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Oklee Post Office Renaming Ceremony Well Attended!

By Eric Mickelson

You have been seeing for the last several weeks an article about Coya Knutson! These articles led up to last Thursday's ceremony naming the post office in honor of Coya Knutson. This was made possible by Public Law 117-328 which was passed on December 29, 2022. The law began with a bill introduced by Congresswoman Michelle Fischbach.

The ceremony began with the removal of the flag presently flying over the post office. This flag was then properly folded, placed in a case and later in the program presented to the Coya's family who were in attendance at the event.

The ceremony opened with an Invocation by Eric Mickelson followed by the Presenting of the Colors by the Oklee American Legion Post 159. As

the colors were placed Coya's great-grandson, Brian Kuenen, sang the National Anthem.

Following the opening ceremony, Congresswoman Michelle Fischbach from the MN 7th District came up for a few words. She was followed by Ben Lien, a member of U. S. Senator Amy Klobuchar's staff.

Next on the program was Gretchen Beito, author of the Book, Coya Come Home. Ms. Beito had copies of her book available for purchase and was happy to sign them. She was also joined by her Publisher, Kathryn Scott. Kathryn is working on a documentary about Coyas life. The final speaker to give some remarks



The Invocation and Benediction were given by Eric Mickelson.

was Coya's daughter-in-law, Barb (Lajambe) Knutson.

Finally it was time for the official dedication. Wayne Rolph, Manager of Post Office operations made the dedication as well as presenting the family with the flag and unveiling the plaque that will grace the wall of the Post Office. The Benediction was made by Eric Mickelson and the American Legion Retired the Colors.

At the close of the official program refreshments were served by the ladies of the American Legion Auxiliary. People visited and stories were told and I would say a good time was had by all!



Coya's daughter-in-law, Barb Knutson.



The ceremony began by removing the current flag flying above the Oklee Post office, folded by Bryan Bjerklie and John Lerohl and brought to the Oklee hall for the rest of the ceremony and presented to the family of Coya Knutson.



Congresswoman Michelle Fischbach, MN 7th District, spoke at the ceremony.



Wayne Rolph, Manager of Post Office operations dedicating the Oklee Post Office in honor of Coya Knutson.



Ben Lien from U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar's staff said a few words at the ceremony.



The plaque that states that "This building is named in honor of Coya Knutson" that will be hung up at the Oklee Post Office as part of the naming ceremony.



Gretchen Beito was available to talk about her book on Coya Knutson and had books for sale.



Author Gretchen Beito and Publisher Kathryn Leigh Scott talked about the book Gretchen authored about Coya.



Barb Knutson with Coya's nephews, Ron and Tim Rietz.



Coya's great-grandson sang our National Anthem.



The ladies from The American Legion Auxiliary provided great refreshments: Lavonne Brown, Toni Johnson, Ginny Stoneouse, Barb Melby, Mary Lynn Bachand, and JoAnn Lerohl.

U of M Extension seeks nominations for new leadership education program in NW MN

St. Paul, Minn. (Aug. 15, 2024)— University of Minnesota Extension is seeking nominations for Growing Local Leadership, a leadership education program that will begin Nov. 23. The program seeks candidates who live or work in northwest Minnesota, have not yet served in formal leadership positions, or have never participated in leadership education programming.

Extension encourages, but does not require, nominees to identify a learning partner (a colleague, friend, or family

member) to join the program with them, as research has shown this strengthens outcomes.

The program will be conducted in four sessions. The first will be held in person at the Shooting Star Casino on Nov. 23, from noon to 5 p.m. The next two sessions will be held online from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., followed by an April in-person celebration.

"In Minnesota, we need people to fill public offices and sit on boards and commissions," says Holli Arp, program lead-

er, Extension leadership and civic engagement. "We know that Extension leadership education gives participants the confidence they can make a difference, develops skills and connects leaders to resources to make them successful. Those outcomes are critical, especially for those who don't yet see themselves as leaders."

Extension researcher Ben Winchester has analyzed the need for leaders in northwest Minnesota, identifying the number of leaders needed for government offices and

non-profit boards and calculating how many adults are needed to fill those positions. His results reinforce what many busy leaders already feel.

