

Oklee Precipitation
By Einar Kvasager

June 20	0.02
June 22	0.39
June 23	0.07
June 24	0.16
June 25	0.02
June 26	0.03
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The Oklee-Brooks-Plummer Ambulance Service members: Back row (l to r): Josh Eisenbacher, Sheriff Mitch Bernstein, Sandra Tougas, Doug Rhoades (retired), and Gin Berns. Middle (l to r): DeeAnn Eskeli (retired), Kim and Rhonda Vettleson, Mike Dessellier (retired), Wanda Wright, and Jeannette Braaten. Front row (l to r): Darrell Tougas and Al Paquin. Not pictured: John Burthwich and Mark Roue (Brooks).

Recruitment ongoing challenge for rural ambulance services including Oklee

Choosing to be a volunteer emergency medical technician EMT is all about community service. Wanda Wright has been a member of the Oklee Ambulance for approx. 19 years which serves Red Lake, Pennington and Polk counties. “I enjoy giving to my community,” “We’re probably there helping a person on one of the worst days of their lives if they had to call an ambulance. Just knowing you can really help somebody is really good,” says Wright.

“Our community service isn’t an enticing selling point, for a commitment that requires volunteers to be on call 24 hours a day, complete more than 100 hours of training and potentially leave jobs and family gatherings at a moment’s notice,” continued Wright.

Small town Ambulance services in Minnesota— have closed in the past two years because they did not have enough volunteers to sustain the minimum requirements to have the service available 24/7, many others have merged or become substations of neighboring ambulance services. There are a number of ambulance services in Minnesota that are on the brink of no longer being sustainable, Oklee Ambulance is one of these.

Rising from need

Rural ambulance services have a storied history, rising out of a need for care — to the relief of other businesses. In many small communities funeral homes became receivers of calls for help. All of a sudden, people realized there was a

service out there that if they were sick or injured, someone would come get them. Then the funeral home got too busy, so we started in our community ambulance services.

Since then, the services have become more regulated, requiring state licenses for operation and certification for Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT’s) and First Responders.

When it’s all said and done, a potential EMT volunteer may participate in 120 to 190 hours of training to become certified depending on if they have a medical background, they are also required to have yearly ongoing training.

Once training is completed, it’s time to be on-call.

Minnesota state law requires two EMTs to respond to each call no matter the time, unless the service has sought an emergency staff hardship variance to allow one EMT and one first responder to take the call instead.

EMT volunteers are on call 24 hours a day, which may have the potential to take them away from full time jobs.

It’s sticky situation in many of the small towns in northwest Minnesota where residents commute to other communities for work, leaving those working in town to cover shifts.

“I’m really thankful for a lot of employers in small towns that allow our people (to go) if their pagers go off,” says Wright.

Right now, Oklee Ambulance only has a handful of volunteers

to cover such calls during the day and if there is no EMT’s around it will be requested that Fosston or Their River falls be contacted to transport the Patient which could take valuable time.

EMT’s will be expected to get to an ambulance garage within minutes of their pager going off. And will be paid only for runs they make and potentially encounter friends and neighbors on their calls.

“It’s a tough job to do, and it’s hard to stay in it for a long time. It’s an emotional job. You’re dealing with people in small communities. We’re dealing with people that we know, that we see every day on the street. They’re not strangers,” said Wright.

Looking forward

Recruitment isn’t a new issue for volunteer ambulance services. “I think we’re at that point where those of us who have been EMT’s, many, many years, we just do it because that’s how we provide services to our community, and we know that it is a vital part of the community to have people there to assist our

families and friends in a time of need. Calling on neighboring communities to provide emergency transportation could cost our Friends and Family time, Time they may not have.

PLEASE HELP SAVE OUR AMBULANCE SERVICE!!!!

The Oklee Ambulance is offering a \$500 incentive after completing the state required guidelines for an EMT and being an active member of the Oklee Ambulance for a 1 year period.

Oklee Ambulance is in dire need to get more EMT’s and First Responder volunteers to assist the communities of Oklee, Plummer and Brooks. If you are interested please contact Wanda Wright @ 218-796-5044 or Gin Berns @218-796-4545 leave a message if no answer and we will get back to you.

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Mike Dessellier, Deeann Eskeli, and Doug Rhoades who recently retired from the Oklee Ambulance Service. Combined the 3 of them have over 78 years with the Oklee Ambulance.

Oklee Ambulance Service loses three volunteers to retirement

On June 20th, many people from the three communities came together at the Oklee Community Hall to honor three of Oklee’s Best.

Why are they the Best? Because between the three of them they have served the three communities for over 78 years of service, helping day or night, good or bad weather to make sure their patients got to the medical care they needed as fast as possible.

Mike Dessellier has been retired since March and has the most hours in between the three of them.

Oklee has been very fortunate to have Mike working and living in Oklee, to be a volunteer for over 38 years.

Deeann Eskeli was originally from Oklee and now lives in the Plummer area. She first served as an EMT, but when she moved her duties changed to secretary/treasurer served the Ambulance service for 20 years.

Doug Rhoades from the Trail area has been an important part of the local service also serving on the ambulance for 20 years. He has been our NW region EMT of our service area.

With these leaving, it is leaving a big hole in our ambulance service and some big shoes to fill.

Your commitment and service is needed by Oklee to keep this wonderful service available to our friends and family.

Plummer & Trail for 4th of July fun!

Plummer has plans and events for a fun day full of activities for people of all ages! Food Vendors will be available all day! Boy Scouts will be selling ice cream for a fundraiser for their future activities.

On July 3: 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Street Dance with “The Roosters”.

July 4: 8 a.m. 5k Run/Walk. Meet at the Fire Hall

9:00 a.m. Flea Market opens 9 - 11 a.m. Artists at the

Museum and City Hall. Rick Jensen, the National Carver of the Year; Lavonne Forsberg Watercolors; Mark Berberich/ Vern Brazier Wood Turning Display; Pauline Purath Wheat Weaving; Ann Piersol Pottery; and Bobbi Duchamp Jewelry Making.

