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Matthew Genova and Mayor George Burthwick holding up the City of Oklee Flag that will be raised on September 30th.

City of Oklee Flag to be dedicated

On September 30th at 10:00 a.m., everyone who can attend is asked to join the members of the City of Oklee, in raising the City of Oklee flag. Students and staff from RLCC High School have also been invited to attend the flag raising.

In March 2016, a project started by Matthew Genova was given the final approval from the City of Oklee and from RLCC School Board to move forward with this project.

Genova contacted Courtney Salo, a graphic designer, who designed a number of flags. She created a couple of different flags and the one chosen is a

flag that has the Norwegian flag and a fleur-de-lis inside the Canadian Maple leaf representing the Norwegian and French-Canadian immigrants who settled in this area.

The flag will be raised on a flag pole installed this week along the highway west of RLCC School in Oklee.

On Monday, September 12th, KVLV reporter Neil Carlson came to Oklee and did a story on the City of Oklee's flag. You can see the story on KVLV's website: [http://www.valleynwslive.com/content/news/Oklee-MN-ready-to-dedicate-new-City-flag-as-Fargos-remains-in-](http://www.valleynwslive.com/content/news/Oklee-MN-ready-to-dedicate-new-City-flag-as-Fargos-remains-in-limbo-393290461.html)

[limbo-393290461.html](http://www.valleynwslive.com/content/news/Oklee-MN-ready-to-dedicate-new-City-flag-as-Fargos-remains-in-limbo-393290461.html).

Genova has set up an account at Security State Bank, "Oklee Flag Fund." The account has two signers and donations will be used for the flag and pole, the monies left over will be used to maintain the flag and pole in the future. There are Oklee Flag cans located around town at local business. Or you can stop by the bank and make a donation, any amount is welcome.

This is your chance to show how much you love your small town of Oklee. Come out for the raising of the City of Oklee Flag.

City Of Oklee Council meeting

On September 12, 2016, the City of Oklee held their monthly meeting at the Oklee Café starting at 6:00 p.m. All members were present, Lori Melby, Kaye Munt, and Alan Jensen.

Mayor George Burthwick opened the meeting and the minutes were approved by a motion by Melby, seconded by Jensen, carried.

Sheriff Mitch Bernstein reported to the council about the nuisance properties. Some issues have been addressed, but there is some cleanup that needs to be done on one property. A reasonable time limit needs to be given for the completion.

Bernstein also said that the Baxter property from the tax forfeited properties has been sold to Brad Boutain.

There has been a complaint of some vandalism, but is nothing to worry about and it was caused by some young children.

Gale Schmitz, the accounting firm, gave the monthly report of the City of Oklee. There were a couple of large expenses reflected in this monthly report in the Sewer Fund for the cleaning and camering of the pipes. The financial statement was approved with a motion by Munt, seconded by Jensen, carried.

Bills were brought to the board and they were approved

with a motion by Melby and seconded by Munt, carried.

Darrell Tougas, Maintenance, gave his report. Mosquito spray needs to be ordered if he continues to spray as often as he has. He has been spraying twice a week and has used twice as much as last year. The spray is expensive but will winter over in the heated garage if it is not all used by the end of this season. The Council felt it was important to continue spraying as needed as a health and safety issue.

Discussion on the Dulka/Baker property was held concerning the water issue. They have dug up the front yard looking for the source of the water. Still not sure where the water is coming from, it is not from the water pipe to the house. A few ideas to find the leak have been discussed such as adding dye to the water system at certain points to see where it comes out.

Also there are a number of sewer issues found with the camering that was done this summer. Some are due to tree roots. Once the tree roots/tree are dealt with a patch can be done without digging up the pipes with a sock type of patch system. Homeowners are responsible for the pipes from their home to the City Main.

Discussion on the repairs concluded that it needs to be address for next year's budget

except for the Dulka/Baker property, however, Tougas felt that the one near the High-rise apartment building needs to be address this year.

Other items reported on by Tougas included that the new mower is working great, the sewer drain on Main next to Kinsley's Kloset (Cyr Hardware building) needs to be fixed and the City of Oklee needs to budget for the painting of the water tower.

City Clerk Derek Cross reported that the Levy needs to be set for the next year. The standard practice is to set it at 11% increase for the initial report, noting that the levy can be lowered after the budget is done.

Audit proposals were discussed briefly. It was decided to table them for now.

Matthew Genova asked to be recognized by the Council and informed the members that the City of Oklee Flag is done, the flag pole is here and needs to be put up, and the ceremony is scheduled for September 30th at 10:00 a.m. Cross and Genova held up the flag for the Council to see. He is asking that as many of the council members be in attendance for the flag raising.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m. with a motion by Melby and seconded by Jensen.

City of Oklee Financial Chart on page 2.

