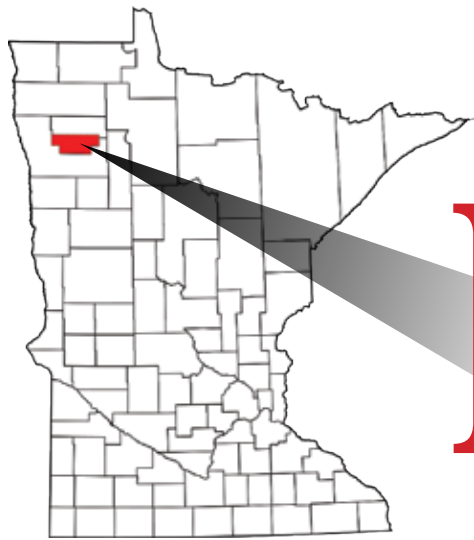




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Flag Day ~ June 14th

Flag Day is June 14th. Flag Day is celebrated on June 14th in the United States. It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States on June 14, 1777 by resolution of the Second Continental Congress. The Flag Resolution stated "That the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation."

The week of June 14 (June 9 - 15, 2024) is designated as "National Flag Week". During

National Flag Week, the president will issue a proclamation "urging people to observe the day as the anniversary of the adoption of June 14, 1777, by



the Continental Congress the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the United States of America." (Wikipedia)

American Legion Post 159 and American Legion Auxiliary Unit 159, Oklee, will be hosting a flag burning ceremony and potluck meal on Friday, June 14th at 5:30 pm at the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial site in Oklee. All are welcome, and invited to bring flags that must be disposed of, and that will be burned in a ceremony as is customary for unusable and damaged flags.

In addition, the Red, White and Blue Quilters Guild will be doing a presentation of a quilt to a veteran on that date.

Please plan to attend the flag burning ceremony and potluck meal on Friday, June 14th at 5:30 at the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial.



Going to Glacier National Park

By Eric Mickelson

When my sister mentioned wanting to go to Montana last winter my wife said, "Let's go!"

One of the things on my wife's bucket list was Glacier National Park! So after school was out we took off for Glacier!

Glacier National Park is located in Northwestern Montana. The Park encompasses just over a million acres. The highest mountain is Mt. Cleveland at 10,448ft! The largest Harrison Glacier at 1,661,456.75 sq. meters. One of the main attractions is the Going to the Sun Road which crosses Logan Pass. Unfortunately it was not open because of snow and recent avalanches! The park has 131 lakes the Largest being Lake McDonald which is about ten miles long and a mile wide! Montana itself became a state in 1889 and the park was established on May 11, 1910.

Being in big sky country the park contains so much beauty which is seemingly magnified by the beautiful blue sky! We stayed near the west entrance and were able to visit places around Lake McDonald as well as taking a fun and informative boat ride on the lake. We later went to the Many Glaciers entrance on the east side because we were told the views and wildlife opportunities were great there. We wanted to see a bear (at a distance) but did not! We did get to see deer and big horn sheep! The mountain views at Many Glacier did not disappoint!

I am not really "built" for hiking but we did go for what was suppose to be a moderate hike to Apikuni Falls. The hike was listed as 0.8 of a mile one way and picking up 600 or so feet of altitude. It felt like 5 miles and 5000 feet, but oh well! We got nearly to the falls and they were visible, but there was what looked to be a "rock

climb" to finish the trip. Patty decided that she was not really interested in a rock climb so she sat on a rock and I went ahead to tell the others we maybe would not do the full rock climb! I caught up with them and ta-dah!!-we were there so got to see the falls in full view!

As I was leaving I met a man with a foreign accent. He said to me is that your wife waiting on the rock she thought she saw a bear! So I hurried back and there was a deer in velvet standing on the trail and did not really want to move. I got to Patty and she relayed the story of sitting on the rock

waiting for my return and she heard something behind her. She was scared and took out the bear spray in one hand and bug spray in the other and called my name. I could not hear her but as she looked again, thank goodness, it was just the deer coming through the woods! After realizing it wasn't actually a bear we had a laugh and headed down the steep return trip. People we would meet on the way would ask if it was worth it and we would say, "YES, it was worth it!"

The falls were beautiful but our adventure was even more fun!



Eric and Patty Mickelson posing for the photo-op at Glacier National Park in Northwestern Montana.

USDA Celebrates National Homeownership Month

Department Highlights Rich History in Making Homeownership a Reality for People in Rural and Tribal Communities

WASHINGTON, June 3, 2024 – As part of National Homeownership Month, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced USDA is celebrating 75 years of helping millions of people buy, repair and build affordable homes in rural and Tribal communities.

