



## Red Lake County SWCD has Cost-share Assistance available

*Red Lake County SWCD has Cost-share Assistance available for the Chemical Removal of Invasive Weed Species as well as Manure Testing Kits available at the office!!*

Red Lake County SWCD received a \$15,000.00 grant in 2020 and in 2022 from the Board of Water and Soil Resources for the Cooperative Weed Management Program.

The main species that the program targets includes: Purple Loosestrife, Leafy Spurge, Absinth Wormwood, Wild Parsnip, and Spotted Knapweed. Bull and Canadian Thistles are also two species that have received attention because of the increased population throughout the county. These targeted invasive species were selected by the partners because of their confinement in certain areas and the belief that the County still has the ability to control them from spreading throughout the entire county.

If you are interested in receiving cost-share assistance for chemical spraying of inva-

sive species on your pasture-land/woodland you will need to make an appointment to come into the office to complete a Contract Agreement for cost-share for chemical spraying.

**Cost-share assistance is available at a rate of 75% of the total cost, up to \$500.00.**

**Please call before you come into the office to make sure the SWCD staff are in the office and able to assist you with the application.**

A Payment Voucher will need to be approved by the SWCD Board before any reimbursement of chemical spraying costs can be made.

Also, there are Manure Testing Kits available at the Red Lake County SWCD office.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at 218-253-2593.



Ray, age 11



Brett, age 9



Liam, age 7



Odin, age 4

## Red Lake County Fair Pedal Tractor Winners!



Brooke, Marvin & Brycin, age 8



Arlo, Carrie, & Addlyn, age 6



Emma & Cylvia, age 5



As the saying goes, "Elvis has left the building" which was true after he performed his evening performance on Saturday, June 25th. He was fun to watch and the audience enjoyed the music.

The Red Lake County Fair Baja was canceled due to the rain and condition of the track. Watch for future announcements of the Baja later in the Summer.

Also, in future papers, the 4-H awards and photos will be in the Oklee Herald.

### Calendar of Events

**Wed, July 6:**  
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.  
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.

**Thu, July 7:**  
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.

**Fri, July 8:**  
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news

**Sat, July 9:**  
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!

**Sun, July 10:**  
-Worship at the church – check inside for church times and places.

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

**Mon, July 11:**  
-No Senior Meals – Café Closed.

**Tue, July 12:**  
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.

**Wed, July 13:**  
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.

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

**Thu, July 14:**  
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.



RLC Commissioner John Dudycha was the judge at the Pet Show.



Josie Cardinal was the Grand Champion winner in the Cutest Pet category and the Interview category with her pet Bowser.. Harmonie Buckholz was the Reserve Champion winner with her pet River.

## 6th Annual Freedom Fest At The Goodridge Veterans Memorial Park July 30th

It's time to gear up for another round of fun and celebration! The 6th Annual Freedom Festival will be on Saturday, July 30th, at the Goodridge Veterans Memorial Park.

With numerous vendors set up, featured artists on display and free entertainment under the band shell all day, the event is sure to be another hit with young and old alike. Consider checking it out with some of the top picks back on the schedule, along with plenty of new additions added to the day.

Funded in part by the Northwest Minnesota Arts Council and local sponsors, the hard work of many has resulted in a day-long event filled with music, art and activities for all ages.

Freedom 5K & Fun Run: Register early or on day of

race. All proceeds from registration will be donated directly to Mission 22. Mission 22 is a non-profit whose goal is to end Veteran Suicide by raising awareness to mental illness, such as PTSD and traumatic brain injuries, and building treatment centers across the United States. Registration link: <https://2021freedomrun.rsvpify.com> or call Jena at 218-689-6895.

Also there will be Food Trucks, Vendors in the Park, Free Music, Featured Artists

All of this PLUS MORE at the 6th Annual Freedom Festival at the Goodridge Veterans Memorial Park. Many activities for kids – fun for the whole family! Keep an eye for the official poster and event line-up coming soon.



As usual, the Bouncy Houses were on site and the Erskine Water Wars was at the end with lots of kids participating.