At the City Hall 9 - 11 a.m. Quilt Show - Florence Tvedt/Shirley Dessellier; Cindy Demarias Angora Spinning; Nancy Vraa demonstrating a Sock Machine and Carding Machine; Jane Vigness - Honey; Rose Julien - Coffee; Margaret and Jesse Hamrum - Lefsa; Connie Nelson - Rosemailing; and Mary Casavan - Drop Spindling.

The Silent Auction will start taking bids from 9 to 4.

1:00 p.m. Parade.

Woodpicks will be performing from 12:30 to 3:30.

More Artists in City Hall in the afternoon. Florence Tvedt/Shirley Dessellier with a Quilt Show; Alma Stenberg -Hardanger; Sue Beaudoin - card making; Margaret and Jessie Hamrum - Lefsa; Jane

Vigness - Honey; Rose Julien - Coffee; Connie Nelson - Rosemailing; and Alex Hamrum - Computer Cartoons. The Artists at the Museum are Lowell Hamrum -Saddle Making and Stan Tvedt -Wood Burning.

The Car Show and Tractor Show begin at 1:00 p.m.

Bingo at the Legion is at 3:00! The Legion will be serving breakfast from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. Grill and Beer Garden from 11:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.

3:30 p.m. Threshing by the Ball Diamond. Come see the 1919 25-50 Avery Tractor operate the 1915 IHC Wooden Sided Threshing Machine.

The Last Event of the day, The Gun Raffle, will be held in the Museum at 6.

Trail also will be a busy place on the Fourth of July with many activities for families to attend.

There will food served all day long in the friendly town of Trail.

A Jam Session will be entertaining the public from 12 noon until 4:30 p.m.

A Kiddie Parade is scheduled at 1:00 p.m. and at 2:00 p.m. there are Street Games.

A Ping-Pong Ball Drop is also planned.

At 6:00 p.m. Julie Lee and the White Rose Band will be playing.

And as the sky darkens, the fireworks will light up the sky so don’t forget to get your chairs set up for another fine evening of Trail’s fireworks and the Fourth of July celebration.

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Red Lake County Deputy leaves for new job

On June 23, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance kicked off the meeting with all commissioners present. Sheriff Mitch Bernstein started off with the renewal of mutual aid agreement with the Emergency Management Joint Powers Board.

Bernstein talked about how the Mutual Aid Agreement works with 14 other County’s. If any other county needed some extra help from Red Lake County, the agreement would allow that to happen and vice-versa. Bernstein also talked about how the number of calls are up at this time since last year. The majority of them are property disputes.

Bernstein reported to the commissioners that Deputy Dusty Arlt has left for a different job in Thief River Falls. The commissioners asked if it was difficult to get Deputy’s. Bernstein said that Deputy’s are hard to find around here. Bernstein said “In Red Lake County, being a Deputy is a way of life, not just a job.”

Auditor, Bob Schmitz, brought to the board a resolution from Inter County Community Council (ICCC). The resolution will allow ICCC to run the Family Home Prevention Assistance Program.

The board also approved the minutes from the previous meeting with no changes or additions and the expenditures.

Schmitz also needed approval to continue with the Cost Allocation Plan. The cost the county pays was increased by \$25.00 for a total cost of \$2,875. By being a part of the Cost Allocation Plan with the Federal Government, they receive funding for specific offices.

The Commissioners reported on their meetings they have attended. Chuck Simpson started with the Red Lake County Fair Board report. Plummer Creamery donated

money for the Fair. So far, 2 vendors were on the list. A Chainsaw Carving will be part of the Fair also. Everything seems to be ready for the Fair.

Commissioner Anthony Flage and Ron Weiss had no meetings to report on.

Dave Sorenson talked about the Inter County Nursing Service was not going to renew the Nurse’s contract for Pennington County Jail due to liability reasons. For example, if the Nurse says something is okay with an inmate and something happens, it reflects back on the jail and the nurse. The Jail requires a Nurse 3 times a day for a total of 4 hours, 7 days a week.

John Lerohl brought up the Housing & Redevelopment Authority (HRA) dealing with the Foxtail Apartments. A purchase agreement has been worked out. Greater Minnesota Management, who manages almost all HRA apartments, were not in compliant with their rental fees. They implemented an approximate 6% increase.

Angie Lundeen, Human Resource Director, left information on Paid Time Off (PTO). An agreement was presented. This agreement was changed from days to hours. This was approved and signed.

Red Lake County Courthouse had interviewed for a janitor/ custodian. A person has been contacted to take the job that was advertised but has not responded. The Decision was made to re-advertise.

A contract from Pro West for the Parcel Data Maintenance Agreement was approved at a cost of \$1,350 a year. Schmitz also reported that Joyce Paquin, the County Recorder and her office are in compliance with the state.

The Meeting ended at 10:55 a.m. The next meeting will be held July 14 at the Red Lake County Courthouse.

By: Nikki Schmitz

Calendar of Events Wed, July 1: -LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m. -Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge. Thu, July 2: -LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m. -Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo. Fri, July 3: -LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m. -Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news. Sat, July 4: -4 th of July Celebration at Plummer. Sun, July 5: -Worship at the church of your choice. Mon, July 6: -LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m. Tue, July 7: -LSS Sr. Meals 5:00 p.m. -Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards. Wed, July 8: -LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m. -Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge. Thu, July 9: -LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m. -Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo. Fri, July 10: -LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m. -Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news. Sat, July 11: -Support your local business – Shop Locally! Sun, July 12: -Worship at the church of your choice. Mon, July 13: -LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m. Tue, July 14: -LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m. -Sr Site: 1:30 p.m. – Cards. Wed, July 15: -LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m. -Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge. Thu, July 16: -LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m. -Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo. Fri, July 17: -LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m. -Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news. Sat, July 18: -Support your local business – Shop Locally! Sun, July 19: -Worship at the church of your choice. Mon, July 20: -LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m. Tue, July 21: -LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m. -Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards -Senior Potluck 5:00 p.m. at Café. Wed, July 22: -LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m. -Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge. Thu, July 23: -LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m. -Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.	Mon, July 13: -LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m. Tue, July 14: -LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m. -Sr Site: 1:30 p.m. – Cards. Wed, July 15: -LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m. -Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge. Thu, July 16: -LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m. -Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo. Fri, July 17: -LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m. -Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news. Sat, July 18: -Support your local business – Shop Locally! Sun, July 19: -Worship at the church of your choice. Mon, July 20: -LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m. Tue, July 21: -LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m. -Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards -Senior Potluck 5:00 p.m. at Café. Wed, July 22: -LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m. -Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge. Thu, July 23: -LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m. -Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
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Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Margaret Jacobus
Sun, July 5: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Zion. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Salem.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive – Nazareth
Oak Park – St. Petri
Pastor Joseph Abrahamson
Sat, July 4: 8:30 a.m. Mt. Olive.

