

Oklee Precipitation		
By Einar Kvasager		
	Rain	Snow
Aug. 14	0.02	
Aug. 11	0.08	
Total in.	0.10	

Oklee Herald

...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

OKLEE (RED LAKE COUNTY) MINN. 56742

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Three local businesses in Oklee held Anniversary celebrations. Oklee Lumber (70 years), D & R Grocery (30 years) and Oklee Quilting (50 years). Oklee Lumber had a sidewalk sale and good bargains for shoppers.

Anniversary celebrations for Local Business on Market Day

On Oklee Market Day, three local businesses helped make Market Day in Oklee a success by holding their anniversary celebrations and having treats and specials for all.

Oklee Quilting Door Prize winners were: Diane Hanson won the quilters wine glass and Molly Smith won the quilt as you go kit.

Oklee Lumber Market Day Winners

- Jessica Hofstad \$150 Cabela's Card
- Gene Heggess \$50 Cabela's Card
- Gin Bern's \$50 Oklee Lumber Card
- Shane Vettleson \$50 Oklee Lumber Card
- Bruce Bjerklie Tape Measure
- Lloyd Ranum Tape Measure
- Jenny O'Neill Stocking cap
- Alma Stenberg Stocking cap
- Neil Gellespie Stocking cap
- Gary Martell Stocking cap
- Stacey Hofstad Stocking cap
- Jim Price Baseball cap
- Vince Lundeen Baseball cap
- Elaine Green Baseball cap
- Jim Eck Baseball cap
- Nancy Winkler Baseball cap
- Dorene Dessellier Flashlight
- Ardis Hofstad Flashlight
- Levi Flatgard Flashlight
- Owen O'Neill Flashlight
- Jared Hofstad Flashlight
- Steve Olson 1# Torx Screws
- Cheryl Spong O'Neill 1# Torx Screws
- Audrey Bachand 1# Torx Screws



Debbie and Rick Sherman celebrated their 30th anniversary in business with cake and coffee in the afternoon on Oklee Market Day.



- Jon Smith 1# Torx Screws
- Mae Mero 1# Torx Screws
- Delores Longtin Lighted Camo Cap
- Orin Hofstad Lighted Camo Cap
- D & R Grocery Winners**
- Youth:
- 1st: Molly Smith: Volleyball net & volleyball
- 2nd: Justin Lenhart: Soccer ball
- Adult:
- 1st: Cindy Melby: Grill, charcoal and cooking utensils
- 2nd: Kari Reinbold: Cooler & 20 pack of Pepsi
- Congratulations to the Business and all the winners!

Oklee Quilting Supply Inc. had in store specials. Pictured is Toni Johnson, Loretta Syrtveit, LeAnn Smith and Cheryl O'Neill.



The great-granddaughters of Tom & Bette Melby, the original owners of Oklee Lumber were on hand to greet everyone on Market Day. Pictured is: Lauren, Karena, Sydney, Dana and Tatum, in front.

Secretary of State - Steve Simon visits northwestern counties to get the word out - VOTE!

Steve Simon, Secretary of State for Minnesota has been traveling to all 87 counties in Minnesota to get the word out - VOTE!

On Thursday, Simon visited with 6 counties: Kittson at Hallock City Hall; Marshall County with Auditor/Treasurer Scott Peters; Violence Intervention Project in TRF (Pennington County); Inter-County Community Council (CCC) in Oklee, Red Lake County; Polk County with Elections Administrator Michelle Cote in Crookston, and with the Ada Chamber of Commerce (Norman) at the Ada City Council meeting rooms.

In Oklee while visiting at ICCC, Simon spoke to a group of Headstart/Early Childhood educators about the importance of getting the word out to their clients, on how easy it is to vote.

Simon talked about the voting rules that make it easy for everyone to make their vote count.

Minnesota was number 1 for voter turnout for 9 elections in a row and at the last election, we dropped to 6th place. Simon is hoping by getting the word out to VOTE, Minnesota could once again be first in voter turnout.

Minnesota took the "Excuse" on of the Absentee Ballots. In the past you had to list a reason why you needed an Absentee Ballot. Two years ago the Excuse was removed.

How easy it is now to register to vote in Minnesota.

In order to vote in Minnesota you must be:

- a U.S. citizen
- at least 18 years old on Election Day
- A resident of Minnesota for 20 days.
- Finished with all parts of any felony sentence.

Go to mnvotes.org for more eligibility information.

Minnesota is one of the states where you can register the day of the election.

To register at your polling place on Election Day, bring one proof of residence with current address:

- Valid Minnesota driver's license, learner's permit or ID; or a receipt for any of these.
- Tribal ID with name, address, photo and signature.

If you have moved you can bring a Photo ID and a document with current name and address

Approved photo IDs (choose one). The ID can be expired.

- Driver's license, state ID or learner's permit issued by any state
- U.S. Passport
- U.S. Military or Veteran ID
- Tribal ID with name, signature and photo



Steve Simon - Minnesota Secretary of State

- Minnesota university, college or technical college ID
- Minnesota high school ID
- Approved documents (choose one). Can be shown on electronic device.

• Bill, account or start-of-service statement due or dated within 30 days of the election for:

- Phone, TV or internet
- Solid waste, sewer, electric, gas or water
- Banking or credit card
- Rent or mortgage
- Residential lease or rent agreement valid through Election Day
- Current student fee statement

Registered voter who can confirm your address

A registered voter from your precinct can go with you to the polling place to sign an oath confirming your address. This is known as 'vouching.' A registered voter can vouch for up to eight voters. You cannot vouch for others if someone vouched for you.

College student ID with housing list

Colleges and universities send election officials a student housing list. If you are on the list, show your college photo ID to complete your registration.