## Church news

**OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH**  
Zion and Salem  
Pastor Linda Molitor  
Wed, July 6: 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Night Service at Parsonage.  
Sun, July 10: 10:00 a.m.  
Joint Service at Zion.  
Wed, July 13: 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Night Service at Parsonage.  
Sermons are on GVTEL Channel 35 (10 am Sunday & 2 pm Tuesday), also on Facebook or YouTube.

**CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OKLEE, GRYGLA & GOODRIDGE**  
Fr. Adam Hamness  
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. St. Francis - Oklee. 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 10: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Immanuel.  
Tue, July 12: 7:00 p.m. Worship at Ebenezer.

**GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH**  
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith Pastor Kristen Ostercamp  
Sun, July 10: 8 a.m. Ekelund Worship. 9:30 a.m. Faith Worship. 11:00 a.m. Bethany Worship.  
Tue, July 12: 9:30 a.m. Shalom Circle.

**CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH**  
Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri Pastor Jeff Merseeth  
Sat, July 9: Mt Olive: 9:00 a.m.  
Sun, July 10: 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](http://www.facebook.com/clearwaterlutheranparish)

**NEW JOURNEY CHURCH**  
Jarred LeBon, Pastor  
Tyler Stynsberg, Assoc. Pastor  
[www.newjourneyfosston.com](http://www.newjourneyfosston.com)  
Wed, July 6: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.  
Sun, July 10: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School. 10:00 a.m. Worship.  
Tue, July 12: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions.  
Wed, July 13: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

**GULLY-TRAIL PARISH**  
Bethany \* Lund  
Sand Valley  
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister  
Sun, July 10: 9:00 a.m. Lund. 10:30 a.m. Bethany.  
Wed, July 13: 2 p.m. Lund Ladies Aid.  
*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.

## 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.

## Oklee Senior Site Dining

**July 10 - 15**  
No congregate meals served.  
Café will be closed on Mondays.

If you are over the age of 60 and you want a meal delivered to your home, call the Oklee Café 796-5666. Please call by Friday to order your meals from the menu below. If the café runs short, it will be Cook's Choice. A \$5.00 per meal donation is suggested.

**Sun:** Meatballs, mashed potatoes, corn, dinner roll, milk, and dessert.

**Mon:** Café Closed.  
**Tue:** French toast, 1 egg, sausage patty, fruit cup, milk, and dessert.

**Wed:** Chicken dumpling soup, ham sandwich, fruit, milk, and dessert.

**Thu:** Scalloped potatoes w/ ham, buttered carrots, bread, milk, and pumpkin bar.

**Fri:** Fry bread taco's w/ fixings, fresh fruit, milk, and dessert.

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## Sunday

8:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Phone: 218-796-5166

## John & Ingeborg Gunderson Family Reunion August 6th

John & Ingeborg (Smidjan) Gunderson immigrated to the United States in the late 1800's. They had 10 children with only 5 living to be adults. Their children were Ole Gunderson, Sena (Gunderson) Tasa, Tillie (Gunderson) Engeland, Gunder Gunderson and Gunnie Gunderson.

John's siblings were: Birget Gunnarsdtr Lidveit; Torbjorn Gunderson Rome, Gunnuf; Margit Lien, Ingeborg Gunderson and Gunnv Gunderson. Ingeborg's siblings were: Torjus (Thomas) Gunderson, Targei Gunderson Smidjan, Brigde Gundersdt Stallemo; Birgit Gundersdtr Smidjan, Birgit (Betsy) Gundersdtr Swanson and Gunne "Gunny" Gunderson.

This August, a cousin from Norway is coming to visit his American Gunderson family. His name is Gunnar Torfinn Fiane. His mother is the daughter of Gunnv Gunderson and Margit Torbjornsdt Litveit.

He has been working on the Gunderson Family tree and is looking forward to meeting Gunderson family members. If you have pictures or stories to share, that would be welcome. If you are one of the Gunderson relatives, please join us at the Oklee Hall on August 6th at 1 p.m. It will be a Potluck with BBQ's and hotdogs furnished. Please bring a dish to share and any beverages you wish.

Hoping to see you at the reunion. If you plan on coming, please contact Bonny Cote by email: [cotebon@gmail.com](mailto:cotebon@gmail.com) or call 218-796-4688 or Lana Nelson at 218-796-5778, so we know how many to plan for.

Thank you!