Sun, July 5: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri; 9:00 a.m. Oak Park; 10:00 a.m. Nazareth.

OKLEE-BROOKS CATHOLIC PARISH
St. Francis Xavier
St. Joseph's – Brooks
St. Joseph's - RLF
Fr. Bill DeCrans
Sat, July 4: 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph Brooks with 4:30 p.m. Reconciliation.

Sun, July 5: 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Francis Xavier Oklee with 7:30 a.m. Reconciliation. 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Josephs Red Lake Falls with 11:00 a.m. Reconciliation.

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson

Sun, July 5: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Immanuel with Communion. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer.

Wed, July 8: 6:30 p.m. Worship at Immanuel.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Robert W. Dahlen,
Pastor

Wed, July 1: Faith WELCA meeting at 6:30 p.m.; Mid-week services 7:30 p.m. at Ekelund.

Sun, July 5: 10:00 a.m. Ecumenical Services at the Big Tent in Goodridge

Tue, July 7: Eve Circle 1:30 p.m.

Wed, July 8: Mid-week services 7:30 p.m. at Ekelund.

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

Wed, July 1: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

Thu, July 2: 12:00 p.m. Rotary meeting.

Sun, July 5: 9:30 a.m. Worship.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson,
Lay Minister
July 5: Lund 9:00 a.m. Bethany 10:30

July 9: 2:00 p.m. Lund WELCA

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston

Jon Marx, Lead Pastor
Seth Johnson, Assist. Pastor

Sun, July 5: 10:00 a.m. Worship

Red Lake Falls Library News

The library is open on Monday from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm, Wednesday from Noon until 8:00 pm, Friday from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm, and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 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 "Taken" by Dee Henderson, "Rock with Wings" by Anne Hillerman, "Dead Ice" by Laurell K. Hamilton, "Tail Gait" by Rita Mae Brown, "Paradise Sky" by Joe Lansdale, and "Leaving Berlin" by Joseph Kanon.

New nonfiction for younger readers includes "The Octopus Scientist: Exploring the Mind of a Mollusk" by Sy Montgomery,

Oklee Senior Site Dining

July 6 - 10
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: Grilled chicken breast on bed of rice, vegetable, toast, dessert and milk.

Tuesday: Evening meal - Baked chicken, macaroni salad, vegetables, dessert and milk.

Wednesday: Shrimp, hash browns, vegetables, dessert and milk.

Thursday: Tater tot hotdish, coleslaw, toast, dessert and milk.

Friday: ½ Patty melt, hash browns, vegetables, dessert and milk.

"The Legend of the Beaver's Tale" as told by Stephanie Shaw, and "Red Cloud's War: Brave Eagle's Account of the Fetterman Fight December 21, 1866" by Paul Goble.

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2 cups sugar
1-1/2 cups vegetable oil
2 eggs
1/2 cup molasses
4 cups flour
4 tsp soda
1 Tbsp ginger
2 tsp cinnamon
1 tsp salt
1/4 cup shortening
additional sugar
2 pkg vanilla chips

Combine sugar and oil, mix well. Add eggs one at a time, beat well after each addition. Stir in molasses. Add dry ingredients; mix well. Shape into a ball and roll in sugar. Put on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 – 12 minutes. Melt the vanilla chips and shortening together. Let cookie cool and then dip half into melted vanilla chips mixture.



Mike Dessellier received a Henry Golden Boy EMS edition .22 as a Thank You From the Oklee Ambulance Service for over 38 years of service to the Oklee Community.

Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

It was a busy weekend for Oklee. I went up to the Fair and the kids had lots of 4-H exhibits on display.

The weather has been rainy and we were in a tornado watch for Saturday evening, but were lucky that nothing came to Oklee or the area.

We are planning a trip from the Senior Site to Bemidji August 8th for a play at the Paul Bunyan Playhouse. Sign up if you want to go. Cost is \$25.00 for ticket.

Dates to Remember

July 7: Evening Meal @ 5:00 p.m.

July 21: Senior Potluck @ 5:00 p.m.

July 23: Senior Meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Life's Little Instructions
Stop blaming others. Take responsibility for every area

of your life.

Treat everyone you meet like you want to be treated.

Joke

An old couple is having another couple over for dinner. While the two women are fixing the dinner, the men start talking and one says to the other one "I took my wife to a great restaurant last week - wonderful food, huge portions, great service, and low prices." The other man says "Sounds great. What was the name of the restaurant?" The man says "What's the name of that red flower that you give to someone special?" "Carnation?" his friend asks. "No, that's not it." "Poppy?" he asks again. "No, that's not it either." "Rose?" he asks. "That's it. Now I remember. Hey Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to?"

Oklee Senior Site needs you

The Oklee Senior Site is looking for persons interested in participating in the Senior Site. Volunteers are needed for working the desk from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. one day a week, volunteers to deliver meals to people on the Meals on Wheels program.

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.

Wed, July 1: Fargo/ Moorhead – Red Lake Falls, Plummer, Oklee, McIntosh, Erskine, Mentor, Crookston.

Thu, July 2: Bemidji- Thief River Falls

Mon, July 6: Grand Forks – Red Lake Falls, Plummer, Oklee, McIntosh, Erskine, Mentor, Crookston. *Mahnomen/Shooting Star Casino- Thief River Falls, Plummer, Brooks.*

Tue, July 7: 7-Clans Casino/Warroad – East Grand Forks, Crookston, Mentor, Erskine.

Wed, July 8: Bemidji- Crookston, Fertile, Winger, Erskine, McIntosh, Fosston.

