayers and affected entities.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners request that the State of Minnesota Department of Revenue publicly supports this legislative solution to utilize funds from the State General Fund.

The board was presented with options to extend the current wood hand railing on third floor due to a safety concern. Commissioner Dudycha moved, seconded by Gerardy and carried unanimously to approve adding a colored aluminum extension railing with spindles on top of the current oak railing. Auditor Schmitz was asked to order the railing and contact a contractor to install.

There being no further business the regular board meeting adjourned to June 22, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Attest:
 Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

Chuck Flage, Chair,
 Board of Commissioners O19C

RED LAKE COUNTY Regular Meeting Held June 22, 2021

Pursuant to adjournment of its last meeting the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners duly met in regular session at the Courthouse in Red Lake Falls, MN on June 22, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Chairman Flage called the meeting to order. All Commissioners were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Dudycha moved and seconded by Gerardy to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on June 8, 2021. The motion carried unanimously.

County Engineer Erik Hove met with the board regarding approval of a revised MOU for Project (SAP 063-652-006 and SAP 063-624-001). The City of Plummer has successfully secured a \$549,500.00 LRIP grant to pave Poplar Street and Red Lake Avenue. The work will be incorporated into the larger construction project scheduled for 2022 in Plummer. The city will be responsible for all costs above the LRIP grant for the Poplar Street and Red Lake Avenue portions of the project. Hove stated the MOU has been updated to include the recent LRIP work as part of the larger project, and was approved by the City Council on June 15, 2021. The revised agreement wholly voids and replaces the MOU made between the City of Plummer and County on April 14, 2020. Commissioner Gerardy moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried unanimously to approve the revised MOA.

Hove mentioned that due to concerns of some members he will meet with County Attorney Lacoursiere to review the current signage at the Oklee Gravel Pit as it relates to county coverage for insurance liability purposes.

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

Vendor	Amount
Davidson Construction	\$82,245.30
University of MN Extension	27,343.02
University of North Dakota	2,367.63
20 Vendors less than \$2,000	6,729.23
TOTAL	\$118,685.18

The motion included the following additional bills: \$235.00 per diem and \$140.68 expenses to John Dudycha; \$360.00 per diem and \$29.12 expenses to Al Remick.

The board reviewed a request from the Oklee Moonlighters Snowmobile Club. Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Gerardy and carried unanimously to approve Resolution No. 06-02-21 "County/Club Contract". The resolution authorizes the county to enter into an agreement for FY 2021/2022 with the State of Minnesota DNR, whereby, Red Lake County will act as the trail sponsor/fiscal agent to receive funding on the club's behalf for maintaining the Riverland East Trail. The County Auditor is hereby authorized to sign the agreement for Red Lake County. A complete document is available at the County Auditor's office.

Board members reviewed a billing received from Pennington County for shared expenses on maintenance of joint county drainage systems. Commissioner Remick moved, seconded by Gerardy and carried unanimously to approve payment of \$4,213.49 to Pennington County pursuant to Mn Statutes 103E.711, Subd. 1.

The Following Commissioner/Committee reports were shared:
 Commissioner Meeting/Report
 Dudycha: -Tri-County Corrections meeting.

Gerardy: -Fair Board meeting; Road and Bridge meeting.

Weiss: -Tri-County Corrections meeting; Road and Bridge meeting.

Remick: -Soil and Water District meeting.

Commissioner Flage informed that since there was not a trained member in attendance at the County Board of Appeals on June 16th therefore the meeting could not be held. And according to MN Statutes the County Board of Commissioners must appoint a Special Board to conduct this year's County Board of Appeals & Equalization, including the meeting next year. The County Assessor will provide more information at the next County Board meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Dudycha to have more than one member of the County Board complete the online training for the Board of Appeals & Equalization, seconded by Gerardy and carried unanimously.

The board meeting was recessed at 11:00 a.m. and re-opened at 1:00 p.m. at the Red Lake Falls City Hall to conduct a Public Hearing to accept comments on petitions filed on four county ditch systems. Chairman Flage called the ditch hearing to order. Board members present were: Commissioners Chuck Flage, Tony Gerardy, John Dudycha, Allen Remick and Ron Weiss. Environmental Officer Kurt Casavan was also in attendance and conducted the meeting. Casavan explained the purpose of the ditch hearings and that each hearing was being allotted 30 minutes for discussion and to accept public comments from those present or those attending by Zoom session. Casavan informed that any approved changes in benefitted

areas will be implemented beginning in taxes payable year 2022.