## Red Lake County Commissioners Minutes

### RED LAKE COUNTY Regular Meeting Held June 14, 2022

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 14, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Chair Weiss called the meeting to order. Commissioner Dudycha was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Remick and carried unanimously to approve the agenda.

Environmental Officer Kurt Casavan met with the board to update on the meeting with MPCA in Crookston on June 1st. A main discussion topic was why the group grant application submitted by the nine counties earlier in the year did not qualify for funding. MPCA reviewed areas of concerns with the first application. MPCA representatives informed that a special grant round will be conducted in July with grants awarded in late August. Casavan reported that once the engineering study is completed the counties will seek funding from the legislature to assist counties to get their landfills in compliance with MPCA requirements. Casavan will continue to provide updates on the process.

Casavan discussed some concerns with County Ditch 62 northeast of Red Lake Falls. There have been severe erosion issues from the excessive rainfalls and some landowners are requesting that a trash rack be removed near the outlet. Casavan informed that the cost for a trash rack is significant and is not recommending at this point. He will continue discussion with the landowners that inquired.

HR Director Lundeen informed that Veterans Service Officer Kurt Ellefson and Environmental Officer Kurt Casavan are both eligible for a salary step increase. Ellefson will move from a Grade 15-step-1 (\$23.34 hourly) to step 2 (\$24.12 hourly), and Casavan will move from Grade 21-step 8 (\$38.08 hourly) to step 9 (\$39.11 hourly). Commissioner Gerardy moved, seconded by Remick and unanimously carried to approve the request as presented.

Auditor Schmitz presented a request on behalf on County Engineer Hove. Hove is recommending final payment for Shouldering Project (CP 63-22-01 & CP 63-22-03). The project involved placing aggregate on the shoulders of CSAH 7 and CSAH 49. The final measured quantities were slightly lower than the estimate. The amount is \$129,510.00 for the original contract. The final contract amount is \$104,632.00 to be approved. The Contractor was Thygeson Construction from Thief River Falls. Commissioner Gerardy moved and seconded by Flage to approve the request as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

The board discussed releasing the 2022 County Fair funding. The issue was tabled until the county receives the required financial information.

Once received the Auditor is authorized to release payment.

Commissioner Gerardy moved, seconded by Flage and carried unanimously to approve minutes from the May 24, 2022 regular meeting.

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

| Vendor                        | Amount       |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Cardmember Services           | \$ 4,016.23  |
| Coulombe Consulting           | 2,475.00     |
| Counties Providing Technology | 4,421.00     |
| Davidson Construction         | 185,084.70   |
| Knott/Richard                 | 2,570.00     |
| Moore Engineering, Inc.       | 4,000.00     |
| Penguin Management, Inc.      | 3,048.00     |
| RDO Equipment Co.             | 4,977.12     |
| Safety Compliance Services    | 2,100.00     |
| Thygeson Construction         | 104,632.00   |
| Ziegler Cat                   | 2,674.30     |
| 45 Vendors less than \$2,000  | 15,778.49    |
| Final Total                   | \$335,776.84 |

The motion included the following added expenses: \$926.75 MNIT; \$44.00 Pemberton Law Offices; \$1,670.00 Schmitz Builders; \$3,175.00 Thief River Glass.

The following Commissioner/Committee reports were shared:

Commissioner Reports  
Flage: -Reported on a Transportation Advisory Committee meeting in Warren discussing MnDot road projects, spring flood damages and new dairy operation in Norman County.

Gerardy: -City of Plummer meeting.

Remick: -Attended a SWCD meeting discussing County Ditch 69 drainage concerns, and projects on CR 19, Demarais-Hanson erosion site, and various dam structures.

Weiss: -Meeting of the NW Regional Development and Tri County Corrections.

The board reviewed two requests from the Oklee Moonlighters Snowmobile Club and the Red Lake Falls Pathfinders. Commissioner Remick moved, seconded by Gerardy and carried unanimously to approve Resolution No. 06-01-22 and Resolution No. 06-02-22 "County/Club Contract". The resolutions authorize the county to enter into an agreement for FY 2022/2023 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 their respective snowmobile trail systems. The County Auditor is authorized to sign the agreement for Red Lake County. Complete documents are available at the County Auditor's office.

