

Oklee Precipitation
By Einar Kvasager

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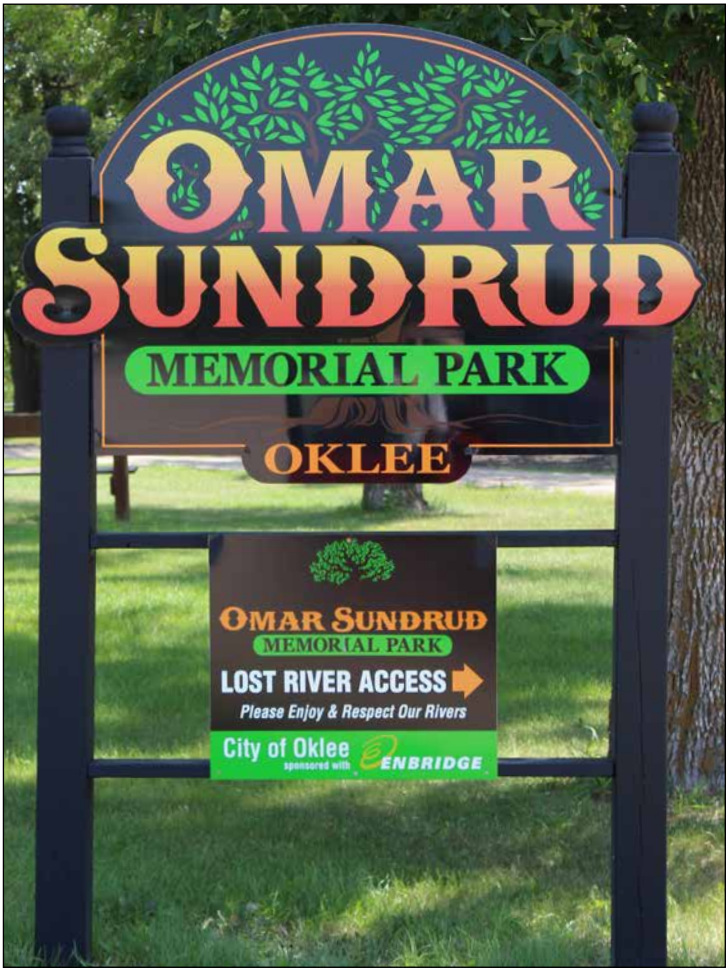
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City of Oklee adds dumping station to Omar Sundrud Park



As most readers of the Oklee Herald know, over the past few years, there have been improvements made to the Omar Sundrud Park.

It all started in September of 2015 when during a Backpack Blessing ceremony that Elmer Hanson relayed the story of how Oklee's North Park came in to existence.

This is what he told us that evening around the campfire:

Years ago, it was a very low spot when we had heavy rains and the river flooded, it would fill with water and stay there. Brush, cattails and whatnot grew there, and a lot of trash was thrown there. Lost river

wasn't dredged until 1963. Anyhow, in 1953, Oklee had a major project going on. All the streets were dug up, new storm sewers were installed, streets were refilled with sand and gravel. Problem was, where should all the old dirt go? Omar Sundrud, publisher and owner of the Oklee Herald was Mayor. Elmer couldn't remember who the councilmen were, could have been Orlo Melby, Bill Seeger, Bert Riel, Frank Cyr and others. Anyhow, Mayor Sundrud said let's see if we can buy or annex the low land north of the Lost River and east of the highway from the Stromme family. Which they succeeded in doing. All the dirt taken out of the streets in Oklee filled in the low spots and made The Oklee Park. Also, there was more dirt than was needed, so they covered the old city dump southeast of the city and made a nice hill for children to climb and sled down. This all came about from an idea from Mayor Sundrud. I believe the Oklee Park should be named in his honor and called "Omar

Sundrud Park"! (Editors Note: These facts may not be 100% right.)

A year later, the City of Oklee decided to rename the North Park in honor of Omar Sundrud and at the Oklee Market Day celebration in August of 2016, the Mayor of Oklee, George Burthwick presented to Scott and Jack, the sons of Omar Sundrud a certificate indicating that a new sign will be installed indicating the new official name: Omar Sundrud Memorial Park.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with Omar Sundrud, here is a little background on him. In 1947 he moved here with his wife and three sons to Oklee as he had purchased the Oklee Herald from Iver Gjernes, who was the second owner of the Oklee Herald. Omar Sundrud ran the Oklee Herald until 1974 when the Oklee Herald was purchased by Richards Publishing, who still owns the paper.

Omar Sundrud also during this time he had also been involved in the City of Oklee Council serving a number of years.

In a June 2017 City of Oklee meeting the park was discussed again because of a grant that was granted by Enbridge called the Eco Footprint grant which covered a number of towns in Red Lake County and Oklee was one of the recipients.

This grant was for a picnic shelter, a portable dock for canoes and kayaks in Oklee. In Plummer it was about the same, but Red Lake Falls received the largest portion of the grant. Electric service was also added to the park so now you can have a picnic in the park and have electricity to run your roasters, crockpots, etc. The Sundrud sign was installed and greets you as you drive in. Camping sites have been designated and in 2018 a dumping station has been added for campers to empty their tanks in. Next on the list is getting water to the park.

So remember, if you are looking of a nice place to picnic, drop a canoe or kayak in the river for a ride on the Lost River, of just need a place to relax, check out the Omar Sundrud Memorial Park, just across the bridge, north of Oklee.



