



Polk County's Thompson & Smith Receive GIS Award at International Conference

Polk County GIS Department staff Rick Thompson and Nathan Smith have received a prestigious technology industry award recognizing their innovative use of geographic information systems (GIS).

Thompson and Smith received the Esri Special Achievement in GIS (SAG) Award this week at the 2022 Esri International User Conference in San Diego, CA. Esri is the global market leader in geographic information systems (GIS) technology which is used by almost all local governments across the US. Esri software is used for mapping and spatial analysis, helping counties share information with residents and providing "location intelligence" to accomplish tasks in areas such as property assessment, public works, emergency management and elections.

Polk County's GIS Department has been a leader in the use of GIS technology amongst local governments – particularly smaller size governments – for decades.

The County pioneered the use of a GIS-based "hub" to help ensure fair property assessment with its "Equitable Property Value Hub" ([Equitable Property Value | Polk County, Minnesota \(arcgis.com\)](#)).

This same technology is used by the county to share county road information with

its "Roads and Highways Hub" ([Roads and Highways | Polk County, Minnesota \(arcgis.com\)](#)).

The public can find or request a rural address with the "Addressing Hub" ([Addressing | Polk County, Minnesota \(arcgis.com\)](#)).

Local voting locations and information can be found with the "Promoting Transparent Elections Hub" ([Promoting Transparent Elections | Polk County, Minnesota \(arcgis.com\)](#)).

Sharing free public data, tools and resources has become very easy with the "Open Data Portal Hub" ([Open Data Portal | Polk County | Minnesota \(arcgis.com\)](#)).

Rick Thompson, GIS Coordinator for Polk County, has continually expanded the county's GIS program to improve the efficiency of many processes that are vital to its daily operations, and to make sure residents can find important information easily, without having to call or visit county offices. This accelerated during the COVID-19 pandemic, when remote services were widely implemented as an alternative to close contact in an office.

Thompson, along with GIS Specialist Nathan Smith, received the award at a ceremony in San Diego, Wednesday, July 13th. They were joined by team members from Pro-West & Associates, a GIS services busi-

ness based in Walker, MN, that collaborates with the county to help achieve its GIS goals.

Thompson commented: "We are very thankful to receive this award from Esri, recognizing not just the work of the county but our community, which is embracing the benefits of GIS technology to enhance our daily lives. Polk County is a great place to live and seeing it represented on an international stage is a great accomplishment."

"GIS has become a vital technology for Polk County staff and residents. It makes us more efficient as an organization, which benefits taxpayers, and allows us to spend more time focusing on work that moves our community forward and brings value to our residents."

"County residents can find a wealth of information at their fingertips using GIS tools. They are using the technology to find comparable sale prices for properties in their desired area or see where road closures might affect their commute. Staff can use it to track zebra mussel infestations at public water access points or find information about roads during the survey process when planning construction projects. The list goes on."

Visit Polk County's Geospatial Hub: [Polk County Hub \(arcgis.com\)](#)



Oklee Community Block Party moved to Hall due to weather

Unfortunately, Mother Nature had other plans for the evening of July 14th. It wasn't a heavy rain in Oklee, but enough of a rain that forced the 2nd Annual Oklee Community Block party to move indoors.

The change was made about 4:30 p.m. and the process of letting the ones we knew were coming know of the change. And signs were put up to inform the public.

On top of the weather, the sidewalk areas in front of the hall door, the north city door were prepped for new concrete

to be poured force attendees to enter the City building on the east side and make their way to the hall.

And around 60 people still came for an evening meal that the community brought in to the potluck. There were BBQ's for all and a variety of salads, chips, and bars along with water and coffee.

Lots of people enjoyed visiting with neighbors and getting caught up on the happenings of Oklee.

The only thing missing was all the fun and games of being

outdoors and playing volleyball, pickleball, and a variety of yard games that were available at last years Community Block Party.

Since it was deemed a success despite the weather, plans for next year's Oklee Community Block party will be put on the calendar and maybe next year Mother Nature will allow the community to have it outside, enjoying nature and the fun and games you can only play outside.

Hope to see you next year at the 3rd Annual Block Party!



Photo above: Polk County GIS Department staff Rick Thompson and Nathan Smith have received a prestigious technology industry award recognizing their innovative use of geographic information systems (GIS).

