

Oklee Precipitation
By Einar Kvasager

	Rain	Snow
July 8	0.70	
July 12	0.02	
Total in.	1.72	0.00

Oklee Herald

...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

OKLEE (RED LAKE COUNTY) MINN. 56742

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Gonvick, Oklee, Clearbrook and One Confused Salesman

To Joe Bissen chagrin, his golf game has gone from a few bogeys and an occasional birdie to “what’s a birdie?” But he still loves the game and its rich history.

GO NVICK

For a place so unassuming, the lost golf course at Gonvick did have its moments.

I never said they were momentous. I said only that they were moments.

The lost golf course with the prophetic name — Lost River Golf Course — was established shortly before 1960, according to the admittedly sketchy information I could come up with — one or two word-of-mouth accounts, nothing that I could find in black and white. The course was south of downtown Gonvick, a north-central Minnesota city of 282, and immediately south of Minnesota Highway 92, which cuts diagonally through the city. Just to the south of the lost-course grounds flows the Lost River, so named, it is said, because it once passed under a bog until the bogs were drained.

There was nothing assuming about Lost River Golf Course. It was a small, public nine-holer, so devoid of frills that one paid greens fees at a gas station just off the highway and then went off to play. The routing essentially consisted of seven par-3 holes that ringed two par-4s.

Still, even in a city whose population has never exceeded 375, Gonvick deserves kudos for carrying a golf course through approximately four decades. Lost River was said to have lasted until close to 2000 — again, I could never pin down an exact closing date, with at least a half-dozen sources differing on whether it made it into the 21st century.

“It was a shorter course, but people in the area did support it,” said Rick Fischer, who played Lost River as a youth in the early 1970s and who eventually went on to become the activities director at Sauk



Lost River Golf Course in Gonvick, 1960 aerial photo. Downtown Gonvick is at the top-right of the photo; the golf course is in the open area just to the south of Minnesota 92. Sand greens are visible in the form of small circles. Photo from John Borchert University of Minnesota Map Library and Minnesota DNR Landview service. Later photos available at HistoricAerials.com show greater detail but won't be published here because they would throw my operating budget of zero dollars and zero cents way out of whack.

Centre High School. Fischer remembered that a drive-in, like the gas station basically adjacent to the golf course, served as the clubhouse, and Corrine Richards, editor of The Leader-Record newspaper of Gonvick and Clearbrook, remembered that patrons would bring side dishes to the drive-in for club events.

Richards also remembered Lost River Golf Course's brush with international recognition. (It's true, but I suppose I should

issue a hyperbole alert.)

“We had an exchange student from Norway who played the course,” Richards said. When the student returned to his homeland, Richards added, he gained playing privileges at European courses by showing his Lost River membership card.

Fischer also remembered a kid from up the road in Bemidji sweeping into town in the early 1970s and taking the golf course by storm. The kid's name was Bill Israelson, and

Fischer recalled that “Izzy” was probably 12 or 13 years old and barefoot when he came down to Gonvick and won the Lost River shortstop.

That is confirmed, and double confirmed.

“Billy Israelson burned up the Gonvick course to repeat as champion” of the shortstop, the Bemidji Pioneer reported on Aug. 21, 1972, noting that Israelson's winning score was 3 under par.

Israelson, who went on to win three Minnesota State Amateur championships and played on the PGA Tour, even briefly leading the 1982 U.S. Open at Pebble Beach, confirms the story.

“True,” Israelson, now the professional at The Vintage in Staples, wrote in a Facebook post. “I had won the junior flight the previous two years, so the tournament chairman said I had to play in the men's championship. I beat my neighbor and defending champ in a playoff after shooting 1 over par for 27 holes. The Gonvick golf course had sand greens. And I had 28 putts for the 27 holes!!”

That's not all.

“I also met my future wife, Sarah Daman, age 9, and beat her dad Jim who was also playing in champ flight!!”

And about those greens. Lost River likely was among the last half-dozen golf courses in Minnesota with sand greens, which once served to throw an out-of-towner for a loop.

“We had a salesman who would come by,” said Richards, “and say, why are there flags in the sand traps? The answer was, they weren't in the sand traps — they were in the greens.”

OKLEE

Twenty miles northwest of Gonvick, crossing a couple of county lines from Clearwater to Polk to Red Lake, lies the city of Oklee, where the lost-course tale has similarities to the aforementioned Lost River course.

Both courses were small-town — Oklee's estimated population is 418, having peaked from the low 500s from the 1960s through the 1980s, more

or less the heyday of the Oklee golf course, which likely was in operation from the early 1960s to the mid-1970s.

A smattering of clips from the Oklee Herald provided sketchy details. The earliest I found was from April 1964, urging readers “Don't Drive Vehicles to the Golf Course!” because the club's sod had been cut up from previous excursions. A story from May 7, 1964, detailed the club's spring meeting, which drew an attendance of 36 and at which a membership fee of \$5 was set. That story also referenced tournaments that had been played the previous year, which makes 1963 the closest guess I can make as to the course's founding.

In 1967, the officers included club president Don Fournier. Fees were \$7.50 for an annual family season membership and 50 cents per round for public play. (Those are remarkably low fees, even for 50 years ago.)

Better than the Oklee Herald clips, though, a couple of townsfolk offered more information.

“Oklee is pretty flat, so there were no hills (on the golf course), but there were sand traps, I was told,” wrote Bonny Cote, editor of the Oklee Herald. “It was located on the south end of town and today is the home of many houses and a few apartment buildings ... also a City Park with picnic shelter, tennis and volleyball courts.”

Cote said she had an uncle who built the first apartment buildings on the grounds of the abandoned course in 1977.

Cote then referred me to Oklee resident Bob Melby, who offered even more salient memories.

The course, Melby wrote in an email, “was planned by a group of local businessmen and owned by the city of Oklee. The local dentist, Dr. Harold Lindquist, was one of if not the lead person. It operated until the mid 1970s at which time it was developed for housing.

“It was a five hole course with sand greens. To play nine holes you replayed holes 1, 2 & 3 and then went from hole

3 to hole 5 for hole 9. Annual fees were 7.50 and daily green fees of .50. It was on an honor system as there was no management staff, although they hired a person to mow the grass. A wooden lock box at the first tee was where you would pay.

“In the first few years a slice on holes 1 or 5 would put you on the local High School football field and a hook on hole 4 put you among grain bins. I played some golf there in my teens to early 20s but I wasn't involved in the operation.”

CLEARBROOK

If the lost courses at Gonvick and Oklee were tough nuts to crack — I made at least 25 phone calls just to come up with the sketchy information presented above — the lost course at Clearbrook, or at least the likelihood of one, was tougher than a double-thick macadamia shell sealed with Krazy Glue.

Despite many inquiries, I never did definitively determine whether there once was a golf course in Clearbrook, the next town down Highway 92 southeast of Gonvick.

But I think there probably was.