Commissioner Flage moved and seconded by Remick to appoint Nathan Guillemette to the NW Regional Library Board for a 3-year term retroactive to January 1, 2022. The motion was carried by unanimous vote. Guillemette replaces Carmen Harmoning.

Information was provided on the May 13th insurance claim submitted for the wind damages to the Courthouse roof and to the entrance door at Social Services.

There being no further business the regular board meeting adjourned to June 28, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Attest:  
Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

Ron Weiss, Chairman,  
Board of Commissioners

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

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## Oklee Centennial Cookbook Recipe Corner - Page 470

### Potato Bread

Nathan Whalen

2 cups mashed potatoes  
1-1/2 cups milk  
1/3 cup butter  
2 Tbsp honey  
2 tsp salt  
2 pkg dry yeast  
1/2 cup warm water  
2 eggs  
8 cups all-purpose flour (approximately)



Add milk, butter, honey and salt slowly to mashed potatoes. In a large bowl, mix yeast and water; let stand 5 minutes. Add eggs and 3 cups flour. Gradually mix in 3-1/2 cups more flour. Put on floured board and knead until smooth and elastic; about 10 minutes. Place dough in a greased bowl and turn to grease top. Cover; let rise until double, 1-1/2 to 2 hours. Punch down dough; divide into thirds. Shape each portion into a smooth loaf. Place in a well-greased 5 x 9 bread pan. Cover; let rise in a warm place, until doubled, 30 - 40 minutes. Turn out of pans and cool. Brush with butter.

\*\*You may also make into round loaves. Hollow them out and use the inside pieces for dipping and use the shell for a beef stew bowl.

## 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 |

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



July 1, 2022

Reported Cases 6/22 - 6/28:  
Pennington County - 10  
Red Lake County - 0

## 2nd Annual Community Block Party

**What:** A gathering of people for the purpose of enjoying an evening together for food & fun.

**Where:** At the Oklee Pickleball Courts/Picnic area  
*In case of inclement weather it will be moved to the Hall*

**When:** On July 14th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**Who:** Everyone is invited - it's a community block party.

**Menu:** BBQ, Salad, Snack, Bars and Water



**Games:** Bring a yard game. Volleyball court will be available and possible Pickleball equipment.



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UW-Superior Head Coach Lynne Deadrick to Direct Pacesetter “Tour of Champions” Volleyball Camp July 20-21 in Oklee

A Pacesetter “Tour of Cham- pions” Volleyball Camp, fea- turing UW-Superior women’s head coach Lynne Deadrick, will be held at Red Lake County Central High School Wednesday-Thursday, July 20-21, for all players entering grades 6-12.

All players entering grades 6-8 will meet from 8:30 am-12:30 pm, and all players entering grades 9-12 will meet from 1:00-5:00 pm. daily. Space is limited, so families are en- couraged to register as soon as possible.

Coach Deadrick was named UMAC Coach of the Year in 2018. She has coached col- lege volleyball for 28 years and was a four-sport athlete herself, leading teams twice to nationals. She is the all-time wins leader among UW-Supe- rior volleyball coaches. Lynne has been an active camp coach every summer and believes “Camps are where you go to LEARN and HAVE FUN!”

All area players are invited and welcome to attend. Players may register online at www. pacesettersports.net. Each

session is limited to 36 players. This summer will mark Pacesetter’s 43rd season of providing high-quality-low- cost programs. Pacesetter focuses on teaching the most important skills to make the greatest possible improvement in a few days...for a cost most families can afford.

Local Host: Angie Lundeen, RLCC High School Head Vol- leyball Coach.

Players and parents may also contact Pacesetter Sports at 320-243-7460 or info@pace- setternet.com



These four winners, 2 pre-school (far left & right) stood with their older family members, ???? and ????

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Red Lake Falls Library

Last two weeks’ winner of the Summer Reading Program prizes were Irving Buse, Drake Hausman, Sylvester Kargel, Livia Lehrer, Ivy Pahlen, and Timmy Pahlen. SRP activities continue on Tuesdays and Wednes- days through the end of July.