"For decades, USDA has served as a safety net for hardworking Americans who dream of owning a home but face challenges to doing so," Secretary Vilsack said. "Now more than ever, people across the nation need access to safe, decent and affordable housing, especially in rural and Tribal communities. The Biden-Harris Administration remains committed to ensuring all Americans have affordable places to live. Therefore, USDA is redoubling its efforts to equip potential home buyers with

resources and information they need to be ready to take full advantage of our critical programs as funding is available."

This month, the Department is highlighting the ways USDA Rural Development homeownership programs have historically given people in rural America and on Tribal lands the opportunity to build wealth and equity, and a foundation for a brighter future for themselves and their families.

Since 1949, USDA's Single Family Housing Programs have helped nearly 5 million families and individuals achieve the dream of homeownership. Since the program's inception, USDA's Single Family Direct Home Loans have helped approximately 2.2 million families and individuals purchase a home.

Through the Single Family Home Repair Loan and Grant Program, USDA has helped nearly 455,000 individuals and families improve the quality of their homes since 1950.

And since 1966, USDA's Mutual Self-Help Housing Technical Assistance Grant Program has helped more than 56,000 families build their own homes.

The Biden-Harris Administration has invested more than \$43 billion to help nearly 266,000 families and individuals in rural and Tribal communities buy, repair and build homes through Rural Development's Single-Family Housing programs.

USDA is also highlighting resources to help potential home buyers prepare for buying a home and to be ready to apply for USDA programs once funding becomes available.

For instance, individuals can learn more about homeownership readiness through the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's Home Loan Toolkit. Individuals may also review program eligibility re-

USDA Homeownership
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Granite blocks were recently installed at the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial by John Lerohl. These stones were requested by Barb and Cliff Melby honoring Barb's cousin John, and longtime resident and friend, Henry Linder. Anyone interested in purchasing a granite block may contact Mary Lynn Bachand at marylbachand@gmail.com



Yard of the Week is Back!

Yard of the week is coming back!! Starting July 7th the Oklee Community Club will select a yard each week for 6 weeks. The winning yard (City or Country) will have a sign posted in the yard for the week and will receive a gift certificate donated by local Oklee businesses. Pictures will be put in the paper. Good luck to all, we encourage everyone to participate. Thank you for keeping our city and local area looking beautiful!



Shara Paradis with some of her daycare children.

Face in Childcare Meet Shara Paradis

Inter-County Community Council will be sending over to the Oklee Herald once a month an article about a Daycare Provider in the area.

Tell us a little about yourself and your child care program?

Married and a mother to 2 amazing young men. Have been a foster parent for 25 years also. About my childcare I am very active, organized, loving provider. Communication between parents and myself is very important for their child/children. Understanding what they expect from me as a provider and from them as a parent is in the best interest of the child/children. I am always interested in listening to new ideas.

As a professional childcare provider, not a baby-sitter, this profession is a much-needed service to the community and

to the families especially. I ask parents to give the provider the same tender loving care as they give your child. This makes for a more meaningful and closer relationship between parents and us as provider.

Do you offer special programming / activities?

Yes, I have worked with a variety of kids with special needs. I am a very active hands on childcare.

Do you use CCAP? Yes

Do you use the food program? Yes

Do you offer a curriculum? Yes

What times of the day is your program open?

6:30 am-5:00 pm

How many years have you been a childcare provider and what led you into this career?

I have been doing daycare for 25 years.

What do you wish people understood about being a childcare provider?

Childcare is a very rewarding job. The kids that have come and gone throughout my childcare have a very special place in my heart. They become your own. If someone in the community wanted to support your childcare program, what can they do?

Donation of toys or there is always funds needed for upkeep on daycares. Flooring, fencing, outdoor play equipment.

Do you have a social media page or website that we can share to promote your program?

How could interested parents contact you?

Go to Facebook – Shara's Daycare.

Church News

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Okleelutheran.org
Sun, June 16: 9:00 a.m. Zion. 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Salem. Communion.

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OKLEE, GRYGLA & GOODRIDGE
Fr. Bryan Kujawa
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. St. Frances – Oklee; 10:15 a.m. – Grygla. 12: p.m. – Goodridge.

BROOKS – RED LAKE FALLS
CATHOLIC PARISH
Fr. Bob Schreiner
Saturday: 5:30 p.m. St. Joseph – RLF.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. – Brooks. 10:00 a.m. St. Joseph – RLF.