Youth Sewing project taught by Shirley Dessellier on Market Day



There were 7 men's teams that competed this year.. Thank you! Left to Right: Back row: Craig Johnston, Dan Kaushagen, Justin Sjerven, Matt Lanctot, Adam Violette. Front Row: Eddie Miller, Michael Lukkason, Eric Gast, Casey Sannes, Justin Buegler.



Shirley Dessellier helping Nicolina Hofstad with her Make n' Take project at Oklee Market Day on August 13th.

On August 13th at Oklee Market Day, Shirley Dessellier held a Make n' Take project that 14 young ladies took advantage of.

The project was a T-Shirt bag. They cut off the sleeves and sewed up the bottom of the t-shirt.

The girls had a good time learning to make this cut and unique bags.



Hailey Hanson and her T-Shirt bag she made.



Natalie Hendrickson with her Mickey Mouse T-Shirt bag.



Jayley Parsley created a T-Shirt bag.



Lola Hendrickson with her T-Shirt bag she made.



Emma Hendrickson with her T-Shirt bag she made.

Calendar of Events

Wed, Sept. 21:
-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. 22:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
Fri, Sept. 23:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
Sat, Sept. 24:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!
Sun, Sept. 25:
-Worship at the church of your choice.
Mon, Sept. 26:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
Tue, Sept. 27:
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards.
-LSS Sr. Meal 5:00 p.m.
Wed, Sept. 28:
-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. 29:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
Fri, Sept. 30:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.



North Country Food Bank, Inc. asks NW Minnesota to take action to end hunger!

This September North Country Food Bank, Inc. together with the Feeding America nationwide network of food banks, mobilized across all 50 states in an effort to bring an end to hunger. Hunger Action Month is designed to inspire people to take action and raise awareness of the fact that 48 million Americans, including 15 million children, are food insecure, according to the USDA.

In northwest and west central Minnesota, more than 37,770 of our neighbors struggle with hunger and may not know where they'll find their next meal. September marks the ninth year the Feeding America network of food banks has organized this annual call to action, and the 9th year North Country Food Bank has participated in the Hunger Action Month movement. This year the campaign will focus on the strong connections between hunger and health.

The Hunger Action Month 2016 campaign asks people to consider how it must feel to live with an empty stomach, which puts a healthy life and a promising future at risk. "It's extremely important that people we serve have access to enough healthy food to reach their full potential; especially our children, who cannot grow, succeed or learn on an empty stomach," said Susie Novak, Executive Director of North Country Food Bank.

According to the Feeding

America study, Hunger in America 2014, nearly half of households served by the Feeding America network include someone that is in either fair or poor health. "I've spent many days on the road this past year, visiting food banks, food pantries, and meal programs and meeting people who are facing hunger," said Diana Aviv, CEO of Feeding America. "I've seen firsthand the anguish that food insecurity and hunger can cause. It is always heartbreaking to meet a mother or father who fears that they will not be able to feed their children. They know that their children cannot reach their full potential if they don't have enough to eat."

Hunger Action Day®, the second Thursday in September, was the day where efforts across the country were focused for greater impact.

In northwest and west central Minnesota, North Country there have been many town hall meetings in Grand Forks, Crookston, Detroit Lakes, & Park Rapids.

There will be a tour, open house, volunteer appreciation and volunteer work opportunity on Thursday, September 29, 2016, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

To learn more about North Country Food Bank, and other ways you can get involved for Hunger Action Month in northwest and west central Minnesota please visit www.northcountryfoodbank.org

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Margaret Jacobus
Wed, Sept. 21: 6:30 p.m.
Confirmation Classes at Zion.
Sun, Sept. 25: 9:00 a.m.
Zion. 9:00 a.m. SS at Salem.
10:15 a.m. SS at Zion. 10:30 p.m. Brunch at Zion after service.
Mon, Sept. 26: 9:00 a.m.
Quilting at Zion.
Wed, Sept. 28: 6:30 p.m.
Confirmation Classes at Zion.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH OKLEE
Fr. Adam Hamness
Sun, Sept. 25: 7:30 a.m.
Confessions 8:00 a.m. Mass.

BROOKS - RED LAKE FALLS CATHOLIC PARISH
Fr. Bill DeCrans
Sat, Sept. 24: 5:30 p.m. RLF
Sun, Sept. 25: 8:00 a.m. RLF.
Brooks. 10:00 a.m. RLF.

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun, Sept. 25: 9:00 a.m.
Worship Ebenezer. 9:15 a.m.
Sunday School at Immanuel.
10:30 a.m. Worship Immanuel.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Interim Pastor Phil Johnson
Wed, Sept. 21: 7:00 p.m. 9th grade Confirmation at Faith.
Thu, Sept. 22: Pastor Phil at Skylite - 1 p.m. and Riverside at 2:00 p.m.
Sun, Sept. 25: 8:30 a.m. Faith, 9:45 a.m. SS; 9:45 a.m. Bethany, SS 11:00 a.m.; 11:00 a.m. Ekelund 9:45 a.m. SS.
Wed, Sept. 28: 7:00 p.m. 9th grade Confirmation class.