Valid registration in the same precinct

If you are registered in the

precinct but changed names or moved within the same precinct, you only need to tell the election judge your previous name or address.

Notice of Late Registration

If you registered to vote within 20 days of the election, you may get a Notice of Late Registration in the mail. Bring it with you and use it as your proof of residence to register.

Staff person of a residential facility

If you live in a residential facility, a staff person can go with you to the polling place to confirm your address. This is known as 'vouching.' A staff person can vouch for all eligible voters living in the facility.

The staff person must prove their employment at the facility. There are several ways to do this, including by showing an employee badge. Learn more.

Or you can register online by going to mnvotes.org. Just click on "Register to Vote" and follow the instructions.

Other information is also available on the mnvotes.org site. Under the Election Day Voting icon, is information on election dates, where to vote, how to vote, voter assistance, voter rights and polling place rules.

Under Other Ways to Vote is how to vote early by absentee ballot, vote from the military or abroad, and how to vote in a mail ballot precinct.

And if you want to know who is running in your area, go to "What's On My Ballot?" and you can get a copy of your ballot so you can study the candidates and see who filed for office.

And from this site there are a couple of links to the August 9 primary election results, how to get involved and how elections work.

ICCC added to Simon's challenge to get people to vote, is to be prepared for the politician at your door. Don't just listen to their spiel, but ask questions and tell them what is important to you and your family.

- Be brief and clear
- Be specific
- Know your facts - don't exaggerate.
- Be polite
- Be constructive - offer solution to the problem.

But most of all, get out and VOTE and encourage everyone else to vote - it is your RIGHT!



Steve Simon, Secretary of State, talking to the Headstart/Early Childhood teachers about the importance of voting and getting the word out. Photo courtesy of ICCC.

Operation Round Up® Grant Applications due Fri, Sept. 9th

Organizations involved in community projects and charities are encouraged to apply for funds from Operation Round Up at this time. Completed grant applications are due in the Red Lake Electric Cooperative (RLEC) office by Friday, September 9, 2016.

Operation Round Up is a program adopted by RLEC headquartered in Red Lake Falls. Members choosing to "round up" their monthly electric bill payment provide funds for this effort. Today 94% of RLEC members now choose to contribute pennies each month to enhance their communities.

Funds will be donated primarily to nonprofit organizations to help fund specific projects or programs. Since the program began in 1993, \$477 thousand has been granted to community organizations and charities. Money is donated for the betterment of the community within the outside service area boundaries of RLEC.

The Red Lake Electric Trust Board of Directors determines grants. Board members are Patty Mickelson, Oklee; Julie Stennes, Thief River Falls; Tishara Melcher, Middle River; Roger Johanneck, Red Lake

Falls and Bonnie Christians, Crookston.

To apply for Operations Round Up grants, organizations should contact the RLEC office in Red Lake Falls at 218-253-2168 or 800-245-6068. A short application must be completed and submitted along with a financial statement from the organization.

Grant application forms are available on the Cooperative's Web site: www.redlakeelectric.com

For more information contact Roger Johanneck, General Manager of RLEC, at 218-253-2168 or 800-245-6068.

- Calendar of Events**
- Wed, Aug. 24:**
- LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
 - Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. - Bridge.
 - 7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
- Thu, Aug. 25:**
- LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
 - Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. - Bingo.
- Fri, Aug. 26:**
- LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
 - Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
- Sat, Aug. 27:**
- Oklee Landfill Closed today!
 - Support your local business - Shop Locally!
- Sun, Aug. 28:**
- Worship at the church of your choice.
- Mon, Aug. 29:**
- LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
- Tue, Aug. 30:**
- LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
 - Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. - Cards
- Wed, Aug. 31:**
- LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
 - Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. - Bridge.
 - 7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.



Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Margaret Jacobus
Sun, Aug 28: 9:00 a.m. Zion.
10:30 a.m. Salem.
Tue, Aug. 30: 7:30 p.m.
Backpack Blessing @ Omar
Sundrud Park (Oklee's North
Park).

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
OKLEE
Fr. Adam Hamness
Sun, Aug 28: 7:30 a.m.
Confessions 8:00 a.m. Mass.

BROOKS - RED LAKE FALLS CATHOLIC PARISH
Fr. Bill DeCrans
Sat, Aug 27: 5:30 p.m. RLF
Sun, Aug 28: 8:00 a.m.
Brooks. 10:00 a.m. RLF.

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun, Aug 28: 9:00 a.m.
Worship Ebenezer. 10:30 a.m.
Worship Immanuel. 11:30 a.m.
Potluck at Immanuel.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Interim Pastor Phil Johnson
Sun, Aug 28: 8:30 a.m.
Bethany. 9:45 a.m. Ekelund.
11:00 a.m. Faith.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth
Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseith
Sat, Aug 27: 9:00 a.m. Mt.
Olive.
Sun, Aug 28: 8:00 a.m.
St. Petri. 9:45 a.m. Oak Park.
11:00 a.m. Nazareth.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg,
Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Aug. 24: 6:30 p.m.
Youth Group
Thu, Aug. 25: 12:00 p.m.
Rotary.
Sun, Aug 28: 9:30 a.m.
Worship.
Tues, Aug. 30: 9:30 a.m.
Ladies Bible Study. 10:30 a.m.
Quilting.
Wed, Aug. 31: 6:30 p.m.
Youth Group

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson,
Lay Minister
Sun, Aug 28: 9:00 a.m.
Lund. 10:30 a.m. Bethany.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY
Fosston
Seth Johnson,
Interim Pastor
Sun, Aug 28: 10:30 a.m.
Worship.

Oklee Landfill
will be
closed on
August 27th.

