



120th Red Lake County Fair will be June 23rd - June 26th

The 120th Red Lake County Fair is about to start - June 23, 24, 25 & 26.

THURSDAY, JUNE 23

Thursday there is not much public activity but is the day for registration for some of the groups and 2-7 pm 4-H Static Judging @ School.

At 6-8 pm Livestock entries and open class entries can be registered. The fair board would like the open class livestock entries to email redlake-countyfairoklee@gmail.com so they can make sure they have enough stalls and/or cages set up ahead of time.

FRIDAY, JUNE 24

8:30 am the Opening Ceremony will be held with an American Legion Color Guard unit raising the flag in front of the Oklee High School.

At 9 am Open Class Non-Livestock entries begin at the School.

There will be 4-H judging in the barn with open class to follow

The Booths open at 10 am which is a change from past years.

Have you seen those great artists that can do Caricatures. There will be a Caricature Artist in the School at 10 am.

At 11 am the 4-H Food Stand is in a new location inside the school at the cafeteria area. It will be open all day and closes at 7 pm.

By Noon the Non-livestock entries close.

For the Senior Citizens this year there is another great show lined up. It starts at 1 pm at the Oklee Hall. Along with some important information for seniors there will be a musical show by "The Memories." It sounds like a wonderful program will all the favorite songs being performed by this two talented gentlemen.

After the program, the seniors will have a light lunch and then have the chance to win some great Bingo prizes.

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

At 8:15 am, the 5K Registration begins. If you Pre-registered you will have a t-shirt waiting for you. For more information contact jessie.hamrum@gmail.com. The cost for the 5K is: Cost: \$20 per person or \$50 per family.

The 5K starts at 9:00 a.m. May you all have great luck.

At 10 am the Booths open and there will be a Pet Show starting at 10 a.m. also.

The Pedal Pull is asking for you to register your children at 10:30 am. with the Pedal Pull starting at 11 a.m. This event will be at the front of the school.

11 am the 4-H Food Booth opens and closes at 7 pm.

New this year at Noon to 4 pm the Erskine Commercial Club Water Wars will be in Oklee and of course the Bouncy House will be here again.

12:30 pm Youth Activity Tables at School

1 pm an Elvis Impersonator will be at the Hall. That should be a great show.

At 8 pm Release of animals and Open class livestock, and winners checks can be picked up at the Fair table.

And if you missed the earlier show, at 7 pm the Elvis Impersonator will again be at the Hall.

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

10 am-Noon Release of exhibits, Open class non livestock checks can be picked up

11 am Baja Registration begins. At Noon the 4-H Garnes Go-Getters will be set up at the BAJA. The race starts at 2 pm.

5:30 pm 4-H awards program at the Hall



Two excavators in front of the County Shed on Central Avenue looking west.



The view looking south from Center Ave. You can see the Hall and the School. Things are moving along in Plummer with all their street work. However, there is still much more to do. The residents are managing to get around to the places they need.



Stacks of Water (blue) and Sewer (green) pipes on the side of the road have not been installed yet. This is the corner of Minnesota St and Center Ave, looking north.

Minnesota poultry event and exhibition ban extended to July 1

The Minnesota Board of Animal Health extends the statewide ban on poultry events until Friday, July 1, 2022. Animal health officials first enacted the ban in April and extended it once already to reduce the potential risks of spreading HPAI. The ban includes all poultry swaps, fairs, exhibitions and other events where live poultry and susceptible birds are brought together and then disperse.

"HPAI cases have been on the decline and at one point we had several days of no new detections in Minnesota," said Board of Animal Health Interim State Veterinarian, Dr. Linda Glaser. "However, a small number of recent HPAI detections in new counties is cause for us to extend the ban. This ban primarily impacts backyard flock owners and is intended to protect their birds from a potential pathway for the virus to spread at poultry events."

As part of the state and federal response, a detection of HPAI in a backyard flock means the owner cannot have

any new birds for 150 days following disposal of infected birds. Biosecurity is still the most effective precaution backyard owners can follow to protect their flock.

Direct selling of baby poultry is still allowed through private sales, stores, or via mail by National Poultry Improvement Plan authorized sellers. This temporary ban only applies to events where birds congregate and does not apply to poultry products. The H5N1 HPAI outbreak in Minnesota poses a high risk to poultry but low risk to the public. There is no food safety concern for consumers.

Follow the latest information on HPAI in Minnesota, as well as resources for poultry owners on the Board's website: www.mn.gov/bah/hpai. Anyone who needs to report sick birds or has questions about the outbreak can call the Minnesota Avian Influenza Hotline: 1-833-454-0156. Flock owners should be practicing strict biosecurity around their birds and reporting any suspicious illness immediately.

Willa Klamm Goes to State

Willa Klamm, whose VFW Auxiliary Art Contest entry won 1st place at the local and district levels, has done it again placing 2nd at the State Level. Willa's painting will now advance for judging at the National Level in Washington DC. Good Luck, Willa!!!