On July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress adopted the Declaration Of Independence. The founders of our new nation considered Independence Day an important occasion for rejoicing.

In a letter to his wife, Abigail, John Adams, one of the signers of the Declaration wrote: "It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with Shows, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires, and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more."



Providing grief support after the death of a Child

The Walk to Remember was created as a symbolic way to show the love we carry for the children we mourn. The North Star chapter will hold the second annual walk Sunday July 19th at 5 pm at Sportsman Park in Red Lake Falls. Rain or shine, we meet under the shelter. A walk to the point of two rivers meeting to launch remembrance balloons.

Followed by a free picnic lunch. All family members are invited to attend. The North Star chapter serves the communities from Roseau to Grand Forks. Questions to Mary Jo Schmitz 218-252-4160. The Sportsman Park is located off Hwy 32 to Red Lake Falls, east turn on Bottineau Ave, past Riverside Park. Follow gravel road to the river's edge.

Who's Dat?



Who's Dat

This week's photo is a three girls with their mother. The girls were raised in Oklee and the mother was raised north of Oklee.

Last week's photo was of Dylan Gustafson. Dylan is a student at RLCC High School.

Red Lake County Commissioners Minutes

RED LAKE COUNTY Regular Meeting Held May 12, 2015

Pursuant to adjournment of its regular meeting the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners duly met in regular session at the courthouse in Red Lake Falls, MN on May 12, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. Chair Weiss called the meeting to order. All members were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MCIT representative Deb Sletten was present to review the 2014 annual insurance report for Red Lake County. Sletten provided an overview on Workers Compensation, Property/Casualty, reinsurance rates, dividends, Employee Assistance Program, and the other resources that are available by being an MCIT member. The board thanked Sletten for the presentation.

Commissioner Sorensen moved, seconded by Flage and carried by unanimous vote to approve a request from the Red Lake Falls Pathfinders Snowmobile Club, **Resolution No. 05-01-15.** The resolution requests that the county enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota DNR to act as the trail sponsor and fiscal agent to receive funding on behalf of the Pathfinders Club for maintenance of its snowmobile trail system. Auditor Schmitz is authorized to sign the documents on behalf of Red Lake County. A complete document is available at the County Auditor's office.

Commissioner Sorensen moved, seconded by Flage and unanimously carried to approve the expenditures for the period as follows:

Vendor	Amount
Computer Information Systems, Inc.	\$16,800.00
Election Systems & Software Inc.	\$3,487.50
RDO Equipment Co.	\$169,981.21
53 Payments less than \$2,000	\$18,079.03
Final Total	\$208,347.74

The motion includes the following added bills: \$40.00 to Insight; \$510.49 to Personnel Concepts; \$319.21 to Kelly Rogalla; \$284.76 to Thomson Reuters West Publishing.

Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Simpson and unanimously carried to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held April 28, 2015 as presented.

Environmental Officer Casavan presented a petition for ditch maintenance on Judicial Ditch No. 66 near the Hoefer Pit. Landowners are requesting cleanout of the existing ditch along sections 29 & 30 in Lake Pleasant Township, approximately 13 1/2 miles. Commissioner Sorensen moved, and seconded by Lerohl to accept the petition as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Casavan presented another petition for maintenance on County Ditch No. 60. The landowner is requesting that the ditch be cleaned for approximately a half mile to the intersection of CSAH 23 & CSAH 24. Casavan was asked to survey the area and clean as needed. Commissioner Simpson moved, and seconded by Flage to accept the petition as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Casavan updated the board on the public health concern discussed

at the prior board meeting. Casavan had discussions with the two property owners who have agreed to take corrective actions. Casavan will continue to monitor the situation.

County Engineer Kleven met with the board to update on several topics. Kleven mentioned that Emardville Township passed a resolution to close a town road that crosses a rail intersection due to safety concerns. MN DOT and CP Rail are providing the township \$75,000 for the permanent closure. Kleven mentioned that bid opening is scheduled for May 26th for the CSAH #2 bituminous overlay. The project has a mid-June start date. Proposals will also be advertised shortly for a gravel crush project at the Oklee pit.

Kleven presented an agreement with MN DOT that will reimburse to the county \$2,578.60 for using county roads during the State Highway 59 detour project near Plummer. Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Flage and carried by unanimous vote to approve the agreement, **Resolution No. 05-02-15**, as presented. A complete document is on file at the County Auditor's office.

Kleven requested that he be allowed to offer former employee Jeff Kelley the vacant Engineering Aide position contingent upon the county approving hire at the same grade and step (Grade 26, Step-10) and accrue vacation/sick leave benefits at the same rate as when Kelley departed 5 years ago. Kleven commented that Kelly has all the required certifications, over 15 years of experience, and will be the best investment for the county in the long term to justify the offer to hire Kelley. Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Flage and carried unanimously to approve County Engineer Kleven's request as presented.

Kleven mentioned that the seasonal employees will begin work on May 27th. Kleven also provided an update on the Oklee Elevator Road project in the City of Oklee.

The following Commissioner/Committee reports were shared:

Commissioner Simpson RBEG Committee meeting reviewing loan application.

Flage SWCD meeting reviewing erosion grants and tree program; Personnel meeting discussing employee PTO conversion policy; County Safety meeting.

Sorensen RBEG meeting; MRCC ITV meeting in Warren discussing buffer strips and gas tax; Tri County Corrections in Crookston with Commissioner Weiss discussing issues such as revenue from housing prisoners, security system contract, Clay County agreement, Jail Administrator position, Probation services and secure detention.

Lerohl NWRDC meeting reviewing the audit and finances; County Fair Board meeting reviewing the schedule of activities for the June Fair in Oklee.

Weiss Tri County Corrections.

Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Simpson and carried by unanimous vote to approve an advertisement in the Oklee Herald regarding the Red Lake County Fair to be held in Oklee beginning June 26th.

HR Director Lundeen informed the board that Darold Johnston, Courthouse Janitor, has resigned effective as of May 22, 2015.