Plummer Street Project Update



Progress on the projects in Plummer are moving along. There are less concrete storm pipes, water pipes, and sewer pipes and the piles of sand and gravel are disappearing also. Still lots to do and it will be just wonderful when it is completed.

Calendar of Events

Wed, July 20:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
Thu, July 21:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.
Fri, July 22:
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news
Sat, July 23:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!
Sun, July 24:
-Worship at the church – check inside for church times and places.
Mon, July 25:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.
Tue, July 26:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.
Wed, July 27:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
Thu, July 28:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.
Fri, July 29:
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH

Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Wed, July 20: 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night Service at Parsonage.

Sun, July 24: 10:00 a.m.
Joint Service at Zion.

Wed, July 27: 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. Bryan Kujawa
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, July 24: 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 24: 8 a.m. Ekelund Worship. 9:30 a.m. Faith Worship. 11:00 a.m. Bethany Worship.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH

Mt. Olive - Nazareth
Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Sat, July 23: Mt Olive: 9:00 a.m.

Sun, July 24: 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, July 20: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

Sun, July 24: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School. 10:00 a.m. Worship.

Tue, July 26: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions.

Wed, July 27: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH

Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, July 24: 9:00 a.m. Lund. 10:30 a.m. Bethany.
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.

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.

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Tuesdays to Saturdays
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Sundays
8:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Phone: 218-796-5666

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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 **Wednesday, August 10th** 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.

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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) Chervestad, Tillie (Gunderson) Engeland, Gunder Gunderson and Gunnie Gunderson.

John's siblings were: Birget Gunnarsdtr Lidveit; Torbjorn Gunderson Rome, Gunnuf; Margit Lien, Ingeborg Gunderson and Gunnuv 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 Gunnuv Gundersen and Margit Torbjornsdttr 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 or call 218-796-4688 or Lana Nelson at 218-796-5778, so we know how many to plan for.

Thank you!



Medicare 101 virtual class offered

There is a lot to do when you become eligible for Medicare and it can seem overwhelming. Minnesota's Senior LinkAge Line® offers a class giving you answers. The Senior LinkAge Line Medicare 101 class is for people new to Medicare and would like to learn about Medicare Parts A, B, C and D. Topics include a comprehensive introduction to Medicare including what Medicare covers, supplemental insurance and Part D prescription coverage.

During class, you will find out how to get the most from your benefits and how to research your Medicare plan options using the Medicare.gov site.

Space is limited, to attend please register online at www.dancingskyaaa.org or call Senior LinkAge Line at 1-800-333-2433.

What: New to Medicare Virtual Class

When: Thursday, July 21st, 2022 from 2:00 PM - 4:00 p.m.

Where: Online Virtual Class Register at: www.dancingskyaaa.org

The Senior LinkAge Line® is a free statewide service of the Minnesota Board on Aging in partnership with Minnesota's Area Agencies on Aging.

The Senior LinkAge Line helps older Minnesotans and caregivers find answers and connect to the service and support they need.

Call the Senior LinkAge Line at (800)-333-2433, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or visit www.minnesotahelp.info to chat with a specialist during business hours.

Do you enjoy working with families and kids?

Quin County Community Health Services WIC is accepting applications for a part-time WIC Support Aid.

Position will include greeting participants, scheduling, answering phones and various clinic duties. Looking for a kind and caring individual with good communication and computer skills, travel to clinic locations in Kittson, Marshall, Pennington, Red Lake and Roseau Counties, and work varied hours approximately 20 hours per week. Wage starting at \$17.00 per hour with mileage reimbursement. Paid holiday, vacation and sick leave. Send resume to PO Box 248, Newfolden, MN, 56738 or e-mail quinchs@wiktel.com. Phone (218) 874-7845 for more information. Position open until filled.

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Notice to Residents of Equality Township

The dates of filling Affidavits of Candidacy for township offices are Tuesday, August 2, 2022 through Tuesday, August 16, 2022.

Office open are:
2 - Supervisor - 4 year term
1 - Treasurer - 4 year term

Filings may be done at the clerk's home at any reasonable time. Filing closes at 5:00 p.m. on August 16th, 2022. Filing fee is \$2.00.

Janet Halvorson,
Equality Township Clerk

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NOTICE TO RESIDENTS OF CHESTER TOWNSHIP

The dates of filing Affidavits of Candidacy for township offices are Tuesday, August 2, 2022 through Tuesday, August 16, 2022.

