

Oklee Office will be closed on Monday, July 4th.



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Wednesday, June 29, 2022

120th Red Lake County Fair was held June 23rd - June 26th



Tim Stevens and Warren Petryk had a wonderful time performing for the Seniors at the Senior Day at the Red Lake County Fair on Friday afternoon. This was their first visit to the Red Lake County Fair and to Oklee.

On Thursday there was not much public activity but it is the day for registration and entering the projects, setting up and lots of judging was going on.

Friday was the day things started happening for the public and especially the seniors in our county with a special treat of a singing group from Wisconsin at the Hall called "The Memories".

According to their bio, Warren Petryk and Tim Stevens have been performing music together since their grade school days. And this August is their 50th anniversary of performing together. Some of their career highlights included:

- Introduction into the Wisconsin Association of Fair "Hall of Fame" in 1995
- Winning 1st place in the Wisconsin "Country Band of the Year" contest in 1983
- Being named Western Wisconsin's "Polka Band of the Year" in 1972
- And - one of their proudest moments...taking 2nd place in the 1971 Boyceville Cucumber Festival's Talent Contest...and receiving a cash prize of \$10.00.

The Seniors enjoyed the program of great songs from the past and the comical antics of the performers.

After the musical portion of the program the seniors enjoyed some treats, coffee or water and then the Bingo started followed by a drawing which you had to sign up for. There were many winners during Bingo. Loretta Syrtveit was the Final Bingo prize winner with a blackout and then also was the \$100 winner of the drawing. Congratulations!

Over at the school, the booths opened at 10 a.m. and there was lots of judging on the open class items. The 4-H group had their food booth open this year in the school.

There was also lots of judging for the 4-H entries in the barn and in the school.

Of course the evening hours brought a storm through the area insuring that there would not be a Baja on Sunday. Thankfully nothing was damaged that evening. There had been a storm a couple of days before in the area and you could see signs of trees down and cleanup around the town and area.

Saturday started out bright and sunny after a short sprinkle as things were being set up early that morning.

At 8:15 am, the 5K Registration began. The 5K started at 9:00 a.m. with a small crowd of runners this year. There were two weddings in the area which may have affected the participation, but it just guaranteed the runners there of a better chance of winning a prize.

At 10 am the Booths open again and there was a Caricature Artist at the School. He was busy doing caricatures of people free of charge because a grant covered the cost of his services.

A Pet Show was held at 10 a.m. over at the Gazebo. Many came out for the contest. A few pets came with costumes, though that wasn't one of the categories, but it will be added next year. Winners were for Cutest Pet, Best Interview, and Unique.

The Pedal Pull is a popular event at the fair. Registration started at 10:30 and started at 11:10 am in front of the school. The kids and parents both really enjoy this event.

4-H Food Booth was open and was available all day and closed at 7 p.m. This is a fundraiser to help support the 4-H activities. They served burgers, chips, water/pop, pie and malts.

New this year was Erskine Commercial Club Water Wars which looked like there was a few enjoying it. And of course, the Bouncy Houses were here again.

On Saturday, at 1 pm, an Elvis Impersonator was at the Hall. Elvis has been in area doing shows for a few years, and

some of the ladies recognized him. He put on an enjoyable show and was scheduled to be in the all again at 7 p.m.

Sunday is a quite day this year due to the storm Friday night which caused the Fair Baja to be canceled. It was iffy to begin with due to all the wet weather we have had, but the rain Friday night cinched it. Watch for another date to be set later in the year. This is a fundraiser for the RLC Fair and will be rescheduled.

But the 4-H awards program at the Hall was held at 5:30 p.m. and is a very important 4-H event. The kids have worked hard for the past year and get the recognition and awards from local business.



Lillyana Knott earned a 4-H Grand Champion for Freckles the cat, who was deemed the most Unique Pet.



"Elvis was in the building" on Saturday afternoon at the Oklee Hall serenading Shirley Dessellier as Gloria Torkelson & Jeanie O'Neill looked on at the show.



The Senior program was well attended and the tables were full for the Bingo portion of the program.



Oklee Cafe Now Open 7 Days a Week!

Jill and Jason have opened the Oklee Cafe up for business starting last Wednesday. Their hours are Monday to Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and on Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. They are from the McIntosh/Erskine area and they also will be offering catering services.



The winners of the Red Lake County Fair 5K for 2022 were: Lila Dodson (58:40), Kelly Dodson (31:42), Jack Dodson (25:23), Don Brinkman (49:16), Michelle Rubischko (36:40), Alex Hamrum (49:16). They had a choice of a pair of quality sunglasses or a aluminum water bottle. Treats of granola bars, water, freeze pops were handed out as the runners/walkers came in.



Just some of the many open class items displayed at the Red Lake County Fair.