Commissioner Sorensen moved, seconded by Lerohl to issue a letter on behalf of Red Lake County Social Services staff to the Freedom Living Center in appreciation of the working relationship and the services that the organization provided to the community. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned until May 26, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

Attest:
Bob Schmitz, County Auditor

Ron Weiss, Chair,
Board of Commissioners
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RLCC School News

RLCC Athletes 2015-16

The MN High School League states an athlete must pass a physical every three years to participate in athletics. Usually seventh graders and sophomores are in that cycle for physicals. If it has been three years since your last sports physical or you will be in athletics as a seventh grader, you can pick up a physical forms at the High School office Monday-Thursday from 7:00 PM – 2:30 PM or call ahead to make arrangements.

Parents of seventh graders needing any immunizations in order to enter seventh grade were mailed letter last week. When doing the physical this is a good time to have these done also. And then mail back the dates these were given.

RLCC High School Report Cards

Report cards were mailed out to the parents within the last two weeks. If you did not receive them, let the high school office know and we will re-issue them.

FSA Issues Important Program Reminders

By Mike Philipp, CED, Red Lake and East Polk County FSA Offices

Acreage Report Deadline Approaches: Farmers and CRP participants are reminded that the deadline to report and certify their 2015 acres is July 15, which is fast approaching. Producers who have not been into the FSA office yet should call for an appointment as soon as possible, preferably a couple days in advance. Planting dates will again be needed, and there are other special rules for prevent plant acreage when applicable. Once completed producers will be offered a copy of their certification and maps for their own records or to bring to their crop insurance agent.

Farm Program Enrollment (step 3): Most producers are surprised to learn that there is still one more step in the farm-program sign up process, which is to actually enroll the farm (for both 2014 and 2015) and tell FSA who has a share of the crops on the farm. In some cases there might be a different operator in each of the two years. The enrollment process just got underway and the software still has some bugs, so we're asking producers to focus on getting things certified and they'll have to come back one last time between July 15 and September 30 (the deadline). Producers who are farming ground that came out of CRP last fall (Sept 30th, 2014) may soon be getting crop acreage bases back on that land, if there was any, and will soon have an opportunity to sign those bases into the 2015 ARC-PLC program. If you're in that boat you may want to ask FSA about that land, otherwise we will be contacting those who are affected if we know who the new operator is.

County Committee Elections: Every eligible agricultural producer should participate in Farm Service Agency (FSA) county committees elections - - whether you are a beginning or longtime producer, or whether you have a large or small operation - - because FSA county committees are your link with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Farmers and ranchers who are elected to serve on FSA county committees apply their judgment and knowledge to help with the decisions

necessary to administer FSA programs in their counties, ensuring the needs of local producers are met. FSA county committees operate within official federal regulations so that local input is provided on federal programs such as loans and program payments (including setting county average yields), conservation programs, indemnity and disaster programs, Emergency programs, and payment eligibility determinations.

Each year FSA County Committee (COC) elections are held in one of the three Local Administrative Area's (LAA's) in each county, and this year in Red Lake County the election will be in LAA One (LAA-1), which is the western one-third of the county and contains the townships of Wylie, Browns Creek, Louisville, Red Lake Falls and Lake Pleasant. LAA-1 is currently served by COC member Duane Knott who lives and farms near Red Lake Falls and is eligible to run for re-election. In East Polk County this year's election will be held in LAA-2 which includes the middle townships of Lessor, King, Knute, Winger, Sletten, Rosebud, and Columbia. This area is currently served by McIntosh farmer David Kiecker who is also eligible for re-election.

The election process begins with the nomination period, which began June 16 and runs through August 16. Within that time period any eligible voter from the respective LAA who is interested in running for the COC position or would like their name placed on the fall ballot, or anybody who would like to nominate somebody else (we need their concurrence) should contact their FSA office to request form FSA-669A which must be completed no later than the August 16 deadline.

FSA places increased emphasis on candidates who are beginning farmers, socially disadvantaged, or otherwise under-represented farmers and ranchers. The nomination period is now open through August 1, and anybody who is interested in possibly being a candidate or serving on the County FSA Committee from any of the above townships, should contact Mike Philipp, CED, for more information.

Northern Lights Apts & Duplexes Go Smoke Free

Northern Lights Apartments offer apartment living in a smoke-free environment

Roseau, MN. – Northern Lights Apartments and Duplexes are now designed to promote more healthy living. "To insure the quality of air and the safety of residents in Northern Lights, the owners, David and Ami Baxter, along with the apartments' manager, Robert Ruud, have written a smoke free policy/addendum for their apartments and duplexes in Roseau, MN.

Effective July 1, 2015, all current residents will be asked to sign a smoke free lease addendum and all new residents of Northern Lights will not be allowed to smoke in individual apartment units or on the outdoor property. The new smoke free policy language defines smoking in detail and includes electronic cigarettes or devices that provide a vapor of liquid nicotine or other substance to the user in simulating smoking. Earlier this year, Robert Ruud, manager, met with Connie Hagen from Inter-County Nursing Service in Thief River Falls, regarding the Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP) Smoke-free Multi-housing strategy. Ruud recently called Hagen back, stated he was working with new owners who were very interested in making the apartments smoke free, which led to the collaboration efforts

for the apartments' new smoke free policy.

"A smoke-free building is safer, contributes to a better living environment, and will be easier to maintain" Ruud said, and new owner, David Baxter, agrees whole heartedly with that statement. For more information on Northern Lights Apartments please call: 218-689-1997.

Secondhand smoke is a health hazard, especially for children, the elderly and persons with chronic illness. According to a report from the US Surgeon General there is no safe level of secondhand smoke exposure. Also, from the MN Fire Marshall, smoking related fires are the leading cause of fire deaths in MN. Third hand smoke is generally considered to be residual nicotine and other chemicals left on a variety of indoor surfaces by tobacco smoke. This residue is thought to react with common indoor pollutants to create a toxic mix. This toxic mix of third hand smoke contains cancer-causing substances, posing a potential health hazard to nonsmokers who are exposed to it, especially children, according to the Mayo clinic.

"Northern Lights Apartments & Duplexes are beautiful properties and the smoke-free policy will enhance their healthy setting. The

Milo Sandeen Turns 80 and Co-Workers helped him celebrate



Milo had a special day last week when his co-workers at CHS decided to help him celebrate his 80th birthday. He even helped out with part of the meal, great tasting sea fish (don't know the names of the different varieties), fried to perfection. Other menu items were potato salad, mac salad, beans, and chips.