New adult nonfiction: “Al Fresco: Inspired Ideas for Out- door Living” by Julie Pointer Adams; “with its fresh, deli- cious recipes and unexpected ideas, its tips for exploring new ways to get outdoors, its interviews with dozens

of kindred spirits, this is an inspiring and beautiful play- book for anyone who wants to spend more time outside with friends and family. The credo is simple: Nature opens us up to ourselves, and the food we share opens us up to each other.” Along a similar theme is “Natural Tables: Nature-In- spired Tablescapes for Memo- rable Gatherings” by Shellie Pomeroy. Also, “Succulents: Everything You Need to Select, Pair, and Care for Succulents” by Cassidy Tuttle, creator of Succulents and Sunshine.

Adult Education 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 digi- tal 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 Minne- sota state-issued Adult Diploma by combining your high school credits, passing GED tests

scores, and independent study to meet additional require- ments 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.

Plummer Street Project Update



The street work in Plummer is progressing, unfortunately it makes it hard to get around town easily. As you can see in this photo of Main Ave, one block west of Minnesota Street, there is lots of work left to do before it is open for traffic. New concrete storm drainpipes and sewer and water lines have been place.

Need to write a note? Make a shopping list?

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CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to summer barbecues. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 5 = R)

A. 3 5 24 20 6 3 2 5 16 17 5  
Clue: Hot dog

B. 12 2 5 1 17 5  
Clue: Meat patty

C. 3 9 24 10 17 8  
Clue: Hot, glowing part of combustion

D. 15 22 11 15 6 17 20  
Clue: Poultry

Answers: A. frankfurter B. burger C. flames D. chicken



Main Street is closed to traffic going to the west.

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 Over- drive, Writer’s Journal, the San Diego Union-Tribune and Snowmobile. (Michael Tidemann writes from Estherville, Iowa. His author page is amazon.com/author/michaeltidemann.)

Novel seamlessly weaves past & present

Every once in a great while, a novel comes along that hits you where it really counts – straight in the heart.

That’s the case with Be- neath the Polish Moon by Guttenberg, Iowa, author Jake Kaminski. Kaminski brilliant- ly blends the quaint Milwaukee childhood memories of Luke Karpinski with his ascent as a courageous Miami narcotics cop.

Kaminski relates the story of Luke as he grows up with his friends Eugene, Stanley and Gus – normal boys in a close-knit ethnic Milwaukee neighborhood in the 1960s. We smile and laugh at their antics as they climb a trestle to acquire ‘pet’ pigeons and build a go-kart with all the trimmings – except brakes. We even see how they find themselves becoming heroes when faced with no alternative.

Kaminski tells another sto- ry, though, of how Luke rises from rookie cop to fighting Colombian drug cartels, some- thing Kaminski actually did in Miami and Latin America. We experience firsthand Luke’s struggle to maintain a normal family life as he risks his life

daily as a member of a drug task force. We feel the strain between Luke and his wife Kate who is deeply in love with him but dreads every day he goes to work, not knowing if he will return. We also feel the cama- raderie between Luke and his fellow officers, especially Marco

Romero, with whom he finds a nearly spiritual connection, both on and off the job.

The two stories mirror each other, eventually melding as we see Luke as an old man, returning to his old Milwau- kee neighborhood in search of some forgotten pieces of his past. This is where Kaminski writes with the most poignance and power, drawing Luke into what seems like an inevitable collision of his two realities of past and present.

Kaminski’s blending of the stories of Luke as a young boy and as a seasoned cop is absolutely flawless. There could have been no better way to write this novel. His impeccable sense of place brings us into locales we could hardly imagine. Undoubtedly, Kaminski’s law-enforcement background gives him special insight into the human ele- ments of Luke’s life.

This book is impossible to put down. If you buy it, give yourself a solid day or two once you crack it open.

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

Beneath the Polish Moon

Jake Kaminski

Beneath the Polish Moon

Jake Kaminski

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Fill in the missing blocks with numbers between 0-10. The numbers in each row add up to the totals to the right. The numbers in each column add up to the totals on the bottom.

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|----|----|----|----|
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|    | 9  | 0  | 15 |
| 5  |    |    | 10 |
| 13 | 13 | 14 |    |

ANSWER: National Pride

Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

ANLAONIT DEIRP

ANSWER: National Pride

THIS DAY IN... HISTORY

• 1608: QUEBEC CITY IS FOUNDED BY SAMUEL DE CHAMPLAIN.