Thank You! Rick & Debbie Sherman would like to thank everyone for stopping by and helping them celebrate their 30th anniversary of their business on Oklee Market Day. Also thanks to all who gave cards and gifts. It was a wonderful day for us.
D & R Grocery

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To reserve a seat, please call by 3:00 p.m. the day before - 1-800-951-9363. All routes will arrive approximately between 10 and 11 a.m. at the destination. All routes need at least five persons signed up.
Thu, Aug. 15: Bemidji - Crookston, Winger, Erskine, McIntosh, Fosston, Lengby, Grand Forks - Thief River Falls.
Mon, Aug. 29: Grand Forks - Fosston, McIntosh, Erskine, Mentor, Crookston.
Wed, Aug. 31: Thief River Falls/Seven Clans Casino - Crookston, Fertile, Winger, Erskine, Brooks.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

Aug. 29 - Sept. 2
Call 796-5666 to order a meal.
If you are over the age of 60 and would like to eat with other seniors at the Senior Site, please call the Café at 796-5666 to reserve your meal. A \$4.00 per meal donation is suggested.
Monday: Meatloaf, boiled potatoes, vegetables, dessert, and milk.
Tuesday: Baked ham, hash browns, vegetables, dessert and milk.
Wednesday: Goulash hotdish, corn, toast, dessert and milk.
Thursday: Taco salad in taco bowl (with all the fixings), dessert and milk.
Friday: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, cream gravy, dessert, and milk.

Deadline: Friday's at noon!

Sudoku Solution

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

It's important to know that some investments offered today suggest a high rate of return, but are not insured. Be very careful! With these uninsured investments there are no guarantees and you could lose your money.

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Notice of Sale of Tax Forfeited Lands

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Friday the 26th of August, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.** in the commissioners room at the Red Lake County Courthouse in Red Lake Falls, MN, I shall sell to the highest bidder those parcels of land described in the list contained herein, which have been classified as non-conservation lands and appraised as provided by law. This sale will be governed by the provisions of Section 282.01 of Minnesota Statutes and by the resolution of the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners authorizing such sale, which resolution reads as follows:

"BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the parcels of land forfeited to the State of Minnesota for nonpayment of taxes, appearing on the list filed with the County Auditor, which have been classified and appraised as provided by Minnesota Laws, 1935, Chapter 386, as amended, shall be offered for sale by the Red Lake County Auditor, said sale to commence at 11:00 a.m. on the 26th day of August, 2016 as provided by law."

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the terms of the sale shall be for **CASH ONLY.**"

In addition to the sale amount, 3% of the sale price shall be added pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 292.28, Minnesota Title Assurance Fund. Also, a \$25.00 fee shall be paid at the time of the purchase to cover the cost of the state deed, pursuant to M.S.A. 282.014. A recording fee of \$46.00 per deed shall also be collected and retained for the recording of the state deed before it can be presented to the purchaser, M.S.A. 282.301. Deed tax based on the amount of sale shall also be paid at the time of sale. Attention should be given to M.S.A. 429.071, 453.23 and 444.076 that refer to special assessments that may be the subject of a reassessment or a new assessment. Red Lake County is not responsible for location, or determining property lines or boundaries.

LIST OF TAX-FORFEITED LANDS Red Lake County, Minnesota			
Township/City	Description	Appraised Value	
Emardville Town	(Parcel 02-0504-000) SW1/4S W1/4 SW of RR in 14-151-42	\$ 50.00	
City of Brooks	(Parcel 14-2292-000) OTS, Lots 8 thru 11, Block 5	100.00	
City of Oklee	(Parcel 15-2344-000) OTS, Lot 4, Block 2	2,000.00	
City of Oklee	(Parcel 15-2426-000) OTS, Lot 12 & So ½ of Lot 13, Block 11	200.00	
City of Oklee	(Parcel 15-2522-010) 1965 Add, So 50 ft. of Lot 4, Block 34	200.00	
City of RLF	(Parcel 17-2845-000) B&B Add, Lots 6 thru 12, Block 13	500.00	
City of RLF	(Parcel 17-2879-000) C&D Add, N 25 ft. of So 50 ft. of Lot 1, Block 4	25.00	
City of RLF	(Parcel 17-2984-000) C&D Add, Lots 18 & 19; E 100 ft. of Lot 21, Block 24	2,000.00	
City of RLF	(Parcel 17-3071-000) Kretz Add, Lots 10 thru 12, Block 22	100.00	
City of RLF	(Parcel 17-3048-000) Holmes Add, Part of Lot 7; Lots 8 thru 12, Block 7	2,000.00	
City of RLF	(Parcel 17-3343-010) RR Add, Lots 21 thru 24, Block 10	2,000.00	
City of RLF	(Parcel 17-2955-010) C&D Add, Lots 18 & 19, Block 19	500.00	
Given under my hand and official seal at Red Lake Falls, Minnesota, this 2 nd day of August, 2016.			022C
Robert Schmitz, Red Lake County Auditor			

Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial Update

Recently a donation was made to the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial in memory of Everill Mercil, a longtime resident of Brooks. Beverly Plante made the contribution in memory of Mr. Mercil who served in the U.S. Army. Donations to the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial can be sent to Security State Bank, Box 69, Oklee, MN 56742, Attn: Lori Melby. Please direct questions to Mary Lynn Bachand at bachand@gvtel.com.

The lawn at the Veterans' Memorial is being carefully tended to by volunteer, Vince Dessellier. The plants around the monument are being watered and weeded by the Oklee Garden Club. Recently the POW/MIA flag was replaced because it was in disrepair. Donations to the Veterans' Memorial help with the cost of flag replacement among other needs.



City of Oklee Flag Update

The City of Oklee flag has been ordered. A ceremony is planned tentatively for September 30th for the raising of the City of Oklee flag.

Donations are welcome to help cover the cost of the flags (there will be one in front of the Oklee Municipal Center & one along the highway near the baseball fields), the cost of the pole and flag replacement when needed.