Willa just completed 6th grade at RLCC Elementary, she is the daughter of Stephanie and Theodore Klamm of rural Plummer, MN.



All area residents receiving Fair Premium List

Red Lake County is hosting the annual fair. It will be held in Oklee and the dates to mark on your calendar are June 23, 24, 25, & 26 - Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

To make sure that all in the area are aware of the event, a premium list is being mailed, through this issue of the Oklee Herald to all residents in the Oklee, Plummer, Brooks and Trail areas.

This copy of the Oklee Herald and the Red Lake County Fair Premium List serves two purposes. Get you enthused about your Fair and introduce you to the Oklee Herald, if you are not familiar with it.

We would like to send the

Oklee Herald to each and every one of you, every week. See elsewhere for a limited time introductory offer of \$5 off a new regular subscription. For renewals, get \$2 off your renewal. And we are ONLINE too!

The "Tri-County Canary" is a supplement to each weekly paper that is a useful tool to be used when looking to buy and sell all kinds of products and services and also carries area news of interest.

We hope you will enjoy the Complimentary Oklee Herald and the Red Lake County Fair June 23, 24, 25, & 26th.



Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Wed, June 15: 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday night Service at Parsonage Lawn.
Sun, June 19: 10:00 a.m.
Joint Service at Salem.
Tue, June 21: 7:00 p.m.
Mutual Ministry meeting.
Sermons are on GVTel Channel 35 (10 am Sunday & 2 pm Tuesday), also on Facebook or YouTube.

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OKLEE, GRIGLA & GOODRIDGE
Fr. Adam Hamness
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. St. Francis - Oklee. 11:45 a.m. - Grygla. 10:00 a.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, June 19: 9:00 a.m.
Worship at Immanuel.
Wed, June 22: 7:00 p.m.
Worship at Ebenezer.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Sun, June 19: 8 a.m. Faith
Worship. 9:30 a.m. Bethany
Worship. 11:00 a.m. Ekelund
Worship.

Tri-Valley Public Transportation

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

Curb-to-curb services is available, allowing those with special needs more comfortable, safe and convenient method of transportation. All of our buses are handicapped accessible and lift-equipped. All of our drivers are trained and certified.

To reserve a seat, please call one business day prior to the scheduled trip - 1-800-201-3432.

For Polk, Red Lake and Clearwater County stops:

Every Monday - Grand Forks.

Every 2nd Tuesday - Mahanomen.

Every 4th Tuesday - Thief River Falls.

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

Every 2nd & 4th Friday - Bemidji.

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

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Jarred LeBon, Pastor
Tyler Stynsberg, Assoc. Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, June 15: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Sun, June 18: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School. 10:00 a.m. Worship.
Tue, June 21: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions.
Wed, June 22: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Wed, June 15: 2:00 p.m. Sand Valley Ladies Aid. 8:00 p.m. Sand Valley Parish Board meeting.
Sun, June 19: 9:00 a.m. Parish wide Service at Lund. CDC safety guidelines for COVID-19 will be followed.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston
Seth Johnson, Head Pastor
Sundays: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School. 10:00 a.m. Worship Service.
Wednesday Evening: 6:30 p.m. Kids, High School & Adult programs.

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 Herald subscribers:

Please check the address label in the upper right corner of the front page. Be sure all the information is correct. If not, call the Oklee Herald office at 218-796-5181 or email: okleeherald@gmail.com as soon as possible. You need to contact us with a change of address or corrections. Just giving the Post Office a change of address, **DOES NOT** change your paper address.
Thank You.

Deadline: Friday's at noon!

Please join us for a Retirement Open house for Steve Hauert Thursday June 30th 2pm-4pm Red Lake Falls Highway Department Shop Steve is retiring from the Red Lake County Highway Department after 27 years of service. Come and wish Steve a Happy Retirement! Cake and coffee will be served.

Red Lake Falls Library

"Tales with Tails" animal storyteller Kevin Strauss will be at the Red Lake Falls Library on Friday, June 24 at 10:30 am to present a program for kids & everyone, as part of the Summer Reading Program. For more information visit his website at aturestory.com.

New adult nonfiction: "The New Megatrends: Seeing Clearly in the Age of Disruption" by Marian Salzman: "a pioneering trendspotter predicts the future of business, politics, culture and everyday life," "Security Awareness for Dummies" by Ira Winkler: "written by one of the world's most influential security professionals, this pragmatic and easy-to-follow book provides a framework for creating new and highly effective awareness programs from scratch, as well as steps to take to improve on

existing ones. It also covers how to measure and evaluate the success of your program and highlight its value to management;" and "The Urban Garden: 101 Ways to Grow Food and Beauty in the City" by Kathy Jentz and Speight: "Whether you want to grow on a balcony, rooftop, front stoop, or a tiny urban patio, turn your growing dreams into reality and build a gorgeous and unique garden that showcases your personal style while still being functional and productive.