Offices open are:
1 - Supervisor - 4 year term and
1 - Clerk - 4 year term.

Filings may be done at the Clerk's home at any reasonable time.

Filings close at 5:00 p.m. on August 16, 2022. Filing fee is \$2.00.

Pam O'Neill
Chester Township Clerk

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STATE OF MINNESOTA RED LAKE COUNTY

In Re: Estate of
Lawrence Killiam, Deceased.

District Court
Ninth Judicial District
Court File No: 63-PR-22-96

NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Interested Persons and Creditors:

Notice is hereby given that an application for informal probate of the above-named Decedent's Last Will dated July 11, 2002 has been filed with the Probate Registrar, and the application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Probate Registrar has informally appointed the following: Diane Killian, whose address is 16631 210th Ave SE, Plummer, MN 5674, as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative, or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-607, and the court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of the issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

Any objections to the probate of the Will, or to the appointment of the personal representative, must be filed with this court, and will be heard by the court after filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.

Notice is also given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four (4) months after the date of this Notice, or the claims will be barred.

Dated: June 28, 2022

/s/ Melissa Sletten

Probate Registrar

Dated: June 28, 2022

/s/ Kathy Narlock

Court Administrator

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Deadline:
Fridays at noon!

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

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Oklee Herald Early Files

Eighty Years Ago July 23, 1942

Warren NYA Center to Train Girls for War: Girls ages 17-25 were eligible for training in war production including welding and riveting sheet metal.

Dreng Nesland, son of Mrs. Gunvor Nesland of Oklee, was married to Betsy Hanson of Malta Montana in early July.

The East Polk County fair was set to be held July 30-August 2 at Fosston. The attractions included a carnival, Hayloft Jamboree, 4-H parade and a rodeo.

Several farewell parties were thrown for young men departing for war. The men were Malcolm Lynch, Orvil Stennes, Engvold Larson, Arthur Klossen, Alfred Troland, Carl Ellingson, Louis Kremers and Gynther Gunderson.

Bradford Cyr, who moved to Chicago three weeks prior, wrote home to say he likes the city and expects to stay there awhile longer.

A 5lb box of spaghetti or macaroni noodles could be purchased at Sovde's for just \$.29.

Weekly News Analysis: Powerful Strength of Nazi Thrust Drives to Greatest Gain in Russia; Aussies Smash at Rommel in Egypt; U.S. Forces "Change Policy" in China.

Even Moscow admitted it, the powerful Nazi thrust had driven further into Soviet territory than ever before.

"Post-War Period In U.S. to be an Amazing New Age- If people live on a farm they will probably have an amazing vehicle that can be used to plough, harrow, milk and round up the cows."

Fritz and Raymond Thorpe, Julius Hiller, Elmer Hince, Sam Groven and Mikkel Larson spent Sunday on a fishing trip at Twin Lakes, East of Mahanomen.

Star Theatre in Plummer was showing "To Be or Not to Be" for \$.20.

Seventy Years Ago July 17, 1952

In conjunction with the

Red Lake County Fair activities slated for this year, the merchants committee of Red Lake Falls Commercial Club is awarding a Dairy Calf to the 4-H club member who qualifies according to the rules: Write an Essay: "What I would do with the prize dairy calf" in 300 words or less, be a 4-H member with an approved record, must be a fair exhibitor, agree to show the animal at the 3 succeeding RLC fairs, and have the essay in by July 29th.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Johnson of Oklee are the parents of a son born July 6th in a Thief River Falls hospital.

Kenneth Erb of Ryder, ND has been hired by the Oklee Creamery Association, Inc. to succeed Leonard Boucher who recently resigned to go to Milwaukee.

The annual Festival of Nazareth Church was held Sunday with a very large crowd in attendance. Ladies Aid served dinner and lunch and Rev. Lie conducted the program.

A Farewell Party was to be held for Francis Weber at the VFW Hall in Trail on July 19th.

Sixty Years Ago July 12, 1962

An estimated crowd of 3000 people attending the 4th of July celebration in Highland. Races were held for the children with prizes of money given to the winner. An exciting tug of war was held with the men from the north side of the river against the men of the south with the south winning, were just a few of the many activities held that day.