The Red Lake County Township Officers Association recognized



The Red Lake County Township Officers Association was recently recognized at their spring meeting by Enbridge Pipeline for the continued support throughout the Line 3 replacement project. This project had been in regulatory processes for 6 years before construction began in MN December of 2020 and went into commission in October 2021. Presenting the Board with the plaque is Enbridge Representative Julie Huber. Pictured Left to Right: Casey Klipping, Julie Huber, Kevin Reich and Denelle Kees.

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Wed, June 29: 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night Service at Parsonage.
Sun, July 3: 10:00 a.m.
Joint Service at Salem.
Wed, July 6: 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night Service at Parsonage.
Sermons are on GVTCL 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. 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
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, July 3: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Immanuel. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Sun, July 3: 8 a.m. Ekelund Worship. 9:30 a.m. Faith Worship. 11:00 a.m. Bethany Worship.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

July 4 - 8
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: Closed for the Fourth of July!
Tue: Pulled pork sandwich, macaroni salad, baked beans, milk, and cookie.
Wed: Chicken ala King over biscuits, buttered peas, muffin, and milk
Thu: Beef dumpling soup, egg salad sandwich, fresh fruit, milk, and dessert.
Fri: Hot beef sandwich, mixed vegetables, fruit crisp, and milk.



CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Sat, July 2: Mt Olive: 9:00 a.m.
Sun, July 3: St. Petri: 8:00 a.m. Oak Park: 9:45 a.m. Nazareth: 11:00 a.m.
Find services and past sermons at www.facebook.com/clearwaterlutheranparish

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Jarred LeBon, Pastor
Tyler Stynsberg, Assoc. Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, June 29: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Sun, July 3: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School. 10:00 a.m. Worship.
Tue, July 5: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions.
Wed, July 6: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, July 3: No Services.
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.



Calendar of Events
Wed, June 29:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
Thu, June 30:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.
Fri, July 1:
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news
Sat, July 2:
-Support your local business - Shop Locally!
Sun, July 3:
-Worship at the church - check inside for church times and places.
Mon, July 4:
Happy Fourth of July
Tue, July 5:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.
Wed, July 6:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.



We Love Our Cars!

Comedian Jay Leno, an avid car collector, calls the automobile, "the greatest invention of the 20th century." With today's low interest rates, it's a great time to buy a new vehicle.

Before you go shopping for your next car, truck, van or SUV, come in and talk with us about an auto loan. **We offer attractive rates, payments to fit your budget and convenient, personal services.**

Bank will be closed on Monday, July 4th in observation of the Fourth of July!



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.

CITY LOT FOR SALE ON BIDS
Corner lot on paved streets at 315 Central Ave W in Plummer, MN. This beautiful corner lot is an excellent location to build your future home. The lot is 150' x 140' with mature trees, city water & sewer. Opening Bids start at \$10,000. Home must be built within two years of purchase. Bids must be submitted by noon Monday, August 8, 2022 to the City Clerk's office. Bids will be opened Tuesday, August 9th 7:00 pm at the City Council meeting. Bids can be mailed to: City Clerk PO Box 128 Plummer, MN 56748. Call City Clerk at 218-465-4231 for more details.

Serving Oklee & Surrounding Area

Adult Education (ABE) has existed for decades, but for the first few decades it was only for those who needed their GED. ABE looks vastly different in 2022. There is something for everyone who is 17 or older and learning options abound. You can study from home with just a smartphone and internet connection to hybrid models where you spend some time in class and some online, or if you know that you just can't study independently, then in-person classes at Red Lake County Central are for you.

You can attend to improve your vocational skills like digital literacy (computer skills), earn a ServSafe certificate, and write a resume, or brush up on math skills to help your children with their school work. You can enroll in Fast Track classes that meet online four hours a week for eight weeks and cover everything from GED and TEAS Prep to Vocational Soft Skills and Manufacturer's Math. You can earn a Minnesota state-issued Adult Diploma by combining your high school credits, passing GED tests scores, and independent study to meet additional requirements under the guidance of a trained Adult Diploma Program instructor.

What is required? Time commitment and motivation to accomplish your goals. There is no cost to you except actual GED testing costs. The first step is to all Sherry at 763-453-0317 to set up your in-person enrollment and assessment appointments or just for more information. You can start as early as July 14. Adult Education is provided by the Northwest Service Coop ABE Consortium.

Oklee & Brooks Residents Please Note:
Due to the July 4th Holiday, garbage pickup will be on Tuesday, July 5th.
Thank You!

Sudoku Solution

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

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

June 20th storm knocks down trees, cuts electric and cause havoc for some



Larry Skallet was cutting apart one of the tree limbs in his yard that came down. City crew was hauling away.



When the power went out in Oklee, Jason put out the word that he needed help to save his cold and frozen product as it was expected there was enough damage that power would not be back on until the next day. So many volunteers helped at E & J Grocery during Monday's storm. Too many to name, but Lonnie Paradis came with a refrigerator trailer and over 30 people collected and moved all items needing to be kept cold or frozen into the trailer.

