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Employees of RLC Cooperative: Mandy Roisland, Michelle Longtin and Nancy Magnell serving customers in Oklee on August 22nd.

Red Lake County Coop's Customer Appreciation Day held three days in August

On August 22nd, Red Lake County Cooperative held their first of three Customer Appreciation Days, first in Oklee, then McIntosh and Brooks.

All meals served were BBQ, beans, potato salad, coffee or lemonade, and an ice cream cone for dessert.

At the Oklee Appreciation Days, they served approximately 215 customers. Drawings were held and the winners were:

\$25.00 Cenex Gift Card – Paul Cyr
Fish & Wing Fryer – Linda McCloskey
Rebel Coupon Card – Bjarne

Kvasager
Kids Prizes
Itunes Gift Card – Caden Lee
Bat/Ball Set – Karter Dallmann

At the Brooks Customer Appreciation Day they served 160 customers and their Door Prize Winners were:

\$25 Cenex Gift Card – Alex Hamrum
Fish & Wing Fryer – Vincent Dessellier
Miller Lite Cooler – Dave Kreitzer
Rebel/Eagles - Coupon Card – Don Stenberg
Kids Prize
Itunes Gift Card – Grayson Rystad

Bat/ Ball Set – Brody Traxler
McIntosh's Customer Appreciation Day was also well attended, serving 215 customers.

Door Prize Winners in McIntosh were:

\$25 Cenex Gift Card – Krystal Miller
Fish & Wing Fryer – Debbie Peterson
Win- E- Mac Coupon Card – Roger Rolf

Kids Prize
Itunes Gift Card – Carmen Busse
Bat/ Ball Set – Carter Bartz



Many friends and neighbors gathered in Oklee for a BBQ lunch served for Customer Appreciation Day in Oklee on August 22nd.

Calendar of Events

Wed, Sept. 7:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
Thu, Sept. 8:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
Fri, Sept. 9:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
Sat, Sept. 10:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!
Sun, Sept. 11:
-Worship at the church of your choice.
Mon, Sept. 12:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
Tue, Sept. 13:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
Wed, Sept. 14:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
Thu, Sept. 15:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Sr Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
Fri, Sept. 16:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.



RLC Fair - Market Day Baja Photos



During Oklee Market Day, the Red Lake County Fair held another BAJA and this car had to be moved off the track. The one below also had problems.

The results have not been turned over to the Oklee Herald as of this printing. However it was an exciting event to watch but with much rain it made it very difficult driving on the track. At one point the cars were getting stuck on every round, that the track was moved to a dryer spot.

And there was a large crowd of racing fans in attendance.



With so much rain in the days preceding the Baja, the track was gone over a couple of times between heats.

More Market Day fun photos



Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Margaret Jacobus
Wed, Sept. 7: 7:00 p.m.
Salem WELCA. 7:00 p.m. Zion WELCA.

Thu, Sept. 8: 7:00 p.m.
Parish Board meeting moved to Sept. 15th??

Sun, Sept. 11: 9:00 a.m.
Joint Service at Omar Sundrud Park (North Park).

Wed, Sept. 14: 6:30 p.m.
Confirmation Classes at Zion.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH OKLEE
Fr. Adam Hamness
Sun, Sept. 11: 7:30 a.m.
Confessions 8:00 a.m. Mass.

BROOKS - RED LAKE FALLS CATHOLIC PARISH
Fr. Bill DeCrans
Sat, Sept. 10: 5:30 p.m. RLF
Sun, Sept. 11: 8:00 a.m. Brooks. 10:00 a.m. RLF.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson,
Lay Minister
Sun, Sept. 11: 9:00 a.m.
Lund. 10:30 a.m. Bethany.
Wed, Sept. 14: 2:00 p.m.
Lund WELCA.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Interim Pastor Phil Johnson
Wed, Sept. 7: 6:30 p.m.
Faith WELCA. 7:00 p.m. 9th grade Confirmation.
Sun, Sept. 11: Rally Sunday
- Parish Service: 10:30 a.m. at Ekelund.