I came across multiple references to a Clearbrook golf club having participated in Central Minnesota Golf Association and Red River Valley tournaments — in 1930, 1932, 1933 and 1934 — and of Clearbrook golfers playing in tournaments in 1931 in Bemidji (the Birchmont), and other courses in 1930, '33 and '34. The most accomplished appeared to be one Wayne Randall, who advanced to the semifinals of a Central Minnesota tournament in 1934 before losing 2 and 1 to D.N. Tallman of Willmar, a former Minnesota Golf Association president and now, posthumously, a member of the MGA Hall of Fame.

Eyeballing aerial photos of the Clearbrook area from 1939, the earliest readily available, revealed nothing that definitely looked like a golf course, extant or abandoned. But the preponderance of mentions in old newspapers establishes, in my mind, that there once was a golf course in Clearbrook.

As always, information or opinions on any of these places are most welcome.

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Calendar of Events

Wed, July 18:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
Thu, July 19:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
Fri, July 20:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
Sat, July 21:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!
Sun, July 22:
-Worship at the church of your choice.
Mon, July 23:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
Tue, July 24:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards
Wed, July 25:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
Thu, July 26:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
Fri, July 27:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
Sat, July 28:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!
Sun, July 29:
-Worship at the church of your choice.
Mon, July 30:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
Tue, July 31:
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards
Wed, Aug. 1:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
Thu, Aug. 2:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.



Teachers Mr. Nordquist, Mr. Hietala and Mr. Arzdorf at the Oklee golf course, circa 1966.

Emergency Food and Shelter Funds Awarded

Red Lake County has been awarded Federal Funds made available through the Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency under the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board program.

Red Lake County has been chosen to receive \$2,800 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county.

The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by the U. S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency and consists of representatives from American Red Cross; Catholic Charities, USA; National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA; The Jewish Federations of North America, The Salvation Army; and, United Way Worldwide. The Local Board was charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country. The National Board selects jurisdictions (cities or counties) for funding, not specific agencies. These are not state/county government or United Way funds.

A Local Board will determine how the funds awarded to Red Lake County are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service agencies in

the area. The Local Board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds available under this phase of the program. If you live in Red Lake County and are interested in sitting on the local Board please contact Catherine Johnson.

Under terms of the grant from the National Board, local agencies chosen to receive funds must: 1) be private voluntary non-profits or units of government, 2) be eligible to receive federal funds, 3) have an accounting system, 4) practice nondiscrimination, 5) have demonstrated the capacity to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, 6) if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board. Qualifying agencies are urged to apply.

Red Lake County has distributed Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds previously with Inter-County Community Council food shelf and Red Lake Falls food shelf participating.

Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact Local Board member, Catherine Johnson at 218-796-5144 for an application or visit our website at www.intercountyycc.org. The deadline for applications to be received is July 20, 2018.



Aerial photo of Oklee in 1984. In the lower part of the photo with the large open area with just a few homes and apartment buildings is where the golf course course was. Photos courtesy of Oklee Historical Society.

Aurel J. Parenteau Memorial Golf Tournament Held on July 3rd



Aurel Parenteau's wife Gloria surrounded by their children (left to right) Joe, Steve, Tom, Patti, and Mike. See story on page 5 of the Oklee Herald.



Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH

Zion and Salem
Interim SAM Christy
Klemz

Sun, July 22: 9:00 a.m.
Zion, 10:30 a.m. Salem

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OKLEE, GRYGLA & GOODRIDGE

Fr. Adam Hamness
Sun, July 22: 7:30 a.m.
Confessions 8:00 a.m. Mass at
St. Francis Xavier, Oklee; 10:00
a.m. St. Ann Parish, Goodridge;
11:45 a.m. St. Clement Parish,
Grygla.

BROOKS - RED LAKE FALLS

CATHOLIC PARISH

Fr. Bob Schreiner
Sat, July 21: 5:30 p.m. RLF
Sun, July 22: 8:00 a.m.
Brooks, 10:00 a.m. RLF.

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA

Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun, July 22: 9:00 a.m.
Worship at Immanuel, 10:30
a.m. Worship at Ebenezer.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA

Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Sun, July 22: 8:30 a.m.
Bethany, 9:45 a.m. Ekelund,
11:00 a.m. Faith

Oklee Senior Site Dining

July 23 - 27

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: Fish, baked pota-
to, carrots, and dessert.

Tuesday: Hamburger w/
bun, broccoli cheese soup, and
dessert.

Wednesday: Liver & on-
ions, mashed potatoes, gravy,
green beans, and dessert.

Thursday: BBQ on bun,
hash browns, corn, and dessert.

Friday: Chicken strip, mac-
aroni salad, peas, toast, and
dessert.

Tri-Valley Public Transportation

T.H.E. Bus is available for
anyone. There are no age or
income guidelines. Children
under the age of four must
be accompanied by an adult
and children under the age
of one must be secured in an
infant seat.

Curb-to-curb services is
available, allowing those with
special needs more comfort-
able, safe and convenient
method of transportation. All
of our buses are handicapped
accessible and lift-equipped.
All of our drivers are trained
and certified.

To reserve a seat, please
call one business day prior
to the scheduled trip - 1-800-
201-3432.

**For Polk, Red Lake and
Clearwater county stops:**
Every Monday - Grand
Forks.

Every 2nd Tuesday -
Mahnomen.

Every 4th Tuesday - Thief
River Falls

Every 1st, 3rd, & 5th Wednes-
day - Fargo/Moorhead.

Every 2nd & 4th Friday -
Bemidji.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH

Mt. Olive - Nazareth
Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Sat, July 21: 9:00 a.m. Mt.
Olive.

Sun, July 22: 8:00 a.m.
Nazareth, 9:15 a.m. Oak Park,
11:00 a.m. St. Petri.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH

Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg,
Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.
com

Sun, July 22: 9:30 a.m.
Worship.

Tue, July 24: 9:30 a.m.
Ladies Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.
Quilting, 6:30 p.m. Bible Study.

Wed, July 25: 6:30 p.m.
Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH

Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson,
Lay Minister
Sun, July 22: 9:00 a.m.
Lund, 10:30 a.m. Sand Valley.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY

Fosston
Seth Johnson,
Interim Pastor
Sun, July 22: 10:00 a.m.
Worship

Red Lake Falls Library News

The library is open on Tues-
day from Noon until 7:00 pm,
Wednesday from Noon until
7:00 pm, Thursday from Noon
to 5:00 p.m.; Friday from Noon
until 5:00 pm, and Saturdays
from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
On-line patrons are reminded
that they can visit www.nwrlib.
org/rlf.htm at any time, where
they can create their own
patron accounts to browse,
request and renew materials
all from their home computers.

Last week's Summer Read-
ing Program prize winners
were Ella Sletten and Lucy
Kargel. Kids and families who
have been reading along with
this summer's program are
invited to stop at the library
for hot dogs, chips & treats
on Wednesday afternoon, July
25 around 4 pm; then come to
the finale event of music with
Ross Sutter's "Music Takes You
Everywhere" on Wednesday,
August 1 at 1:00 pm.