The Picnic Shelter above, the new dock to the right and below is the photo from 2016.

Mayor George Burthwick, presented Scott Sundrud and Jack Sundrud with the honor of naming the Oklee North Park, the "Omar Sundrud Memorial Park."

Elmer Hanson explained to the audience how the changes made by past Mayor Omar Sundrud created the North Park.



Mayor George Burthwick, Scott Sundquist, Jack Sundquist and Elmer Hanson.

Oklee Market Day, August 11th

Oklee Market Day is just around the corner. August 11th will be a great day to be in Oklee! There will be a lot going on that day, starting at 7:45 AM with the hero hustle 5K registration. The actual 5K will start at 8:30 at the Oklee Veterans Memorial site. Come be a hero for the day and dress up in your favorite superhero costume and have a great time!

At 8:00 AM the key Hunt will start, find a hidden key around town to try to win a prize. There is no age limit anyone can participate.

Vendors and crafters opening up at 9 AM in the school, there will be a lot of goodies and homemade items for sale. There is always room for more vendors of all types, crafters, produce and flea marketers of any kind please call Jena at 218-791-9233 with any questions or if you'd like to set up a stand. The quilt show also open at 9 AM in the hall. Come and check out all the gorgeous handmade quilts. This year includes a special presentation by Quilting Treasures of Rhode Island at 10 AM and 1 PM that day the hall, come learn about the history of quilting fabric.

Cars will start lining up on main street for the car show at 10 AM. The motto for the car show is "if you're proud of it, show it off!" A car show is always a great place for people to visit and hang out! For questions on the car show please call Linda at 218-689-5038.

The sidewalk chalk contest will be going on again this year for all ages, along Main Street. Bring some chalk and color the town. Have your picture completed by 1:00 for judging

and your chance to win a prize. Something new this year will be the pedal pull for kids and adults. This Takes place from 10:00 until noon. Challenge your friends and neighbors for bragging rights!

Hopefully at 11:00 AM the old-time plowing demonstration will take place, weather and the seasonal conditions will determine this event. If you want to participate bring your pre-1960 tractor and a 2 or 3 bottom plow and come join the fun or just come watch and learn. If you have any questions please get a hold of Mike At 218-686-9558.

At 12:00 the blind driver contest for adults will take place along with pedal tractor races for kids.

Hopefully, around this time you're also getting hungry! Oklee Cafe, Cenex, and TJs Tavern will be open, along with the Zion Lutheran church serving burgers in the fire hall and the American Legion will serving brats and hotdogs by the school. Driftwood food cart will be in town this year and there will also be a coffee wagon.

The old fashion Street games will start at 1:30 on Main Street and we're asking for all adults and children to come have some fun and laughs. Games are still being planned so be sure to come check out what's new this year, you know it's going to be fun!

At 2:30 the sandpile dig will take place for kids and around 2:45 PM they will start announcing winners of the various things that have taken place throughout the day.

Starting 3:00 the ATV pull

will start in the alley between D and R grocery and the Oklee elevator. This should be a fun event. Any questions please call Jared at 218-686-8979.

One last addition to this year's Market Day will be an Oklee Lumber alumni softball game starting around 4 p.m. at the softball fields. Come watch new and former players battle it out in what is sure to be an entertaining game.

Don't miss out on the barrel train ride that'll be going around town that day, The quilt raffle, 50-50 drawing, and drawings at your local businesses.

Come on out to TJ's Tavern starting at 9 PM, Odd Man Out will be playing for the night time entertainment.

For any questions, comments or ideas you can email us at okleemd@gmail.com and don't forget to like us on Facebook!

Oklee Market Day would like to thank our sponsors: Oklee Volunteer Fire Department, Oklee Lumber Inc., Nelson and Nelson Construction, Oklee Quilting Supply Inc., Salon 2019, D&R Grocery, Oklee Cafe, Garden Valley Technologies, Northwest Beverage Inc., Red Lake County Cooperative Inc., Johnson's Funeral Service, CHS Northland Grain, Sanitary Service and Recycling Inc., Simply Hair, Oklee Ambulance, Plummer Lions Club, Red Lake County coop, Inc., Field Drainage, Oklee Locker

We would also like to thank: The City Of Oklee staff, RLCC High School Staff, and the City of Oklee residence for all your great cooperation!

Calendar of Events

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



Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Interim SAM Christy Klemz
Sun, August 12: 9:00 a.m.
Zion, 10:30 a.m. Salem
Tue, August 14: 6:30 p.m.
Salem Council

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OKLEE, GRYGLA & GOODRIDGE
Fr. Adam Hamness
Sun, August 12: 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, August 11: 5:30 p.m. RLF
Sun, August 12: 8:00 a.m. Brooks. 10:00 a.m. RLF.

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun, August 12: 9:00 a.m.
Worship at Ebenezer, 10:30 a.m. Worship at Immanuel.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Sun, August 12: 8:30 a.m. Faith, 9:45 a.m. Bethany, 11:00 a.m. Ekelund
Tue, August 14: 6:00 p.m. Shalom Circle.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

Oklee Senior Site Dining
August 13- August 17
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: Roast pork, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas and dessert.

Tuesday: ½ BLT, mac salad, mixed veg. and dessert.

Wednesday: Egg salad sandwich, chicken noodle soup and dessert.