A few of Milo's friends stopped by join in the fun and his wife Betty was there helping him celebrate also.

Milo's birthday cake had a photo of him with one of the fish he caught when he was at his snowbird home. And Kent Bergerson who could not be there to help Milo celebrate left him a pocket watch engraved with Oklee Elevator Company on one side and the years of service on the other.



Pictured to the left are co-workers and friends and to the right is Don & Lavonne Brown visiting with Harold and Shirley (not pictured) Cyr.



Flag Day Ceremony - June 14 at Area Veterans Park in Oklee



The Oklee American Legion Post #159 held a Flag Disposal Ceremony at the Oklee Veteran's Park on June 14th. Standing is Ron Juneau, Einar Kvasager, Commander Dean Walstad, Don Stenberg, Clay Haugen and John Lerohl.

After the ceremony was held the flag collected to be disposed of properly were placed in the barrel to be burned by fire. Pictured is Einar Kvasager, Ron Juneau, Don Stenberg, Don Brown, Clay Haugen (placing a flag into the fire), Norman Nelson, Dean Walstad and John Lerohl. A picnic was held for American Legion member after the ceremony.



owners are doing a wonderful thing for their residents by offering a smoke free living environment," said Laura Dahl, Quin Community Health Services (CHS) SHIP coordinator.

SHIP is a grant through the Minnesota Department of Health, locally administered through Quin CHS, covering the five counties of Roseau, Kittson, Marshall, Pennington and Red Lake in NW Minnesota. The goal of SHIP is to help Minnesotans live longer, healthier lives by preventing the leading causes of chronic disease: tobacco use and exposure and obesity. The smoke-free multi-housing or tobacco free living strategy is just one of the current SHIP strategies. Connie has worked closely with one of the technical advisors for this grant, the Association for Nonsmokers-Minnesota (ANSR) Live Smoke Free program. The 100% smoke free building signs were provided at no cost to WHRA through Live Smoke Free. For

more information on SHIP Smoke-Free Multi-housing, contact: Connie Hagen, Inter-County Nursing Service, 318 N. Knight Ave, Thief River Falls, MN 56701, phone: 218-681-0876.

Live Smoke Free, a program of the Association for Nonsmokers-Minnesota (ANSR), promotes smoke-free policies for apartment buildings. Currently, Minnesota tenants seeking smoke-free multi-unit housing largely outnumber the amount of smoke-free units available. Live Smoke Free educates building owners, managers, tenants, and housing industry professionals about the benefits of smoke-free buildings. Live Smoke Free assists building owners and managers with creating and promoting a smoke-free policy for their property. The program also assists renters in finding solutions to secondhand smoke problems. For more information, go to: www.mnsmokefreehousing.org

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This weeks hours:

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Fun Facts

Ivory bar soap floating was a mistake. They had been over mixing the soap formula causing excess air bubbles that made it float. Customers wrote and told how much they loved that it floated, and it has floated ever since. (It floats in gasoline, too.)

Ben and Jerry's sends the waste from making ice cream to local pig farmers to use as feed. Pigs love the stuff, except for one flavor: Mint Oreo.

The Baby Ruth candy bar was actually named after Grover Cleveland's baby daughter, Ruth.

Regional Ag News

Jim Stordahl, Extension Educator

Pine Bark Beetles

Each summer, we get numerous calls regarding ailing yard trees. Over the past couple of years, we are seeing an increase of problems on pine trees, especially red (Norway) pines. The most common concern is a loss of vigor coupled with orange/brown needles - or dead branches - on the top of the tree. In some cases, trees have been lost while others seem to struggle in a state of decline.

Trees are slow to respond to stress. Any significant stressor, such as nearby soil disturbance, drought or insect damage, typically shows up 3-5 years later after the event. Often, whatever caused the damage can be easily forgotten. When I'm called out to check an ailing yard tree, I'll ask about recent soil disturbance. "Have you dug in new water or sewer line? Have you added on the house? Have you added top soil around the trees?" About half the time, the response is, "No, we have not done any.... Oh, wait; we did dig in a new waterline right past that tree three years ago." If the stressor is not man-made, then it's typically related to weather.

Despite our recent rain, we recently experienced severe drought, the most severe occurring in 2012 and 2013. Pines are common to areas with sandy soils, so when it gets dry, their root systems are left high and dry putting them under significant stress. With the drought stress, red pines became vulnerable to insects that took advantage of their weakened state. Pine bark beetles attacked the upper crowns of many of these pines.

The most common symptom is discolored needles on branches on the top half of the tree. Pine bark beetle activity begins in the upper crown and progressively moves down the stem. Exit holes are created as the new generation of bark beetles chews its way out of the bark, and when severe, look like holes from a shotgun blast. This is positive evidence that bark beetles are active and could threaten nearby pines.

So what can you do with yard trees that may be affected?

The best, cheapest, and most practical thing to do is to water the pine trees. Keep the trees well-watered by providing at least 1-inch of water per week for the growing season.

Statepoint Crossword

Theme: Love Songs

- ACROSS
- Northern Scandinavians
 - To use a Singer
 - *Al Green: "___ Stay Together"
 - Like unlucky straw
 - Paleontologist's estimate
 - Confusion
 - Emotion at a funeral
 - *Beach Boys: "___ Only Knows"
 - Like worthless promise
 - *Billy Joel: "... just the way ___"
 - *Sonny & Cher: "I ___ Babe"
 - Type of evidence
 - "The Blair Witch Project" emotion
 - School of thought suffix
 - Obsolete phone feature
 - The 1 1/2 calorie breath mint
 - Throat-clearing sound
 - Lovers' quarrel blow
 - *Deniece Williams: "I just wanna ___, let's hear it for the boy"
 - *Depeche ___: "Just Can't Get Enough"
 - Impede or bar
 - Guesstimate phrase
 - Scoops water out of a boat
 - Symphony member
 - Nile dweller
 - Condition
 - Someone ___
 - Tarzan's adoptive mom
 - Found on a rosary
 - *"___ for Two"
 - *Bette Midler: "Some say love is like a ___"
 - *Simple Minds: "Don't you ___ about me"
 - Bear Down Under
 - Pitcher's stat
 - Tiny amounts
 - In an unfriendly manner
 - And not
 - Related on mother's side
 - In 1492, it sailed the ocean blue
 - "Much ___ About Nothing"
 - Button on many mechanical units