"The good news is that civic life is flourishing in Greater Minnesota," says Winchester. "But we need to think critically about developing leadership for our civic organizations in the future."

Leadership education is part of the answer. Nominators and participants can express interest in the program by submitting this form by Oct. 1. Nominees must be over the age of 18 and work or live in the

19 counties that the program serves. Extension hopes to recruit those who do not currently hold leadership positions and/or haven't participated in leadership education experiences.

Primary factors to consider are emerging leadership and potential, interest, and commitment to participate in the program.

Learn more at z.umn.edu/GLLnorthwestMN.



The Red Lake County Herald office will be closed on Monday, September 2nd to observe Labor Day. The Red Lake County Herald newspaper will be one day late due to the holiday.

Church News

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Okleelutheran.org
Sun, Sept. 1: 9:00 a.m. Zion.
9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Salem.

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, Sept. 1: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Immanuel. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Immanuel. 7:00 p.m. Worship at Bethany.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Bethany–Ekelund–Faith
Sun, Sept. 1: 10:00 a.m. Joint Worship at Bethany.
Tue, Sept. 3: 9:00 a.m. Faith WELCA.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive – Nazareth Oak Park – St. Petri
Pastor Jeffrey Merseth is On Leave
Rev. Carl Busse
Rev. Gene Lilienthal
Sat, Aug. 31: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.
Sun, Sept. 1: St. Petri: 8:00 a.m. Oak Park: 9:45 a.m. Worship. Nazareth: 11 a.m. Worship.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson,
Lay Minister
Sun, Sept. 1: 9 a.m. Lund
10:30 a.m. Bethany.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
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Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Devotions.
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

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Cliff Melby finished second book before he passed

Lifelong motorcyclist Cliff-ton Melby published a second book titled 'Memoirs of Mexico and Motorcycling' just weeks before he passed. In it, Cliff takes us on an adventure through Mexico into Belize and Guatemala with his great friend Dave Sovde at his side.

Like his first book, Cliff weaves in many colorful memories of trips as a young boy with his Dad, Mom, and brother in Mexico. In this case the memories are extra sweet as

he recalled being there some fifty years later.

Although technically categorized as a travelog, this book is filled with humor, history, a love of family, and an honest nod to true friendship.

'Memoirs of Mexico and Motorcycling' was published by Page Publishing and is out in paperback and Ebook. It is listed on Amazon and Barnes & Noble and is available for purchase at Oklee Lumber.



Labor Day

Since 1894, our nation has observed Labor Day, a national holiday in honor of America's working people.

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Thank You!

We want to express our gratitude for all the cards, post cards, text messages and phone calls with healing messages and all the so many many prayers sent to Mike and our family during his health issues. We definitely felt all of them, the power of prayer is real!! We appreciate the meals prepared for us, the gift cards, the prayer blanket and volunteers that drove him to Dr. appts and stayed with him during the day when he was at home after his surgeries and visitors that stopped over. We are so blessed by all of you, thank you!
Grace and Mike Dessellier



Sydney Melby getting her book signed by Gretchen Beito!



The Oklee American Legion Post #159 presenting the colors at the beginning of the ceremony held in honor of Coya Knutson.

Minnesota Farmers Union full board opposes Project 2025 proposals

ST. PAUL – Members of Minnesota Farmers Union's (MFU) full board voted to oppose the Project 2025 proposals for farm programs and rural America at their Aug. 17 meeting.

Project 2025 calls for several changes to federal agricultural policy, including:

Repealing Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) and cutting support for crop insurance.

Repealing the federal sugar program, which helps provide a stable market for sugar beet farmers.

Eliminating the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), which helps protect marginal and highly erodible lands.

Removing nutrition programs from the Farm Bill.

Repealing USDA Market Access Program, which helps develop trading partnerships.

"With farmers already having to deal with low prices and more extreme weather events, the Heritage Foundation's Project 2025 would be another disaster for farmers and rural communities," said MFU President Gary Wertish. "Minnesota Farmers Union's full board took a stand supporting family farmers and rural communities by passing this resolution."