Thursday: Taco on fry bread, lettuce, tomatoes, onion, cheese and dessert.

Friday: Birthday Meal
- Meatloaf, boiled potatoes, beets, bread and birthday cake.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth
Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Thu, August 9: VBS at Nazareth 9:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Program to follow at 2:00 p.m.
Sat, August 11: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.

Sun, August 12: St. Petri 8:00 a.m., Oak Park 9:45 a.m., Nazareth 11:00 a.m.
Wed, August 15: 7:00 p.m. Oak Park Ladies Aid

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Sun, August 12: 9:30 a.m. Worship.

Tue, August 14: 9:30 a.m. Devotion, 10:00 a.m. Quilting, 5:00 p.m. Pickle Ball, 6:30 p.m. Church Bible Study

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, August 12: 9:00 p.m. Lund. 10:30 a.m. Bethany.
Wed, August 15: 2:00 p.m. Sand Valley WELCA

BETHEL ASSEMBLY
Fosston
Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor
Sun, August 12: 10:00 a.m.

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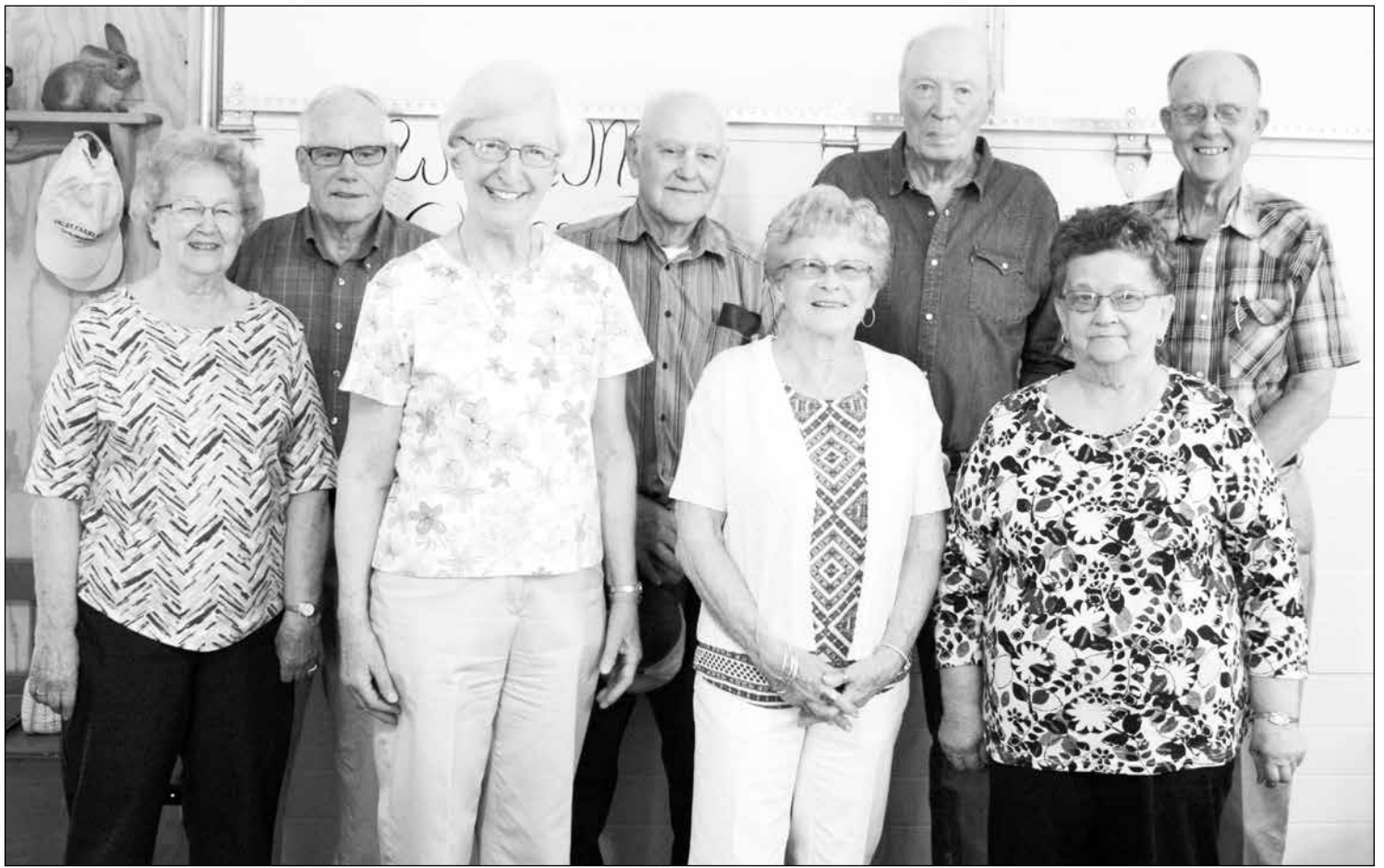
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Every 2nd Tuesday: Mahanomen.

Every 4th Tuesday: Thief River Falls

Every 1st, 3rd, & 5th Wednesday: Fargo/Moorhead.

Every 2nd & 4th Friday: Bemidji.