- DOWN
- Lysergic acid diethylamide
 - Call to a mate
 - Ralph Lauren's inspi-

- ration
- Like honors student's parent
 - ___ of hair
 - Like Solomon
 - Bigheadedness
 - Type of salad
 - Containing limestone
 - Former Montreal player
 - "Swan Lake" outfit
 - "I ___" guessing game
 - System used in most of world, except U.S.
 - Employer's good news
 - Quaker Man's cereal
 - Roofless, sideless truck
 - Metrical units in poetry
 - Sheep + goat
 - The press
 - Additionally
 - Colloquial British abbreviation for particular sweet
 - "Earth" to Virgil
 - Famous fabulist
 - *If he "could save time in a bottle"
 - *Modern English sang about doing this with you
 - It can be indoors or outdoors
 - Basil-based sauce
 - Rapid transit
 - *"I'm Beginning to ___ the Light"
 - Scarier
 - Rome's Colosseum
 - In the past
 - Many focuses
 - Been in bed
 - Paella pot
 - Wild West card game
 - Estimated arrivals
 - London art museum
 - Kith partner
 - * ___ Stewart: "Have I told you lately"
 - Part of tennis match

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If nature doesn't supply it, use the garden hose. The top 8 to 12 inches of soil should be kept evenly moist around trees during periods of drought, at least as far as the branches spread (drip line). Avoid using a sprinkler; this just waters the grass and, although you think you're watering the tree, you're not. It's easiest to position the hose near or inside the tree's drip line and let it run for an hour or more, move it slightly, and let it run. Continue doing this until you've watered most of the areas around your trees. Then repeat this next week if you don't receive an inch of rain. If you have many trees to keep watered, a large-diameter soaker hose may be more practical.

Mulching around the tree will also help to keep soil moisture high. Use needles, bark, wood chips, or other organic materials in a layer about 2 to 4 inches thick. Never place plastic under the mulch because this does not allow rain or irrigation water to get into the soil and root system.

Do not fertilize until the drought and bark beetle outbreak is over. A water shortage triggered the bark beetle outbreak, not a shortage of chemical elements in the soil. In fact, the addition of fertilizers will decrease the amount of water available to the trees, as fertilizers are salts.

Along with watering, trapping may also be used to reduce beetle populations. These traps are baited with

bark beetle pheromones, airborne chemicals produced and excreted by insects that attract others of the same species. Pheromones could be thought of as hard-to-resist insect perfumes.

Usually reserved for research purposes, pheromone traps can be economically used in home settings, but are too expensive to be used in woodlots and plantations. This technology reduces the local populations of bark beetles by attracting and catching the beetles in funnel traps. You can trap many bark beetles using pheromone traps, but whether you trap enough to affect the population and prevent them from attacking other pine trees has not been proven. The traps use no pesticides to kill the beetles; they die from dehydration, starvation or predators.

Pheromones and funnel traps are available from a few different sources and typically cost less than \$50.00 each. Simply search on-line for "bark beetle pheromone traps". If computer searches are not for you, give us a call and we can give you options.

If trapping is not for you, keep trees going by watering them during droughty weather. It may not ultimately save the tree, but it will likely prolong its demise.

For more information, contact me at 800-450-2465 or at stordahl@umn.edu. This information was provided by Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

There was a bear seen near Pioneer Court in Thief River Falls recently. It was seen near somebody's bird feeder, who lives at Pioneer. It was standing upright. They must be hungry when they're coming in close. Pioneer Court is next to the woods on the SW side of Highway 59.

Ann Traxler and Alice Jobe attended the musical performance "Hello Dally" at Northland Community Technical College's theater on Tuesday night. Sherry Knott of Red Lake Falls was Dolly. She was excellent. The music and the acting were special. Also Shelby Pahlen, daughter of Steve Pahlen and granddaughter of Randy and Jeanine was in it. The dresses and suits, hats were really special, circa about 1900. It was a fun performance.

Mallory and Charlie Bernstrom of Lancaster are the proud parents of a baby girl, born June 14th. She weighed 7 lbs, 14 oz. Grandparents are Sheila and Tony Gerardy and Jerry and Eileen Bernstrom of Lancaster. She was named Briar Joy.

A baby shower for Mallory and baby Briar Joy will be July 6th at 6:30 p.m. at Sion Lutheran Church in Lancaster.

Bonny's Bits...

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The Red Lake County Fair was held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday and there were many things to do. There were contests, musical events, games, three different events out at the South Park called Mechanical Mayhem.

My favorite has been the Mini Tractor Pull for the kids. The parents and grandparents cheer on their youngsters and it is fun to watch the determination on the faces of the kids, hoping to win a trophy. Again this year, it was one of my favorites - watch for photos in the coming weeks of all the fair events.

The Fair is over and it is on to the the Fourth of July and Plummer is having their big celebration. They have lots of events planned also and should be a fun place to be on July 4th.

And I see that Trail is having their traditional July 4th Celebration.

From my email:

The Human Body is a treasure trove of mysteries, one that still confounds doctors and scientists about the details of its working. It's not an overstatement to say that every part of your body is a miracle. Here are some facts about your body, some of which will leave you stunned.

1. It's possible for your body to survive without a surprisingly large fraction of its internal organs. Even if you lose your stomach, your spleen, 75% of your liver, 80% of your intestines, one kidney, one lung, and virtually every organ from your pelvic and groin area, you wouldn't be very healthy, but you would live.

2. During your lifetime, you will produce enough saliva to fill two swimming pools. Actually, Saliva is more important than you realize.

Congratulations to parents and grandparents.

Alice Jobe's mom, Sylvia Kukowski celebrated her 95th birthday Sunday at Badger. They served cake, ice cream and coffee to the family and parishioners. Family pictures were taken. Later, they went to the Pizza Ranch in Roseau. Alice's niece, Kari, manages it. They were very busy. Her mom's birthday was really June 22nd, Monday.