The MFU full board is comprised of county Farmers Union leaders from across the state. They gather twice a year to hear program updates and discuss issues. At this meeting, Goodhue County President Danny Lundell made a motion to adopt the resolution, which calls on future presidential administrations to reject the Project 2025 proposals for agriculture and rural America in favor of policies that support farmers and build a rural

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Libby's Devil Food Cake Margaret (Bachand) Wiedenman

2/3 cup shortening
1-1/2 cups sugar
3 eggs, well beaten
1 cup sour milk
1/2 cup hot water
2/3 cup cocoa
1 tsp salt
2 tsp baking powder
1 tsp soda
1 tsp vanilla
2-1/4 cups flour

Blend shortening, sugar and eggs together. Beat cocoa powder into hot water until smooth and add to first mixture. Sift flour, salt, and baking powder, then add to sugar mixture alternately with the soured milk (to which has the soda added to the last 1/4 cup. Add vanilla and blend. Divide batter into 3 equal cake pans greased and floured. Bake about 20 minutes at 350 degrees. Once cooled, stack and frost with favorite icing. This was our mother's (Mae Bachand) favorite chocolate cake. We knew we were in for this treat when she saved fresh whole milk for souring.

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On 08/16/24, a formal criminal complaint was filed, charging Gerry Lee Mattison (63) of Red Lake Falls with gross misdemeanor trespassing and gross misdemeanor harassment. The complaint alleges Mr. Mattison entered the property of another, without the consent of the owner, and the property was utilized for commercial cattle production. It is alleged that Mr. Mattison moved a section of fencing because he did not agree with the certified property line survey. It is also alleged that this act of trespassing caused the property owner substantial emotional distress. Mr. Mattison will be summonsed to appear in Court in Red Lake Falls in September of 2024.

On the afternoon of 08/17/24, Kelly Krotzer (40) of Oklee was cited for misdemeanor driving after revocation on 4th Ave. in Oklee.

On the evening of 08/17/24, Wayne Kenneth Alten (55) of Plummer was cited for illegal window tint on a motor vehicle and no proof of current motor vehicle insurance on Hwy. #59 north of Brooks.

On the afternoon of 08/18/24,

Sudoku Solution

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5	6	9	2	3	8	7	4	1
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Oklee & Brooks Residents Please Note:



Due to the Labor Day Holiday garbage will be picked up on Tuesday, September 3rd.

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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.

the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report of an unattended child at the Oaks Trailer Court in Red Lake Falls. A Red Lake County deputy responded to the area and returned the small child to their father. The father was counseled.

On the afternoon of 08/18/24, a Lambert Township resident reported their teenage child had run away from home and was refusing to return. A Red Lake County deputy located the juvenile at a relative's home, and they were safe. Further investigation revealed this was actually a custody issue and the reporting party was instructed to bring the matter to Family Court.

On the evening of 08/18/24, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report of a shirtless man walking up to a residence along Hwy. #92 south of Oklee. A Red Lake County deputy responded and found the male walking along the highway. He was given a ride to his destination.

On the evening of 08/19/2024, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report of a female walking along CR. #13 west of Red Lake Falls. A Red Lake County deputy located the individual. They claimed they had a dispute with their friends at the Voyageur's View Campground, so they left. The female refused a ride with the deputy, but her friends were notified of her whereabouts, and they went to pick her up.

On the evening of 08/19, a Gervais Township resident reported a theft of property. That report is still under investigation.

On the morning of 08/20/24, Red Lake County law enforcement responded to a report of a small child that was not supervised, walking around the area of 5th St. SW in Red Lake Falls. The child was safely returned to their grandmother, and the grandmother was counseled.

Mitch Bernstein, Red Lake County Sheriff: 08/23/24

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Considerations for soybean aphid management

By Robert Koch, Extension entomologist, Anthony Hanson, Liz Stahl, Angie Peltier, and Claire LaCanne, Extension educators - crops

This is becoming an "interesting" year for soybean aphid management. After a couple years of limited infestations due to drought, soybean aphid infestations are widespread in 2024. As many people are considering if and how to manage this pest, we provide here some information to consider.