Class of 1953 got together for their 65th class reunion at Milo Sandeen's home in Oklee. Pictured are (left to right) Shirley and Darrow Lundeen (Oklee), Doreen Charest (Cottage Grove), Milo Sandeen (Oklee), Leila Medrow (Oak Creek, WI) George Spong (Oklee), Lucille Christenson (Oklee), and Ray Swenson (Oklee).

Feeling Fit and Fine Week 4 Winners



Pennington County winner for ages 3-5 was Madilyn Suko.



Pennington County winner for ages 6-12 was Viktoria Suko.

Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial Update

A recent donation to the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial was received from Engvald Christoferson, Jr. and Kathleen Christoferson of Los Alamos, CA. The Christoferson's purchased a granite block for Bud Christoferson who served in the US Army from 1962-1964.

The Christoferson's purchase of this block brings the number of granite stones in tribute to our area veterans' in excess of 250 blocks, and it will be installed in the walkway south of the shelter.

Donations to the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial may be sent to Security State Bank, Box 69, Oklee, MN 56742, attn: Lori Melby. Questions regarding the Memorial should be directed to Mary Lynn Bachand at marylbachand@gmail.com.

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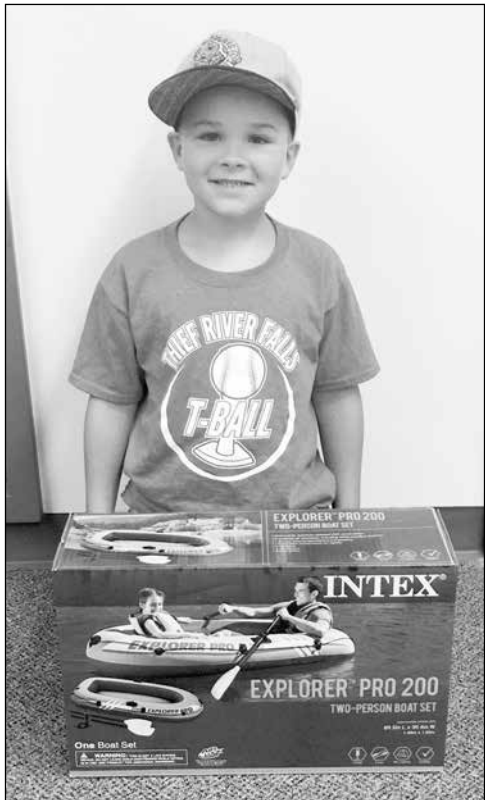
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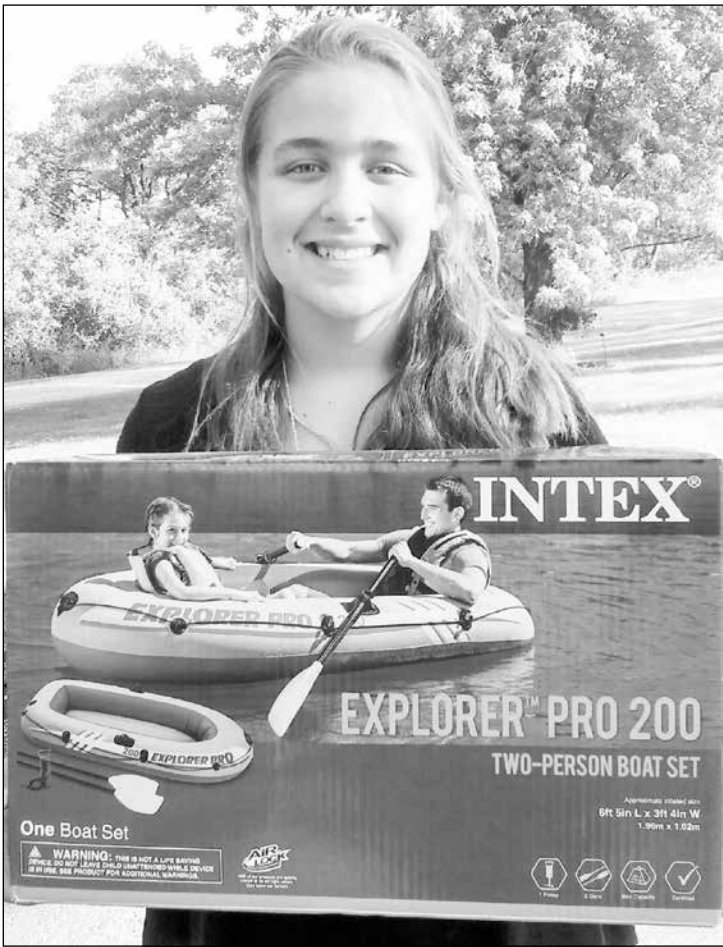
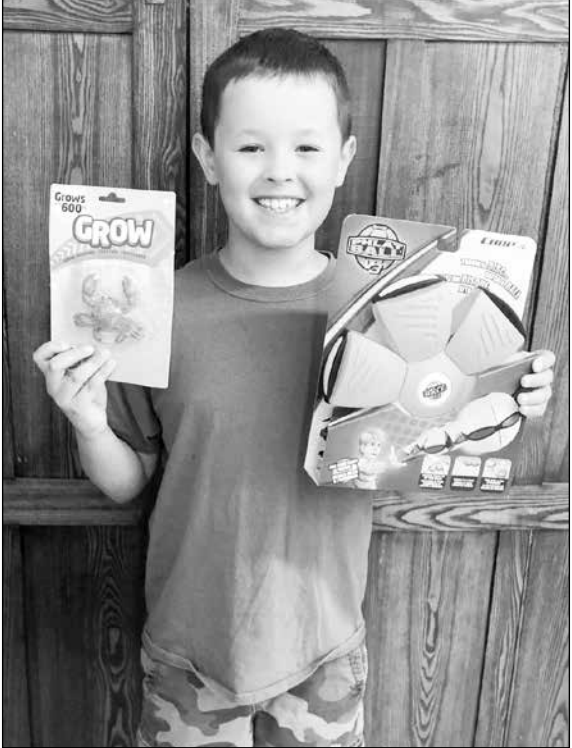
Feeling Fit and Fine
week 5 & 6 winners



Week 5 winners for Pennington County were (left) Willow Wheat, age 3-5, and (right) Gabriel Paulson, age 6-12.