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun, June 16: 9:00 am Worship at Immanuel. 10:30 am Worship at Bethany, 7:00 pm Worship at Ebenezer.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Sun, June 16: Faith: 8:30 a.m. Worship. Bethany: 10:00 a.m. Worship, Ekelund: 7:00 p.m. Worship.
Tue, June 18: 9:30 a.m. Shalom Circle.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

June 17 - 21
Oklee Senior Meals (LSS Meals) are available for Home Delivery, Monday-Friday. Please call Carolyn at the RLF LSS Kitchen the day before, by 12 noon at 218-253-4454.
Mon: Beef Pepper Steak or Liver, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Peas & Carrots, Bread/Margarine, Oatmeal Raisin Cookie, 1% Milk.
Tue: Chicken a la Orange, Broccoli Florets, Rice Pilaf, Pineapple Tidbits, Wheat Dinner Roll/Margarine, 1% Milk.
Wed: Closed: Juneteenth
Thu: Lemon Pepper chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Country Vegetable Blend, Dinner Roll/Margarine, Pumpkin Spice Cake, 1% Milk.
Fri: Beef Cabbage Bake, Butter Corn, Fresh Fruit, Bread/Margarine, 1% Milk.

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JUNE TEENTH FREEDOM DAY

Juneteenth is recognized as the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. It was on June 19th, 1865, that the Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, landed at Galveston, Texas with news that the war had ended and that the enslaved were now free.

The Emancipation Proclamation became official on January 1st, 1863, however, with the minimal number of Union troops, there was little impact in Texas to enforce the executive order. General Lee surrendered to the Union in April of 1865. With the arrival of General Granger, the forces were strong enough to overcome the resistance in Texas.

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Red Lake County Central School Board Minutes

ISD 2906 RED LAKE COUNTY CENTRAL Minutes- April 2024
The ISD 2906 Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Wednesday April 10th, 2024 at Red Lake County Central High School in Oklee.
Members Duden, Hamrum, Kolstoe, Majeres, Paradis, Vettleson were present. Motions were carried to approve March minutes, Financials.
Old Business: Motion to approve Amy Sherman Head VB Coach and Rhonda Vettleson

Asst VB Coach Failed due to no second motion. Motion to open head and assistant VB coaches approved.
New Business: Motions approved for Service Contract with Speech Partners for 2024-25, Resignation of Devin Lambert.
(Complete minutes may be seen in the district office at 201 Governor Street, Oklee MN or on our school website at www.rlcc.2906.org)
Jody Duden
ISD 2906 School Board Clerk

Red Lake County Fair Senior Day 2024
Friday, June 28, 2024
Oklee Community Hall
12 Noon - Light Lunch
1 p.m. Music by the Woodpicks



Bingo to follow with many nice prizes donated by area business'

Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial Update

A recent donation was received for the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial. Carol Kvasager, Oklee, made a contribution in memory of Frankie Cyr, Oklee, who served in the Army from 1951 - 1953. Frankie was a lifelong resident of Oklee, and the Veterans' Memorial committee is honored to recognize his military service.
Flowers have been planted

at the Memorial, and those flowers are being maintained by volunteers with the Oklee Area Garden Club. 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 may be directed to Mary Lynn Bachand at marylbachand@gmail.com.

STATEPOINT CROSSWORD

THEME: SUMMER BLOCKBUSTERS

- ACROSS
- Molten rock in earth's crust
 - Scarlett Johansson's 2013 voice only role
 - Jezebel's idol
 - Not silently
 - Pro vote
 - Italian bowling
 - Proclaimed as true without proof
 - Rob Manfred's org.
 - Savory taste sensation
 - *Tom Cruise's 1986 blockbuster
 - *It featured the song "What Was I Made For?"
 - Wrath, e.g.
 - Milton Bradley's "The Game of ____"
 - General Post Office
 - A woodwind
 - Group of trained professionals, pl.
 - Icy precipitation
 - Concert units
 - Charles Dickens' Heep
 - Scandinavian capital
 - Rebroadcasted
 - Khrushchev's domain, acr.
 - *What the gang did in 1988's "A Fish Called Wanda"
 - Exploding star
 - Clarified butter
 - Airport surface
 - Highway hauler
 - Breed
 - Miss Muffet's repast
 - Not flow
 - *Tim Burton's 1989 and 1992 title character
 - *It featured the song "Summer Lovin'"
 - Popular fashion magazine
 - Road in Rome
 - Comment to the audience
 - Deposit the ashes
 - Giant Hall-of-Famer Mel ____
 - Canine skin infection
 - Humble and docile
 - Name badges, acr.
 - Streamlined