• 1775: GEORGE WASHINGTON TAKES COMMAND OF THE CONTINENTAL ARMY AT CAMBRIDGE, MASS. DURING THE AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY WAR.

• 1886: THE “NEW-YORK TRIBUNE” BECOMES THE FIRST NEWSPAPER TO USE A LINOTYPE MACHINE AND NOT HAND TYPESETTING.

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Country

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ANSWER: AMERICAN AND CANADIAN FLAGS

## Oklee Herald Early Files

### Eighty Years Ago July 9, 1942

Polly the parrot, who lived with the W. O. Tessier family for over 40 years passed away.

Farmer-Laborites Endorse Jensen for State Senator: Einar Jensen of Highlanding was unanimously endorsed as candidate for state senator.

Gerald Strande, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Nels Strande, enlisted in Navy Air Force.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lynch and family returned from Bemidji where they had been vacationing.

"Gone with the Wind" was playing at Oak Theatre.

Bacon was for sale at \$.23/lb at Sovde's.

Weekly News Analysis: Federal Agents Foil Sabotage Plot With Capture of Nazi Spies in East; Rommel Forces Drive Toward Suez; Germany Opens New Russian Front.

FBI agents rounded up Nazi saboteurs at Amagansett beach, Long Beach. They were transporting large amounts of explosives.

A moderate increase in sugar rations, possibly half a pound per coupon, has been hinted at by officials.

Marvel Dental Company: False teeth for as low as \$7.95 per plate.

The July war bond quota for Red Lake County was \$14,300.

### Seventy Years Ago July 3, 1952

Pvt. Leonard LaCoursiere left recently for Fargo, ND for Fort Lee where he will take basic training for eight weeks. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hector LaCoursiere.

Wednesday's heavy rain un-official measurement was about 3 inches.

Shelter belts were discussed at a meeting in Red Lake Falls PMA office.

Five of fifteen cases by Justice of the Peace T.E. Umhoefer were brought by Constable Ed Bernier. They included one charge of reckless driving, two drunk and Disorderly, one drunken driving and one driving without a license. The other 10 were brought by the Minnesota Highway Patrol with six for going through a stop sign, one for no license on vehicle, two for no valid drivers license and one for drunken driving. Total fines collected in the 15 cases was \$162.

The Oklee Colts lost to the Clover team by a 6 to 2 score.

### Sixty Years Ago June 28, 1962

The old wooden frost jacket, which has kept the stand-pipe to the Oklee Water tank form freezing, was torn down last week in preparation for erection of a new six foot stand-pipe. No frost jacket will surround the new stand-pipe. The old tower and tank were built in 1915, making Oklee one of the first villages in this area

to have water system.

Crop loss of \$50 to \$70 million is feared in an 10-county area due to the wettest spring season in 63 years. The formation of an Area Emergency Planning Committee was recommended to expedite the economic recovery and was formed.

The Midway Drive-In (located between Fosston & McIntosh) was featuring "The Sergeant was a Lady", "Tomboy and the Champ", "Butterfield 8" and "Sail a Crooked Ship", during the next week or so.

A/2C Louis Dessellier of Donaldson AFB in South Carolina, arrived Monday to spend a 19 day furlough at the home of his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Mahla were honored on their 40th wedding anniversary on Sunday at an open house at their home.

A group of neighbors and friends gathered at the Juel Chervestad home Sunday for a building bee. The ladies brought a potluck lunch. The Chervestad thanked all who participated.

### 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 July 8, 1982

Red Lake County Fair to be held in Oklee on July 19, 20, 21<sup>st</sup>. The Roger Brothers Shows form Pelican Rapids will be on the Midway.

Oklee area was badly damaged by July 4<sup>th</sup> winds. Trees were knocked down all over the town and the roof from the new apartment building was torn off and scattered across the block. Many other houses were damaged also.

Connie and John Peoples hosted an "Open House" at their new Oklee Laundromat last Friday.

A 4<sup>th</sup> of July doings at Lyle & Muriel Mandt was enjoyed by 50 relatives and friends with a potluck dinner and swimming.