Week 6 winners for Pennington County were (left) Ellie Klein, age 3-5, and (right) Karter Dallmann, age 6-12.



Week 5 & 6 winners for Red Lake County were Isaac Schindler (top left) for ages 3-5, Gavin Roisland (top right) for ages 6-12, not pictured Hudson Shulstad for ages 3-5 and Nadia Delorme (bottom left) for ages 6-12.

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Broadband
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Finstad’s announcement was made in coordination with Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue nationwide announcement of USDA’s \$97 million investment in 12 projects to provide or improve rural broadband service in 11 states. “A person’s location should not determine whether he or she has access to modern communications infrastructure,” Secretary Perdue said. “That is why USDA is partnering with businesses and communities by investing in state-of-the-art broadband e-connectivity to remote and rural areas. These investments will expand access to educational, social and business opportunities for 22,000 subscribers to help grow their rural communities and America’s economy.”

USDA is making the investments through the Telecommunications Infrastructure Loan Program and the Community Connect Grant Program. Below are a few examples of the investments USDA is making in other states:

Chibardun Telephone Cooperative, Inc. in Cameron, Wis., is receiving a \$21.4 million loan to improve outside plant facilities in four (Almena, Cameron, Dallas and Ridgeland) of its six exchanges. It will construct 675 miles of fiber-to-the-premises and install associated electronics. It plans to build a fiber-to-the-home network capable of sustaining customer demands in broadband connectivity for the foreseeable future. Chibardun serves Barron and Dunn counties. Approximately 2,700 subscribers will receive improved service as a result of this loan.

Osage Innovative Solutions, LLC in Tulsa, Okla., is receiving a \$2.7 million grant to construct a hybrid fiber-to-the-premises and fixed wireless system in an unserved and economically depressed portion of the Osage Nation in Osage County. The company will offer speeds up to 100 megabits per second (Mbps) download and 10 Mbps upload to 139 households and 22 businesses. This project will give customers access to high-quality telecommunications services to improve economic, education and health care opportunities. Osage will provide a community center where residents can access the internet free of charge.

The Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Company, in Green City, is receiving a \$13.7 million loan to convert six exchanges from copper plant to fiber-to-the-premises. It will construct nearly 500 route miles of fiber. Northeast Missouri expects to improve service to 1,063 subscribers.

The projects USDA is investing in today will help improve the quality of life in rural communities in Arizona, Iowa, Idaho, Maryland, Minnesota, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

These investments underscore USDA’s priority to promote rural economic development by centering around three principles: infrastructure, partnerships and innovation. Investing in telecommunications infrastructure connects people to each other: businesses to customers, farmers to markets, and students to a world of knowledge.

In April 2017, President Donald J. Trump established the Interagency Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity to identify legislative, regulatory and policy changes that could promote agriculture and prosperity in rural communities. In January 2018, Secretary Perdue presented the Task Force’s findings to President Trump. As proven by the report, e-connectivity is more than just connecting rural America to rest of the world. It is a vital tool for productivity, education, and health care. These investments will be key catalysts for facilitating rural prosperity through economic development and workforce readiness, and for improving quality of life.

To view the report in its entirety, please view the Report to the President of the United States from the Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity (PDF, 5.4 MB). In addition, to view the categories of the recommendations, please view the Rural Prosperity infographic (PDF, 190 KB).

USDA Rural Development provides loans and grants to help expand economic opportunities and create jobs in rural areas. This assistance supports infrastructure improvements; business development; housing; community services such as schools, public safety and health care; and high-speed internet access in rural areas. For more information, visit www.rd.usda.gov/mn.

Rebel summer basketball



Front: Bailey Hince, Brock Tvedt, Jake Duden, Eric Gieseke, Zach Benson. Back: Derek Peterson, Alex Peterson, Dawson Rystad, Ben cardinal, Hayden Cardinal

The Red Lake County Rebels Boys Basketball team completed a very successful summer by winning another tournament championship. The team beat Fisher-Climax 51-42 in the semifinals and then beat Clearbrook-Gonvick in the championship game 49-45 on Friday, July 27th in Red Lake Falls. The Rebel JV team also played in the championship of the Junior Varsity tournament and lost in overtime to finish 2nd in their tournament. For the summer, the team had 21 practices and played a total of

34 games in 10 tournaments. The varsity won every game that they played this summer against Minnesota Class A teams and the losses came at the hands of some very tough competition including such teams as Hawley, Wadena, Montevideo, Fargo South, and Grand Forks Red River. The Rebels that have competed this summer have shown a tremendous amount of improvement and have built up some very valuable confidence and experiences.