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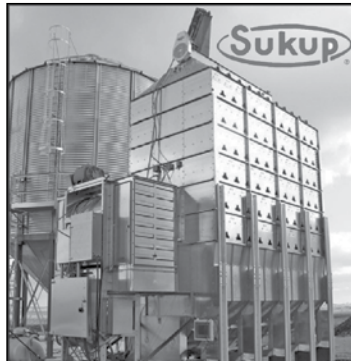


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Stop in our West Fargo office and talk to Randy.

Oklee Herald Delivery issues

The Oklee Herald has been informed that the Oklee Herald subscribers whose papers are sorted out of the Fargo office have been experiencing delays of about a week.

Bonny's Bits

It has been a difficult couple of weeks for our family and we all appreciate the kind words you have shared with us about our mom, Audrey Bergerson.

She will be missed very much by her family and her friends.



Hotdish Dinner
Sunday, October 2, 2016
Salem Lutheran Church
Rural Oklee
Serving from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Free will offering

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.

City of Oklee	End of August 2016	End of August 2015
Cash	327,195.10	302,441.41
	1 mo. ending August 30, 2016	1 mo. ending August 30, 2015
Revenue	88,395.51	14,992.39
Expenses	59,611.94	26,049.64
Profit/Loss	28,783.57	-11,057.25
General Fund	-32,059.50	-15,245.06
Street Fund	880.00	880.00
Fire Fund	121.89	3,386.63
Firemen's Fund	0.00	-525.96
Economic (EDA)	50,736.01	-6,249.45
Tax Increment Financing	-857.00	-857.00
Capital Replacement	996.33	996.33
Water Fund	5,031.09	4,787.00
Sewer Fund	3,496.13	2,204.47
Garbage Fund	438.70	-433.21
	6 mo. ending August 30, 2016	6 mo. ending August 30, 2015
Revenue	490,718.69	479,921.22
Expenses	417,957.34	417,312.33
Profit/Loss	72,761.35	62,608.89
General Fund	19,316.79	-34,555.06
Street Fund	7,040.00	7,053.32
Fire Fund	3,242.61	3,571.33
Firemen's Fund	-23,173.60	6,616.82
Economic (EDA)	17,607.50	2,388.23
Tax Increment Financing	-426.91	-428.66
Capital Replacement	7,970.64	7,970.64
Water Fund	39,138.39	44,933.05
Sewer Fund	406.21	23,045.93
Garbage Fund	1,637.71	2,013.29

Notice

The Oklee Economic Development Association (EDA) is looking of candidates for a position on the board.

Meetings are minimal and are held when required.

If interested, please contact the City of Oklee Clerk to submit your name by October 5, 2016.

Tri-Valley Public Transportation

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, Sep. 22: Grand Forks - Thief River Falls. Bemidji - Crookston, Fertile, Winger, Erskine, McIntosh, Fosston.

Mon, Sep. 26: Grand Forks - Fosston, McIntosh, Erskine, Mentor, Crookston.

Fri, Sep. 28: Thief River Falls/7 Clans Casino - Crookston, Fertile, Winger, Erskine, Brooks.



Shirley Dessellier helping Sierra Mitzner with her T-Shirt bag at the Oklee Market Day Make 'n Take project held August 13th.

There were 14 youth to took part in this fun project.

Centennial Recipe Corner

Sweet Potato Casserole Donna (Jensen) Larson

2-3 lbs sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into 1/2 inch chunks
2 Tbsp sugar
2 eggs
1/2 cup evaporated milk or half and half
1 tsp vanilla extract
1/2 cup brown sugar
1/4 cup flour
1/2 cup pecans, chopped
2 Tbsp (unsalted) butter, melted (use salted if you don't have unsalted)

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Place potatoes in a steamer basket over boiling water. Cover pan and steam 10 minutes or until tender. Drain and place into electric mixer bowl along with next 4 ingredients. Season with salt, to taste (optional). Mix well and pour into appropriately sized Pam sprayed pan. Combine remaining ingredients in a bowl, stirring with a fork. Spread over sweet potato mixture. Bake 30 minutes or until hot through out and lightly browned on top.



Search for Mrs. Red Lake County announced

Applications are being accepted for the title of Mrs. Red Lake County!

Mrs. Red Lake County will have the honor of representing her county at the Mrs. Minnesota pageant, which will be held at "Wellstone Center", April 29th, 2017 in St. Paul, MN.

The woman chosen as "Mrs. Red Lake County" will become an ambassador from the Red Lake County area and will receive the official title and sash!!

The woman chosen as Mrs. Minnesota will receive a prize package worth \$7,000 and the chance to represent Minnesota at the 2017 Mrs. International Pageant in August in Charleston, WV. The American Heart Association's "Go Red for Women" is the official charity of the Mrs. Minnesota pageant. To learn more visit: www.goredforwomen.org.