With the ingenious ideas and resourceful tactics found here, you'll be maximizing yields and beauty from every square inch of your space, while also making a lush outdoor living area you'll crave spending time in."

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Weekly COVID-19 Case Update for June 3rd - 9th:
Pennington County case ages: infant & 20's - 70's.
Red Lake County case ages: 30's.

*This case data does not reflect positive results from non-laboratory tests (example: antigen rapid home tests).

Please take precautions whether you are vaccinated or not. Wear a mask in indoor public spaces, social distance, stay away from crowds, stay home if you are sick, wash you hands frequently and get vaccinated.

	Pennington	Red Lake
• New confirmed cases since last report	12	1
• Total # of confirmed cases	3751	959
• # of Active Cases in Isolation	17	1
• Total # of Hospitalizations	162	39
• # Currently in Hospital	0	0
• Deaths	41	13

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Manicotti Steve Cyr

1 pkg Manicotti pasta
2 lbs sweet Italian sausage
1-1/2 cups finely chopped onion
1 clove garlic
1 (16 oz) cans diced tomatoes
3 (8 oz) cans tomato sauce
2 Tbsp snipped parsley
2 Tbsp sugar
1 Tbsp dried basil, crumbled
1 tsp dried oregano, crumbled
1/2 to 1 tsp salt
1/4 tsp pepper
2 (16 oz) cartons ricotta cheese
1 (8 oz) pkg mozzarella cheese
1/3 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese
2 eggs
1 tsp salt
1/4 tsp pepper
1/4 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese
parsley for garnish (if desired)

Prepare manicotti and set aside. Brown meat and drain off excess fat. Stir in onions, garlic, tomatoes, tomato sauce, 2 Tbsp parsley, sugar, basil, oregano, 1/2 to 1 tsp salt and 1/4 tsp pepper. Simmer 30 minutes, stirring occasionally. Then spoon 1/2 cup sauce into the bottom of each of two 9 x 13 inch baking pans. Combine ricotta cheese, mozzarella cheese, 1/3 cup Parmesan cheese, eggs and remaining salt and pepper into large bowl. Spread about 2 heaping Tbsp of this cheese filling down the center of each manicotti. Arrange manicotti in single layer in pans. Pour sauce over manicotti. Garnish each pan with 2 Tbsp Parmesan cheese and parsley. Bake uncovered 350 degrees until bubbly 35 - 40 minutes. Let stand 5 - 10 minutes before serving.



Red Lake County Commissioners Minutes

RED LAKE COUNTY Special Board Meeting Held May 2, 2022

Pursuant to adjournment of its last meeting the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners duly met in special session at the Courthouse in Red Lake Falls, MN on May 2, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Chair Weiss called the meeting to order. All Commissioners were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

HR Director Lundeen was added to the agenda. Lundeen informed that County Assessor Michelle Nelson is due for her annual step increase. Commissioner Remick moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried unanimously to approve a salary step increase for Michelle Nelson from Grade 22-Step 5 (\$36.83 hourly) to Grade 22-Step 6 (\$37.92 hourly).

Commissioner Gerardy moved and seconded by Flage to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2022 regular board meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.

Commissioner Remick moved and seconded by Dudycha to approve the following payments: \$400.00 per diems and \$205.92 expenses to Tony Gerardy; \$410.00 per diems and \$53.82 expenses to Ron Weiss.

Social Services Supervisor Penny Grove was present to facilitate a discussion regarding the estate case 63-PR-20-158. Grove noted that additional information regarding the assets available to recover had been received since the original counter offer of \$175,000. was approved at the Welfare Board meeting on April 20th. After reviewing the added information, the board modified their counter offer to be \$163,000. and agreed that this would be the final offer, and that the offer must be accepted by May 9, 2022 or the matter would be determined by petitioning the court for a decision. Commissioner Gerardy moved, seconded by Flage and carried unanimously to approve a settlement offer to the estate of \$163,000. and whereby, the estate must inform County Social Services of its decision to accept by May 9, 2022.

Auditor Schmitz informed that the Chief Deputy Auditor Holly Crandall has been offered a position in Thief River Falls. Schmitz asked what the boards intention are to filling the County Auditor position upon his retirement and end of current term in January 2023. The board had approved earlier in the year to change the Auditor position from an elected position to appointed beginning in January, 2023. Chair Weiss felt that the county would advertise to fill the Auditor position later in the year. Schmitz mentioned that Crandall is a very capable and qualified person for the position, and if appointed will allow for a very smooth transition as she is very knowledgeable about the duties of the office. Current county policy allows an open position to be first advertised in-house to give employees an opportunity to apply prior to releasing to the public. There was a suggestion that since the board was going to advertise the position anyway that it be advertised in-house right away so any employees have an opportunity to apply for the Auditor position. Any employee that applies would still be interviewed by a committee to determine if they meet requirements for the position. The board concurred to immediately advertise the County Auditor position in-house to seek any employee interest.