You can make your donation by making a deposit at Security State Bank to the "Oklee City Flag" account or there are cans located a various business in Oklee.

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Centennial Recipe Corner

Cherry Zucchini Bread Sharon Larson

2 eggs
3/4 cup sugar
1/3 cup vegetable oil
1/3 cup lemon juice
1/4 cup water
2 cups flour
1 Tbsp grated lemon peel
2 tsp baking powder
1 tsp cinnamon
1/2 tsp baking soda
1/4 tsp salt
2/3 cup shredded, unpeeled zucchini
2/3 cup dried, tart cherries

Beat eggs until thick and lemon colored. Add sugar, oil, lemon juice and water. Mix well. Combine flour, baking powder, cinnamon, baking soda and salt. Add to egg mixture. Stir well. Stir in zucchini, cherries and lemon peel. Bake in greased and floured bottom of 8 x 4 pan at 350 degrees for 60 -65 minutes or until done. Loosen edges with metal spatula, remove from pan and cool.



Thank you to everyone who participated in the Market Day Run for Paul.

Donations of food and door prizes came from:

RLCC School	D&R Grocery
Oklee Lumber Inc	Oklee Elevator
Simply Hair	Security State Bank
Red Lake County Coop	Oklee Quilting
Oklee Café	Oklee Locker
TJ's Tavern	Sue Carriere

Thanks for helping to:
Ron Hamm/ Oklee Fire Department
Wanda Wright and Tracy Cote/ Oklee Ambulance
David Hofstad/ Red Lake County Sheriffs Dept.
From the 5K Committee
Suzie Gunderson, Tracy Hamm, Bonny Cote,
Grace Dessellier, Jill Chervestad

Oklee Herald Office Hours

This weeks hours:

Thu, Aug. 25 9:00 a.m to 4:00 p.m.
Fri, Aug. 26 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Mon, Aug. 29 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Oklee Office Phone: 796-5181

Gonvick Office Phone: 218-487-5225

Or by email at either:
okleeherald@gmail.com • richards@gvtel.com

RLF Library News

Library Hours:
Tue & Wed: Noon - 7:00 pm.
Thu & Fri: Noon - 5:00 p.m.
Sat.: 10:00 am - 2:00 p.m.
On August 25, the United States will mark the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service. Check out some of the titles on America's National Parks, such as "The National Parks: An Illustrated History" by Kim Heacox; a lavishly photographed celebration of the NPS's 100th anniversary combining top-selected National Geographic

photography and expert historical coverage of locations ranging from the Grand Canyon to the Statue of Liberty; and "The National Geographic Guide to National Parks of the United States" by the editors of National Geographic; offers descriptions, road maps, itineraries, travel tips, costs and contact information-a best-selling national parks guide.

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Oklee Market Day Street game with teams of two with one blindfolded, has to find their partner by their voice.



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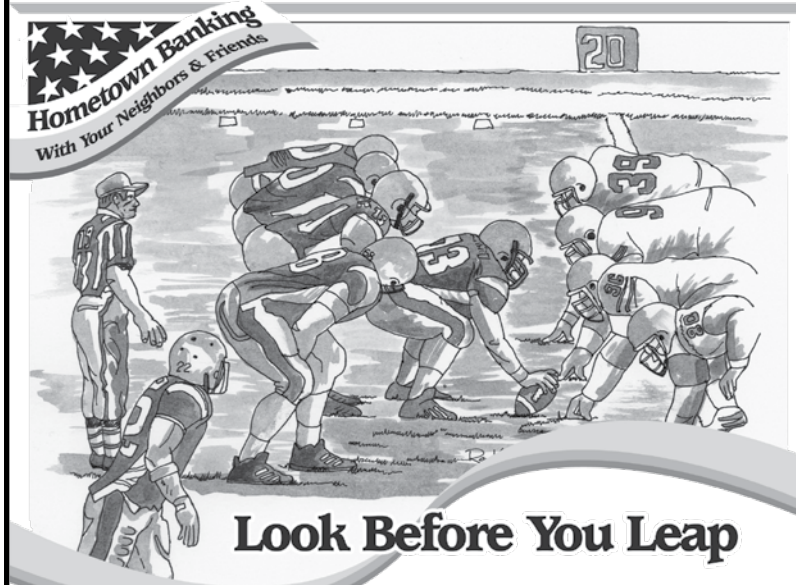
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The Red Lake County Economic Development Corporation can help you start your own business or expand an existing one. We are here to assist with a five (5) year loan for an amount up to \$20,000 at 2% APR. The business must be located in Red Lake County.

For more information, contact the Red Lake County Economic Development home office at 1-218-253-2897.

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RLCC Sports Schedules

RLC Rebels

Football Varsity

Sat., Aug. 27: Scrimmages in Mahnomen at 10:00 a.m.

Thu, Sept. 1: Pine-River Backus-Away- 6:00 p.m.

Fri, Sept. 9: Ealker-H-A in Plummer at 7:00 p.m.

Fri, Sept. 16: Fosston-Away- 7:00 p.m.

Fri, Sept. 23: West Polk County in RLF at 7:00 p.m.

Fri, Sept. 30: Mahnomen-Away- 7:00 p.m.

Fri, Oct. 7: Fertile-Beltrami in Oklee at 7:00 p.m.

Fri, Oct. 14: BGMR in RLF at 7:00 p.m.

Thu, Oct. 20: Lake park-Aud. At FargoDome at 1:15 p.m.

Tues, Oct. 25: Section Quarterfinals-High Seed- 7:00 p.m.

Sat, Oct. 29: Section Semifinals-High Seed- TBA

Thu, Nov. 3: Section Finals at FargoDome- TBA

Junior Varsity

Mon, Sept. 12: Mahnomen in Oklee at 5:00 p.m.