The current reigning "2016 Mrs. Minnesota is Morgan Breddre of Woodbury, MN. Traveling all across the state, Morgan speaks on her platform, "No Matter the Minutes; Hospice Care for Children." For the 700+ children who die annually in Minnesota who now will have the safe haven they deserve through Crescent

Cove's child-based hospice care. For more information go to: www.crescentcove.org.

Competition in the pageant are: personal interview, fitness wear and evening gown. (There are no talent or swimsuit competitions.)

For married women living in Red Lake County that are interested in applying: Write for a bio-form: Mrs. Minnesota; International Pageant; PO Box 240537; Apple Valley, MN 55124-0537.

Or on online application can be filled out on our website: www.minnesota.com. Or call for information: 1-800-262-0097, (952) 432-6758; fax: (952) 953-3896. Email: mnpageants@frontiernet.net.

Sudoku Solution

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

Oklee Herald Office Hours

This weeks hours:

Thu, Sep. 22 9:00 a.m to 4:00 p.m.
Fri, Sep. 23 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Mon, Sep. 26 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial Update

Recently the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial received a contribution toward the purchase of a block. The family of Edmund and Doris LaJambe purchased a block recognizing the military service of Aldine Riel, the brother of Doris LaJambe. Mr. Riel served as a Radarman 2nd Class with the USNR in the South Pacific during WW II from 1942-1945. The block will be placed in the south walkway this fall.

In addition, donations to the Veterans' Memorial were received in memory of Gerald Stone who graduated from Oklee High School and lived in California in the winters and north of Oklee in the summers. Mr. Stone served in the U. S. Army in Korea, and contributions in his memory were given by Don and Alma Stenberg, Oklee, Goodwin and Lucille Kvasager, Plummer and Larry and Jeanie O'Neill, Oklee

Donations to the Oklee Area

Veterans' Memorial may be sent to Security State Bank, Box 69, Oklee, MN 56742, Attn: Lori Melby. Questions about the Memorial may be sent to Mary Lynn Bachand at bachand@gvtel.com or by calling 218-796-5765.

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RLCC Menus

September 26 - 30

Oklee

Mon: Breakfast: Bakery roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Chef salad, diced ham, boiled eggs, cottage cheese, carrots, celery, peas, cucumbers, radishes, bread sticks, fruit, and milk.

Tue: Breakfast: Toast, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Pork fritters, cheesy hash browns, vegetable, fruit, and milk.

Wed: Breakfast: Pancake on a stick, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, vegetable, dinner roll, fruit, and milk.

Thu: Breakfast: Toast, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Cheesy bread w/pizza sauce, lettuce salad, carrots, fruit and milk.

Fri: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Taco in a bag or soft shell (salsa, sour cream, lettuce, cheese, black olives), refried beans, fruit and milk.

Plummer

Mon: Breakfast: Cinnamon streusel coffee cake, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Hot ham patty (bun, sliced cheese, pickles), Sun Chips, Go-Gurt, apple crisp, and milk.

Tue: Breakfast: Egg & sausage biscuit, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, beets, jello, tea roll, fruit, and milk.

Wed: Breakfast: Pancakes, cereal, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Creamy tomato soup, salad (tomatoes, cucumber), egg salad or PB sandwich, rice crispy bar, fruit and milk.

Thu: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, steamy baked potatoes, peas & carrots, PG sandwich, fruit, and milk.

Fri: Breakfast: Variety, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Scalloped potatoes & ham, green beans, mini carrots & Ranch, bread, fruit, and milk.

RLCC Sports Schedules

RLC Rebels

Football

Varsity

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 High (7th-8th)

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

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

Elementary (5th-6th)

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

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

RLCC Girls

Volleyball

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 *HighSeed* 7:00 p.m.



Tessa Langer



Sahara Moore



Peyton Fish

New students at RLCC High School

By: Hannah Riendeau and Marie Johnson

Ten new students have enrolled at Red Lake County Central High School for the 2016-17 school year. This week the Mustang Stampede is featuring Sahara Moore, Peyton Fish, and Tessa Langer.

The 11th grade class has welcomed Sahara Moore who is 16. Daughter of Christie and Casey, Moore has two siblings Daylon Melby and Zach Walker. Moore has three cats: Simba, Shadow and Leo. She now lives in Brooks, MN and had attended Win-E-Mac High School in Erskine, MN where she was involved in dance, track, volleyball, softball, t-ball, basketball and

soccer. Moore's favorite activity is dancing. During her free time she likes to work. Over the summer she went swimming and a concert.