Kayla Jore, Director of Inter County Nursing submitted a revised/ updated Joint Powers Agreement for Public Health services between Pennington and Red Lake County. Commissioner Flage provided input on the recommended changes. The name of the organization will also change to "Pennington & Red Lake County Public Health & Home Care". Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried unanimously to approve the revised JPA for nursing services and home health care as presented.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned to May 10, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Attest:
Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

Ron Weiss, Chair,
Board Commissioners O13C

ATTENTION

RED LAKE COUNTY SMALL BUSINESS AND POTENTIAL STARTUP ENTERPRISES

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

For more information, contact the Red lake County Economic Development home office at 1-218-253-2897. Allen Bertilrud 218-684-1315, Dave Stke. Marie 218-686-4019 or Kelsey Gervais 218-686-5114.

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Oklee Senior Site Dining

June 20 - 24

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. A \$5.00 per meal donation is suggested.

Mon: Chef's Choice, bread, milk, and dessert.

Tue: Chef's Choice, bread, milk, and dessert.

Wed: Chef's Choice, bread, milk, and dessert.

Thu: Chef's Choice, bread, milk, and dessert.

Fri: Chef's Choice, bread, milk, and dessert.

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Calendar of Events

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

Sudoku Solution

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

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JUNE TEENTH FREEDOM DAY

Juneteenth

is recognized as the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. It was on June 19th, 1865, that the Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, landed at Galveston, Texas with news that the war had ended and that the enslaved were now free.

The Emancipation Proclamation became official on January 1st, 1863, however, with the minimal number of Union troops, there was little impact in Texas to enforce the executive order. General Lee surrendered to the Union in April of 1865. With the arrival of General Granger, the forces were strong enough to overcome the resistance in Texas.

Bank will be closed on Monday, June 20th in observation of Juneteenth!

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MUSTANG STAMPEDE

Red Lake County Rebels Eighth Grade Boys Basketball team places third in the state tournament



The Red Lake County Eighth Grade Boys Basketball Team placed third place in the Pacesetter State championship tournament in Paynesville, Minnesota on Sunday, June 12. To get the opportunity to

play at the state tournament the Rebels had to win the region championship in Bemidji on April 23. At the Region tournament the rebels beat Dilworth Glyndon Felton, then they beat Stephen Argyle and

then they beat Fertile-Beltrami in the championship. At the state tournament, the rebels beat Zumbrota-Mazeppa in the first game by a score of 36 to 30 in overtime. In the second game, semi finals, The Rebels

lost a very close game to Staples-Motley by a score of 36 to 30. In the third place game the Rebels came out strong and beat Cass Lake/Deer River by a score of 52 to 41 to earn the third place trophy. As a result of finishing in the top three at the state tournament, the Rebel now will advance to the Pacesetter Great 5-State Championship Tournament in Minneapolis at the Target Center on July 22-24. Teams at the 5-State Championship Tournament will include teams from Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, and Iowa. Team members for the Rebels include Atley Vettleson, Logan Vettleson, Colin Taggart, Nick Suchy, Masen Pahlen, Alex Renner, Connor Duden, Will Gieseke, Gunnar Halvorson, Ethan Johnson, and Ben Gullingsrud. Congratulations Rebels and good luck at the Pacesetter Great 5-State Tournament!



Mrs. Cheryl Matzke, Gerald Melin, and Mr. Randy Huie

Melin Went to State

Red Lake County Rebel Track and Field members competed successfully at the 8A Section meet in Ada, MN on Friday, June 3, 2022. Competing in the event were Marissa Schiebe in the 100 Hurdles and 300 Hurdles, Savanna Nelson in the 100 Meter & 200 Meter, Emma Hendrickson in the 1600 Meter., Thomas Benson in the 100 Meter & 200 Meter, Gerald Melin in the 300 Meter Hurdles & High Jump, and Carson Lambert in the 110 Meter Hurdles.

The girls' team finished in 18th place with Marissa Schiebe earning 3rd place in the 100 Meter Hurdles with a time of 16.97 and Savanna Nelson earning 7th place in the 200 Meter with a time of 28.98. The boys' team tied for

17th place. Gerald Melin is the Section 8A Champion with his High Jump of 6'1". Congratulations to Gerald Melin as he makes his second appearance at the State A Track and Field Meet, Thursday, June 9- Saturday, June 11th in Albertville, MN. The Boy's 8A High Jump Preliminaries and Finals were held on Friday, June 10th, 2022.

A Send-Off for Gerald Melin was at 8:45 am on Wednesday, June 8th in front of RLCC High School with a short parade through town and then onto Brooks Cenex for another Send-Off to Albertville

The Rebels Track and Field Team is coached by Mr. Randy Huie, Head Coach and assisted by Mrs. Cheryl Matzke and Mr. Kory Baril.

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.)