Power did come back earlier than expected. Power in the Oklee area went out approximately at 4:30 and came back on about 10:45 that night.



The high winds last week not only took down some trees, and caused a power outage in some areas up to 6 hours, but also knocked this barn down along RLC Co. 6 east of Oklee. The barn wasn't in the best condition so it went over fairly easy.

COVID-19 Community Level
Pennington & Red Lake County's Current COVID-19
Community Level is LOW

Low	Limited impact on the healthcare system, low levels of severe illness
Medium	Some impact on the healthcare system, more people with severe illness
High	High potential for healthcare system strain, high level of severe illness

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Easy to Make Treats

Pretzel Snack
Audrey Bergerson

Mix thoroughly in a big bowl:
2 (15 oz) bags of pretzels
1 bottle Orville
Redenbacher's Popping Oil

Combine:
1 pkg Hidden Valley dry dressing mix
1 Tbsp onion powder
1 Tbsp garlic powder
2 to 3 Tbsp dill weed

Mix thoroughly through the oiled pretzels. Remix or shake container every now and then.

Popcorn Treats
Carol (Breivold) Kjesbo

1 stick margarine
4 cups powdered sugar
2 cups small marshmallows
1-1/2 cups white syrup
4 Tbsp water

Boil mixture until sugar is dissolved. Pour over 5 quarts of popped popcorn.

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RLC Rebels T&F Banquet 2022



RLC Rebels Basketball team wins the Walker tournament



The Red Lake County Rebels Boys Basketball team won the Walker Breakdown tournament in June 23rd. In the first game, the Rebels defeated Win-E-Mac by a score of 76-40. In game 2 the Rebels beat Fargo Oak Grove 55-52. In the Championship game the Rebels beat Lake Park-Audubon 78-48.

Team members included Gerald Melin, Chase Nelson, Izaiah Stordahl, Isaiah Philion, Clancy Hanson, John Powers, Owen Chervestad, Will Gieseke, and Connor Duden. The next tournament for the Rebels is July 12 in Fergus Falls.

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RLC Rebels Track and Field recognize athletes at the banquet in 2022

Red Lake County Rebels Track and Field Team honored its athletes with recognition on June 19th in Oklee.

Eleven athletes and one manager received letter awards and sixteen athletes and four managers were recognized with participation certificates.

The following were the letter winners Katelyn Dufault (Manager), Thomas Benson, Carson Lambert, Marissa Schiebe, Gerald Melin, Savanna Nelson, Keyan Derosier, Caden Lee, Peyton O'Neill, Elizabeth Lytle, Emma Hendrickson, and Nick Suchy.

The following were the participation certificate recipients Lauren Jones, Emma Knott, Hayz Hanson, Daphne Harmoning, Josi Cardinal, Brody Hammer, Allegra Knott, Alex Renner, Logan Vetteson, Jett Hanson, Ethan Lee, Ella Marquart, Nate Powers, Cody Renner, Hayden Shulstad, Hailey Hanson (Manager), Kendra Morinville (Manager), McKenzie Tofstad (Manager), and Cassidy Torgerson (Manager).

The Team also recognized individuals with Team awards.

The Most Valuable Track Athlete went to Marissa Schiebe, Keyan Derosier, and Caden Lee.

The Most Valuable Field Athlete went to Gerald Melin.

The Rookie of the Year went to Thomas Benson.

The Most Improved went to Lauren Jones, Peyton O'Neill, and Nick Suchy.

The RLC Award went to Emma Knott.

One team record was broken this season in the boy's High Jump with a jump of 6'2" by Gerald Melin.

As coaches, we are very proud of this group of athletes on our Team this season.

We say goodbye to four dedicated seniors Katelyn Dufault (Manager), Thomas Benson, Marissa Schiebe, and Lauren Jones, and look forward to our returning athletes for next season.



Coach Cheryl Matzke, along side former Ada-Borup West Head Girls T&F Coach Ruth Hayden.

Coach Cheryl Matzke was honored as a Trailblazer for girls T&F at the 2022 Minnesota State T&F Meet

On Saturday, June 11th Coach Cheryl Matzke was honored as a Trailblazer for girls track & field at the Minnesota State High School League Track and Field Meet at St. Michael Albertville High School in Albertville, MN.

1972 marked the first ever girls MN State Track and Field Meet. This year marks the 50th anniversary of that first girls state meet. The Minnesota State High School T&F Coach-

es Association along with the Minnesota State High School League recognized the coaches and athletes from that year and from the 1970's on being Trailblazers for girls track & field in Minnesota.

Cheryl along with her husband started the girls track & field program at RLF which lead into the team now for the RLC Rebels. Thanks Cheryl for your dedication to the sport and coaching these athletes.



Coach Cheryl Matzke with Coach Randy Huie.



Area coaches and athletes from 1972 were asked to come forward to be recognized for their service.

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