Peyton Fish is a new student at Red Lake County Central High School. Fish is in seventh grade and is 13 years old. The son of Darin and Sally Fish, he lives in Thief River Falls and recently went to school at Warren-Alvarado-Oslo in Warren. Fish has one brother Andrew. School activities that he has been involved in are baseball and football. Playing with Legos is what Fish likes to do in his free time. His favorite activity is skating. He has one cat named Hammie and a pet llama named Sean. Over the

summer Fish moved to Thief River Falls.

Red Lake County Central welcomes Tessa Langer who is age 12, in seventh grade, and the daughter of Jeff and Gina Langer. She has seven siblings: Emma, Lucas, and Savannah, Wyatt, Ashley, Damen and Bella. Her pets name are Sasha, Boss, and Pepper, Celso, Max and Luke. Langer previously attended Franklin Middle School in Thief River Falls but now she lives in Oklee. Langer likes cooking and babysitting, and she likes to do math. Her favorite activity is cooking. Over the summer she was hanging out with her friends.

JV Football Beat

Mahnomen

The Junior Varsity Rebel football team opened their season with a game vs. Mahnomen in Oklee on September 12th. Mahnomen would take the opening drive right at RLC. They would end the drive with a 33 yard touchdown run. The PAT failed and Mahnomen would lead 6-0.

RLC would put together a long drive of over nine minutes after that. The would hit the end zone at the end of the drive with a Adrien Verbout one yard run. The PAT was good and RLC would lead for good 8-6. Much of the middle part of the game as back and forth. RLC would hit the end zone again on a 40 yard Verbout run after he was stopped and then broke tackles to score. RLC would lead 14-6.

After Connor Lambert recovered his second fumble, Chris Longtin would break down the left side for a 33 yard touchdown to give the Rebels a 20-6 lead going into

the last ten minutes. Longtin would add a late touchdown and give RLC a 28-6 win to start the season 1-0.

"It was a good win. Our last scrimmage was pretty poor so it was great to play so much better," noted Coach Kory Baril.

The RLC junior varsity will play Badger-Greenbush-Middle River next Monday.

RLCC plays at Ada-Borup

By: Marie Johnson

Red Lake County Central played at the varsity volleyball tournament Saturday, September 10 in Ada-Borup. RLCC played Fosston for their first game, losing their first set 6-25 and 11-25 in the second. RLCC played Ada-Borup next losing their first set, 14-25 and 9-25 in the second. RLCC played Freeze for their third game, and won the first set 25-20, and lost the other sets 13-25 and 13-15. In the last game, RLCC played Freeze winning the first set 25-20,

and losing the next two sets 19-25 and 11-15.

Ashley Longtin led the Mustangs in kills with 15 followed by Kelsie Sirjord with 12, Julia Bernstein 11, and Sydnie Gunderson with 7. Leading in assists were Megan Berberich with 19 and Calyssa Eskeli with 16. Sirjord was the leader with three aces. Longtin and Berberich each had one ace.

RLCC taken down by Chargers

By: Sydnie Gunderson

The Red Lake County Central Mustangs volleyball team played the Goodridge-Grygla Chargers in Goodridge Monday, September 12. The Mustangs lost all three sets: 15-25, 14-25, 19-25.

Ashley Longtin had seven kills and one ace. Julia Bernstein had four kills, Kelsie Sirjord had three and Sydnie Gunderson two. Megan Berberich had 11 assists and Calyssa Eskeli three assists.



Red Lake County hosted their first home football game. Pictured are the Rebels during the National anthem.



Rebels offense lined up to run a play against Walker-Hackensack-Akeley.



Rebels lost 14-38 to the Wolves.



Shirley Dessellier helping Josi Cardinal (above) and Kenley Marquis (below) sewing their T-Shirt bags on Market Day.



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Oklee Herald Early Files

**Seventy Years Ago
September 26, 1946**
Workmen completed the work of installing new projection machines in the Oak Theatre, Oklee on Wednesday. The machines compare favorably with those in use in theaters in the larger cities.

Miss Lorraine Olson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Olson, and Arnold Nordrum were married September 8th at the home of the bride's parents north of town.

Sixty Years Ago
September 27, 1956
A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Toulouse on September 21st at the Northwestern Hospital in Thief River Falls.

A.N. Labevre of Brooks grew a 57 pound pumpkin in his garden.

**Fifty Years Ago
September 22, 1966**
Sheryl Rahier was crowned Oklee Fall Festival Queen, Mary Melby was first runner-up and Margaret Person was second runner-up.

Ken Thorpe, radio and television personality of Grand Forks has announced his resignation from KTHI-TV (channel 11) to accept a

position with WAEO-TV in Rhinelander, Wisconsin. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Thorpe.

**Forty Years Ago
September 23, 1976**
Congratulations to Mrs. Ludger Tougas who won the Savings Bond at the Blast To Brooks.

Todd Gustafson and Nancy Qually were the Plummer King and Queen for Homecoming.

Peggy Genereux was the Blast To Brooks Queen. Third place was tied for by Kathy Genereux and Bernice Paradis.