The RLF Library will be
open its regular hours of 12-5
and 10-2 during Summerfest
Friday and Saturday, July 27 &
28, respectively. There will be
refreshments and door prizes,
along with a special gift basket
to be given away, compliments
of Eagle Square, for one lucky
library visitor, and all books on
booksale cart are free during
Summerfest weekend! And
don't forget to watch for the
Northwest Regional Library
big red van in the Saturday
parade.

Sudoku Solution

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

Dear friends,

I want to express my sincere gratitude for all the support I
received during my critical illness. I appreciate your thoughts,
prayers, cards, gifts, visits, meals and household cares. I
truly feel blessed to be apart of this wonderful community.

A special thank you goes to the 911 dis-
patcher and the EMT personnel for their
meaningful work and life saving skills. I also
want to say thank you to Father Hamness
for his visits and spiritual support.

Sincerely,
Anne Hammer

O17C

Centennial Recipe Corner

Ramen Noodle Salad Sandra Tougas

Dressing: (mix and set aside)
3/4 cup oil
1/3 cup vinegar
1/2 cup sugar
flavor packet from Ramen
chicken mix
Salt and pepper

Salad:

1 cup slivered almonds (optional)
1 cup sunflower seeds
2 bunches green onions, sliced
1 pkg shredded cole slaw mix
1 pkg Ramen noodles, crumbled

Pour dressing over salad. Let set 8 hours or overnight.



NOTICE FOR BIDS

S.A.P. 063-610-008

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by
the Red Lake County Auditor at the Auditor's office in the Red
Lake County Courthouse, 124 Langevin Avenue, PO Box 367,
Red Lake Falls, MN 56750 until 10:00 p.m. on the 14th day of
August, 2018 for Project S.A.P. 063-610-008.

OnCSAH 10
Project Length: 8.0 Miles
Project consists of: Type SP 9.5 Wearing Course Mixture
(2,B) = 19,274 Tons, Mill Bituminous Surface (1.0")= 59,586 S.Y.,
Aggregate Surfacing Class 1 = 3,914 Tons, Milled Rumble Strips
= 77,747 L.F., Aggregate Base Class 5 = 267 Tons, Geotextile
Fabric Type 5 = 267 S.Y.

Contractors who wish to bid can pick up plans and proposals
at the Red Lake County shop in Red Lake Falls (204 7th Street
SE Red Lake Falls, MN 56750). A \$20.00 fee will be charged for
each plan and proposal set requested.

Bids must be accompanied by a certified check or surety bond
in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid, made payable to the
Red Lake County Treasurer. The successful bidder must furnish
a payment bond equal to the contract amount and a performance
bond equal to the contract amount, with the entire liability of the
bond (s) equal to twice the full amount of the contract.

The Red Lake County Board reserves the right to reject any
or all bids and to waive any irregularities.

Dated: July 13, 2018

Robert Schmitz
County Auditor
Red Lake County, MN

O17-19C

Official City of Oklee Minutes

**City of Oklee
Regular Council
Meeting
May 14th 2018
Oklee Café 6.00pm**
Meeting called to order at
6.00pm

Roll Call: Mayor Burthwick,
Genova and Munt and Cyr also
present Cross, Tougas, Sherriff
Berstein, Schmitz and

May meeting minutes: Motion
to accept by Munt and seconded
by Genova, motion carried.

May Financials: Motion to
accept January Financials by
Genova and seconded by Munt,
motion carried.

May Bills: Motion to accept by
Genova and seconded by Munt,
motion carried.

Maintenance report: Side-
walk Grinding mainly in hall area,
Tougas concerned we will not
get much done for the \$1500.00
agreed, a discussion on maybe
allowing a further \$1000.00 to be
available to allow for sufficient
funds to do a decent amount of
grinding to see how it all goes.
Motion by Genova and sec-
onded by Munt for a \$1000.00
flexibility amount on top of the
1500 agreed, motion carried.
Fire Hydrant at elevator repaired.
Ceiling tiles for Café, have arrived
just finding the time to do the café.
Handicap door opener installed.
Drop tank in park, Keith Delage
will be doing the work for us,

2000 gallon drop tank, applica-
tion for permit sent in to the state.
Tank vitals installed telemetry
equip for Sewer monitoring.
No News on when the Water tower
will be cleaned and inspected.
No Bids on Ambulance Roof.
Working on transferring from
primary to secondary ponds, no
problems this winter.

Slow Signs for children:
Cross was asked by a resident
about placing signs warning to
drivers/riders to slow down on
City Roads to warn them of Kids
playing, no objection at all.

Historical Society: Cross was
asked by Genova about the
possibility of the City donating
to the Historical Society, Cross
to check if it is legal and proper
for the City to donate.

Nuisance properties: A dis-
cussion on both properties on
Bourdon Street, Cross reported
the EDA now owns the Bergeron
Trailer, and we are now trying
to find someone to remove it.
Complaints about the smell and
dogs at 412 Bourdon Street and
the state of the Grass, Cross to
track down the owner.

Motion to close the meet-
ing by Cyr and seconded
by Genova, motion carried.
Meeting closed at 7.00PM

Mayor Burthwick

Derek Cross/City Clerk
O17C

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Red Lake County Board of Commissioners will hold
a Public Hearing on Tuesday, July 24, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.
to discuss a replacement to the position of County Commissioner
for District 4 due to a resignation. The County Board will ac-
cept public comment at the hearing before making an official
appointment of a replacement Commissioner at the regular
County Board meeting being held that day.

Bob Schmitz
Red Lake County Auditor/Board Clerk

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Plummer Mayor Jim DuChamp walking in the Fourth of July Parade. His wife Debbie
is driving the Ranger that is all decked out for the 4th of July.



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NOTICE TO RESIDENTS OF TOWNSHIPS HAVING NOVEMBER ELECTIONS

The dates of filing Affidavits of Candidacy for township offices
are Tuesday, July 31, 2018 through Tuesday, August 14, 2018.
Offices open are Supervisor and Treasurer or Clerk.

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

Filings close at 5:00 PM on August 14, 2018. Filing fee is
\$2.00.

Red Lake County Township Officers Assn.
Marie Chaput, Secretary

O16-17C

NOTICE OF FILING DATES FOR ELECTION TO THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF OKLEE RED LAKE COUNTY STATE OF MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the period for filing affidavits
of candidacy for the office of Mayor and City Council shall begin
on Tuesday, July 31, 2018, and shall close at 5:00 o'clock p.m.
on Tuesday, August 14, 2018.

The general election shall be held on Tuesday, November 6,
2018. At that election, two (2) members will be elected to the
Council for terms of four (4) years each, and one (1) member
will be elected as Mayor for a term of two (2) years.

Affidavits of Candidacy are available from the Clerk's Office
301 Main St, Oklee, MN. The filing fee for this office is \$2. A
candidate for this office must be an eligible voter, must be 21
years of age or more on assuming office, must be a resident of
the City of Oklee which the candidate seeks election for thirty
(30) days before the general election, and must have no other
affidavit on file for any other office at the same primary or next
ensuing general election.

The affidavits of candidacy must be filed in the office of the
City Clerk and the filing fee paid prior to 5:00 o'clock p.m. on
August 14, 2018.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY OF OKLEE.