Mon, Sept. 19: BGMR-Away- 5:00 p.m.

Mon, Sept. 26: Fertile-Beltrami in RLF at 5:00 p.m.

Mon, Oct. 3: Fosston in Plummer at 5:00 p.m.

Mon, Oct. 10: Fertile-Beltrami-Away- 5:00 p.m.

Mon, Oct. 17: Polk County West-Away- 5:30 p.m.

Junior High (7th-8th)

Thu, Sept. 8: Ada-Borup in Oklee at 4:30/5:30 p.m.

Thu, Sept. 15: Mahnomen-Away- 4:30/5:30 p.m.

Thu, Sept. 22: BGMR in RLF at 4:30/5:30 p.m.

Thu, Sept. 29: Fosston-Away- 4:30/5:30 p.m.

Tue, Oct. 4: Fertile-Beltrami-Away- 4:30/5:30 p.m.

Thu, Oct. 13: NCE-UH in Plummer at 4:30/5:30 p.m.

Mon, Oct. 17: Polk County West-1 game-Away- 4:30 p.m.

Elementary (5th-6th)

Sat, Sept 10: Clearbrook 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Sat, Sept. 17: Red Lake Falls 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Sat, Sept. 24: Bagley 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Sat, Oct. 1: Crookston 9:00-11:00 a.m.

RLCC Girls Volleyball

Tues, Aug. 30: Against Cass Lake-Bena in Cass Lake at 5:00 p.m.

Thu, Sept. 1: Against Fosston in Fosston at 5:00 p.m.

Tues, Sept. 6: Against Win-E-Mac in Oklee at 5:00 p.m.

Thu, Sept. 8: Against Stephen-Argyle in Stephen at 4:30 p.m.

Sat. Sept. 10: Ada Tournament in Ada- TBD

Mon, Sept. 12: GGG in Goodridge at 5:00 p.m.

Thu, Sept. 15: Against East Grand Forks in Plummer at 5:00 p.m.

Tues, Sept. 20: Against Sacred Heart in Sacred Heart at 5:00 p.m.

Thu, Sept. 22: Against Crookston in Plummer at 5:00 p.m.

Tues, Sept. 27: Against Red Lake Falls in RLF at 5:00 p.m.

Thu, Sept. 29: Against Roseau in Roseau at 5:00 p.m.

Mon, Oct. 3: Against Bagley in Oklee at 5:00 p.m.

Thu, Oct. 6: Against Clearbrook-Gonvick in Oklee at 5:00 p.m.

Sat. Oct. 8: Mahnomen Tournament in Mahnomen- TBD

Mon, Oct. 10: Against Kittson County Central in KCC at 5:00 p.m.

Mon, Oct. 17: Against Fertile-Beltrami in Plummer at 5:00 p.m.

Tues, Oct. 18: Against Warren-Alvarado-Aslo in Plummer at 5:00 p.m.

Mon, Oct. 24: Pig Tail game at High Seed at 7:00 p.m.

Thu, Oct. 27: Play in Game - High Seed 7:00 p.m.

ECFE/School Readiness/Screening at RLCC Oklee and Plummer Sites

Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE)

Early Childhood Family Education is for all birth-5 year olds and their parents. Events and activities are planned and set up for babies, toddlers, preschoolers and their parents throughout the year to promote learning and exploring during the early years in your child's life. Parenting topics are discussed, and activities are developmentally appropriate for your child to grow and learn at every age. Classes will be held on Thursday evenings either at the Oklee site preschool, the Plummer site preschool or the Brooks Community Center.

School Readiness

School Readiness is a program that provides children with various opportunities to enter school with the skills and behaviors needed for them to progress. Early Childhood staff will help your child learn skills that are important for school success, and provide Early Childhood Special Education or speech services if needed. Curriculum and lessons are planned around each child's specific needs. ***Parent volunteers are always welcome!***

Preschool Screening

Preschool Screening is for all children (3-5 years) in the School District 2906. Packets (with times scheduled) will be sent out one to two weeks before the screening date. Contact the school if you do not receive a packet.

RLCC Oklee Site: October 17th -1:00 PM and RLCC Plummer site: October 19th

-8:00 AM.

Please call: Plummer Site (465-4222) or e-mail (morin@gvtel.com) or Oklee Site (796-5136) or e-mail (sgunderson@rlcc.k12.mn.us) to see if your child is registered for our School Readiness classes. Local district children will get first chance to sign up then there will be a waiting list. Busing is also available on regular routes. Children MUST have their immunization records on file in the office before the first day of class.

Classes available this year include:

3½-4 year olds: Wednesdays: 8:00 AM-3:12 PM (Children with birthdates before 3/14/13 can start September 14th. Those who are born after 3/14/13 will start January 4th, 2017)

4-5 year olds: Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:00 AM-3:12 PM (children who are 4 years old before September 1st, 2016) Classes will start September 13th.

Upcoming RLCC Plummer and Oklee ECFE / School Readiness Event:

Wednesday, August 31st: Open House-RLCC Oklee and Plummer Sites: 4:00-8:00 PM

Come and pick up your School Readiness packet and ECFE Newsletter and check out the Preschool rooms!

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With the July and August rains came new weed flushes and difficult opportunities to harvest the wheat crop. There are still fields, especially in the northwest portion of Polk County that are still too wet to try and harvest. Producers that used glyphosate as a harvest aid, may still have a problem with weed regrowth, especially due to weed resistance concerns. Below is an article from NDSU & U of M Extension Sugarbeet Agronomist, Tom Peters.

Control Weeds Following Small Grains Harvest

Threshed small grain fields have a clean and tidy look, especially from the highway. However, closer examination reveals a great number of weeds, especially waterhemp, emerging through the stubble.