- DOWN
- Bonkers
 - Sir Mix-____
 - Kind of boots in the '60s
 - One M in MMR vaccine

CROSSWORD

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- Mass number
 - Snake-like reef dweller
 - Teacher of Torah
 - *"Oppenheimer" subject
 - Popular smoothie berry
 - Pinnacle
 - Hula dancer's necklace
 - B in FBI
 - Open up
 - Half of NFL
 - a.k.a. Hansen's disease
 - *1990 Swayze/Moore blockbuster
 - Trattoria staple
 - Petroleum tanker
 - *It premiered in the U.K. on 6/6/76, with The
 - Chemical cure
 - Revered Hindu

- Drawing support
- *2001 blockbuster ogre
- Type of rich soil
- "Keep this information" button
- Name-chooser
- Wyatt Earp and such
- Cuban dance syllable
- Letter-resembling supports
- End of a poem
- Primary
- Like certain china
- Malaria symptom
- Ankara native
- Gangster's pistols
- Cosine's buddy
- U2 member
- Vigor's partner
- It would
- Comic book cry of horror

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investigation.
On the evening of 06/04/24, a Red Lake County deputy assisted with a property exchange/recovery in the city of Oklee.
On the evening of 06/04/24, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report of a little boy walking alone on Main Ave. in Red Lake Falls. A Red Lake County deputy responded and when they arrived, the mother was there to attend to the child.
On 06/05/24, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report that someone had lost a calico cat in the city of Red Lake Falls on 05/26/24. If anyone has information about the missing cat, they can contact the Sheriff's Office so the owner can be notified.
On the evening of 06/06/24, Tara Dawn Beito (33) of Red Lake Falls was cited for misdemeanor theft. It is alleged that Ms. Beito stole some items from the Dollar General Store in Red Lake Falls in May of 2024.
On the morning of 06/07/24, Blake Roger Tvedt DeHate (28) of Plummer was cited for speeding on CR. #1 east of Plummer.
Mitch Bernstein, Red Lake County Sheriff: 06/07/24

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Sudoku Solution

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

Red Lake County Herald Office Hours

Bonny is in the office on Mondays from 10 am until 4 pm. Deadlines for items in the paper is on Fridays by Noon. Bonny is in the office some Fridays, but please call to check before coming in. If you need to get a hold of Bonny when she is not in the office, please call 612-840-9401 or email her at: okleeherald@gmail.com.

Eric Mickelson is the reporter for the RLC Herald. If you have a story or idea to share, call Eric @ 218-791-9157. You can also email Eric at okleeherald@gmail.com.

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RLCC High School Students of the Month



Red Lake County Central High School congratulates Alexa Chervestad and Kya Morinville as Students of the Month. Alexa possesses a contagious positivity. She is on task, works hard, and finishes the job. She makes others better. She is willing to help. Dedicated to the effort, she will serve in whatever role best benefits the group. She goes beyond being a student with her participation in activities and student leadership roles.

Kya Morinville will outwork everyone and is dedicated to the task. Kya is relentless in the pursuit of academic excellence. Has taken the highest levels of academic rigor possible at RLCC and crushes it when grades are posted. And this student might be the RLCC all-time leader in exuding and demonstrating kindness. Congratulations to Kya and Alexa!

USDA Homeownership

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quirements through USDA's Single Family Housing Self-Assessment site, <https://www.rd.usda.gov/about-rd/agencies/rural-housing-service>.

USDA Homeownership Programs

For 75 years, USDA has made financing affordable for families who would otherwise be unable to secure a home loan. By providing low interest rates, loan guarantees, reduced down payments and construction grants, Rural Development's Single Family Housing Programs have become a vital resource for millions of rural Americans.

These programs include:

- The Single Family Housing Direct Home Loan Program

has helped qualified lower-income applicants buy homes with no money down so they can build wealth and equity.

- The Single Family Home Repair Loan and Grant Program has helped families and individuals repair and modernize homes, and make them safer, healthier places to live.

- The Mutual Self-Help Housing Grant Program has worked with nearly 250 organizations to help families and individuals lower the cost to purchasing a home by participating in its construction.

- The Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program enables USDA to partner with private lending institutions, backing their loans to help families and individuals buy homes in rural areas.



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Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month

Go purple this June! Why? Because June is Alzheimer's and Brain Health Awareness Month and purple is the official color of the Alzheimer's movement.