CITY CLERK Derek Cross

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Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial Update

The Oklee Area Veterans'
Memorial received a recent
donation from Elmer Hanson,
Brooks, in memory of Pastor
Charles Gunderson, a long
time pastor at the Lutheran
Churches in Oklee. Pastor
Gunderson was well known
in the area as he served the
Lutheran parishes for many
years.

The area around the Mon-
ument is blooming with color
as the 420 red and white petu-
nias are growing and thriving,
thanks to the watering and
weeding done by the Oklee
Garden Club ladies. These
ladies are also responsible for
tending to the plants in the
planter and pots uptown as well
as the planter at the Veterans'
Memorial and the planter at
the school. The colors of the
petunias enhance the grounds
at the Veterans' Memorial and
provide a nice display for those
traveling by the Memorial.

Donations to the Oklee Area
Veterans' Memorial may be
sent to Security State Bank,
Box 69, Oklee, MN 56742,
attn: Lori Melby.

Any questions about the
Veterans' Memorial should be
directed to Mary Lynn Bachand
at marylbachand@gmail.com.



CITY OF PLUMMER, MINNESOTA NOTICE OF CANDIDATE FILLING DATES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the period for filing affidavits
of candidacy for the office of Mayor
and City Council shall begin on
Tuesday, July 31, 2018 and shall
close at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, August
14, 2018.

OFFICE TO BE FILLED: One
(1) Mayoral position which serves a
two-year term and two (2) Council
member positions, both of which
serve a four year term. All terms
begin January 1, 2019.

The City of Plummer Offices will
be voted for at the state general
election to be held Tuesday, Novem-
ber 06, 2018.

Candidates must file at the office
of the Plummer City Clerk, 170 Cen-
tral Ave E, Plummer during regular
business hours: Monday - Thursday
from 8:00 am - noon. Candidates
must complete an affidavit of candi-
dacy and pay the \$2.00 filing fee
at the time of filing.

Margaret Peterson
Plummer City Clerk/Treasurer
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JOHNSON FUNERAL SERVICE, INC.

Thief River Falls • 218-681-4331
Red Lake Falls • 218-253-2128
Oklee • 218-796-5177



Funeral Pre-planning
Monuments
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(U.S.P.S. 407-240)

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RLCC Summer Rec has combined their Bantams softball team with Clearbrook/Gonvick this year. On July 2 they played in a tournament at Fertile and got 1st place.



RLCC Summer Rec has combined their Ponies softball team with Clearbrook/Gonvick this summer. On July 2 they played in a tournament in Fertile and got 2nd place.

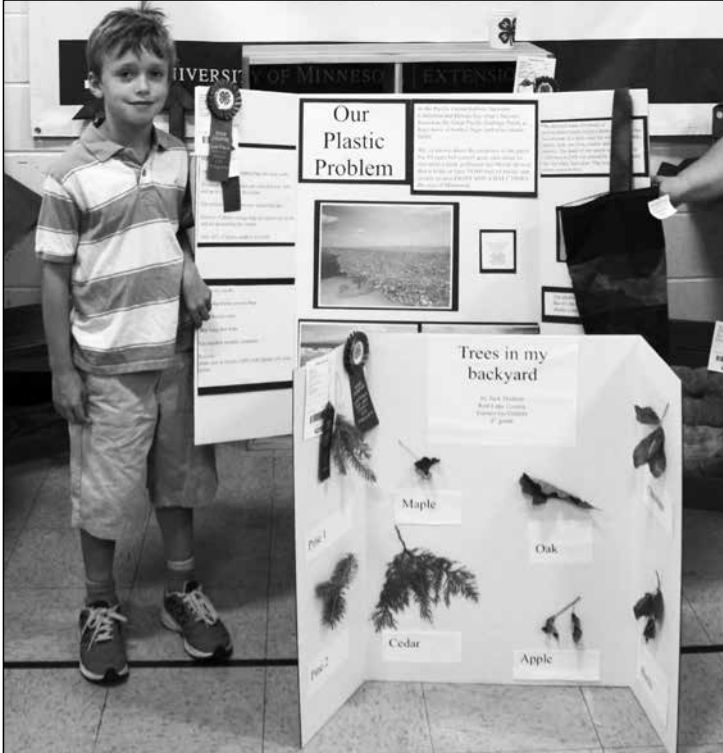
4-H GRAND AND RESERVE WINNERS



Coby Knott – Vegetable Gardening, Reserve; Safety, Reserve; Shop, Reserve; Shooting Sports, Reserve; and Electricity, Reserve.



Grace Smith – Horseless Horse, Grand; Indoor Gardening, Grand; Performing Arts, Grand and Reserve; 4-H Purchased Clothing and Style Revue, cash award, and Dog Project, Reserve.



Jack Dodson – Exploring the Environment, Grand; and Forestry, Grand.



Emma Knott – Food and Nutrition, Reserve; Exploring Animals, Reserve; Vegetable Gardening, Grand; Safety, Grand; Consumer Education, Grand; Photography, Reserve; and 4-H Purchased Clothing and Style Revue, cash award; Citizenship, Grand.



Hayden Shulstad – 4-H Demonstration, Grand; Aerospace, Grand; Photography, Grand; Entomology, Reserve; Exploring Animals, Reserve; Self-Determined, Reserve; Crafts and Fine Arts, Grand; Dog, Grand; Electricity, Grand; Shooting Sports, Reserve; Robotics, Grand; and Fishing Sports, Grand.



Justin Solie – Self-Determined, Grand; Health, Reserve; Cat, Reserve; and Wildlife/Biology, Grand.



Jacob Solie, Grace Smith, Emma Knott, and Paige Olson during the Style Review at the Awards program.

Summer Rec

Schedule for July 18 - 20
Wednesday, July 18
 Kloster League at Clearbrook. Leave Plummer at 7:45, Brooks at 8:00, Oklee at 8:15.
Thursday, July 19
 10:00 Cadet Baseball at Oklee vs Fosston Maroon
 10:00 Girls Softball at Crookston. Bus schedule TBD
 1:00 – 2:00 Football or Soccer behind Oklee school.
 2:00 – 3:00 Game of choice.
 3:00 – 4:00 Elementary Basketball skills.



Bonny Cote's flowers won first place during the Red Lake County Fair that was held June 22, 23, and 24.

RLCC-Oklee Site

Summer Hours:
 Summer hours at the high school site will be from 7:00 AM-3:30 PM Monday-Thursday. If you are needing anything call ahead to make sure someone is in the office.

Junior Golf Tournament

There will be a Junior Golf Tournament held at Oak Knolls Golf Course in Red Lake Falls on Monday, July 23rd.
 Tee off time is at 9:00 a.m. with a Shotgun Start. Hundreds of dollars in prizes have been donated by area businesses.
 Entry fee is based on number of holes:
 Boys: (4 age groups)
 15-17 18 holes
 13-14 18 holes
 11-12 18 holes
 10 and under 9 holes.
 Girls: (number of entries will determine age brackets).
 Medal Play in all age groups. Prizes and trophies awarded.
 Registration preferred by noon on Sunday, July 22 but may still register the morning of the 23rd before 8:45 a.m.
 For more information or to register, contact Steve Philion at 218-253-2499 or email: sphilion@rlfedu.org.
 This event is co-sponsored by the Holy Family Knights of Columbus Chapter of Red Lake Falls for the benefit of the youth of the area.