Great job guys!

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Readiness/Screening

At RLCC Oklee and Plummer Sites

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Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE)

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

School Readiness

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

Preschool Screening

Preschool Screening is for all children (3-5 years) in the School District 2906. Packets (with times scheduled) will be sent out one to two weeks before the screening date. Contact the school if you do not receive a packet. RLCC Oklee Site: October 10th – 8:00 AM. This will include both Plummer and Oklee Preschoolers.

Please Call: Plummer Site (465-4222) or e-mail (morin@gvtel.com) or Oklee Site (796-5136) or e-mail (sgunderson@

rlcc.k12.mn.us) to see if your child is registered for our School Readiness classes. Local district children will get first chance to sign up then there will be a waiting list. Busing is also available on regular routes. Children MUST have their immunization records on file in the office before the first day of class.

Classes available this year include:

3 ½-4 year olds: Wednesdays: 8:20AM-3:12PM (Children with birthdates before 3/12/15 can start September 12th. Those who are born after 3/12/15 will start January 2nd, 2018).

4-5 year olds: Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:20AM-3:12PM (children who are 4 years old before

September 1st, 2018). Classes will start September 11th.

Upcoming RLCC Plummer and Oklee

ECFE/School Readiness Event:

Wednesday, August 29th: Open House – RLCC Oklee and Plummer Sites: 4:00-8:00PM

Come and pick up your School Readiness packet and ECFE September page and check out the Preschool Rooms!

Margaret Hamrum-RLCC Plummer Site Preschool Teacher

Naomi Magnell-RLCC Oklee Site Preschool teacher

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Red Lake Falls
Library News

The library is open on Tuesday 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/rllf.htm.

The Summer Reading Program “Reading Takes You Everywhere” wrapped up on August 1 with a finale program of music by Ross Sutter. Weekly prize winners for the final week were Esme Pearson and Colin Taggart, and grand prize winner of a \$50 cash card is 7-year-old Mara Sletten. Congratulations to her and all the prize winners throughout June and July. 103 young readers up to age 16 participated in this summer’s program. 19 of them were young adults in the 13-18 year-old age group, and the single largest group in one age bracket was 10-year-olds.

Fall & winter program plans are underway; tentative events include book & author tours by local writers, instrumental jazz/swing concerts by local musicians, art workshops, ethnic music concerts, and more. Watch for more details.

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Oklee Herald Early Files

Seventy Years Ago August 5, 1948

LaMar Runestad of Moun-tain Lake, MN, son of Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Runestad of Oklee, was angling on Fish Lake. When he was hauling in the big one, it opened his huge jaws and closed them over Runestad's wrist and held on stubbornly. It was a 12-pound Northern Pike that ended up feeding 11 people.

The Farmstead Improve-ment Program that was spon-sored by the University of Minnesota and Radio Station WNAX had completed its first year in Red Lake County. **Sixty Years Ago**

August 7, 1958

Clark (Corky) Johnson signed a contract to play pro-fessional baseball with the San Francisco Giants organization and we left the Erskine Mer-chants of the Northern Minny league to join the Michigan City, Ind., affiliate of the Giants.

The Oklee Fire Department was called to the Ted Slettvedt farm five miles northeast of Oklee where a barn, apparently struck by lightning, was a fire. Because the fire had made considerable progress before it was noticed, firemen were unable to stop the blaze.

A farm boy died when the tractor he drove on a county road near Grygla overturned pinning him in a water-filled ditch. The victim was Ber-nard Anderson, 10, son of Ted Anderson, farmer near Moose River, 12 miles north of Grygla in eastern Marshall County.

Fifty Years Ago August 8, 1968

U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Gerald Engesether, son of Mrs. Leonard Peterson of Plummer had been decorated with the Bronze Star Medal at Crough-ton RAF Station, England, for meritorious service while engaged in military operations against Viet Cong forces.

Curly's Tavern in Oklee was one of several places hit by burglars. The tavern was entered through a rear window and the thieves removed about

17 cases of beer valued around \$100. Also taken was a sum of cash totaling about \$50.

You could get a brand new refrigerator-freezer for \$239.95 or \$198.88 with a qualified trade and an ice maker model for only \$30 more. Also when you purchased the new refriger-ator-freezer you would get a one month supply of Green Giant frozen vegetables for free.

Forty Years Ago August 3, 1978

St. John's Hospital in Red Lake Falls added nearly \$60,000 in equipment to its facilities. The new equipment included a \$50,500 X-ray ma-chine, \$4,500 worth of file cab-inets, a \$4,000 flame photome-ter which did blood chemistry tests and a \$650 shower unit which was sponsored by the St. John's Hospital Auxiliary as part of their annual project for the benefit of the hospital.

The Don Fournier family of Oklee had a guest for a couple of weeks. He was Robert Offert of Brittany. Robert was in Oklee as part of the "North Atlantic Cultural Exchange"

Minnesota was the first state in the nation to reach their 1978 fund raising goal for the American Cancer Society, (ACS), according to figures released by the national ACS office. A \$1.8 million goal had been set for the state.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland (Nan-cy) Asselin announced the arrival of a girl born at the Northwestern Hospital in Thief River Falls.

Thirty Years Ago August 3, 1988

The 1988's summer theater production was "Harvey" by Mary Chase. The director was Michael Swenson and he had just selected his cast for the summer.