Mon, Sept. 12: 9:30 a.m.
Rachel Circle. 1:30 p.m.
Ekelund Ladies Aid.
Tue, Sept. 13: 6:30 p.m.
Shalom Circle.

Wed, Sept. 14: 7:00 p.m. 9th grade Confirmation at Faith.

LSS Caregivers Group meets September 8th
The Thief River Falls Caregiver Group will meet on Thursday, September 8th at 10:00 a.m. at the Heritage Senior Center located at 301 E. 4th St, Thief River Falls.

These groups are open to all caregivers.

There is no charge. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Jaime Hemphill at 218-850-8616.

This project is made possible in part, under the Federal Older American's Act through a contract with the Land of the Dancing Sky AAA under an Area Plan approved by the Minnesota Board on Aging.

ADDRESS CHANGES

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okleeherald@gmail.com

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth
Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Wed, Sept. 7: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School/Confirmation.
Sat, Sept. 10: 9:00 a.m.
Mt. Olive. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School.

Sun, Sept. 11: 8:00 a.m.
St. Petri. 9:15 a.m. St. Petri SS. 8:30 a.m. Oak Park SS. 9:45 a.m. Oak Park. Dinner to follow. 9:45 a.m. Nazareth SS, 11:00 Nazareth.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg,
Youth Pastor
www.newjournefosston.com

Wed, Sept. 7: 6:30 p.m.
Youth Group.

Thu, Sept. 8: 12:00 p.m.
Rotary.

Sun, Sept. 11: 9:30 a.m.
Worship.

Tues, Sept. 13: 9:30 a.m.
Ladies Bible Study. 10:30 a.m. Quilting.

Wed, Sept. 14: 6:30 p.m.
Youth Group

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston
Seth Johnson,
Interim Pastor
Sun, Sept. 11: 10:30 a.m.
Worship.

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun, Sept. 11: 9:00 a.m.
Worship Ebenezer. 9:15 a.m. Sunday School at Immanuel. 10:30 a.m. Worship Immanuel.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

September 12 -16
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.

Mon., Sept. 12: 6 pieces of shrimp, hash browns, veggie, dessert, and milk.

Tues., Sept. 13: Big French toasts, one egg, one sausage patty, dessert and milk.

Wed., Sept. 14: Baked chicken, mac salad, veggie, dessert and milk.

Thurs. Sept. 15: Fish, baked potato, veggie, dessert and milk.

Fri. Sept. 16: Spaghetti, meat sauce, tossed salad, garlic toast, *Birthday Cake* and milk.

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Sunday,
Sept. 11

serving from
11:30-1:00

City of Oklee Flag Update - Time set



The City of Oklee flag has been ordered. A ceremony will be held on September 30th at 10:00 a.m. 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.

PETAL Presentation

The public is invited to attend a presentation by Jessica Dahl, RN and PETAL Coordinator from Sanford Medical Center, 2:00 p.m., Monday, September 12th at Faith Lutheran Church of Bagley. PETAL is Parents Embracing Time After Loss, an organization developed to help patients and their families cope with the physical and emotional aspect of a pregnancy loss or infant death.

Join us in learning how you and PETAL can play an important role in supporting families at an extremely difficult time in their lives, a time of healing after the loss of their baby. A light lunch will follow the presentation. -Submitted

Deadline:
Friday's at noon!

ATTENTION

RED LAKE COUNTY SMALL BUSINESS AND POTENTIAL STARTUP ENTERPRISES

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

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

Or call David Ste. Marie, Red Lake Falls, 218-698-4279; Mike Spurgin, Red Lake Falls, 218-465-4648 or Leo Olson, Oklee, 218-796-5656.