July 2018 Health Points

Protect Your Baby from Group B Strep (GBS)

Group B Streptococcus (group B strep, GBS) are bacteria that come and go naturally in the body. Most of the time the bacteria are not harmful, but they can cause serious illness in people of all ages.
 According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), group B strep is the leading cause of sepsis and meningitis in a newborn's first week of life.
 The two most important ways to prevent early-onset group B strep (GBS) disease are:
 Testing pregnant women for GBS bacteria late in pregnancy (ideally between 35 and 37 weeks pregnant)
 Giving antibiotics during labor to women at increased risk, including those who test positive for GBS bacteria
www.cdc.gov/groupbstrep/about/prevention.html
www.groupbstrepinternational.org

Feeling Fit & Fine this summer

From June 4 - August 6, 2018, we're having a fun contest for kids age 3 years to 12 years that promotes a variety of healthy behaviors, while awarding a variety of prizes. Participation is completely voluntary and free of charge. Each child fills out 24 squares on a scorecard and then brings it to one of the 2 public health offices for their prize weekly.
 Inter County Nursing Service Pennington County: Courthouse Thief River Falls
 Inter County Nursing Service Red Lake County: Courthouse Red Lake Falls
 Power of Produce (PoP) Club
 The Power of Produce club is starting on July 7th at the Thief River Falls Farmers Market. Every child ages 0-18 can come each week and get \$2 voucher to spend on fresh produce. Funding for this is from University of Minnesota Extension and QUIN SHIP.
Parenting Tips
 5 Tips for Sane Summer Parenting
 1. Include the children when making plans.
 You want your kids to cooperate? Ask them for their input when making plans
 2. Keep to a routine.
 While there may not be a rigid school schedule to stick to, it's important to keep a steady routine going, for your sake and your child's.
 3. Make them useful.
 Instead of just letting them do whatever and hoping for the best, engage your children in all the normal tasks that need to be done—like making dinner, doing the laundry, or tidying up.
 4. Limit screen time, even during the summer.
 Yes, there are more hours to fill up in the day, but that doesn't mean kids should spend more time staring into a screen (television, computer, video game device, phone, tablet, etc.) for any longer than normal.
 5. Have fun! That means you, Mom and Dad!
 Summers are so full of

promise and possibility for children. It's a shame that we lose that sense of summer wonder as adults!

Salmonella and Food

You may know that Salmonella can contaminate poultry and eggs, but it also sneaks its way into many other foods. Salmonella is a bacteria that commonly causes foodborne illness, sometimes called "food poisoning." CDC estimates Salmonella causes 1 million foodborne illnesses every year in the United States.
Five Facts That May Surprise You
 Don't let Salmonella make you or your loved ones sick. Learn these five facts – and tips for lowering your chance of getting a Salmonella infection.
 1. You can get a Salmonella infection from a variety of foods. Salmonella can be found in many foods including beef, chicken, eggs, fruits, pork, sprouts, vegetables, and even processed foods, such as nut butters, frozen pot pies, chicken nuggets, and stuffed chicken entrees. When you eat a food that is contaminated with Salmonella, it can make you sick. Contaminated foods usually look and smell normal, which is why it is important to know how to prevent Salmonella infection.
 2. Salmonella illness is more common in the summer. Warmer weather and unrefrigerated foods create ideal conditions for Salmonella to grow. Be sure to refrigerate or freeze perishables (foods likely to spoil or go bad quickly), prepared foods, and leftovers within 2 hours. Chill them within 1 hour if the temperature is 90°F or hotter.
 3. Salmonella illness can be serious and is more dangerous for certain people. Symptoms of infection usually appear 6–48 hours after eating a contaminated food, but can take much longer. These symptoms include diarrhea, fever, and stomach cramps. In most cases, illness lasts 4–7 days and people recover without antibiotic treatment. Some people may have severe diarrhea and need to be hospitalized. Anyone can get a Salmonella infection, but some groups are more likely to develop a serious illness: older adults, children younger than 5, and people with weakened immune systems.

4. Salmonella causes far more illnesses than you might suspect. For every one case of Salmonella illness confirmed by laboratory tests, there are about 30 more cases of Salmonella illnesses that are not. Most people who get food poisoning usually do not go to the doctor, so we never learn what germ made them sick.
 5. To avoid Salmonella, you should not eat raw eggs or eggs that have runny whites or yolks. Salmonella can contaminate eggs, even perfectly normal-looking ones. But these eggs can make you sick, especially if they are raw or lightly cooked. Eggs are safe when you cook and handle them properly.
 Remember to follow the Clean, Separate, Cook, and Chill guidelines to help keep you and your family safe from food poisoning.
www.cdc.gov/features/salmonella-food/index.html

RLCC School Legal

NOTICE OF FILING DATES FOR ELECTION TO THE SCHOOL BOARD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2906 RED LAKE COUNTY CENTRAL SCHOOLS STATE OF MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the period for filing affidavits of candidacy for the office of school board member of Independent School District No. 2906 shall begin on Tuesday, July 31, 2018, and shall close at 5:00 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, August 14, 2018.

The general election shall be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018. At that election, three (3) members will be elected to the School Board for terms of four (4) years each, and

one (1) member will be elected to the School Board for a term of two (2) years.
 Affidavits of Candidacy are available from the school district clerk at 201 Governor St, Oklee, MN and at 260 Minnesota Street, Plummer, MN. The filing fee for this office is \$2. A candidate for this office must be an eligible voter, must be 21 years of age or more on assuming office, must have been a resident of the school district from which the candidate seeks election for thirty (30) days before the general election, and must have no other affidavit on file for any other office at the same primary or next ensuing general election.
 The affidavits of candidacy must be filed in the office of the school district clerk and the filing fee paid prior to 5:00 o'clock p.m. on August 14, 2018.
 BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
 School District Clerk
 016-17C

Wednesday, July 18, 2018



4-H GRAND AND RESERVE WINNERS





Harmonee Buckholz – Photography – Reserve; and Flower Gardening, Grand.



Paige Olson – Photography, Grand; Cat, Grand; 4-H Purchased Clothing and Style Review, cash award; Quilting, Reserve; and Flower Gardening, Reserve



Sidney Olson – Photography, Grand; Quilting, Grand; and 4-H Purchased Clothing and Fashion Revue, cash award.



Hailey Hanson (Above and Right) – Health/Breeding/Production, Grand; Exploring Animals, Grand, Crafts and Fine Arts, Reserve; and Poultry Exhibit, Grand.



Quinnlyn Kenfield – Dog Project, Reserve



Jacob Solie – Fruit, Grand; Exploring the Environment, Reserve; Health, Grand; Performing Arts, Grand; Horseless Horse, Reserve; 4-H Purchased Clothing and Style Revue, cash award; Plant and Soil, Grand; Entomology, Grand; and Computer, Grand.