Stone City a rewarding read

"Would you believe in love at first sight?"

That's the question posed on the cover of Jeff Mitchell's heartwarming novel, Stone City, set in the iconic Grant Wood hill country of eastern Iowa. Mitchell, former dean of industrial technology at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and currently an educational consultant, has always lived in the Stone City area, the subject of a Wood painting.

Stone City tells how Ashley Morgan escaped a physically abusive relationship with her father only to find herself later struggling on her own, eventually entering a cold and loveless marriage. As she approaches middle age, Ashley virtually stumbles into Jaymes Fitzgerald, a talented graduate student, historian, artist and blues musician at a conference.

Despite a 14-year age difference, the sparks of romance begin. When she takes Jaymes up on a tour of Stone City and Grant Wood country on his 1942 Indian motorcycle, those sparks ignite into a flame.

It seems that everything is against them. Ashley is financially comfortable yet emotionally starved in her marriage.

She has three children she could never leave. And Jaymes is financially insecure at best. Yet Jaymes' free-spiritedness warms Ashley's heart in no way that her husband ever could.

A strong comparison could be made to Bridges of Madison County by Robert James Waller, only on a motorcycle. Like Waller's characters, they meet in an iconic and scenic

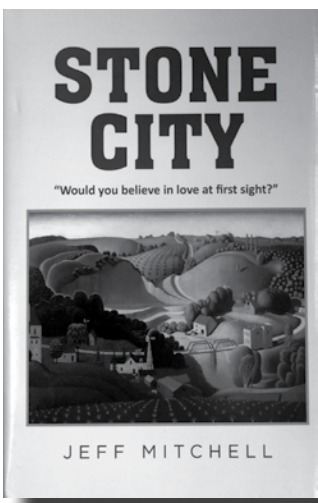
part of Iowa. However, such a comparison would be dismissive of the true depth of their characters.

Mitchell explores how Ashley and Jaymes overcome the pain that haunts them both. Jaymes shows Ashley the only true, unbridled love she has ever known, and Ashley inspires him to his greatest artistic accomplishment.

Telling more of their story would be a spoiler. Let's just say this is a very moving novel that would engage anyone interested in Iowa, Grant Wood or the incredible idea that such deep love between two people could actually happen. Stone City is more than a romance. It's a novel of hopeful possibilities meeting reality in a very meaningful way.

While the ending may be unexpected, it shows how the characters help each other reach their ultimate destiny, but in different ways. Stone City is a very satisfying story of indelibly memorable characters that will keep you thinking long afterward.

(Michael Tidemann writes from Estherville, Iowa. His Facebook page is Author Michael Tidemann.)



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Summer Rec Schedule

June 15 - 17th:
Wednesday:
Cadets Game Day in Oklee Games at 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. vs. CB Black in a Double header.

Bus leaves Plummer at 9:30/ Oklee at 10:30/Brooks at 9:40
9:30 - 12:45: Swimming Lessons - bus leaves Oklee at 9:30 a.m.

1:00 - 3:30: Activities at the School.

2:00 - 3:30 p.m. Bantams/ Ponies Softball practice in Oklee at the fields (no Peeewe practice). Bus leave Plummer at 1:30/Brooks and 1:40/ RLCC High School to fields at 1:50 p.m.

Thursday:
Bantams/Ponies Game Day in Erskine

Games at 10:00 a.m. vs Fertile/Beltrami and 1:00 p.m. vs. Clearbrook/Gonvick. Bus leaves Plummer at 9:10 a.m./ Oklee at 9:30 a.m./Brooks 9:40 a.m...

9:30 - 12:45: Swimming Lessons - bus leaves Oklee at 9:30 a.m.

1:00 - 3:30: Activities at the School.

2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Cadets/ Peeewe's Baseball practice in Oklee at the fields. Bus leave Plummer at 1:30 p.m./Brooks at 1:40 a.m./RLCC High School to fields at 1:50 p.m.

Friday:
9:30 - 12:45: Swimming Lessons - bus leaves Oklee at 9:30 a.m.

No Afternoon Activities at the School.

Any Questions: please contact Kelly Melin at 316-737-6231

RLCC Summer Rec - Oklee Site has a team reach app for summer updates! Install Team-Reach on your device and enter code: 2022: 2022rlccsr



Marissa Schiebe and Mr. Randy Huie pose with her 3rd place medal

RLCC High School 4th Qtr Honor Roll 2021-22

7th Grade - "A" Honor Roll: Benjamin Bramer, Natalie Hendrickson, Graceyn Kvasager, Gavin Roisland, and Violet Tvedt.

"B" Honor Roll: Alexa Chervestad, Olin Eskeli, Jackson Morinville, Arlo Svendsen, and Thor Thompson.

8th Grade - "A" Honor Roll: Jacob Caten, Gunnar Halvorson, McKenzie Hamm, Hailey Hanson, Emma Hendrickson, Leif Hofstad, Nolan Lundeen, Kendra Morinville, Nickolas Suchy, and Colin Taggart.