1:00 p.m. (Hearing #1) Earl & Neal Pederson and Kevin Malwitz petition to outlet into County Ditch 62.

Earl & Neal Pederson tiled and requested SE1/4 SE1/4 of Section 2 in Gervais Township be allowed to drain into CD 62. This 40 acres currently surface drains to CD 60. There was no opposition and board decided that they would pay dual benefits into both ditches. The CD 60 benefit would not change and the 40 acres would also be benefitted to CD 62, with a benefit amount of \$2,000/40 acres. Tony Gerardy moved to approve, seconded by Allen Remick and carried unanimously.

Kevin Malwitz also petitioned to use CD 62 as an outlet for the N1/2 SW1/4 of Section 36, River Twp. (80 Acres). This acreage is in the CD 24 benefitted area currently for its surface drainage. There was no opposition and the board agreed that the land would continue to pay the benefits into CD 24 and would also pay into CD 62 with a rate of \$2,000 benefit/40 acres or a total of \$4,000 benefit for the entire 80 acres. Tony Gerardy moved to approve, seconded by Allen Remick and carried unanimously.

1:30 p.m. (Hearing #2) Dave and Mary Lynn Bachand Petition to outlet into CD 9.
 Dave & Mary Lynn Bachand requested to use CD 9 as an outlet for the north 50 acres of the NW 1/4 Section 25 in Lambert Twp. (50 acres). There was no opposition and the Board determined the 50-acre piece would be assessed a benefit amount of \$1,250. which is to be based on a benefit amount of \$1,000/40 acres. Ron Weiss moved to approve, seconded by Tony Gerardy and carried unanimously.

2:00 p.m. (Hearing #3) Brenda Scherer Petition to outlet into CD 67.

Brenda Scherer petitioned to drain the NW1/4 and the N1/2 of the NE1/4 of Section 28 in Garnes Township (240 acres) into CD 67. The land currently pays benefits to CD 57 for surface drainage and will continue to pay its benefits into CD 57. There was no opposition and the board agreed to a \$2,000. benefit/40 acres and adds up to \$12,000 total benefits on the 6 (six) 40-acre tracts (240 acres). Tony Gerardy moved to approve, seconded by Allen Remick and carried unanimously.

2:30 p.m. (Hearing #4) Earl & Neal Pederson Petition for abandonment Branch 5, CD 57.

Earl & Neal Pederson petitioned for the abandonment of County Ditch 57, Branch 5. Pederson's own the entire section 11 in Emardville Township where Branch 5 currently resides. Jason Malwitz is the only exception, having a home within section 11. The only other individual in the benefitted area for CD 57 that might be affected is Mark Wright to the west. Kurt Casavan, Red Lake County Environmental Officer, contacted both Jason Malwitz and Mark Wright for feedback on the abandonment. Neither Malwitz nor Wright had any opposition to the abandonment. Being no other opposition and no change in benefits, Ron Weiss moved to abandon County Ditch 57, Branch 5. The motion was seconded by Allen Remick and carried unanimously.

There being no further business the regular board meeting adjourned to July 13, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Attest:
 Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

Anthony Flage, Chair,
 Board of Commissioners

Deadline:
Friday's at noon!

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Football to start August 16th

The Red Lake County football teams will start practicing under the guidance of the MSHSL on August 16th. The 9th thru 12th players should report on Sunday, August 15th to the RLF Arena at 7:00 PM for a team meeting. A bus will leave Oklee at 6:00 PM and stop in Plummer at 6:15. All 7th-12th players will start practicing on Monday, August 16th in RLF at 8:00 AM. All needed forms and paperwork should be ready to turn in at this time. All of this has been mailed out to the players. The 5th and 6th graders will start August 24th. Information has also been mailed to the players. If anyone needs additional information please contact Head Football Coach Brian Remick at bremick@rlfedu.org.