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Centennial Recipe Corner

Chocolate Zucchini Cake
Anita Bachand

1/2 cup margarine
1-3/4 cup sugar
1/2 cup vegetable oil
2 eggs
1 tsp vanilla
2 cups peeled, shredded zucchini
2-1/2 cups flour
4 Tbsp cocoa
1 tsp soda
1/2 tsp baking powder
1/2 tsp salt
1/2 cup sour milk

Cream margarine and sugar. Add eggs and vanilla; beat. Add zucchini; beat. Sift dry ingredients together. Add alternately with sour milk. (To make sour milk, add 1/2 Tbsp lemon juice to 1/2 cup milk; let stand a while.) Spread in greased 9 x 13 pan and sprinkle with the following topping:

3/4 cup chocolate chips

1/3 cup brown sugar

1/3 cup chopped walnuts

Bake at 325 degrees for 40-45 minutes or until cake tests done in center.

Red Lake Falls 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-line patrons are reminded that they can visit www.nwrlib.org/rlf.htm at anytime, where they can create their own patron accounts to browse, request and renew materials all from their home computers.

New adult fiction includes "Killer Look" by Linda Fairstein; "Knit Your Own Murder," a Needlecraft Mystery by Minnesota author Monica Ferris; "Sweet Tomorrows" by Debbie Macomber; and "Arrowood" by Laura McHugh.

The Red Lake Falls Library is a good place to read a variety of magazines, whether in the comfortable lounge area or by checking them out for a 3-week loan period. Many of

the popular favorites are here, such as Good Housekeeping, Consumer Reports, Country Living, People and Time, along with other, more esoteric titles. Some of those include "Big River," a periodical devoted to the Upper Mississippi River are, from the Twin Cities to Davenport, IA with feature stores and news highlights; "Birds & Blooms," America's #1 bird and garden magazines; "Eating Well," the award-winning magazine where good taste and good health meet; "McCall's Quilting," the best of American quilting periodical; "Mother Earth News," the self-sufficiency, Earth-friendly home & garden magazine; and "Teen Ink," a national teen magazine, book series, and website devoted entirely to teenage writing, art, photos and forums.

Oklee Legion Auxiliary Resumes 2016 Meetings

The American Legion Auxiliary, Oklee Unit 159, is resuming the meeting schedule for 2016. The upcoming September meeting will be held at 4:00 pm in the Oklee Community Senior Site meeting room on Tuesday, September 13th with Janell and Betty serving. Current members please note the change of time! Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of the month in April, May, September, October, November and December.

The Oklee Unit of the American Legion Auxiliary is very active in the Oklee community. On Memorial Day in May, members host a reception for all veterans and guests following the Memorial Day program. Poppies, which have long been associated with Memorial Day and veterans are also distributed in May. For many years Unit 159 has provided coffee and bars at the annual community Halloween Party held at the Oklee

Community Hall in October. November is a busy but fun month as the Legion Auxiliary holds the popular Bingo Bake Sale where the bingo prizes are baked goods. November is also the month when RLCC - Oklee School faculty and all the staff are recognized as part of national American Education Week. The Auxiliary

members serve cupcakes to the faculty and staff at our local school. In December, Legion Auxiliary members support the community Santa Claus Day and help prepare candy bags for children who attend the event. In addition, food is collected for the local food shelf at the December meeting.

New members are always welcome at meetings and must only be a veteran or have an immediate relative who is or was a veteran. If you think you may qualify and you would like to join this group, please attend the September meeting and see what the Oklee Legion Auxiliary is all about!

WIC SCHEDULE

The Women, Infants and Children's Supplemental Nutrition Education Program (WIC) is being held the month of September 2016.

Infants, children up to the age of 5, and women who are pregnant or breastfeeding may be eligible for the program. We are very interested in enrolling pregnant women in the program. We feel that the prenatal nutrition is a vital part of producing a healthy baby. Therefore, it is important to apply for WIC early in your pregnancy. We need no proof of pregnancy.

All potential clients must contact the WIC Program to schedule an appointment.

The following is the schedule of WIC Clinics for the month of September.