Controlling weeds post-

harvest is an essential component of the weed management strategy, since the goal is zero tolerance for weed escapes and new weed seeds entering the seed bank. Like always, begin by scouting fields and observing weed spectrum and size. Some weeds may have been cut by harvest equipment and are stems with insufficient leaf surface to intercept herbicide application. Allowing time for regrowth to occur will ensure their control. Several strategies you may consider include the following:

Tillage control. Tillage is an effective means for controlling small weeds. However, first answer the question, "Were there weeds that may have gone to seed in harvested fields?" Some weeds, such as pigweed species, can produce viable seed in as few as 10 to 14 days after flowering. Consider delaying tillage to allow field mice, insects, and birds to eat seeds. If weeds have produced seed. Seeds are a source of energy for insects, birds, and rodents. An internet search indicates predators of weed seeds can reduce total number of seeds on the soil surface by 5% per day and over-time, consume 20 to 90% of seed on the soil surface. In contrast, tillage after harvest will greatly reduce predation if seeds are buried.

Chemical control. There are non-selective and residual herbicide options for controlling weeds post-harvest. Depending on the percentage of glyphosate resistant weeds already present in a field, timely foliar applications (6 inches or less in height) of glyphosate at 0.75 to 1.5 pounds acid equivalent or Liberty at 0.4 to 0.53 pounds per acre plus 2,4-D ester at 0.75 to 2 pounds per acre (higher rate for perennial weeds) can reduce the level of broadleaf infestation in the stubble field. Gramoxone (Paraquat) at 0.38 to 1 pounds in 15 to 20 gallons of water per acre also provided good control in a Kansas experiment, but only for control of small weeds, since it is a contact action herbicide. Be mindful of rotational restrictions to 2017 crops or restrictions for planting a 2016 late summer/fall cover crop.

Mechanical control. While mowing can be effective for broadleaf weeds that are tall enough to be cut off below the height of the weed seed head, keep in mind that more broadleaf weeds may emerge in late summer due to changing soil moisture conditions, timing of small grain harvest, and delayed germination. Thus,

the initial mowing may need to be followed with additional mowing, in case of late weed emergence or continued growth of the broadleaf weeds from axillary buds located lower on the weeds which are below the initial mowing height.

Sap beetles in gardens

Below is an article from U of M Extension Entomologist, Jeffrey Hahn on picnic / sap beetles. For whatever reason there seems to be higher numbers this year in my garden. They were most notable in the raspberries and not on the cracked small tomatoes. The increase in numbers does correspond to my accepting the part-time Extension Educator position starting in July. The time the position takes leaves me less time to harvest and also untimely harvests which sometimes means the fruits are over mature by picking time. Go to the U of M garden web site to view pictures of this pest and for further information.

Some home gardeners have been finding sap beetles in some of their fruits and vegetables. These beetles are generally small, between 1/8 – ¼ inch long, oval, and dark colored. Some sap beetles have orange spots on their wing covers. Sap beetles are attracted to fermenting smells and will attack fruits and vegetables, such as tomatoes, sweet corn, raspberries, strawberries, and muskmelons, that are damaged, overripe, or rotting. They often are just a nuisance, although it is possible for them to move to and damage ripening fruit.

The best management for sap beetles is to pick fruits and vegetables regularly as they ripen and remove any damaged or overripe produce in your garden and dispose of by burying or bagging them. This helps eliminate smells that could attract them to your garden. However, once sap beetle find your garden, they can be challenging to eliminate. Insecticides, such as carbaryl or permethrin, can kill sap beetles and reduce their numbers. However, the challenge is that there is an interval of time between when a product is applied and when the fruits or vegetables can be safely harvested. You can find this information by looking for the *Days to Wait to Harvest* number on the pesticide label. Depending on the product, this can take days or even weeks. By then the sap beetles have likely returned. If that is the case, try to use a product with as short of a time interval as possible.



Oklee Market Day had an event sponsored by the Oklee Ambulance. A good old fashioned coin hunt in a pile of sand.



Old fashioned games were held on Main Street at 2 p.m. during Oklee Market Day.



Above the shoes are flying through the air and below, a ping pong ball drop was held on Main Street.



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Oklee Herald Early Files

Seventy Years Ago
August 22, 1946
Clayton Bakken, son of Mr. and Mrs. Olto Bakken, arrived here Monday from Fort Sheridan, IL, where he received his discharge.

Leo Berry, chief water tender, son of Mr. and Mrs. L.M. Berry of Oklee, received his discharge from the navy on August 19, at Shoemaker, California.

Oscar Gjernes, formerly of Oklee, is now in charge of the Veteran's Administration advisement & guidance center at Dickinson, North Dakota.

The Oklee Public Schools will open for the 1946-47 season on Monday, September 16, it has been announced. Next Tuesday had been set originally as the first day of school, but schools throughout the state have postponed the date as an aid in the fight against polo.

Sixty Years Ago
August 23, 1956
Harriet Lundeen celebrated her 14th birthday on the 8th of August at the home of her parents. Lunch was served by her mother, Mrs. Herbert Lundeen and Harriet received many gifts.

Mrs. Torkel Gunderson entertained a few girls Thursday afternoon in honor of her daughter Arlene's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ludger Tougas are the parents of a daughter, Debra Anne, born to them at St. John's Hospital in Red Lake Falls.

Ed Flatgard, Juilan Stennes, Art Klasen and Vern Plante who are employed in Aurora, spent the weekend their homes here.

Fifty Years Ago
August 18, 1966
The Brooks Manufacturing Company has a new factory. It is now the Oklee Manufacturing Company. Wallace Groberg, announced the new firm name on Monday.

Audrey Arlene Demarais, 36, of Santa Clara, CA died Sunday morning, August 21, at Fremont, CA from injuries sustained in an automobile accident Saturday evening.