**Thirty Years Ago
September 24, 1986**
Mark Bagaason is a new 4th grade teacher at Oklee School and Joan Lindquist isn't new to Oklee Schools, but she has a new position as a Title I teacher.

The Nazareth Ladies Aid will have their fancy work sale at the dining hall on October 1st.

Monday evening, Madonna Lallier celebrated her birthday with Lorraine Fisher, Emilie Skjervén, Shar Fox, Edna Hyde, Reinette Walter and Connie Hughes joining her for supper.

Little Tracy Jean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George and

Rita Burthwick was baptized Sunday at St. Frances Xavier Catholic Church by Fr. Felion.

**Twenty Years Ago
September 18, 1996**
A special City Council meeting was held on Friday and the bid was accepted for the new water tower.

First Care is very interested in extending its services to the City of Oklee and the council approved the plan.

Sunday liquor license passed in an election held on September 10th, and it passed with 81 for and 60 against.

Approximately 100 bales of hay belonging to Korydon Chervestad were destroyed by fire recently.

**Ten Years Ago
September 21, 2006**
Jenna Magnell is a new student at Oklee's RLCC High School.

The RLCC Mustangs stampede the Warren/Alvarado/Oslo Ponies with a score of 25-21.

Gladys Hanson recently celebrated her 100th birthday. Gladys graduated from Oklee High School in 1924.

Kyles Twenty Miles was a big success despite the rainy weather.

Red Lake County Extension Educator Curtis W. Nyegaard - 218-253-2895

Field Dry Down Of Corn

Much of the early planted corn in Minnesota and North Dakota and even the Red River Valley area has now reached maturity. If it has not reached maturity (black layer) already; it should develop the black layer in the next few days. Jeff Coulter, U M Extension Corn Specialist, says on the average corn will dry down at the following rates:

- # .75 to 1.0 percentage points per day from now until September 25.
- # .5 to .75 percentage points per day from September 26 to October 5.
- # .25 to .5 percentage points per day during October 6 to 15.
- # .0 to .33 percentage points per day after October 15.

The above information is a rough guideline because the actual rate of "in the field drying" in our area will vary greatly with weather conditions.

Joel Ransom, N D S U Extension Agronomist says the corn development has been substantially ahead of average this year for most areas of North Dakota and The Red River Valley. Growing degree accumulations have been similar to or greater than last year, which turned out

to be an exceptional year for maturity and field dry down. After reaching the black layer, corn kernels do not add any additional dry weight and therefore loses moisture by losing water weight through evaporation. Reaching maturity by mid-September is good news with regards to field drying as the rate of moisture loss via evaporation largely depends on air temperature. Relative humidity obviously plays a role in evaporation, but air temperature is usually the most dominant factor this far north. Warm air has the ability to hold more water vapor than cold air, so warmer air is able to draw more moisture out of the drying kernel than cooler air. Since temperature declines rapidly in our area in the fall, we tend to have fewer good field drying days in the fall than our neighbors to the south. Since the corn in our area has reached maturity by mid-September positions the crop so that it will dry quickly and hopefully sufficiently so that at harvest little or no artificial drying is needed before putting the grain in the bin. This is true for Red Lake County as well, because I checked five corn fields and four of the five fields had kernels of

corn showing the black layer on September 15.

Not only did we have relatively early maturity of the corn crop last year, we also had exceptional weather for drying through the middle of October. Generally speaking, the weather in early October last year was well above average which hastened the drying process. Even with our early maturity this year, how well the corn dries will depend on the weather from now until harvest. Last year the drying rate was about .75% per day for the period from mid-September to mid-October for several hybrids. That rate of drying was exceptional as in other years the rate was more in the order of .25% to .33% loss per day for the same period of time. If the weather continues to be normal, we should be able to expect corn to reach the harvest moistures achieved last year about a week to ten days later than 2015.

To have questions answered about "in the field drying" of corn on your farm; you can e mail Joel Ransom, N D S U Extension Agronomist at joel.ransom@nds.edu.

Source: Jeff Coulter, U M Extension Corn Specialist, and Joel Ransom, N D S U Extension Agronomist.

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

The weather is sunny today and it promises to be in the low seventies. Fall is upon us and the window for getting the fall fix ups done is very small. It sounds like we will have a few nice days and then the shoe will drop. It is expected though given we are in northern Minnesota. I like the changing seasons and the differences in the weather. I would be hard pressed to have the same old weather everyday. We do live in paradise. That is our best kept secret about living here.

This past weekend Hiedi, Emma, Elizabeth, and Cindy Determan walked in the Walk For Life at Hartz Park in Thief River Falls. This was a fund raiser for the Life Care Center for women in crisis health care center. They help young women with ultra sounds, pregnancy tests, gas vouchers, and education for child birth and women's pregnancy health before the child is born and they give care for the first year of the child's life. The walk was led by the Knights of Columbus. The walk was well attended.