The Oklee PeeWees clobbered the Gonvick PeeWees 19 to 13 Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Medchill were honored on their Golden Wedding anniversary Sunday, July 1 with an open house at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Plummer.

A Friday evening birthday party was held in honor of Arnold Arlt at his home.

A week ago Sunday, Vicki Blackstad was an honored

guest at the home of her grandparents, the Ben Olsons. Guests helped Vicki celebrate her 1st birthday.

Miss Jennifer Peterson, sister of the bride (Charlene Peterson) was the flower girl and carried a white lace basket of red and white roses.

In a game played Thursday morning, June 28th, the Plummer PeeWee baseball team hammered out a 19 to 9 win over the Oklee team.

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 22, 1982

The Oklee Community was severely damaged by winds on July 17th, but the Red Lake County Fair opened Monday, July 19th. Trailer house was demolished, a plane used for spraying at Charles Bachand's farm took an unscheduled flight and landed on top of the water truck. The tops of the elevator bins were a mass of twisted metal. Trees were down or tops taken off by the severe winds. Buildings were knocked over and debris covered the entire town.

Everyone pitched in to help all to clean up the mess caused by the storm and by fair day, the main street was ready to host the Red Lake County Fair.

Thirty Years Ago July 22, 1992

Tom and Diane Kolstoe, a dairy couple whose farm is located near Highway 1 between Oklee and Plummer were chosen as the 1992 King Agassiz couple for Red Lake County.

Red Lake County Outstanding Senior Citizens for 1992 were Marvin Bronken and Pearl Laniel.

Paul Peterson, Aaron Chapat and Jamie Carriere were part of the Mentor Magic basketball team which competed in the Minnesota Star of the North games. They team placed 2nd out of 16 teams in their 9th grade age group.

Twenty Years Ago July 25, 2002

Willard Bergeron and Ragana Gunderson were named as Red Lake County's Outstanding Senior Citizens at the Red Lake County Fair.

The Oklee School reported that they had been broken into and damage had been done and item's were missing. 3 juveniles were charged.

A kid'z rummage sale was held at grandpa Groves was lots of fun for the kids though it states granpa had more fun.

Ten Years Ago July 18, 2012

Leona Christianson was the grand prize winner at the Senior Program's Bingo games.

Brady Grove, local magician, had JoAnn Zutz on stage as a helper for one of his magic tricks he performed for the Seniors.

Bunny DuChamp was surprised to learn that she had been chosen Outstanding Senior Citizen for the 2012 Red Lake County Fair.

On June 23rd, Vernie and Wally Porch celebrated their 65th anniversary with members of the family and their friends.

Senior Site News & Other Things

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

Senior Meeting

There will be a Senior Site meeting on Thursday, July 21st at 10:00 a.m. Please attend.

Senior Pot Luck:

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

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.

Congregate Meals:

If we can get enough volunteers to set up for congregate 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!

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.**

Jokes:

Teacher: "If I gave you 2 cats and another 2 cats and another 2, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Seven."

Teacher: "No, listen carefully... If I gave you two cats, and another two cats and another two, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Seven."

Teacher: "Let me put it to you differently. If I gave you two apples, and another two apples and another two, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Six."

Teacher: "Good. Now if I gave you two cats, and another two cats and another two, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Seven!"

Teacher: "Johnny, where in the heck do you get seven from?"

Johnny: "Because I've already got a cat!"

Heat stroke is a serious issue according to the Mayo Clinic webpage. See the definition below:

Heatstroke is a condition caused by your body overheating, usually as a result of prolonged exposure to or physical exertion in high temperatures. This most serious form of heat injury, heatstroke, can occur if your body temperature rises to 104 F (40 C) or higher. The condition is most common in the summer months.

Heatstroke requires emergency treatment. Untreated heatstroke can quickly damage your brain, heart, kidneys and muscles. The damage worsens the longer treatment is delayed, increasing your risk of serious complications or death.

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe
218-465-4402

On Tuesday, Joe Sabotu, of Woodbury, MN toured the Tri-River Museum. He had been visiting museums throughout the state.

Sunday, Anna DeHate, Anne Traxler, and Alice Jobe went to Erskine to eat at the Ness Café. It was quite full. They had a great salad bar. Russ Carpenter came down on his motorcycle to eat. The Ness Café has been in business since 1915.