Relatives and friends from out of town attended the Bill and Mabel Seeger 50th Anniver-sary at Zion Lutheran Church in Oklee and Third Base at Brooks.

A 23-year-old Erskine wom-an was killed when her car collided with a Soo Line Train. Constance Brekke died at the

scene of the accident on County Road 208, one mile north of Erskine when her east bound car was struck by a north bound train. She was the only occupant in the car.

Twenty Years Ago August 5, 1998

A Farewell Reception was held for members of the Oklee School Administration and staff who were not coming back to the Oklee School district in the fall. Administration and staff leaving was; Superin-tendent Galen Clow, Special Education teacher Kristina Lucas, Tom Powers the high school math teacher and Brad Borene who was the Industrial Arts CADD instructor and Technology Coordinator.

Mr. Jamie DeRosier and Mrs. Laura Schafer-DeRosier were selected to receive the 1998 River Friendly Farmer Award. Fair board President, Donald Vatthauer, presented the award during the Red Lake County Fair.

Army Pvt. John P. Killian, son of Diane Killian of Rural Route, Plummer; J. R. Fort-mann, son of Shirley A. and Lynn E. Fortman of Rural Route, Plummer and Army Pvt. Jesse D. Slover, son of Barb A. and Gary N. Slover of Brooks had entered basic infantry training at Fort Ben-nig, Columbus, GA.

Ten Years Ago July 30, 2008

Shelby and Kristen Weiss participated in the 4-H Citi-zenship Washington Focus. It was a program for 4-H mem-bers in 9th through 12th grade to participate in activities and attend workshops. It took place in Washington, D.C. and was a great learning experience for students.

Red Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) was notified by MN Board of Water and Soil Re-sources that they had been awarded a \$36,000.00 grant for establishing a Cooperative Weed Management Area Pro-gram in the county.

Greg and Erica Smith were blessed to announce the birth of their son Logan Riley Smith.

Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

School this year. They will be setting up before 9:00 a.m. that day. Come a see the booths and enjoy the day. They have many things taking place quite early in the morning.

Dates to Remember

August 11 – Oklee Market Day

August 16 – Site Council Meets at 10 a.m.

August 16 – Bingo Played 12:30 p.m.

August 17 – Birthday Meal

Words of Wisdom

Don't be afraid to ask for help.

Say yes like you believe it. Say no like you mean it.

Joke Time

A certain doctor in Duluth wondered why his practice was decreasing. He consulted a physician friend who agreed to spend a few days in the office and observe his methods. After an hour, his friend had the answer. "William, you'll have to stop humming 'Nearer My God to Thee' when writing out a prescription."

A bus driver went to a church for the first time and sat in the first row. After his sermon, the pastor went to the man and asked him why he sat in the front row alone. "Well" the driver said. "I just sat up here to see what you did to make everyone move to the back."

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

No rain again. Trees are losing their leaves and grass is drying up. One good thing is that it saves mowing time, the grass quit growing but the weeds are rampant. We need rain. I saw that at St. Cloud they got 5 inches, and had flooded streets, this past week. I hear that it is green in southern Minnesota but they have had a lot of rain this summer. It is spotty though. I guess we can expect this type of weather for the future. Who knows how long? A question in my mind is if we have a hot dry summer do we get a cold (frigid) winter with lots of snow? Scary thought to me.

Cindy Determan is sporting safety pins on her blouse to keep it closed. She is bursting with pride over the new baby in the family. Del and Cindy are the proud grandparents of their 13th grandchild, Jacinta Marie who was born on August 4th, in Bismarck, North Dakota. Her parents are Brianna and Kyle Wanner. They got the call in the middle of the night so the statistics were not given. It doesn't matter though because Del and Cindy couldn't be happier.

Joyce Morinville had a belated birthday party this past week. Her birthday is in April, and who wants to golf or go to a resort in April. So she and the golf sisters decided to celebrate her birthday over the weekend of the 28th of July. They all went to Cragun's for a play and stay weekend. There were eight this year the usual six who are the originals and two more were added. They were Carly Kvasager, Linda Hemly, Cindy Determan, Kevi Evje, Nancy Seeger, Diane Anderson, Clare Olson, and of course Joyce Morinville. They had a great time and though it took them 8 hours to get to Cragun's it took them 9 hours to return from Cragun's. Leave it to the ladies to prolong their time together. Sounds like everyone had a blast. Happy belated birthday Joyce. It was so good to see you again

yesterday.

On Sunday Jerome and Barb Novak went to Warroad to see the play that their daugh-ter Nancy Ellenson, and Ian, Phillip, and Margaret were in. It was called "Suessical the Musical." It was a very colorful set which all the players of the family got to help to create, and the costumes were very colorful. A lot of creativity went into making this play come to life. Jerome and Barb were joined by Mathew and Daphne Ellenson at the theater. War-road never disappoints when it comes to theater. They are very good at presenting a great work of art.

While at the play, we did visit a bit with Pat Larson formerly of Brooks. She was treating her great grandchil-dren to the play, and she was looking forward to treating the girls with other activities to

attend while they will be with her this week.

A little bird told me that Deb Champagne is going to retire on the 31st of August. It also told me that she will be having an open house. The time and place has not been announced at this time.

The raffle tickets are out for the Blast To Brooks cele-bration and there are so many nice prizes as well as money prizes. It seems to me that you can't lose when you get one of these tickets. Over 100 prizes will be given away. Contact any parishioner for a chance to win one of these great prizes. A kayak will be the top prize. Wow what fun.