A 34 x 60 foot barn located at the Roger Kvaale farm was totally demolished in Sunday nights storm which hit the area. Further north, two farmers also lost buildings that were not used to house animals, Harry Berg and Carl Sweno.

### Thirty Years Ago July 8, 1992

The Oklee School has a science position open with the resignation of Roger Benson and Superintendent has notified six area colleges of the opening.

The Annual Setesdals Laget will start next week and will have two days of music and programs. The Ogdal "Rockeklubb" and "Rio Orches-

tra" will perform in concert and for your dancing pleasure in Oklee on July 11.

Olivia Hruby, daughter of Jerome Hruby and Bernadette Paradis was baptized on June 27<sup>th</sup> at St. Philips Catholic Church. Godparents were Rosetta Hruby, Kenneth, Louis and Thomas Paradis.

Freezing temperatures early last Sunday morning resulted in scattered damage to corn and soybeans in south-central and southeastern Minnesota, with the worst damage in the Rochester area.

The Dessellier family held their annual family picnic on July 4<sup>th</sup> at Clearwater County Camp.

Deb Fox celebrated her 20<sup>th</sup> birthday at her parent's home, Don and Shar Fox on Tuesday.

### Twenty Years Ago July 11, 2002

New Oklee resident - In his native country of Uganda, Roger Lubega faced continued poverty and uncertainty. In 1972 his father and two sisters immigrated to Canada. At the age of 27 he came to America and settled in Minneapolis and eventually made his home in Oklee.

In what Red Lake County Sheriff called the "biggest meth bust in county history" was made on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. A search warrant was served at a rural home in Brooks and Sheriff Arlt said it was a big arrest with drugs, firearms, and cash found during the early morning raid.

Skyler Bergeson took Grand Master with his Charolais café at eh Red Lake County Fair.

Joe Goulet of Brooks and a member of the Plummer School read his award winning essay "My Grandparents" at the Senior Program at the Fair.

Corey Olson, a member of the Gernes Go-Getters 4H Club earned a Grand Champion in both Pets and Performing at the Fair.

### Ten Years Ago July 4, 2012

The Red Lake County Fair is planned for July 13, 14 & 15<sup>th</sup>. Events include a Senior Program, a Talent Show with Lena, Teen Dance, Kiddy Tractor Pull, Xtreme Car Racing, Bingo, Pie Contest, Cookie Contest, Cathy Erickson Variety Show, and much more.

On June 27<sup>th</sup>, the 7th & 8th grade RLCC Girls BB team attended the Minnesota Lynx game at Target Center.

A house on Main Street was removed this week. The neighbors on each side purchased the house and had it demolished so they now each have larger yards.

Many people from the Oklee/Plummer/Brooks area attended the Polka Mass in Florian last week. They serve 470 meals great meals of polish food in the church basement.

Former Plummer resident Lorie (Skjerven) Gildea, who is the Chief Justice of Minnesota's Supreme Court is pictured with Abigail Gerardy who attended Minnesota Girls State representing Plummer's American Legion Post #623.



## Senior Site News & Other Things

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

### Pot Lucks:

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

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### Senior Meals:

If you want to order a Senior Meal see the menu instructions on page 2 in the Senior Menu.

You will notice that the cafe is going to be closed on Mondays, but is offering a meal on Sunday, so you can still get 5 meals a week if you choose.

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### Congregate Meals:

If we can get enough volunteers to set up for congregare meals, we could start having them at the site. If you are interested in being a dining volunteer, please let Jo Lambert know. Thank you!

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### 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.

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**Pretty Interesting Stuff Facts You May Not Know**

> Each year 2,000,000 smokers either quit smoking or die of tobacco-related diseases.

> Peanut oil is used for cooking in submarines because it doesn't smoke unless it's heated above 450 degrees F.

> Nine out of every 10 living things live in the ocean.

> Airports at higher altitudes require a longer airstrip due to lower air density.

> The University of Alaska spans four time zones.

> Warner Communications paid \$28 million for the copy-

right to the song Happy Birthday.

> Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.

> A comet's tail always points away from the sun.

> The military salute is a motion that evolved from medieval times, when knights in armor raised their visors to reveal their identity.

> If you get into the bottom of a well or a tall chimney and look up, you can see stars, even in the middle of the day.