June is an opportunity to hold a conversation about the brain, and share the fact that Alzheimer's disease and other dementias are a major public health issue. Alzheimer's is the only leading cause of death that cannot be prevented, cured or even slowed. More than 6 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's, which kills more people each year than breast cancer and prostate cancer combined. In addition, approximately 200,000 cases are people under the age of 65 with early onset Alzheimer's.

Join the fight to end Alzheimer's: consider wearing purple, sharing stories and memories of those we've lost to the disease, and educating yourself,

your friends and your family on cognitive health.

<https://www.umassp.edu/deia/events-and-news/diversity-calendar/alzheimers-and-brain-awareness-month>

Summer Safety

What's your plan for this summer? Enjoying the water? Going camping? Firing up the grill? Whatever you prefer, we have safety steps to follow!

It is encouraged for families to build confidence in the water by learning to be safe, making good choices, learning to swim and how to handle emergencies. Take classes to learn how to swim, always swim in a lifeguard area, & stay alert.

If a camping trip is in your plans, know the level of ability of the people in your group and the environment around you. Plan accordingly. Make sure to pack a first aid kit, drink water to avoid dehydration, share plans & locations with loved ones, and bring nutritious food.

Grills spark more than 10,000 home fires on average each year. To avoid this fol-

low these grilling safety tips. Always supervise a grill when in use, never grill indoors, keep the grill out in the open, use the long-handled tools, and do not leave perishable food out in the sun.

Don't let mosquitoes and ticks ruin your summer fun. As we spend more time outdoors for activities there is a greater chance of getting bitten by mosquitoes and ticks. Be sure to wear insect repellent, try to stay indoors at dusk and dawn, wear long shirts, pants, and socks, avoid underbrush and tall grass, and check regularly for ticks.

<https://www.cdc.gov/men-talhealth/index.htm>

Parenting Tips on Sun Safety

When kids are outdoors, it's important to protect their skin from too much exposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays (UV rays), which can lead to skin cancer, skin damage and aging, and eye injury.

How Do Sunburns Happen?

UV rays react with a chemical called melanin in the skin. The lighter a child's natural skin color, the less melanin it has to absorb UV rays and protect itself. Kids with darker skin have more melanin. But regardless of their skin tone, all kids need protection from UV rays because any tanning or burning causes skin damage. A sunburn happens when the amount of UV exposure is

greater than the protection of the skin's melanin. The longer someone stays in the sun and the stronger the sunlight is, the greater the risk of damage. A tan is itself a sign of skin damage and does not help protect the skin.

Protecting your Child's Skin

Use sunscreen! experts recommend that all kids wear broad-spectrum sunscreen with an SPF of 30 or higher. If near water, use a water-resistant sunscreen. Apply a generous amount and re-apply often.

Avoid the Strongest Rays of the Day! Try to stay in the shade when the sun is at its strongest (usually from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the northern hemisphere). If kids are in the sun during this time, apply and reapply sunscreen — even if they're just playing in the backyard. Most sun damage happens during day-to-day activities because it's easy to overlook using sunscreen then.

Cover up! One of the best ways to protect skin is to cover up. To see if they offer enough protection, put your hand inside clothes to make sure you can't see it through them. Some clothes have an ultraviolet protection factor (UPF) against the sun, so check the labels.

Crossword Solution

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Guess Who?

I am a retired athlete born in Pennsylvania on June 11, 1956. I was a quarterback for the Ringgold High School Rams, and invited to Parade magazine's All-American team. I won a national championship for Notre Dame, and later led the 49ers to four Super Bowl victories.

Answer: Joe Montana

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to fireworks.

SKRTECO

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Answer: Rockets

CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to fireworks. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 25 = S)

A. 13 26 12 25 5

Clue: Break apart

B. 21 16 15 16 12 25

Clue: Hues

C. 3 23 11 9 5

Clue: Evening

D. 10 22 25 5 23 20 22

Clue: Lively and entertaining

Answers: A. burst B. colors C. night D. festive



THURSDAY-SUNDAY • JUNE 27-30, 2024

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, JUNE 27

12 - 6 pm 4-H Static Judging at Oklee Hall
5 - 8 pm Open Class Registration - Non-Livestock at the Skating Rink
6 - 8 pm Livestock check in - Please (pre-registration for open class animals is June 15 by email (redlakecountyfairoklee@gmail.com) or text or call (218.686.1404)