Thu, Sept. 8: Red Lake Falls Community Center

Mon, Sept. 12: Thief River Falls Redeemer Lutheran Church

Tue, Sept. 13: Thief River Falls Redeemer Lutheran

Church

Wed, Sept. 14: Thief River Falls Redeemer Lutheran Church

Thu, Sept. 15: Thief River Falls Redeemer Lutheran Church

Fri, Sept. 16: Thief River Falls Redeemer Lutheran Church

For further information concerning the WIC program, call or write WIC quin, PO Box 248, Newfolden, MN 56738, phone 874-7845 (Newfolden, Viking, Middle River, Holt or Thief River Falls residents) or 1-800-223-1591, or e-mail at quinchs@wiktel.com.

North Valley Home Health will offer immunizations, dental varnishing & blood lead testing at the Newfolden and Warren clinics from 9 to 11 am. Arrangements should be made prior to clinics by contacting North Valley Public Health. For more information contact North Valley Public Health at 218-745-5154 or 1-800-950-6986.

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Oklee Herald Early Files

Seventy Years Ago
September 12, 1946
Bennie Shetterly arrived here last Saturday from the San Diego Naval Training Station to spend a few days with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Shetterly.

C. W. Turnell, County Highway Engineer was a visitor in Oklee Tuesday. He stated that a shortage of labor, plus inadequacy to replace damaged parts on machinery have left several stretches of weeds along country roads and expressed the hope that farmers would volunteer to plow them down.

Sixty Years Ago
September 13, 1956
A/1c Kenneth Thorpe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Thorpe of Oklee, arrived home Wednesday from Nashville, Tenn., after receiving his discharge after four years of service with the Air Force.

Plummer has 153 in grades one through 6th grade and 137 in high school for a total of 290.

The captains of all bowling teams will meet Monday at Ted's Club. The bowling will start about October 1st.

Fifty Years Ago
September 18, 1966
Mrs. Serine Thorpe, who came to Oklee community 56 years ago was honored on her 88th birthday September 1st at the Norman Nelson.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Boucher of Oklee announce the

engagement of their daughter, Marlene to Mr. David Martini, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Martini of St. Louis Park.

Marcoux Corner, at the junction of Highways 32 and 2 south of Red Lake Falls, was heavily damaged by fire early Friday morning.

Forty Years Ago
September 9, 1976
Elmer Hince, better known as "Happy" long time resident of Oklee, recently retired from barbering and now is usually being seen in the vicinity of his vegetable garden.

Many relatives from Deer Park attended the family reunion at the Archie Gunderson home west of Fosston.

Sara Lynn Radniecki celebrated her 4th birthday on Friday with many relatives present.

Thirty Years Ago
September 10, 1986
Brenda Jean Olson and Craig Richard Perreault were married May 31, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Grand Rapids.

Pearl Rodman celebrated her 75th birthday Sunday at the Senior Center in Goodridge and many from the area attended.

The 15th annual Blast to Brooks is now history and had to contend with cool temperatures and periodic rain, but that didn't seem to hamper the activities.

Twenty Years Ago
September 4, 1996
Work on the streets is progressing rapidly. The water hook-up for the school will be done Tuesday after school.

New staff members at Oklee Public Schools include Mrs. Julie Johnson, Mr. Steve Strutz, Chris McLean, Trey Oleksuk and Carol Peterson.

Lucille & Goodwin Kvasager, Gerda Koskela of Plummer and Einar Kvasager of Oklee attended the family council picnic at MacManor with their mother, Katherine Kvasager.

Ten Years Ago
September 7, 2006
County of Red Lake will be holding a run-off election for the Treasurer position on September 12th. Jessica Dudycha, Michael Dodds, and Nicholas Knott are running for the seat.

Deer Park Township couldn't have picked a nicer day to celebrate their 100th anniversary on September 4th.