On Monday evening, Tri-River Pioneers met at the Museum. Naomi and Doug Faldoe of Mentor joined Tri-Rivers Pioneers. They had been in the tractor drive to Brooks earlier.

The work continues on the construction project of replacing sewer pipes, culverts, water main. It is a slow project. Currently there are about 40

concrete drainpipes sitting on Minnesota Street west of me.

They worked on Main Street up to the bank. It definitely limits the driving one can do up town.

On Wednesday evening Anne Traxler and Anna DeHate attended the parade at Thief River Falls for the start of the Fair. Anne's grandkids were in it and Anna's great grandkids also were. They said it was a good parade.

The "Buck" moon was Wednesday night when bucks are growing their antlers. The moon and the earth are closest on Wednesday night.

Did you know that the Sunflower is the State Flower of Kansas?

Also, golf originated in Scotland (St. Andrews) 150 years

ago. That seems hard to believe. Two of the guys from the Today Show, Channel 11, were in Scotland. They were Al Roker and Carson Daly. Al Roker is the weatherman. Anyway, they were going to play some golf while there. Lucky them. Carson had his wife with.

The weather is getting warmer and we may get some stormy weather.

The sunflowers south and west of me are doing well. It's fun to watch them grow. Some places by Brooks still looked wet after the heavy rains they had.

It really poured last Sunday morning while we were at 8 a.m. Mass.

Enjoy the summer weather and activities available.

Oklee Centennial Cookbook Recipe Corner - Page 77

Sweet Macaroni Salad Polly Swenson

16 oz pkg elbow macaroni
4 medium carrots, shredded
1 large green pepper, chopped
1 medium red onion, chopped
2 cups mayonnaise
14 oz can sweetened condensed milk
1 cup sugar
1 cup cider vinegar
1 tsp salt & 1/2 tsp pepper



Cook macaroni according to package directions; drain and rinse in cold water. In a large serving bowl, combine the macaroni, carrots, green pepper and onion. In a small bowl, whisk the mayonnaise, milk, sugar, vinegar, salt & pepper until smooth. Pour over macaroni mixture and toss to coat. Cover and refrigerate overnight. Yield: 14 servings. Keeps well at least several days or up to a week. Can omit the green pepper. Dressing is also good with coleslaw.

Who's Dat?



Who's Dat?

This week's photo is a family from the area.

Last week's photo was of the summer children's play. Sorry, I didn't change the clue. That's what happens when your in a hurry. Anyways, the photo last week was of the cast of the children's Summer Theatre. The play was "Winnie the Pooh. Standing were Becky Cote (Kanga), Michelle Soto (Roo), Amy Paquin (Pooh), Nick Olson (Rabbit), McCaluli Berns (Aunt. Kneeling were: Andrew Lundeen (Skunk), Amanda Paradis (Rabbit), Alexis Hanson (Piglet), Maisie Lundeen (Owl), Stephanie Smith (Christopher Robin), Spencer Paradis (Lil Rabbit. Laying down was Matthew Lundeen (Eeyore).

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.

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sister Angie Stone in Champlin and doing some maintenance on her home, and Dianne and Stephanie went to Marshall to help the Grunigs settle into their new home after the move from North Dakota.

Our sympathy to the La-Coursierre Family in the loss of Melody Pollard who unexpectedly passed away last week. She was 42 years old. Our condolences to all who knew her. May she rest in peace.

Happy Birthday to Karen Delage. She's 21 again. I hope she has a great day and that she enjoys all the perks of a birthday. Everyone deserves to be a queen for a day every year of their life. Enjoy Karen.

There was a new report of the Uvalde shootings this weekend and already there have been discrepancies in the reporting. The lies abounded in this case. I guess the powers that run these things are just too corrupt that the truth is too

foreign for them. We may never know the actual truth of what happened, because everyone is too scared of the truth. Even the public. Just saying.

Everyone is trying to get some outside time these days. The weekends are set for road trips and lake outings. The towns empty out and are ghost towns on the weekends. It is summer. We have been locked down with Covid for a long time so it is time to go go go.

Speaking of Covid the next strain is upon us and after a call from my daughter in Utah, we are on the verge of another outbreak. This one is more catchy and it is not a mild strain. She said their hospital is filling up again. So be careful if you don't want to get it.

Have a great week, and enjoy what is left of summer. The countdown to school opening is coming up and I am sure you want to have some more memories to cherish. Plant a tree.

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