"B" Honor Roll: Connor Duden, Will Gieseke, Keenan Hopper, Ethan Johnson, Masen Pahlen, Kathryn Srnsky, McKenzie Tofstad, Cassidy Torgerson, Atley Vettleson, Logan Vettleson, and Peyton Williams.

9th Grade - "A" Honor Roll: Hannah Dudycha, and Luke Peterson.

"B" Honor Roll: Guy Bergeson, Owen Chervestad, Kendra Christianson, Dylan Dahle, Evelyn Klamm, Ciara

Mitzner, Ruben Osborn, and Ryan Tvedt.

10th Grade - "A" Honor Roll: Jamie Flatgard, Sydney Fougner, Jennifer Johnson, Ella Moen, Keira Morinville, Kya Morinville, Aurim Olsson, Marin Peterson, Gunnar Sandeen, Izaiah Stordahl, Lucille Svendsen, and Natalie Vettleson.

"B" Honor Roll: Lilian Hager, Peyton O'Neill, and Carly Vettleson.

11th Grade - "A" Honor Roll: Damon Ferguson, Natalie Lindemoen, Shawna Majeres, Aurora Mitzner, Aurim Olsson, Marin Peterson, Gunnar Sandeen, Izaiah Stordahl, Lucille Svendsen, and Natalie Vettleson.

"B" Honor Roll: Kaleb Fougner, Cael Nelson, and Payton Rystad.

12th Grade - "A" Honor Roll: Cari Bachand, Zachary Cater, Peyton Fish, Taya Morinville, Leah Peterson, and Halie Thompson.

"B" Honor Roll: Tyler Eskeli, Madeline Inda Valdez, Lauren Jones, Michael Lowell, Jonathan Roue, and Steven Sogla.

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Oklee Herald Early Files

Eighty Years Ago June 18, 1942

Miss Mae Bergeron of Oklee received her Bachelor of Arts in French and English from the College of Saint Teresa at Winona.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Brandt announced the birth of their daughter on Saturday June 13.

Father's Day Special- A one year subscription to Esquire for \$3.65.

Weekly News Analysis: Jap Naval Losses Off Midway Island Strengthen U.S. Position in Pacific; Terrific Bombing Attacks by British Stun Nazi's War Effort in England.

President Roosevelt has warned Japan that if it persists in using gas against China the U.S. will respond in "kind and full measure."

The farmers of the community were trying to get some grain into the fields, some potato planting was also done.

A number of guests gathered at the Ed Rustan home to see of Bennie Rustan and Walter Peterson to Fort Snelling.

There was a good turnout for the annual Setesdalslag held in Oklee the prior weekend.

Seventy Years Ago June 12, 1952

Rev. K. Patnoud, pastor of St. Francis Xavier's Catholic Church here since 1932, announced Sunday he will go to Thief River Falls to succeed the Rev. William Swanson as pastor of St. Bernard's Church.

The annual meeting of the Garden Valley Telephone Company was held on June 3rd and it was announced that the company gave a report stating the new system was "Tops" in telephone service.

Mrs. Coya Knutson of Oklee, representative of the 65th district in the Minnesota legislature, this week fled for re-election to the office.

Arnold Sogla and Lloyd Opdahl returned Tuesday from the Iron Range. The strike laid off most of the employees.

A large number of people drove to the Thowald Bjornaraa farm to see the ball game between the Johnson Mosquitos and the River Valley boys.

Sixty Years Ago June 7, 1962

The Setesdalslaget, with few exceptions has been held in Oklee since it was organized in 1909, draws visitors from a wide area. Some come from as far away as the west coast for the reunion of descendants of Setesdalen, Norway. Person that have rooms to rent to Laget visitors are asked to list them with Mrs. Parker Talge.

Cold, rainy weather and wet soils held field work at a standstill in the Oklee area and in most of the state during the past week. Temperatures were too low for good growth of crops.

Mr. and Mrs. L.M. Berry of Oklee will observe their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday

at an open house.

Ten young people from the Plummer Lutheran Parish were confirmed at the morning worship service on June 3rd. They were: Faith Clasen, Darryl Hanson, Laura Klein, Dianna Nelson, Linda Pederson, Sharon Schjeldrup, Myrna Nesland, Ronald Skallet, Carol Solberg, and Lois Wilde.

Grand Opening of the Gambles store, formerly the Seeger's Hardware Store. New owners are Fred and Kathy Festler.

On May 27th, Vincent Des-sellier and Mrs. Andrew Des-sellier were sponsors at the baptism of Audrey Gail Des-sellier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Dessellier.

Fifty Years Ago 1972

There are no loose copies or bound books for this year. If you have saved 1972 papers and are looking for a new home for them, bring them in to the Oklee Herald office. Thanks

Forty Years Ago June 17, 1982

Mrs. Arnold Haugen of Trail was the winner of a 7-piece Regal Cookware set given away by L.B. Hartz Wholesale at Heden's Hartz in Oklee.