Otter Tail Power Company this week announced another in a series of electric rate reductions designed to encourage the increased use of electricity by its customers.

A picnic dinner was held Sunday at the Lloyd Sorenson home in honor of Mrs. Harry Sorenson's birthday.

Forty Years Ago
August 26, 1976
Donna Jensen riding "Windy" was the winner for High Points in Barrels for the year in the N. Central Saddle Club house show at Oklee on Sunday.

Julie Johnson and Kenneth Wicherman were married Saturday afternoon at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Plummer.

Diane Delage was married to Louis Westlake at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Brooks on Saturday.

A birthday supper honoring Tom Toulouse was held at his home last Wednesday evening hosted by his daughter, Lorraine.

Thirty Years Ago
August 27, 1986
Oklee Gazebo has found a permanent home in the City Park north of Oklee.

Janel Walter, along with the Plummer Cheerleaders, Karen Skjerven, Stephanie Gagner, Betty Heden, Nicole Kruse and Tammy Mercil attended a three day UMC Cheerleader Clinic in Crookston.

Kyla Joy, daughter of Kelly and Connie Lundeen, celebrated her baptism on Sunday at the Oak Park Church.

Twenty Years Ago
August 28, 1996
The Oklee School board

approved bids for a Music Room addition at the meeting held on August 21st.

It is expected that the City of Oklee will soon be submitting bids for the erection of a water tower which is the second phase of the water improvement system.

Edna Hyde hosted her yearly party for the young fry of the neighborhood and a few mothers. She is the adopted grandmother to many.

Aurel and Gloria Parenteau traveled to St. Cloud on Saturday where they attended Gloria's 50th year school anniversary held in the Holiday Inn and also visited her mother, Mrs. Dora Hanson over the weekend.

Ten Years Ago
August 24, 2006

Mindy Sorenson has been hired to teach music at RLCC and to coach volleyball.

Darrell Tougas reported that he is ready to frame the forms for the cement base for the Gazebo being moved back into town.

Dorothy Myhre of Brooks celebrated her 90th birthday at Terrebonne town hall recently with all seven of her children present.

On August 16th an enthusiastic group of family and friends met on a field east of the Vernes Church for the Annual Syverson Threshing Bee.

Mark Lee was named the Driver's Education Teacher of the Year for the State of Minnesota recently. Lee lives in Plummer and teaches at Franklin Middle School in Thief River Falls.

Rachel Halvorson and Jonathan Pream announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage on September 16th at Redeemer Lutheran in TRF. Rachel is the daughter of Laureen Halvorson and Galen Halvorson.

Senior Site News and Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

This morning was much colder than yesterday, almost felt like fall had arrived.

The local farmers have been busy with their combines lately. The field next to my house was combined in just a short time. It is amazing to see what three combines can do in just a short time. The combines today make the ones my Dad used look like toys.

My apple tree south of my house is producing lots of apples. They drop on the ground and I have to pick up a shopping bag full each day. If anyone would like to make an apple pie, come and get some.

I usually freeze some so I can make apple sauce as I need it

in the winter. I also use them for apple crisp or pie.

My daughter, Suellen, informed me she has had lots of smoke from a fire around Lake Nacimiento which is about 20 miles from her house.

Planes are going over her house continually carrying water to put out the fire.

It is so sad to see homes burned in California and the flooding in the South.

Dates To Remember

Sept. 5 - Labor Day

Sept. 6 - Evening Meal

Words Of Wisdom

Keep in mind that a chance

acquaintance this week could result in a friendship for life.

No job is so insignificant that something important can't be learned by doing it well.

Joke Time

During a long lecture a speaker suffered many interruptions from a man in the balcony who kept yelling: "Louder, Louder!" After about the fifth interruption, a gentleman in the first row stood up, looked back, and said, "What's the matter, my friend, can't you hear?"

"No, I can't hear," came the answer from the balcony. "Well, then, be thankful and shut up."

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

It is the last full week of summer. It goes so fast. School starts soon, and Labor Day is just around the corner. The nights start getting cooler, and the days not quite so hot. It is a sad time for some and a happy time for others. All too soon we will be getting snow and frozen drifts. I am not looking forward to that but it doesn't shock me as it used to. I hope that the last week of summer is a great one for you and that the Labor Day weekend will be fun for all.

Jerome Novak entered the hospital for his last chemo treatment this morning (Monday). He is residing in the next room from Al Paquin. There will be some hot times in the old hospital rooms this week. The cancer treatment wing of the hospital is luckily away from the regular hospital and makes for a specialized place to treat the different types of cancer. The staff are really dedicated to helping all who come there. We are lucky that we have such dedicated people to care for our loved ones.

On Wednesday the Red Hats went to The Inn At Maple Crossing in Mentor. What a turnout. A full fifteen members came and they all ate a great meal specially prepared by the Thomassons. I had Quiche Lorraine and it was wonderful. We were entertained by Jim who also gave us some food for thought about elections and about political collecting for campaigns. He has a great sense of humor. By the way Bunny finally broke her streak, Emilie Skjervin finally won the quarter pot. Next month I believe we should go somewhere special again before the snow flies. We will think about that.

Diane Gagner spent Saturday at Market Days and took in a reunion that happened during the festivities. There were many of her classmates there and she said they had a great time catching up on all the news.

Sunday afternoon Madeline and Parnell Thibert of Dixon, Illinois, came to Diane and Clarence Gagner's home to visit and for dinner in the evening. They were here to attend the funeral of Everill Mercil.

On Saturday former postmasters and their wives came to visit with Clarence and Diane Gagner. They were Aleta Nybakken, of Phoenix, Linda Magnuson of Cottonwood, Carol and Ron Wendells of New York Mills, and they took in the car show at Oklee Market Days. In fact one of them showed their classic car at the event.