FRIDAY, JUNE 28

9:00 am Booths open
9:00 am Non livestock open class entry begins
9:30 am General livestock judging
10:30 am Poultry & Rabbit judging - 4-H & Open Class
11:00 am 4-H Food Stand Opens
11:30 am Horse, Llama & Alpaca judging
12:00 pm Open Class registration closes
Senior Citizen Day at Oklee Community Hall
1:00 pm Open Class judging at the Skating Rink
5:30 pm Pet Show
7:00 pm 4-H Food Stand Closes

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

8:15 am Registration for 5K - Pre-register by June 14th to receive t-shirt - info on Facebook or email jessie.hamrum@gmail.com
9:00 am 5K starts
10:30 am Registration for Kids Pedal Tractor Pull
11:00 am Kids Pedal Tractor Pull
11:00 am Registration for Baja/Pit Gates open
11:30 am Make It & Take at the County Fair
12:00 noon Sand Pile Dig by the Barns Sponsored by Olson Gravel
2:00 pm Baja Gates Open for Public
3:00 pm Baja Race Starts - Power Wheel Baja
8:00 pm Release of Livestock

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

9:00 am Booths open
12:00 pm Booths close
12 - 2 pm Release of Open Class exhibits
2:30 pm 4-H Grand & Reserve Photos taken
2:45 pm 4-H Release of exhibits
3:15 pm 4-H Awards Show at the Hall

BAJA RACE

Saturday, June 29
Registration at 11:00 am
Race starts at 3:00 pm



At the Oklee South Park

JUST FOR SENIORS!

Light Lunch followed by the "Woodpicks" Bingo with prizes will start after the show!

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Red Lake County Fair BAJA Races Saturday, June 29th, 2024

11:00 a.m. Registration
100% PAYBACK for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place
\$15.00 Entry fee for Car & Driver
\$15.00 per Pit Member
Questions, contact Bernie at 218-689-0525

Classes include:
4cyl
6cyl
8cyl
2 wheel drive
4 wheel drive

RACES START AT 3 P.M.



Spectators: Adults \$10

Age 5 - 17 \$5

Children under 4 are FREE

Rules:

- Roll Cage: 3 or more point roll bar of 2" of larger pipe.
- Car Netting: Drivers window MUST be covered with approved race netting or seatbelt.
- Battery: Stock or safely relocated and strapped in.
- Gas Tank: Stock or safely relocated and strapped in.
- Glass: ALL GLASS and LIGHTS MUST BE REMOVED! Only exception it the windshield, if windshield is removed you must have some sort of net or cage in front of driver. Helmet and glasses are also required.
- Tires: Must be highway DOT approved only.
- Air Bags: MUST be removed.
- Sunroof: Must be covered or plugged.
- Number: On roof in vertical position and on drivers door.
- Drivers door must be protected with a bar or beam.
- NO OVERSIZED BUMPERS: No wider than the width of the tires.
- NO PASSENGERS ALLOWED!
- Drivers MUST wear a helmet and have a seatbelt with a shoulder harness.
- Drivers: MUST be 16; anyone under 18 MUST have a waiver signed by parent/guardian.
- NOBODY under age 12 allowed in the PIT area.
- No two-way radios.
- NO ALCOHOL ALLOWED IN PITs.

Located at the Fairgrounds south of Oklee



Do You Remember?

By Eric W. Mickelson

Do you remember the Valle Church?



On June 20, 1898, the Aardal Evangelical Lutheran Congregation was organized by Rev. J.K. Lerohl in Chester Township. In 1920 (October), Pastor J.K. Lerohl was called to serve both the Lost River and Aardal churches. In 1923 these congregations merged, officially, to form the Valle Lutheran Church.

By Eric Mickelson

My parents were married at the Valle Church east of Oklee on June 13, 1964. I believe it was the last wedding in that building as it was destroyed by fire in August of 1964! That same fall another church structure was moved to the original site. After landscaping and other work the church was ready to be dedicated on July 30, 1967. Dr. T. C. Hanson, the president of the Northern Minnesota District of the American Lutheran Church was the dedication speaker. After the dedication ALCW served lunch for all attending!

Obviously, as I was born in 1965, the "new" building was the only one I knew! When I grew up I was a member of Zion Church. During my confirmation Zion church was at 9:00 am. If I over slept I could still get sermon notes at Salem Church at 10:15. If that didn't work out I occasionally went to Valle at 11:30! Then I could get my sermon notes completed for Pastor Gunderson.

Remember I told you my parent's wedding was(I think) the last wedding held at Valle Church? In the wedding pictures there is a picture of my mom's grandfather, Andrew Halvorson entering the church door. If you look carefully above the door is a little golden "in memory" marker for my mom's brother Roger Ellickson! So you see this old church holds a lot of memories for me and for my family. I am very sure others have the same connection. The "new" church has been gone for many years but I know many of us still have memories of events and family and friends who were members of the Valle Church!