The Third Annual "Go For St. Joe Day was held on June 6th at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Brooks. Twenty-two joggers set out on the run. The winners were: Cindy Sevigny, 11 years old was the youngest runner, Robin Delage won the award for the Nicest Running award, Milo Larson got the prize for the most money collected.

Dennis and Debra Salentiny of Red Lake Falls are the proud parents of a daughter, Dionne Marie, born on June 8th.

SP5 Keith Delage spent a month vacation on leave from Fort Hood, Texas after 2 years service in the army. In July, he will be stationed in Germany for two years.

On June 3rd, the Plummer Fire Department hosted a State Burn for the Plummer, Oklee, Red Lake Falls and Mentor Fire Departments.

Thirty Years Ago June 17, 1992

Fern D. Whitney is the new Plummer Postmaster. She has enjoyed meeting the people of this area and certainly appreciates the assistance she has been given by rural carrier David Peterson and Delyne Mattison who was Officer in Charge for the eight months following Postmaster Eldora Paradis being assigned to another MN Post office.

Gary Hofius of Plummer has found a interesting hobby for the winter months. He has been creating model toys from cardboard boxes. Projects included a road grader (with moving parts), a airplane, helicopter and a windmill.

Oklee Fire Department responded to tow fires in one week. On June 8th at 6:30

p.m. they headed to the Roger Plante farm when the barn was on fire. The other, on June 14th, was at the Tom Smith farm where CRP acreage was burning.

The Vigstol brothers gathered early Saturday to frame a house in town for the mother. Eight of the nine were here and the house took shape in a hurry since six of them are skilled carpenters.

Eric Kolstoe, son of John and Jane Kolstoe, recently was awarded a \$250 cash award.

Twenty Years Ago June 13, 2002

The 2002 Relay for Life in Red Lake County is history. Eighteen teams with 242 members raised almost \$46,000 in the county's 4th annual Relay for Life.

Four Marnell's graduated in 2002. Isaac graduated from Oklee High school, Wesley Jr. graduated from 6th grade and Jacob and Tanner from Kindergarten.

Oklee's "high rise" got a new roof after a storm in August 8, 2001 ripped off the last, new roof. One end of the garage was also damaged during the violent windstorm.

The American Legion Post 623 from Plummer provided the honor guard and colors at the 2002 Relay for Life.

And the rains came...and came...and by Monday morning, area communities had accumulated four inches of rain.

Ten Years Ago June 13, 2012

On June 8th the old Farmers Cooperative Elevator was torched in a controlled burn.

Christian Nielsen, a foreign exchange student in 1982/83 stayed with Charlie Bishop and his family He graduated from Oklee High School in 1983. Christian recently (in April) was here for a visit after thirty years.

The annual Terrebonne picnic and Mass celebration at St. Anthony Church was held on Sunday.

Marie Johnson, daughter of Jeff and Pam Johnson, donated 10 inches of hair to the Locks of Love Foundation.

RLCC Plummer Elementary School held a Pen Pal Celebration on May 16th. Students that had been writing to their community Pen Pals got together in person with their pen pals.

Lorna and Merle Jesme helped Milton Peterson celebrate his 64th birthday last Sunday. They live in Belle Plain.

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Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteers Jo Lambert & Bonny Cote
Site number: 218-796-5149

RLC Fair Senior Day

To all seniors, this is your day. Come to Oklee on Friday, June 24th at 1:00 p.m. for a fun day of music and Bingo. On the schedule is the musical group, "The Memories." They sound like a fun, lively two man group that sings all the songs that you love.

The Area on Aging folks have been getting lots of great prizes lined up for the Bingo that will follow the program.

And there may be some very important information for services and other things. See you there!

Pot Luck:

This past week we had our first Pot Luck at the Cafe and we had a good turnout. The day was originally set up for a Wednesday, but it was changed to Tuesday instead. A few phone calls to the many that attend were made and all was fine.

The next one will be Tuesday, July 19th at 5:00 p.m.

Senior Meals:

If you want to order a Senior Meal call the Oklee Cafe at 796-5666.

Oklee Cafe:

There will be some changes coming to the Oklee Cafe. During this time of change,

meals for the Seniors may be coming from Clearbrook instead of Oklee. The City is in the process of finding a new person to run the cafe. Steve Olson had to get back to his full time job. We will miss him as he was a good cook and made things very easy for the Seniors.

Congregate Meals:

In light of possibly not having someone to cook at the Oklee cafe, I wouldn't plan on Congregate meals at this time.

Activity Dates To Remember

Wednesday: Cards at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday: Bingo at 2 p.m. Will call regular players if it get canceled.

**Remember if you don't feel good, stay home.

Craft Shop Now Open 3 days a week!