Monday evening Madeline and Parnell Thibert joined a

group of the Paradis family at Maple Lake at the Roger and Mary Jane Paradis home. Dallas Paradis, Clarence and Diane Gagner and Carol and Bimbo Saga all joined in the gathering. It was so good to see Dallas getting out and about.

Before Parnell and Madeline Thibert left the area they stopped to visit Aurel and Gloria Parenteau at their new home.

Blast To Brooks is coming and the church is ready for the crowds of people who come to see the parade. They will have a special dinner ready for the people this year, a ham and all the specialties of the cooks of St. Joseph's church. Come on down and eat, the dinner is a free will offering but the cooks are going to great pains to give you your money's worth. Then you can enjoy the parade in comfort.

Have a great week

Bonny's Bits...

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Mother Nature has given us a little hiatus from the hot temperatures, which everyone is enjoying.

Here are some things to live by:

Give people more than they expect and do it cheerfully.

Marry a man/woman you love to talk to. As you get older, their conversational skills will be as important as any other.

Don't believe all you hear, spend all you have or sleep all you want.

Never laugh at anyone's dream. People who don't have dreams don't have much.

Don't judge people by their relatives.

Talk slowly but think

quickly.

When someone asks you a question you don't want to answer, smile and ask, 'Why do you want to know?'

Remember that great love and great achievements involve great risk.

Remember the three R's: Respect for self; Respect for others; and responsibility for all your actions.

Don't let a little dispute injure a great friendship.

When you realize you've made a mistake, take immediate steps to correct it.

Smile when picking up the phone. The caller will hear it in your voice.

Spend some time alone.

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

Anne Traxler and Nancy Olson attended the wedding of Anne's great niece. The wedding was held at Como Park in St. Paul and reception was held at Forest Lake.

Alice Jobe visited Lorna and Merle Jesme on Monday. Lorraine Lorenson was also there. They enjoyed visiting and had lunch.

On Wednesday evening, Bunny DuChamp, Debbie & Jim DuChamp, Marcie & Steve Kloety, Shirley Vettleson, Mark & Sue Berberich, Steve & Dawn and Alex Jacobson enjoyed supper at Chris & Bobbi DuChamp's at Erskine. It was Brett's eleventh birthday. She is Bunny's great granddaughter. Happy birthday to her!

Wednesday, the Red Hat ladies enjoyed going to the Inn at Maple Crossing. There were thirteen ladies. They had delightful lettuce and fruit salads, quiche, chicken entrée, pork and turkey, hard rolls, salads, etc. For dessert

there was orange shebet and ginger snap cookies. There was a reading by Barb Novak and a talk by the owner.

While many farmers were able to get a fair amount harvested, things came to a halt on Thursday with a light shower.

I heard eastern North Dakota had 75 mph winds, heavy rain and hail. It even blew cars off the road. So we were lucky here.

The leaves have started falling at my place. Will it be

an early fall?

The Olympics are wrapping up. It has been fun watching the events. Some I've enjoyed: gymnastics, kayaking, canoeing, an swimming. The U.S. did very well. Some of those who came, it had been a life long dream to participate. I really admire those who came from poor humble homes and accomplished their childhood dream. Their family and country couldn't be more proud of them.

Have a good week!

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Reducing Risks to Beneficial Insects in Soybeans

Insecticides are an important tool in the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) toolbox for protecting yields from pests. However, growers should keep in mind that many of the insecticides that are used to manage crop pests are also toxic to beneficial insects, such as predators and pollinators. The following information will provide an overview of some considerations for reducing risk of impacting pollinators when foliar insecticide applications are made to crops.

Pollinating insects are often found in and near soybean fields. For example, research entomologists at Iowa State University found more than 30 species of bees in soybean fields in 2015. Most of the bees collected were wild or native bees. Less than 1% of the bees collected were the common European honey bee. The researchers found that the bees occurred in fields through out the flowering stage of growth (R1 to R6) stages and that some of the most abundant bee species were collecting soybean pollen.

The risk of pollinators being harmed by insecticide applications is a function of the toxicity of the insecticide and the exposure of the pollinators to the insecticide. As mentioned above, many of the insecticides used for management of crop pests, such as soybean aphid, are toxic to pollinators. Labels for some products/formulations with high toxicity to bees will provide some specific directions for minimizing risk to pollinators. In general, to reduce the risk of impacting pollinators when using foliar insecticides to manage soybean aphids, a grower needs to consider steps to reduce the exposure of pollinators to the insecticides. Some steps to consider are:

1. Inform beekeepers in the area about planned insecticide applications (i.e., products used and schedules). In Minnesota, driftwatch.org lists locations of some hives.

2. The number of insecticide applications made across the landscape can be reduced by using economic thresholds (i.

e., 250 soybean aphids per plant, with 80% of the plants infested, and increasing) and other IPM tactics being used (e.g., aphid resistant soybean varieties being used).

3. Insecticide applications made to fields when pollinators are less active (i.e., early morning or late evening) are generally less harmful.

4. Avoid applying insecticides when conditions, such as wind speed, will promote drift of the insecticide to sensitive areas.

"POLLINATORS in and near SOYBEANS" (which can be found at www.extension.umn.edu) includes additional information to consider for protecting pollinators when using foliar or seed applied insecticides. To have questions answered or for more information on protecting pollinators; you can contact Robert Koch, U M Extension Entomologist by e mail at koch0125@umn.edu.

Source: Robert Koch, U M Extension Entomologist.

Who's Dat?



Who's Dat?

This week is a family photo of very familiar faces in Oklee past.

Last week was a photo of Scott Grove who used to live in Oklee, and still works in Oklee at the Cenex station.



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