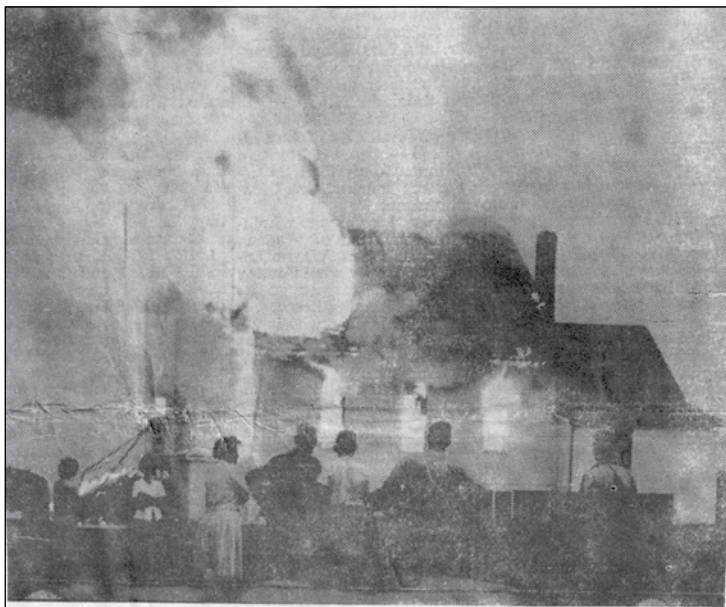


PHOTO SHOWS VALLE CHURCH FIRE AT HEIGHT OF INTENSITY. Struck By Lightning — July 1964



The new Valle church purchased from a congregation in Bagley was moved in.

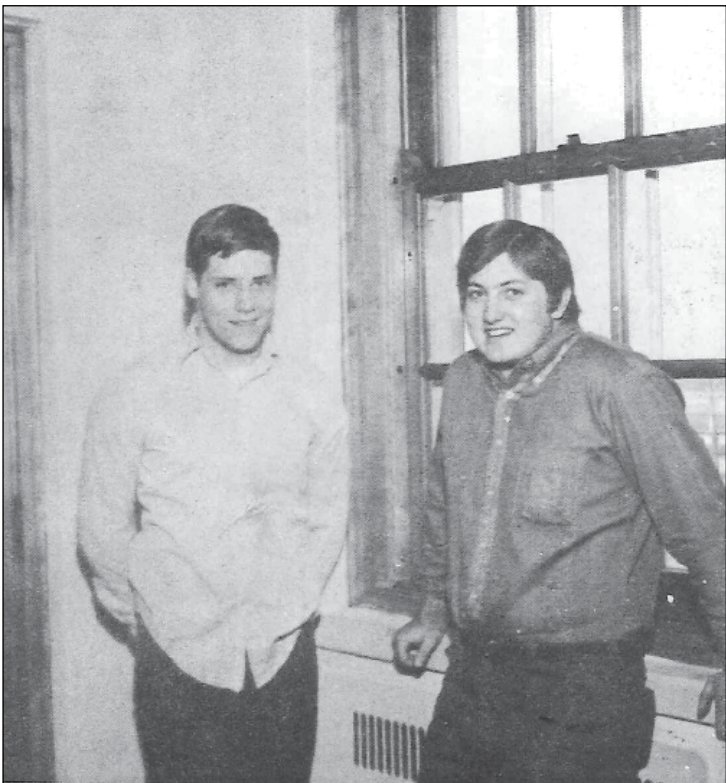


The inside of the newer Valle Church.



Valle Lutheran Church closed in 1990. The bell was taken down from the steeple of Valle Church and a monument displaying the bell was built and is at the East Valle Cemetery. Both East & West Valle Cemeteries are still maintained yet today.

Who's Dat?



Who's Dat?

This week's photo is of two fellows that won an award/title in high school. Who are they and what did they win? Answer next week!

Last Week's photo was of Glen Tasa holding his daughter Sharon.

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 columns of the Red Lake County Herald.

I really am short on photos and have been diving into history books and other places to find photos. I am always in need of more photos - School days, church events, sports, etc.

If you email a photo, please scan at 300 dpi (high quality) if you can. You can email to okleeherald@gmail.com.

If you mail a photo to the

Oklee Herald office, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope so the photos can be returned. Mail them to: Red Lake County Herald, PO Box 9, Oklee MN 56742.