Myrtle Hamrum of Brooks, Hilda Kvalle of Gully, and Grace McManus of Oklee attended an annual Norwegian Service presented by Pastor Steve Trandem of Bemidji at the Rodness Lutheran Church.

Vern and Cecile Suprenant of Terrebonne visited Alice Derosier in Grand Forks on Wednesday. In the evening they were dinner guests of Emily and Laurie Suprenant to celebrate Laurie's birthday.

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402



Tri-River Pioneers baling with their Allis-Chalmers Roto Baler. The picture shows Roger Harmoning, Duane Myhre, Charles Bishop, and Roger Skjervén.

Red Lake County Extension Educator

Curtis W. Nyegaard - 218-253-2895

Wet Fields and Soil Compaction

What should a producer do when the soil is wet and the harvest needs to be completed yesterday instead of today! Should producers risk significant compaction and harvest the crop or just stay off the field? The obvious answer is-harvest the crop! Compaction is often thought of as a spring problem; but seven of the last 10 year's; many areas of Minnesota has had extremely wet conditions during harvest and it has caused compaction problems.

Minimizing Compaction Under Wet Conditions

There are three major ways to minimize the extent of compaction at harvest. These include managing axle loads, properly inflating field equipment tires, and controlling field traffic.

Axle Loads
Heavy axle loads and wet soil conditions will increase the depth of compaction in the soil profile. As loads increase beyond 10 tons per axle, the potential to compact the soil below the tillage layer also increases. Large 500 hp tractors, full combines, and slurry tankers and grain carts can weigh between 18 and 40 tons per axle and whether equipped with tracks or tires, can create compaction down to 2 and 3 feet. Tracks and dual tires have better flotation than single tires. If combines or grain carts can be equipped with either of these choices, flotation would increase and allow the combine a few extra passes before getting stuck. To minimize compaction due to the weight of the combine, combines should be unloaded on the headlands or unloaded more often.

Properly Inflate Tires
Before using any equipment in the field, it is important to check tire pressure. Not only does the proper inflation help reduce soil compaction, it also improves tractor efficiency. Studies have shown that given the same axle load, tire inflation (psi) will determine the depth and severity of compaction.

Producers should check with their tire manufacturer or search the web for proper tire size and inflation rate for the carrying capacity of their equipment.

Controlled Traffic

The theory behind controlled traffic is that 80percent of the compaction occurs on the first pass through the field. Producers can use this to their advantage. While it may take awhile to replace equipment that will use the same wheel tracks, there is one piece of equipment that should receive special attention: the grain cart. The grain cart has the greatest potential to compact the soil due to its large carrying capacity (>1,500 bushels) and a single axle on which to carry the weight.

Follow these tips when using a grain cart to minimize compaction:

1. Try to use the same paths across the field.
2. Use the combine's previous wheel tracks when unloading the combine.
3. After loading the grain cart, follow those tracks down the field and take the headlands back to the semi or field entrance.
4. Never diagonally cross the field. This will create multiple wheel track patterns at 80 percent compaction.
5. If semis cannot be parked on the adjoining road, they should be kept on the headlands. Semis and gravity wagons may have a lower axle load, but the tire inflation is quite high.

Managing Ruts after Harvest

Fall harvest will leave some ruts in the field; so how should these be managed? First, wait as long as possible to start tillage operations, so the soil can dry out as much as possible. Second, consider tillage depth. Tilling as deep as possible to shatter smeared soil or compacted layers may seem like a logical approach. However, deeper tillage and more aggressive operations are likely to damage soil structure, ultimately leaving soil susceptible to further compaction. The soil's best defense against soil compaction is good soil structure.

What tillage depth is recommended for managing ruts? On sandier soils, tillage should be 6 to 8 inches deep to fill in the ruts. On heavier soils, tillage should be as shallow as possible. Even with the best management, U M research has shown that yield losses can occur up to 3 years after ruts were created.