Kendra Rondorf – Photography, Reserve; Needle Arts, Grand; Performing Arts, Reserve; Food and Nutrition, Grand; and Food Preservation, Grand.



Legal Notice

Hearing for Petition for Use of Red Lake Watershed District Ditch No. 7, RLWD Project No. 20 Drainage System as an Outlet

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on the 26th day of July, at 9:30 a.m. at the Red Lake Watershed District Board Room, 1000 Pennington Avenue South, Thief River Falls, MN, a public hearing will be held regarding a petition from Wayne and Debra Vettleson for use of Red Lake Watershed District Ditch No. 7, Red Lake Watershed District Project No. 20, located in both Polk County and Red Lake County, MN, as an outlet to drain the NE1/4 NE1/4, Section 26, Equality Township, Red Lake County, Minnesota.

The public hearing will be held in accordance with Minnesota Statute 103E.401 and will consider the petition, the capacity of the outlet drainage system, terms and conditions for use of the drainage system if such use is allowed, the property to be benefited by the drainage system and the amount of benefits to the property for the outlet and any amount to be paid as an outlet fee. If use as an outlet is granted, the properties benefited will be liable for assessments levied after that time in the drainage system, on the basis of the benefits determined, as if they had been determined in the original order establishing the drainage system. The RLWD Board of Managers will consider any input and comments from interested landowners, public or private, likely to be affected by the addition of the land requested.

Myron Jesme, Administrator 015-17C

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American Life in Poetry: Column 694

BY TED KOOSER, U.S. POET LAUREATE, 2004-2006

I live in Nebraska, out in the country where summers have two seasons, ticks and chiggers, and both the ticks and chiggers like nothing better than a sip of me. So how could I resist seeing what a tick might have to say for itself? Here's a poem by Jim Zimmerman, who lives in Pleasantville, New York, which when the ticks are hungry may not be so Pleasantville. His most recent book of poems is *Family Cookout* (The Comstock Review).

Listen to the Deer Tick Sing

I wait for you to come
to brush your shoe against
the blade of grass I'm sitting on
touch me with your hand
as you reach for one last
violet to take home

or pick up a worm to place
gracefully in the garden

even better if you lie
on a hillside to watch the sunset
or breathe in stars

I will feel your warmth, bury
my head next to that freckle
on your calf, that hair
on your forearm, or just behind
the lobe of your left ear

I promise not to take too much
blood into my swelling body

only what I think I need

and I will never
let you know I am here
though I will love you

deeply

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Class of 1978 Holds 40th Reunion



Twenty one classmates from the 45 graduates of Oklee High School class of 1978 recently gathered on July 7th at the Lakeview Resort in Mentor for their 40th class reunion. The 'Class of 78' spent a fun evening catching up on each others lives since their last reunion 20 years ago and enjoyed a wonderful buffet meal at Lakeview. Classmates from a distance traveled from Texas, Colorado, North Dakota, Bemidji, Brainerd, Warroad, and the Twin Cities to attend the event. The class is already looking forward to their 50th reunion!

Back Row L-R: Jeff Johnson, Jeff Capp. Row 2: Bill Stenberg, Steve Peterson, Tim Lundeen, Dave Gunderson, Don Berry. Front Row: Deb (Rahier) Whalen, Betty (Syrnsky) Peterson, Julie (Vad) Dicken, Kimm (Larson) Thorson, Jane (Bergeron) Berryhill, Cheri (Hagen) Yennie, Jerome Hruby, Doreen (Halvorson) Finseth, Sheryl (Van de Strek) Danielson, Carmen (Swenson) Fore.

Classmates not pictured but also attending: Anita (Berberich) Capp, Joel Kvasager, Tim Paquin, and Steve Korelewski.

Aurel J. Parenteau Memorial Golf Tournament Held on July 3rd

Aurel (AJ) Parenteau hosted a golf tournament on his July 3rd birthday for 23 years from 1995 to 2017. Aurel passed away in December of 2017. His daughter Patti organized a memorial golf tournament in his honor on what would have been Aurel's 90th birthday. Fifty-six golfers enjoyed a wonderful day of golf and socializing in the manner that AJ would have certainly approved. Prior to the start of golf, everyone gathered and sang a joyous Happy Birthday to Aurel.

Among the many friends and family in attendance was his wife, Gloria. All five of Aurel's children (Mike, Patti, Tom, Steve, and Joe) as well as friends and family from near and far participated in the birthday scramble. AJ played in his birthday tournament up until 2013 on his 85th birthday, during which he never won it. In keeping with that tradition, none of his children were on the winning team in 2018.

Aurel's history with the Oak Lake Golf Course is extensive. In addition to his birthday scrambles for 23 years from 1995 to 2017, he and Gloria organized Monday golf scrambles for many area friends and family for 15 years from 2000 to 2014. AJ was also involved with the Blaster's Masters golf tournament that is affiliated with the Blast to Brooks every fall. He did this for 24 years from 1991-2014. One of his finest individual performances on the course was a hole-in-one on #9.

Aurel's legacy at the Oak Lake Golf Course in Erskine is memorialized with a sitting bench that is located near the first tee. The inscription on the bench is "In Loving Memory of



Friends and family gather around the AJ Parenteau memorial bench before singing Happy Birthday in his honor.

AJ Parenteau." The bench was given by AJ's nieces and nephews Marc E. (Connie), Greg (Donna), Jill (Tim), Pamela (Michael), and Gary (Danielle) (Marc Parenteau's children and their spouses). Next time you

find yourself at the Oak Lake Golf Course, take a seat on this bench and remember AJ. Perhaps you played in one of Aurel's golf scrambles. It'll be a good memory.

Writers & Writing by Michael Tidemann

Tidemann started his journalism career at the Bismarck Tribune in 1978 and began college teaching career as a graduate teaching assistant at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion in 1977. He has worked at newspapers in Iowa and the Dakotas and his work has appeared in Overdrive, Writer's Journal, the San Diego Union-Tribune and Snowmobile.



Meet Behind Mars offers humor and pathos

Meet Behind Mars is a delightful and eclectic collection of short stories by Renee Simms, assistant professor of African American studies and contributing faculty to English studies at University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Wash. The collection is part of the Made in Michigan Writers Series.

Simms received her law degree from Wayne State University and her MFA from Arizona State University.

While most of the stories are set in Detroit or Michigan, Simms includes such venues as Los Angeles, Phoenix and even an island in the South China Sea. The stories primarily embrace the experience of Women of Color, with the characters ranging from the poor to the daughter of a judge running for Congress. One exception is "Who Do You Love" in which Simms writes convincingly and with pathos from the point of view of a male pawn shop employee who falls in love with a customer whose honesty shatters his player's demeanor.

One of the most moving stories is "Dive". In that story, Alex recalls that as a child she fought her adoptive father's pressure to make her learn



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how to swim and later dive. Then, as Alex and her partner are visiting her parents for her father's 70th birthday, she says she wants to find her biological parents, something her father strongly protests. When near-tragedy happens, Alex reacts in a way that

could only make her father enormously proud.