RLCC 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.

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Date Winner
July 18 Dick McCloskey
July 19 Joy Torkelson
July 20 Andrew Johnson
July 21 Dana Berberich
July 22 Sue Carriere
July 23 Anita Halvorson
July 24 Wade Westlake
Congratulations to each winner!! Thank for supporting our Summer Junior Olympic Volleyball Program!

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KOREAN WAR VETERANS ARMISTICE DAY
JULY 27

Red Lake Falls Library

Last week's Summer Reading Program prize winners were Nora Audette, Maddie Carriere, Jack Ingraham and Livia Lehrer. Next week's craft on Tuesday and Wednesday will be glitter jars. Kids are welcome to stop in anytime on those 2 days for crafts, popcorn & juice, and on any open day to check out books and register for prizes.

New movies include "Hunter Hunter" - "A mysterious predator eludes an aging detective and a cunning outdoorsman to corner and terrorize woman and daughter trapped in a remote forest cabin;" "Monster Hunter" - "When an unexpected sandstorm transports soldiers to a new world, they discover an unknown habitat with monsters immune to their firepower;" "My Brother's Keeper" - "Travis Fox is a returning veteran struggling with PTSD and his faith in God;" "No Man's Land" - "When a vigilante border patrol turns fatal a man flees on horseback, the law hot on his heels, seeking forgiveness from the victim's father;" - and "Roe v. Wade" "Dr. Bernard Nathanson and Dr. Mildred Jefferson square off in a national battle in this untold conspiracy that led to the most famous and controversial court case in history."

And in TV series, season one of the new "All Creatures Great & Small" and the complete series of "Fuller House."

Sudoku Solution

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



The Rodman family from Milwaukee and surrounding suburbs were here visiting their mother/grandmothers childhood home & school. Pictured is: (front l to r): Dennis and Verna (Rodman) Zahn, Julie and Steve Golwitzer. Back row (l to r): Scott & Sherri Hoff, their son Mike, Megan (a friend of Kendra), Kendra Lukes and Vicki & Tom Lukes.

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Life has been full of surprises this summer in Oklee. You never know how your day is going to turn out. Most of the surprises have been the construction in Oklee. You never know from day to day how you will be able to access parking, the bank, post office, etc. The sidewalks and curb is almost completed, at least there are now more new sidewalks than dirt trenches and piles of sand/gravel. They are getting close to the end of that part of the project. The tarring of the county road is next. The City building has also been getting a face lift and they are almost completed with that also, but halted so the sidewalk around the building could be completed, before they finished putting the siding on. All the windows and doors that were going to be replaced or added are in. The inside finishing work still needs to be done, so my office and other areas in the building are still somewhat in chaos. On Friday, there was a nice surprise when a family came in to the building from the Milwaukee area. They were exploring with grandma Verna (Rodman) Zahn, the Oklee area where she had lived up to age of 10. The original Rodman family lived north of Oklee near the Oak Park Church and Pleasant View school which is located on the Aaron Chervestad property.

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WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to fairs.

L C U O S A E R

Answer: Carousel

CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to fairs. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 8 = S)

A. 16 24 4 5 1 8
Clue: Given as rewards

B. 24 4 26 1 8
Clue: Fun modes of transport

C. 9 25 23 1 8
Clue: Form of play or sport

D. 25 26 23 4 8 8 4 13 10
Clue: Allowed entry

Answers: A. prizes B. rides C. games D. admission

The only history I could find on the family is about Wilson Rodman who came to Minnesota at the age of 5. They settled near Fisher, MN for two years, then homesteaded in Hill River Township southwest of Trail. Wilson lived there until his marriage in 1901 at McIntosh. The couple homesteaded in Trail where they had three children and then moved to Deer Park Township where they had many more children, making a total of 13 children. This information is from the 75th Anniversary History book about Oklee and the area. (The blue book). I looked in the 100th (Centennial) history book and I found no information. So I'm not sure which one of the 13 children Verna belongs too. Anyways, it was an interesting day visiting with them and their plan for that day

was to go out to Pleasant View School where Verna went to school. She asked if I knew if the school was open or who to contact. I was able to contact Korydon Chervestad, whose family owns the property and keeps the school up. Korydon actually went to school with Verna and they chatted on the phone for a few minutes with her. After a bit of lunch at the Oklee Cafe, the caravan of cars headed north to visit the school and drive around the area so Verna could reminisce with her family. Saturday I went into my office to finish up some work and to go take a picture of the Class of 1970's "50th+1" class reunion that was one year delayed due to the Covid pandemic. The plan was to go to the Oklee Inn at 2:30 p.m.