Summary

Soil is one of the most important factors for growing a healthy crop. Preventing soil compaction or decreasing the affected depth will enhance water infiltration and storage capacity, timeliness of field operations while decreasing plant root stress and decrease disease potential. For more detailed information, you can contact Jodi DeJong-Hughes, Extension Educator for Crops by e mail at dejon003@umn.edu or call her at 320.815.4112.

Source: Jodi DeJong-Hughes, U M Extension Educator-Crops.

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This weeks hours:

Thu, Sept. 8 **Closed**
Fri, Sept. 9 **Closed**
Mon, Aug. 8 **9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

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Who's Dat?



Who's Dat?
This week's photo is of a family that lived in the oklee area.

Last week the photo was of Tian and Braque Mathson, children of Karen and Rich Mathson. They were watching the traffic in Oklee to pass the time while their mother filled a water tank for field work. The family now lives in Florida and the grandparent they visited often is Annabelle Chervestad.



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Rain Rain Go Away or so the old rhyme goes. Every single farmer and gardener is chanting this rhyme. On Sunday night we were struck by another huge rain. My daughter in Warroad said that they got more than 4 inches, and relatives in Warren said that they got 4 inches. Alvarado had so much rain many crops were already gone, and they got more rain again last Night (Sunday). Start building the ark guys.

Cindy and Del Determan went to Wilmar last weekend to the Bloom family reunion. Virgil Bloom 78, and Aunt Violet Bloom 92 came to the party. Aunt Violet passed all the cars on the road on her way there, Uncle George now 80 had a fabulous time. By the way Aunt Violet was an airplane pilot, no wonder she passed everyone else up.

Linda Chandler of St. George Utah, came to visit her Dad and Mom. She arrived on Thursday, and spent time with her Dad for his 77th birthday. Jerome and Barb Novak were very glad to see her and her siblings were able to have some great conversations over the weekend. She left for Utah on Monday evening.

Rebecca Novak came to visit Jerome and Barb Novak on Friday and spent time with her siblings over the weekend. She left to go home on Tuesday morning.

Carly Ann Reese, Adam Reese, Carter and Carson, Walter Novak, Gerard Novak Reinette and Ray Walter, Linda Chandler, Rebecca Novak, Nancy Ellenson, Matt Ellenson, Ian Daphne, Phillip, and Margaret all gathered to celebrate Jerome Novak's 77 th birthday on Sunday. Everyone

had a great time eating and visiting, and playing cards in the afternoon. Some of the old times were discussed and enjoyed.

It is pretty hard to surprise Jerome Novak with a party. I tried to play it cool and not do too much cleaning, or he would get wise. I did not call anyone too early lest someone spill the beans beforehand. I called his family later on Saturday. One of them called back on Saturday night and said he would be coming to the party. Jerome answered the phone. There went the surprise. Then he said to us here at home, "I figured that there was something going on, because all the kids were here together." The old fox got the word ahead of time again. He was surprised with the visit with Linda Chandler, because I didn't tell him she was coming from Utah to see him. She came in and went to wake him up when she arrived. His eyes were really big.

Nancy and Matt Ellenson, Ian, Phillip, Margaret and Daphne of Warroad came to help celebrate Jerome Novak's birthday. They stayed from Friday night and left on Sunday evening.

Father Duane Pribula came to visit Jerome and Barb Novak

on Friday evening and he stayed overnight. He left the next day to continue on to his brother's home in Alvarado.

Don't forget to have dinner at St. Joseph's at the Blast To Brooks celebration on Saturday. To make it interesting, there is also a raffle and prizes will be picked all day. Come on down and eat the good food and by the way grab something from the Bake Sale also being held at the dinner.

Red Hats will meet on September 14. We will be going to Thief River Falls this month.

I hope you are having a great week. I know I will need a week's worth of sleep in order to recoup from the very busy weekend we had.

Person of the week. Alice Jobe. She volunteers her aid whenever anyone needs to be gone from their ministry at church. She deserves a big thank you for all her substitution work.



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