> When a person dies, hearing is the last sense to go. The first sense lost is sight.

> Strawberries are the only fruits whose seeds grow on the outside.

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That is all for this week. Enjoy the summer weather!

## Plummer News

By Alice Jobe  
218-465-4402

Brian Fallon's sunflowers south and west of my place are doing quite well after a couple showers. It will be different to have tall sunflowers later this summer.

Some of those attending Senior Day at the Fair were Carol and Jim Wright, Sandy Greenwald, Glenyce Eskeli, and Bruce Eskeli. Also Anne Traxler, Karen Tvedt and Alice Jobe. Others were Debbie Rewertz and her mom, Gloria Benedict, and Linda Anderson.

The afternoon show at 1 p.m. featured the duo called "The Memories" which performed for 2 hours. They did Statler Brothers songs, and other singers from the 60's and 70's.

They have toured for 50 years. Imagine them away from their family over the years. The Bingo was played. They had very nice prizes. Later coffee and bars and cookies were served.

Jim Rystad of Red Lake Falls was awarded Outstanding Citizen of Red Lake County.

Later we went to the school and looked at the exhibits. They were good and very interesting. Later we girls had hamburgers at the 4-H booth at the school cooked by Pastor Jonathan and Jack Dodson.

Tony and Shiela Gerardy had their three grandkids at the fair, the Bernstroms from Karlstad.

Friday, the 24th, it got very

## Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

The 4th of July was muggy and warm. Many people emptied the towns and went to their cabin, or their mansion on the lake. The towns were fairly emptied out. Gatherings of people at relatives home for cookouts and visiting after being at home for two years due to covid restrictions went forth to do some past due visiting. It was a different 4th of July in the area since Plummer had decided not to have their parade as usual.

With the streets torn up, and infrastructure being replaced, they prudently canceled their celebration. In our family, it has been the go to place for July 4th. This year we decided to go to Warroad to visit our daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Matt Ellenson and Ian, Phillip, and Daphne. For a change they were not working and it was a very pleasant visit. We came for dinner and visited for a while in the afternoon, then we went to their parade. It was a long parade about an hour and had horses trucks tractors and businesses played a great part in the sponsorship of the parade. They even had a train go through blowing his horn and waving to the crowd. That was an added touch. Then we came home to Nancy's house and had supper.

Our trip back to the area was very eventful though. We were traveling down the highway, when we slowed for a bear on the road. She also had a cub with her and she stopped when she saw us and scooted back down into the ditch and back into the woods, the cub following after her. We were both amazed at the sighting of the bear, because there are many times we travel that highway seeing no wildlife. But to see two bears is a thrill. So we went on down the road and we saw another bear trying to cross the road. This one was not as scared as the first and it went down into the ditch and waited for us to pass by. It sat on the opposite side of the ditch watching us. The thrill was just as high as the first one. Personally, I have not seen that many bear in my life. I did see them dead after hunting and a lucky hunter brought them home on the fender of a car, but in the wild I never saw bear. And I grew up in the north woods of Wisconsin. What a day.

We got to Thief River Falls in time for the Fireworks at the Casino and I want to thank them for their diligence in putting on a great show. There were lots of beautiful fireworks and the show lasted a good long time. Thanks again to the Casino for putting on the event. I enjoy the fireworks almost as much as I did when I was a kid.

Another shooting where many people were killed in

Highland Park Illinois. 6 people were killed and at least 24 were injured. It is an epidemic. I guess we don't really care because it never stops and only gets worse. Our gun lovers win, we lose. It is a fact of life in America. I was a hunter, and knew what guns were for, but never did I think that a gun you turned on a man. The ones that do this seem to try to stay in the shadows like a coward and shoot people in the back so to speak, the prey is defenseless.

Let's hope our life is worth more than hate, and that we can be safe in our world. Have a great week and try to stay positive, looking for solutions instead of blaming someone or something for our troubles.

Look for the rainbows.

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## Who's Dat?



### Who's Dat?

This week's photo is of a family from the area. All the children are grown up and have children of their own.

Last week's photo was of three ladies. Vi (Berry) (Melby) Bergh, Ragna Gunerson, and Shirley (Turgeon) Cyr.

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

okleeherald@gmail.com.

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



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