and take the photo, but not everyone was there yet, so I sat down and visited with many of the classmates that I knew. They were also scheduled to tour the school at 3 p.m. and have dinner at Carol's Cozy in Brooks that evening. There were about 30+ classmates that gathered and after much visiting they finally got the photo taken about an hour later, then most went to the school for the tour. One of those from the 1970's class was hired by my mother as a summer babysitter. So when ever I get a chance to visit with Renee (Myrum) Grabanski, I take the time. Renee's family moved to the Iron Range in 1968 approximately so she and her siblings were not able to graduate from Oklee, but are included in the reunions. There are lots of memories of summer fun when she babysat us three children while our parents worked. I was probably about 12 years old, my sister and brother would have been 7 and 6 years old, and I usually came up north for a month or more to my grandparents north of Oklee and Gully. So she mostly took care of them. And on another note, if you haven't been to the Cenex in Oklee, you will find that it is closed for the entire week (they closed on July 26th) because they are getting new pumps installed and having new concrete poured. They hope to be open by August 2nd for the store & shop, but the pumps could be until August 4th. So keep that in mind if you are needing gas, repairs, etc. Have a great week and stay cool. It sounds like it is a hot week and then we will have hopefully nice summer temperatures that we can enjoy. It makes it hard when it gets too hot to get anything outside done. But at least we got some rain. Yeah!!

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County vaccination rates update: MDH has used geocoding from the Minnesota Immunization Information Connection (MIIC) to more precisely assign people to the county they live in. Some people who live near county borders may have previously been assigned to the wrong county due to home ZIP codes that overlap counties or other complicating factors. With this greater precision, some counties are seeing adjustments in their vaccination rates. It does not affect Minnesota's overall vaccination rate. Pennington and Red Lake County vaccine rates have decreased slightly as a result.

COVID Vaccine Data for Pennington & Red Lake County
* as of July 23rd

County	12+	16+	65+	Total population
PENNINGTON COUNTY	54%	57%	84%	46%
RED LAKE COUNTY	55%	58%	86%	46%

kids' corner

ART FACT

"B.C.," "BEETLE BAILEY," "ANNIE," "BLONDIE," AND "DICK TRACY" ARE EXAMPLES OF WHAT COMMON NEWSPAPER FEATURE?

ANSWER: COMIC STRIP

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Newspaper
SPANISH: Periódico
ITALIAN: Giornale
FRENCH: Journal
GERMAN: Zeitung

What's the Difference?

There are three differences between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?

A

B

Answers: 1. Woman wearing glasses 2. Books missing in back 3. Candle in foreground

Did you know?

BEFORE THERE WERE MODERN NEWSPAPERS, THERE WAS THE "ACTA DIURNA" (DAILY ACTS) OF ANCIENT ROME. IT ANNOUNCED BOTH POLITICAL AND SOCIAL EVENTS.

NEWSPAPER

GET THE PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

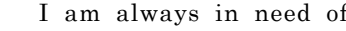
ANSWER: STACKED NEWSPAPERS

Oklee Herald Early Files

High School student. Robyn took first and Angel took sec-

Hungry skunk found the
cat food & water on deck.

Who's Dat?



Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteers Jo Lambert & Bonny Cote

Congregate Meals: With Teresa being gone so much recently with her family visiting,

Tue, Aug. 3: 2:00 p.m. will be playing Rummikub. Come join in, it is a easy and fun game to play.

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

Barb and Vern LaCourse of Tucson, Arizona were

Plummer News
By Alice Jobe
218-465-4402

Jim Fossum had passed away a few months ago. He was Mike's brother. His ashes were brought to the cemetery, where the Fossum family mem-

Have a good week! The heat will only get worse. I got an air conditioner put in this week. That was exciting.

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