The Senior Site Craft Shop is now open three days a week from 10 am. to 1 p.m. on Monday - Wednesday - Friday. If those time don't work, call and make arrangements for visit.

We have lots of great hand-crafted items. Things for pets, children and adults. Mittens, decorative floral arrangements, doilies, embroi-

dered towels, wooden shelves, quilts, and much, much more.

Pretty Interesting Facts You May Not Know...

•Your tongue is the only muscle in your body that is attached at only one end.

•If you stop getting thirsty, you need to drink more water. When a human body is dehydrated, its thirst mechanism shuts off.

•Kites were used in the American Civil War to deliver letters and newspapers.

•The song, Auld Lang Syne, is sung at the stroke of midnight in almost every English-speaking country in the world to bring in the new year.

•Caffeine increases the power of aspirin and other painkillers, that is why it is found in some medicines.

•The banana cannot reproduce itself. It can be propagated only by the hand of man.

•The moon moves about two inches away from the Earth each year.

•The Earth gets 100 tons heavier every day due to falling space dust.

•The tooth is the only part of the human body that cannot heal itself.

Well, that it for this week. See you at the Fair!!

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe
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lunch in Brooks.

Work continues on Main Street as they move to the east. Also the pipeline guys are working as well as Garden Valley guys. They have worked til seven p.m. It is quite noisy work. It's nice the weather is cooperated for all this work to be completed.

Anne Traxler attended the violin concert for granddaughter Brielle Traxler in Thief River this past weekend.

My niece, Stacy, who is from Phoenix came last weekend to my sister's south of Warroad. The temperatures out there have been at 100 degrees plus this past week. However, at my sisters, she has mosquitoes to deal with, since they live near woods it pretty bad. I think

they may have sprayed some. They went for a ride in the woods and she got to see a fox and her kits close up and took pictures of them. She's quite the camera girl.

Queen Elizabeth celebrated her 70 years as a Monarch this past week. Only one day she didn't appear as she wasn't feeling well. People waiting in line to get a picture of her and her corgi dog for two hours. Her favorite drink is a martini.

Some farmers were seeding on Thursday around Plummer and on the way to Thief River Falls. Hopefully they can get the other areas that have been to wet in the next few days.

Enjoy the sunny warm days. We certainly deserve it.

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

The weather has settled down somewhat and the farmers must be done with their field work now. We can tell because the church on Sunday was very sparsely attended on Sunday, because everyone was at the lake. It was the first really nice weekend we have had for a long time. I think it is rather shocking that a visiting priest comes in and sees so few parishoners. Just that it is summertime and people like to get on the road for entertainment. Just like in winter everybody leaves for warmer climes.

Happy Birthday to my son who lives in Walla Walla, Washington. He turns 58 today. I do hope he enjoys the day and has a big cake.

On Friday of last week June

3, Clarence and Dianne Gagner went to the cities, and then attended their grand-daughter's graduation from Farmington High School. Ashtyn Gagner daughter of Dan and Alicia Gagner, will be going to Stout University in Menominee, Wisconsin. She earned a Gymnastics scholarship.

On Saturday Ashtyn competed in the subsections in track and field competition. She participated in three events. Clarence and Dianne Gagner were able to attend the competition. Dianne said that it was a first for them and they enjoyed it very much.

On Sunday the Gagners visited with relatives and went to Angie Stone's home to visit as well. On Monday, they attended the funeral of Patty (Stone) Mallum, the daughter of Angie Stone and niece of Clarence and Dianne Gagner who passed away. The funeral was in Anoka.

Barb and Vern LaCoursiere came up from Arizona to the

funeral in Anoka, and then came to stay at Dianne and Clarence's home in Brooks. They stayed over the weekend and will spend the week visiting relatives and friends in Warren, Oklee and other towns.

On Sunday the Gagners hosted a cookout and Barb and Vern LaCoursiere, Poncho and Char Gagner, and Nancy and Rolland Gagner of Erskine, all came and visited and ate. A good weekend event to catch up on all the family news.

It was reported that a young man was hurt at the Moto Cross track in Brooks. It was reported that he sustained broken ribs and a punctured lung. We wish him well. Our prayers are with you.

We hope you are having a great week this week. Lets hope the growing in the fields is good and that enough rain follows the wet spring we had to sustain the growth of the crops. Have a good week.

Who's Dat?



Who's Dat?

This week's photo is of men that should be familiar to many in the area. Some worked in the area, others were gone on jobs and were only home occasionally.

Last week's photo was of Martin Johnson and Vincent Austad. So what was the special thing they did? For the first time in history, the Oklee school has been represented at the Minnesota State track meets because at the regional meeting in Bemidji, two had qualified to go to State. Martin, a senior set a regional record in shotput at 50 feet 2.5 inches beating the old record of 48 feet, 8 inches. And Vincent, a junior, came in 2nd at the region in the high hurdles on a track covered in 3 inches of water due to heavy rain.

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 - School days, church events, sports, etc. If you email

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