"The Art of Heroine Worship" offers an interesting perspective on bussing:

"Walking into JFK that fall was like walking into the wrong family reunion. I had never heard of the food that was served in the school cafeteria. In my house, Mama cooked sweet potato pie that she cooked near the kitchen window. She made pound cakes with whole bags of C&H sugar. Who in the world ate stroganoff and what was an apple crisp? In music class, we did fancy European folk dances and sang nineteenth-century songs."

As a debut short story collection, Meet Behind Mars shows a strong voice not afraid to embrace a wide range of perspectives, whether it be a rebellious daughter in "How to Leave the Midwest" or a terminally ill civil engineer whose spirit soars with her home-built experimental aircraft in "Rebel Airplanes". It should be on everyone's summer reading list.

Michael Tidemann writes from Estherville, Iowa. His author page is amazon.com/author/michaeltidemann

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Oklee Herald Early Files

Seventy Years Ago July 15, 1948

A total of 293 game and fish law violators apprehended during the month of June paid fines totaling \$1,889.25 plus \$312.15 in court costs, the Bureau of Enforcement, Division of Game and Fish reported. Of the violators, 281 were apprehended for fishing violations; four trapping; three for set up guns; and two for netting and miscellaneous infractions.

The U.S. Department of Heath granted \$7,500 to Bemidji State Teachers College for a research project conducted by Dr. T. T. Chen. The research dealt with protozoan disease.

Betty Jean LaJambe, six year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed LaJambe, escaped with bruises and scratches when she was hit by a car on the highway between Trail and Oklee. Betty Jean was at the mailbox where Helmer Christopherson, Trail rural carrier, was delivering mail. She stepped from behind Christopherson's car into the path of a car driven by a Hemly of Cleveland, OH. Hemly swerved to avoid hitting the girl, but she hit the side of his car and was tossed to the ground.

Miss June Shelquist, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Shelquist of Clearbrook, and Rodger Melbo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Melbo of Gully were united in marriage at a single ring ceremony at the parsonage at Clearbrook. Rev. Oscar Johnson officiated.

Sixty Years Ago July 17, 1958

Lowell Sovde, who had been serving as acting postmaster here since the retirement of Henry Falardeau, received word from Washington D.C. that his appointment as permanent postmaster had been confirmed.

Minnesota's 1958 Statehood Centennial float appeared in Red Lake Falls as a feature of Red Lake County Fair. The colorful blue, gold and white float which depicted four ages of Minnesota history; wilderness, settlement and agriculture, advancement of machine age and concept of the present and future was to be seen at more than 60 community festivals, pageants and fairs.

Ben Polson's 87th birthday was celebrated at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Neimi. Gifts were presented and lunch was served.

Miss Margaret Fortier, daughter of Mrs. Ethel Fortier, became the bride of Donald Magnell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Magnell in a double ring ceremony at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church. Rev. Paul A. Cardin officiated.

July had a total rainfall of 5.62 inches and below normal temperatures. Which was fine for small grains but held back corn and soybean growth. Corn was reported in fair to good condition with the average

height at 25 inches.

Fifty Years Ago July 18, 1968

29 cars and 1200 to 1400 people were estimated to attend the racing at the Tri County Speedway. The races were postponed because of heavy rains but the next day their track was ready to be utilized.

Victor Schiefert, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schiefert of Plummer was transferred from the hospital in Thief River Falls to Swedish Hospital in Minneapolis for treatment of second degree burns. He was burned while working with paint at East Side service station at Plummer. His clothing reportedly ignited and he was severely burned before the flames could be extinguished.

Oklee was represented in the Miss Thief River Falls pageant at the 14th annual Jaycee Aquacade by Sandra Groven, 18, Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Halvor Groven.

Two North Dakota Television Stations began telecasting their local-live studio programs in color. They were WDAY-TV, Channel 6, Fargo; and WDAZ-TV, Channel 8, Devils Lake-Grand Forks.

SP/4 Jerome Toulouse spent a 30 day furlough with his parents the Walter Toulouses. He returned from a years' service in Vietnam.

Miss Colleen Beth Trinkham of Fisher, Minn. became the bride of Mr. Dennis R. Hyde of Brooks in a double ring ceremony held at the Fisher Lutheran Church.

It was warned that leaving you key in the ignition of your car is an invitation to the potential car thief to have an accident and that locking your doors is an extra precaution against accidents.

Forty Years Ago July 13, 1978

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Allen (Bud) Fossell of rural Brooks. Was severely da,aged by fire. Extensive damage was done throughout the house but the worst destruction occurred in the upper level of the dwelling where one room was totally gutted. All of the rooms in the house were severely impaired by the heavy smoke.

Mayor Alvin Jensen and his wife, Bonnie, who was the Managing Editor of The Oklee Herald were going to be honored on the 25th wedding anniversary at their home in Oklee.

Glenyce Y. Eskeli, Assistant Cashier, Red Lake County State Bank, Red Lake Falls, completed her second year of the Minnesota School of Banking at St. Olaf College in Northfield and received her graduation certificate at the conclusion of the school year.

Luane Harry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hanson, was baptized by Pastor Charles Keeler at the Nazareth Lutheran Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Violette

of Oklee and Mr. and Mrs. Claire Sather of Gonvick announced the forthcoming marriage of their children, Rosemary and Tommy at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Oklee. All friends and relatives were invited to attend.

Thirty Years Ago July 13, 1988

"Today is Your Day" was held before the Senior Citizens' evening meal. Honored guest was Ruth Olson. A summary of her life, written by her daughter Amy, was read by Vi Bergh. K.B. Knutson presented Ruth with an "Honorary Norwegian Certificate" since she was quite adamant about not being Norwegian.

Nolan and Jennifer Boucher had a new baby brother, Donovan Andrew. Parents were Mark and Cindy Boucher of Fargo, ND. Grandparents were Orrin and Iola Anderson of Oklee and Laurence Boucher of RR Brooks.

George Klema received his medal 43 years late but he finally was awarded the Prisoner of War Medal for honorable service while a prisoner of war. George was captured during the Battle of Bulge on December 22, 1944. It started with the invasion of 38 divisions of Germans striking on a 50-mile front. George said "Our whole battalion of 1300 men were captured." He said, "The greatest danger in the camps was starvation." He weighed less than 100 lbs when he was released.

A triple birthday party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mercil in honor of Mrs. Lorraine Mercil, Mrs. Sue McRae and Tammie Mercil.

Jim Peterson was the lucky winner in a drawing for a handmade afghan sponsored by AAL Br. 2444 of Plummer.

Twenty Years Ago July 15, 1998

The Oklee School received a \$50,000 technology grant for the purpose of upgrading the technology program to help students' access additional information and enhance our K-12 curriculum.

The Lake Agassiz Regional Library Board of Trustees hired Kathy Fredette to serve as the library system's Regional Library Director.

Applications were starting to be accepted for the title of Mrs. Red Lake County. The woman chosen as "Mrs. Red Lake County" was to receive a prize package worth \$7,000 and the chance to represent Minnesota at the "1999 Mrs. U.S. International Pageant".