We hope you have a great week. Keep your powder dry and as cool as you can get. And don't forget to enjoy something good as well.

Centennial Recipe Corner

Overnite Barbecue Beef Sandwiches Elise (Breivold) Longhenry

4-5 lb boneless pork or beef roast
1/2 cup water
1 onion, sliced or chopped
1 (16 oz) bottle barbecue sauce
buns or French bread

Cook roast with water in crock-pot on low heat for 10 to 12 hours. Remove. Slice thin. Return to crock-pot. Add onion and barbecue sauce. Cook on low for another 4 to 6 hours. Serve on buns or French bread.



Vote for Delane "John" Dudycha for RLC District 3 Commissioner

Paid for by Delane Dudycha O18, 20P

Oklee Market Day

Saturday, August 11th, 2018

Schedule of Events



7:45 am Hero Hustle 5K

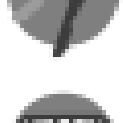
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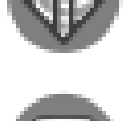
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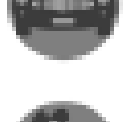
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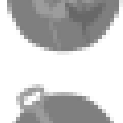
9:00 am Quilt Show Opens in Oklee Hall and Craft/ Vendors Open in the School



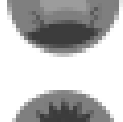
10:00 am Car Show, Sidewalk Chalk Art Contest, Peddle Pull for Kids and Adults



11:00 am Old Time Flowing Neon Blind Driver for Adults and Peddle Tractor Races for Kids



1:30 pm Old Fashioned Street Games on Main Street; Adults and Kids



2:30 pm Sand Pile Dig



2:45 pm Announce Winners

3:00 pm ATV Pull

9:00 pm Odd Man Out at TJ's Tavern

For more information

www.facebook.com/Oklee-Market-Day
email okleemd@gmail.com



Oklee Volunteer Fire Dept.
Oklee Lumber Inc.
Holtan & Mollison Construction
Oklee Clothing Supply, Inc.
Sellers 301
D&R Grocery
Oklee Cafe

Garden Valley Technologies
Midland Beverage Inc.
Red Lake County Cooperative, Inc.
Johnson Personal Service
Ort's Northland Grocers
Sanitary Service & Recycling Inc.
Simply Hair

Oklee Ambulance
Plummer Lions Club
Red Lake Electric Cooperative Inc.
Field Drainage
Ryan's Backhoe Service, LLC
Tn Tavern



Not to miss

Beard Train, Quilt raffle, 50/50 drawing, Drawings at local businesses.



Food & Beverage

Coffee Wagon
Dinner

Oklee Cafe
Tn Tavern
Cafe

Zion Church in the Red Hall
American Legion

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe
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The Plummer Fireman's Annual Steak Fry was held Fri-day night in the park. Potato salad, macaroni salad, coleslaw and hamburgers were served. It was a very nice evening.

Harold and Elaine Skreland of Inner Grove Heights visited Anne Traxler Friday. Harold is Anne's brother.

The Summer Fest was held in Red Lake Falls July 26th, 27th, and 28th. The parade was at eleven o'clock. It was good. Lafayette High's drum-ming band played with four drummers. They were good. Tri River Pioneers had the 1922 restored fire truck in the parade. It was driven by Ray Vigstol and Glenyce Eskeli rode along and passed out can-dy. Les Hofstad drove a tractor. There were food vendors and other vendors in town selling crafts, etc.

Arlene Zimpel had a family reunion on Sat. July 28th at the

park in Plummer. There were over 90 people there. They were ages 2 months to 92 years old.

People came from New York, California, Washington, North Dakota and many from Minnesota.

The afternoon was spent playing bingo, volleyball and other games, plus visiting and eating pot luck. Many were amazed at the wonderful park we have in Plummer.

Nancy Bray's birthday was Saturday, July 28th. On Wednesday evening, she treat-ed all the Bingo players to cupcakes.

Rick and Bonnie Greenwald of White Bear Lake, MN, came early in the week. Chancey Greenwald came Friday.

Alice Jobe went to Park Rapids to visit her Aunt Laura Johnson. Also her cousin Lo-retta Nilson, Laura's daughter was with. They went out to the

Steak House for dinner and lat-er to Dorset to see Cousin Mike Johnson. Then they went to the Dorset House for ice cream. It was a cool day and rained part of the way there. Things were much greener there. It was a very enjoyable day.

On TV this morning, they had on identical twin guys who had gotten engaged to twin sisters on the same day. They were enjoying the attention. They plan a double wedding. Anyway, they were from Michi-gan. What are the odds of that happening? There probably will be twins in the future.

This morning it was 43 de-grees and in Marshall County, they reported 32! Unbelievable for this time of year.

Parts of Norway and Swe-den had 90 degree temps this summer for a short time. It usually is 70 or 72 for a high in summer. Isn't that something?

Who's Dat?

This weeks photo is of a cute little girl who current-ly still lives in Oklee.

Last weeks photo was of Richard, Nancy and Cyn-thia Hendrickson.

Everyone has a photo or two that would be great for this column. Please share them with our readers as it is one of most popular col-umns of the Oklee Herald.

Stop by the office and I will scan your photo while you wait.