Cindy and Del Determan and Judy and Scott Morinville went on their bikes to the

Brainerd area and rode around the Lake Mille Lacs and leech lake area this past weekend. They put on 530 miles. No grass grows under their feet.

On Thursday before the Blast to Brooks, Madeline and Parnell Thibert came to visit with Clarence and Diane Gagner and a cookout was held for Madeline and Parnell and Wes Myhre and Jan Johnson at the Gagner home.

On Friday Madeline and Parnell Thibert, Darren and wife Sue Thibert of Plano Illinois and their daughter Stacey Hamilin and her friend Ryan of Beaver Creek Colorado spent the weekend. They enjoyed the Brooks festivities and returned home on Monday.

On Saturday Clarence and Diane Gagner attended the wedding of Diane's grand niece Payton Berry, and Jim Sad in Valley City, ND. They came home on Sunday night. Other from the area that went to this wedding were Cheryl and Arlan Fore of Oklee, and Tim and Brenda Gagner of Fergus Falls, MN.

Monday afternoon the small homemakers club got together for their monthly meeting. They met at Jean Carpenter's

home in Plummer and Diane Gagner, Jean Carpenter, Judy Kelley, and Lorna Nielson gathered. It is always a great time when old friends meet.

There was a benefit dinner held in the Community hall by the Plummer Lions on Sunday. It was well attended and the silent auction had many wonderful things on display including some horses and goats. With the grass growing like it is this year I almost bid on a goat. The benefit was held for Brooke Duray who is suffering from stage 4 squamous cell Carcinoma cancer that started in the jaw and mouth in 2014 and now has moved to the brain and lung. She is the grand daughter of Karen and the late Ole Tvedt.

Madeline and Parnell Thibert while visiting in Brooks celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary. With the visiting and the partying with friends and relatives over Blast To Brooks they enjoyed their anniversary with family and friends.

Congratulations to Krystal Roy and John James Carlson who joined hands and were married on September 17, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church on Saturday. They are the children of Harold and Jennifer Kokesch and Tom Roy and Jim and Joyce Carlson. We hope your marriage is full of wonderment and joy.

Red hats met at the Biff's Kitchen on Wednesday. Those attending were Jean Carpenter, Loretta Hesse, Alice Jobe, Mary Schindler, Mickey Duden, Louise Lessard, and Barb Novak. Next month we will meet on October 26.

Hope your week is a good one. Person of the week is Cindy Determan who gave water to someone in concern for dehydration. She knew he was a cancer patient and handed him water so he would be hydrated for the day last week in Fargo.

Senior Site News and Other Things By Volunteer Iona Berry

It's Monday and a beautiful day with the sun shining.

My weekend was quiet, which is the way I like it. I did finally get my lawn mowed. I still couldn't mow much in the ditch as there is still some water in some spots.

I am sure you have noticed that leaves are falling and trees have turned color. I raked one bag of leaves as it was hard to mow over them without scattering them even more.

I heard that Evelyn Bergerson had passed away. I visited with her several times

when she had come to the Site. Her children all attended the Oklee School when I was there.

Alice Bluemke was in Oklee on Sunday and she said she had visited with Rose Mandt in Fosston. She also said Cleata Ralph had fallen and broke her hip.

DATES TO REMEMBER
Sept 20 - Pot Luck Meal
Oct 4 - Evening Meal

WORDS OF WISDOM]
When you borrow someone's car or truck, return it with a

filled gas tank.

Don't be envious of others' success. Study their methods.

JOKE TIME
A man was walking down some stairs when all of a sudden he slipped.

In the process a stout lady toppled against him and they ended up on the bottom step with the lady sitting in the man's lap.

The man tapped the lady on the shoulder. "I'm sorry, lady," he rasped, "but this is as far as I go."

Red Lake County Extension Educator Ray Bisek 320-247-2590 - bisek001@umn.edu

This week is National Farm Safety Week. I'll highlight silo gases since this week corresponds with a lot of silage harvesting for many in northern MN, including for myself. Another confined space is manure pits on some farms. Proper safe habits when emptying and or entering manure pits should also be followed. Both confined spaces have caused the loss of loved ones and or major health disabilities. Make it a point to follow safe procedures when entering any type of confined space on your farm.

Dangers of Silo Gases
After harvested forages are placed in a silo, they often produce gases during the early stages of the fermentation process. Silo gases are difficult to detect because they are almost invisible, but signs of such gases may include:

- the formation of a faint yellow or red haze that appears from the top of a conventional silo to the bottom of the ladder chute,
- staining on the silo and silage, and
- a bleach-like odor that may be present even at the base of the silo and in the milking parlor.

If you detect silo gases, leave the area immediately. Physical reactions to silo gases may not be noticeable immediately after your exposure, but damage to your lungs may have already occurred.