On Tuesday morning around 9:30 a.m. Roger Skjerven gave Bunny DuChamp a ride in his white 1963 Buick convertible. It was a nice sunny warm morning. She really enjoyed it.

Tony and Sheila Gerardy recently sold their dairy cows to a guy in Warroad. Tony was a dairy farmer for quite a longtime. He's going into the beef cattle now.

On Thursday, the 25th, LeRoy "Stoney" Skjerven had his farm auction sale. There were a lot of people. He liked 48' Dodge trucks, as he had about 5 of them. It was a beautiful day for the sale.

On Thursday, Lorraine Lorenson and Lorna Jesme came to Plummer to the American Legion for coffee with the girls. It was an enjoyable morning.

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Oklee Herald Early Files

Seventy Years Ago
June 28, 1945

Minnesota State Fair was not held this year.

Midsummer's day celebration was held and many attended.

Pfc. Oscar Flateland arrived Saturday.

Sixty Years Ago

June 30, 1955

Plans were made to maintain an entomologist in the Red River Valley.

Workmen finished installing a new theatrical sound reproduction equipment in Oak Park Theatre.

O.M. Sundrud will resume publication of the Oklee Herald after taking a leave of absence.

Fifty Years Ago

June 24, 1965

Clarence Gagner has been appointed acting postmaster of Brooks.

Rev. David Lillegard was installed as a pastor of the Trail Lutheran Parish.

An article was written stating that policemen are effective with weapons.

Forty Years Ago

June 26, 1975

ICCC celebrated its 10th anniversary with an awards banquet.

Pastor Roger Johnson will be installed to serve the Gully-Trail Parish.

Ron Steile of Trail walked away from his crop duster airplane after a crash landing into a water-filled ditch.

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

On Saturday Frank and Marge Buer of Trail visited with Francis and Joanne Bradley for the evening.

Heidi Determan went to the bridal shower for Meg Brewington the fiancé of Aaron Determan on Saturday. Heidi was one of the hostesses along with Jamie Determan.

Brianna Wanner, of Bismarck, daughter of Cindy and Del Determan, will be home at her parents, for a couple of weeks. She and the boys are taking some time off while her husband is in Europe. She will be bridesmaid for Amy Mercil on July 11, and she will be attending her brother's wedding on July 18th.

Diane Gagner had overnight guests a couple of weeks ago. Jane and Tom Hackenmueller of Maple Lake, Minnesota, and Mae Wichterman of St. Cloud, Minnesota attended the funeral of Nadine Johnson of Plummer.

Poncho and Char Gagner celebrated their 40th anniversary and guests stayed at Clare and Diane Gagner's home to attend the party. Deb and Steve Stephens, of Coon Rapids Stephanie Koralewski of Maple Plain, and Angie Stone of Champlin, and Tim and Brenda Gagner of Fergus Falls stayed at the Gagners. Most of the guest left on Sunday but Stephanie Koralewski and Angie Stone stayed until Monday.

Barb and Vern LaCoursierre of Tuscon Arizona were surprise guests at the Anniversary of Poncho and Char. They stayed at Pete LaCoursierre's in Erskine. They spent a week in the area visiting many friends and relatives.

Other guests of the Poncho Gagner anniversary party were Mary Lou Cyr of Grafton, her daughter and son in law Carol and Danny LaHaise and Helen Cyr also of Grafton.

On Wednesday of that week Clare and Diane, Poncho and Char, and Vern and Barb went

Deer Park Militia marks a meeting on the first Friday of the month.

Thirty Years Ago

June 26, 1985

The Diamond Jubilee in Oklee celebrated its 75th anniversary.

Danielle Wicks celebrated her 10th birthday on Wednesday. 25 members of Skitvedt Leikarring danced and sang at the Lag in Oklee.

Twenty Years Ago

July 5, 1995

Kiss a Goat contest was held at the Red Lake County Fair.

Kasey Dahlen was Miss Trail in the 4th of July activities held in Trail.

Daryl Myers started as General Manager of the Oklee Farmer Coop Elevator.

Ten Years Ago

June 30, 2005

The Winners of the adult division of the Talent Show were Andy Swenson, Josh Ogaard, and Krista Walton that was held June 23 in Oklee.

The Parenteau family knew their cousin Father Jerry Noesin was celebrating his anniversary as a priest so they decided to make it a Family Reunion too!

Amanda Schmitz was awarded BSU scholarship for the 2005-2006 year.

The Mickelson Family, Mickey, Patty, and Eric performed for the audience while the judges were deciding on winners for the talent show.

to Rolland and Nancy Gagner's home in Erskine for supper.

On Saturday, Clare and Diane Gagner attended the wedding of Aaron Myhre to Becky Olson in Fosston.

Tuesday Robin Deakins and her daughter Kelsey Domke and her son Nolan of the Milwaukee area visited with Diane and Clare Gagner in the afternoon

On Father's Day Clare and Diane Gagner went to Fergus Falls and had brunch with Tim and Brenda Gagner, and got to see all the grandchildren and great grandchild. From there they went to Farmington and visited with Dan and Alicia and their children, Ashtyn and Ayden. Then they went to see Stephanie in Maple Plain. They visited all their children on Father's Day. What a treat.

In the afternoon on Monday, they attended the memorial service in St. Paul at the Assumption Church, of Blackie Laundreville. Blackie was a former resident who grew up in this area. Our condolences to the family of Blackie.

When Clare and Diane were down in the cities arrangements were made to have them pick up Dallas Paradis to go to the funeral and bring her home to Erskine.

Diane Gagner also went to the Bridal shower of Meg Brewington on Saturday in the Community Center in Brooks.

In the afternoon on Saturday, Clare and Diane went to the high School graduation party of Diane's grandnephew Colin Wilde in Grand Forks at the University Park. They commented at the beautiful park in Grand Forks.

Have a good week. There is plenty of entertainment to be going to this week, Plummer, Trail, Goodridge, and the old stand-by Maple Lake Pavilion for the Craft Fair at Mentor. It will be hot and muggy I am sure keep water nearby to drink. Take care and enjoy life to the fullest.

Wednesday, July 1, 2015