Or stop by the office and I will scan your photo(s) while you wait.

Thank you for sharing!



Senior Site News & Other Things

Senior Meals

LSS Meals from Red Lake Falls are available for **Home Delivery Only**, Monday-Friday. You need to order a day or two before the day you plan on having a meal. Call the LSS Kitchen in RLF and ask for Carolyn at 218-253-4454 to order your meals.

Note: Please call Red Lake Falls LSS Site to order or cancel your meals.

SAIL Classes

SAIL exercise class are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10am in the Oklee Hall. It is FREE to join. Sign up at the Senior Site or call Jo Lambert at 218-796-4527 or Carol Kvasager at 218-201-0180.

Dates To Remember

Wednesday: Cards at 1:30 p.m. If you would like to come play cards, come on in and enjoy some fun game time visiting with your fellow seniors.

Craft Shop Closed

Things are moving along in the closing of the craft shop. Only a few vendors left to contact. If you have any questions, call Bonny at 612-840-9401.

Potluck Meal

The June Potluck meal will be held on Tuesday, June 18th. All seniors are invited to join in. Just bring a dish to share.

Senior Site Meeting

The seniors will be holding their next meeting on Thursday, June 20th at 2 p.m. at the Oklee Cafe. Please plan on attending.

Movin' On

Janet's grandson Josiah, age four, argued with his mom about taking a bath. He wanted to continue playing with his toys. Exasperated, he said, "I'm going to run away." "Josiah," his mother said, "that makes me very sad. Where would you go?"

"To Wal-Mart," he said firmly. "They have toys there and nice ladies."

Have a great week.

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

The rain has abated somewhat lately, but in some cases we have a lot of drown out spots in the fields. I wonder if those who drowned out are thinking of going back to 2023? It was dry and hot already last year at this time. It seems that we are hitting the extremes of the weather on a normal course of business these days. All we can do is hope for the best.

Father's Day is coming on next Sunday. Be sure to treat your father or husband with kindness as he is the one who got you through to where you are right now. My husband is so good to me especially since I got so ill last year, and I really appreciate what he does for me. Our life has changed a lot since last year. Thank God that he and I are able to do for each other yet.

This past week a burial of

a former resident happened at the Terrebonne cemetery. Danielle Arlt went to the peace of the Lord, and was placed next to her mother at the cemetery. God rest her soul in peace.

There was a birthday party in Battle Lake for the great grandchild of Joyce and Leroy Christiansen at Battle Lake. They now have a handful of great grands to help celebrate life's passages. Joyce and Leroy went on Sunday to help them celebrate.

On Saturday of this week, June 15th, Matt Proulx will have a celebration of life service at the Cathedral in Crookston. Visitation begins at 9:30. The Mass will begin at 10:30, am. Matt was the most talented musician we had in this area, and played at the various churches in this part of the

country. This is just a note in case you need the information to go pay your respects.

Birthdays of my kids came on the 4th and the 5th for Rebecca Novak and Linda Chandler. They were not able to come home for these birthdays. We did talk to them though for their birthdays. It is fun now when their birthdays come and go. As they were growing up I made each of them a cake so they couldn't say they had to share cakes. Now this week we wish our son a Happy Birthday he will turn 60 on the 13th. Happy Birthday to our children though they are all grown up now. Happy Birthday to all who are celebrating.

We hope you have a great week, and that you will have good outcomes with whatever you do. Stay safe.

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

Tri River Pioneers met at the museum on Monday, the 3rd at 8 pm. Kelly Larson is the new treasurer. They discussed having the tractor ride again this year to Brooks and also an extra drive added to it. It will be on June 29th. They will leave at 10 a.m. A lunch will be served afterwards at

the museum. Brats and Sauages, maybe potato salad and pot luck food. Hopefully the weather will also be sunny and warm, but not hot.

Wednesday night all the Zimpel "Kids" were together to play bingo at the Legion. Their sister Diane came from Warroad to play with them.

We need some nice warm temperatures and no rain now to dry things up. It is miserably wet. I wonder how long it'll be before we get mosquitoes. There's also a threat for West Nile viruses. I sympathize with those in the country. They are usually worse there.

Have a good week!



Lost River Evangelical Lutheran Church was organized just on the other side of the reservation line which President Theodore Roosevelt opened up with the Homestead Act. After worshipping at homes and schoolhouses they built a log house near the Aanon Olson farm. In 1905 a church was built on the Andrew Knutson farm. It was the Knutson family who gave 1 of their 2 cows as an offering to the church.

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