Nitrogen dioxide begins to form within hours after the forages are ensiled, with the amount of gas peaking about three days after harvest. From that point, the amount of gas begins to decrease rapidly.

Nitrogen dioxide is harmful because it causes severe irritation to the nose and throat, which can lead to lung inflammation. After low-level exposure to nitrogen dioxide, a person may experience very little immediate pain or discomfort but may later suffer from fluid collection in the lungs that may be fatal. Prolonged or recurring pneumonia-like symptoms can occur two to six weeks after initial exposure. Any person who has been exposed to any level of nitrogen dioxide, for even a short period of time, should seek immediate medical attention.

Decreasing the Risk of Exposure to Silo Gases in Conventional Silos:
Ventilation: When you use a conventional silo on your farm or ranch, ventilation is the best defense against nitrogen dioxide buildup in areas of your barn and the best away to lower the risk to your livestock.

Provide adequate ventilation in and around your silo during the first 72 hours of silage fermentation and for at least two to three weeks after filling the silo.

Keep the door between the silo room and the barn closed.

Consider using barn exhaust fans to blow air into the silo or feed room to decrease quantities of silo gases that may have flowed down the chute.

Timing: Avoid the silo during critical periods when silo gases are forming. Gas concentrations are highest between 12 and 72 hours after filling.

If at all possible, do not enter the silo for two to three weeks after filling because of the high level of silo gases. If you must enter the silo during that time to level silage or set up an unloader, enter immediately after the last load is in and before the fermentation process begins—a period that may be

only a few hours. (Follow the same precautions below if entry is required within four to six weeks after filling.)

Prior to entry, run the silo blower for 15 to 45 minutes and keep it running while you are in the silo.

Wear a self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and a harness attached to a lifeline and anchor point.

Always maintain visual contact with a second person outside the silo.

If the level of the silage is low, a silo blower will not provide enough ventilation to dilute the silo gases. Do not enter the silo without wearing an SCBA.

Prior to entering any silo at any time, make sure that the power supply for all unloading mechanisms is locked out.

Personnel: Never enter a silo unless there is another person present outside the silo who can quickly get help if necessary. This person should maintain visual contact with you at all times because if you are overcome by silo gas, you may not be able to call out for assistance.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE): If, in an emergency, it is necessary to enter a silo containing silage, the individual entering the silo must wear an SCBA.

Signage: Post appropriate signage warning people of the potential for silo gases. By posting "Danger—Deadly Silo Gas" signs around the base of the silo, you are warning visitors, family members, and workers to stay away from the area.

Additional Recommendations: Keep children away from the silo and adjoining areas during filling and for at least two weeks after. When uncovering the filler opening, stays positioned on the ground and use a rope to pull the cover off the filler opening. Remove the cover several days before you start using the silage. If you begin to cough or experience throat irritation while working near a silo, move to a source of fresh air immediately.

Source: Linda M. Fetzer, Pennsylvania State University

Plummer News By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

Mickie Duden and Ronnie Freyholtz went to New Fest in Newfolden Saturday and to Strathcona Threshing activities on Sunday. They really enjoyed watching the horses plowing, etc.

Karl Vigstol and Danielle McWalter were married Saturday, September 10th at Historic Linden House in Little Falls. Karl is the son of Karen and Eldon Vigstol of Plummer. The reception was held at Cragun's Resort and a dance later. All of Eldon's brothers except one came. And his sisters also came.

Donalad and Margaret Magnell came from Spearfish, South Dakota to visit Don's aunt, Inga Linder and her family on Monday. They had lunch in Thief River Falls and visited at Jane's home afterwards.

Jean Carpenter had Hollyhock Homemaker's at her home on Monday. Lorna Neilson, Diane Gagner, Judy Kelley, and Nancy Peterson came. Jean served dessert and coffee.

Kevin and Cathy Samuelson of Sarles, North Dakota came for the weekend to visit Bunny DuChamp and Lenny and Meiko DuChamp of Bremerton, Washington.

Wednesday, Milt Peterson met with Lenny and Meiko for lunch. Bunny also went. Milt and Lenny were classmates.

The Red Hats met Wednesday in Thief River Falls at Biff's. There were only seven. Most of the ladies enjoyed pie for dessert after the diner. Loretta Hesse and Mickie Dudden won the drawings, which were earrings and a

framed wall hanging.

There were about 75 people attending the Red Lake County Senior Citizen's picnic at Bethany Lutheran Church in Red Lake Falls. They served BBQ's, potato salad, beans and bars. Coffee and lemonade.

About 25 from Plummer went. Blast To Brooks had a great car show on Saturday. It was huge. The weather cooperated. St. Joseph's Church ad a pretty good turnout for lunch. Drawing were held. Parade at 2 p.m.



Savannah Nelson, Kinsley Kruchowski, and Shandi Nelson with their T-Shirt bag creations.

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