Dennis and Beverly Moen announced the engagement of their daughter, Nicole to Barrett Wavra, son of Ken and Helen Wavra. Nicole was a 1990 graduate of Oklee High School and Barrett was a 1987 graduate of Crookston High School.

Navy Lt. j.g. Dale A. Pulczynski of Greenbush, was half-way through a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean aboard the attack submarine USS Pogy.

Ten Years Ago July 9, 2008

A 1960 Oklee High School graduate authored a book recounting how he and his wife bought acreage in north central Minnesota and left their jobs to pursue the common dream of a life close to the land. "Hiram Hill Homestead: Back to the Land at 50" by Bill Turgeon chronicled their search for a place in the country and their many, often humorous, adventures in modern day homesteading.

The Verdell and Faye Olson family of Fertile had been named Polk County's "2008 Farm Family of the Year" by the University of Minnesota.

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture started accepting applications for the Livestock Investment Grant Program, a new program that was to help support the state's livestock industry. Qualifying producers would have been reimbursed ten percent of the first \$500,000 of investment, with a minimum investment of \$4,000.

The Garden Valley Education Foundation presented a \$5,000 technology grant to Red Lake County Central Elementary in Plummer to aid in the purchase of a SMART Board for the 5th grade classroom and instructor training.

Did You Know!

The first known heart medicine was discovered in an English garden. In 1799, physician John Ferriar noted the effect of dried leaves of the common foxglove plant, digitalis purpurea, on heart action. Still used in heart medications, digitalis slows the pulse and increases the force of heart contractions and the amount of blood pumped per heartbeat.

Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

The weeks seem to rush by, it's already time to have a news letter.

Today seems to be a nice one, but, the overcasts predict it may be little change later on. We have been fortunate to missed some of the big storms of some of our neighbors.

After all the reunions of the past weeks, it will seem very quiet this week. I think everyone enjoyed the Bank's party Thursday evening. It was a great afternoon and evening to take part in. It's always fun to have a meal outside with picnic foods.

This Thursday the Site Council meets at 10 a.m. If you have something you would like to bring up, please see one of the members. On Friday there is a birthday meal at the Site. Also on Thursday there is Bin-

go at 12:30.

Dates To Remember

July 19 – Site Council Meets 10 a.m.

July 20 – Birthday Meal (come and if it's your B.D. you might win a free meal.)

Words Of Wisdom

Be the charming guest everyone wants at their next party.

Never apologize for being early for an appointment.

Joke Time

A visitor from out of state at a recent Minnesota Rotary meeting, was rather startled to see on the program five speakers preceding him and every one of them named Johnson. Then a little later when using the phone book to call a

friend, he was amazed to find pages and pages of Johnsons and turned to a bystander and remarked, "Why are there so many Johnsons in the directory?" – and the bystander happened to be a Swede porter and he said, "Vel, Mister, ay guess do reason is, all do Yon-sons have telephones!"

I shall never forget Oscar's first trip to Minneapolis. We missed him from our party and later found him down on Nicollet Ave., standing in front of a parking meter using some very abusive language and we heard him say: "saxty pound! Dis is a dirty crooked yip. Ay bet yu ay veight over one hundred pounds," and then he gave the parking meter a good kick and walked on. Au bet de don't do dat in St. Paul.

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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Hot and humid has been the norm around our area these past couple of weeks. Over the weekend though, we moved to cool and dry. We still need the rain, because we are in a water deficit under the ground. It is very dry just a couple of inches down even after a rain. We just have to wait till the next shift in weather comes around.

It seems that the list for the raffle for Blast To Brooks is coming together. Raffle tickets will be ready for sale soon. There will be many great prizes to win again this year. Look for the tickets soon for purchase.

Red Hats will meet on July 25th at the Cozy Bar in Brooks at 11:30. Be early and ready to order by that time.

Mary Schindler is home and ready to get out and about. She has undergone surgery and is healing well. She appreciates the prayers and good wishes she has received. Get well

quickly Mary.

The Parenteaus had a family gathering over the weekend. Ione, Marc's sister, and Nancy Striddle another sister were all with Marc and Yvonne on Sunday at Coffee and Rolls after church, and they visited with so many of the people enjoying a cup of coffee. Nancy and Chuck Striddle are from Knoxville Tennessee and Ione hails from Crookston. The smile on their faces beamed with fun and gladness.

Rebecca Novak of Mankato, visited her parents on Friday through Monday. She did some things for them that needed being done, and then enjoyed the Polk County Fair on Saturday with her father Jerome. On Sunday Jerome and Rebecca went to Bagley to eat supper, and she helped him with bringing home an implement he bought at a sale.

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe
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On July 4th, a biker came off the highway into Plummer. He was from New Zealand and had flown into Winnipeg, MB; and was heading south. He bought ice cream and water at the Tri Vent stand where Pastor Jonathan, Connie Hagen and Mrs. Klamm were working. He may have seen the parade, otherwise the Car Show was still on at Main Street. He sure has hot weather for biking in.

Loretta Hesse, Linda and Coral Mattison flew out of Mpls. June 25 to Pasco, Washington for a family reunion. Also, the Schmelzer family reunion was in Kennewick, Washington. There were 62 people at the picnic. Linda and Coral picked cherries at Loretta's brother Allan's place. He is the youngest brother. Loretta visited Pam Hesse and Bill of Florida met them July

3rd when they flew into Mpls. They came for a short visit.

A Torkelson family reunion was held at the Plummer Park on Saturday the 7th. There were around 35 people. They ate in the park. Some were from Wisconsin and other farther areas. After eating, many toured the museum and enjoyed it. They loved how cool it was inside.

Tuesday, Wilma Arlt, Bunny DuChamp, Anne Traxler, Anna DeHate and Alice Jobe enjoyed a drive to Winger for lunch at Moran's. The special was Broasted Chicken, Cole-slaw, French Fries, Brownie and Coffee. It was very good.

Guests of Les and Alice Hofstad were their daughter Diana Marquet and Ella and Ethan. Ella is nine and Ethan is six. They are from Yuma, Arizona. They came on Saturday. They also visited out in

Minot, North Dakota where Diana's husband's family lives. Wednesday evening, the three came to the Legion for Bingo while Les called Bingo.

On Monday, England celebrated one hundred years of the Royal Air Force. The Royal Family also attended the Baptism of Louis, son of Prince William and Duchess Kate. He is about 3 months old.

Thailand's soccer team rescued after more than 14 days had a coach who was a former Buddhist monk, shared his rations with the boys and gave them hope. None of the boys knew how to swim. It is the monsoon season and makes it very dangerous to enter a cave. There were 40 Thai divers and 50 from other countries. What a story. Thank God they're alive. Have a good week!

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RLC Insurance at the 4th of July Parade in Plummer.

Who's Dat?



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This weeks photo is of a fellow from a neighboring town. He was well known.

Last weeks photo was of Therese and Virgil Radnicki. They lived in Deer Park until their later years, then moved into Oklee. Virgil pass away in August 2010. Therese now lives in TRF.

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