Be thorough when scouting Aphids are likely distributed throughout the height of the canopy (not just on upper leaves), so examine entire plants.

Scout weekly Weekly scouting of fields is often recommended, but more frequent scouting may be needed as forecasted weather conditions will be favorable for aphid population growth. Under typical field conditions, the time required for population size to double (doubling time) for soybean aphid has been estimated at 6-7 days. However, aphid populations can double in as little as a few days under more ideal conditions for an aphid, which would include comfortable temperatures in the upper-70s to mid-80s and especially with a lack of natural enemies, such as predatory insects and parasitic wasps. Fields that received early prophylactic insecticide sprays may have few natural enemies to keep colonizing aphids at bay.

Use the 250 aphids per plant threshold

Use the threshold of 250 aphids per plant (with 80% or more of the plants infested, and with aphid populations increasing) to determine when to treat a field with insecticides.

This threshold (250 aphids per plant) is not when damage occurs to the plant, but indicates that the aphids will likely continue to increase and reach economically damaging levels. Therefore, this threshold is the trigger point when an insecticide application should be lined up within 7 days to prevent the increasing population from reaching a damaging level. That 7-day interval is based on average aphid population growth rates; however, the interval could be shorter if conditions are ideal for aphid population growth (see comments above in item #2).

Infestations of fewer than 250 aphids per plant are less likely to continue to increase to damaging levels, so an application may be unnecessary (less likelihood of return on investment). Continue scouting those fields with lower infestations to see if they will increase to the threshold or not. By doing so, you let the natural enemies like predators, parasitic wasps, and fungal diseases take their toll on the aphids before you resort to using an insecticide.

Remember that retail profits, not science, may be driving some of the lower threshold recommendations that you could be hearing.

Think critically about the insecticide product



If you need to apply an insecticide for soybean aphids, think critically about what product to use...

Avoid products containing only a single pyrethroid or multiple pyrethroids, because of widespread pyrethroid resistance. Recent field data from our colleagues at NDSU is a reminder that resistance is still a problem.

Some chlorpyrifos-containing products are available again. These are effective, but keep in mind that the human safety profile for organophosphates is worse than some of the other products. As a broad-spectrum insecticide, chlorpyrifos will kill soybean aphids and natural enemies alike.

There are many formulated mixtures available, but are mixtures really needed?

Aphids are likely the only threatening insect pest in most fields, so why add a broad-spectrum insecticide like a pyrethroid to one of the newer, more aphid-specific insecticides like sulfoxaflor (Transform) or afidopyropen (Sefina)? Those newer insecticides (Transform, Sefina and Sivanto) are effective against aphids on their own and are less toxic to natural enemies (e.g., lady beetles, etc.), which is a great bonus feature, but price points will need to be taken into consideration. Leaving those natural enemies alive in the field will help to control any aphids that survive or recolonize the field. Adding a broad-spectrum insecticide (like a pyrethroid) won't really increase effectiveness against aphids, but it will surely kill most natural enemies. As an additional benefit, selective insecticides are often more gentle pollinator insects as well.

For insecticide resistance management in general, the role of insecticide mixtures is nuanced. However, for asexually-reproducing insects like aphids (clonal reproduction; no mating involved during the summer), insecticide mixtures are believed to provide less benefit for resistance management than alternations of products with individual modes of action. This is especially true when the pest is already resistant to one of the active ingredients in the mixture, which is the case for the many mixtures containing pyrethroids. Also, keep in mind that in some mixtures the rate of a given active ingredient may be less than in products containing only that one active ingredient, which might also select for more resistance.

In addition, using two modes of action in one application

reduces the options available for subsequent applications, if you are trying to be cognizant of resistance management and want to alternate modes of action.

Consider other pests Even though aphids may be the most threatening pest in many soybean fields now, there are multiple other pests present in the fields at low levels. Keep in mind that any insecticide application to the fields is applying selection pressure for these pests to potentially develop resistance too. Avoiding resistance development in other pests is an additional incentive to avoid prophylactic applications to fields.

Assess efficacy of the insecticide application

After an insecticide application, scout the field in several days to assess efficacy. With aphids developing resistance to insecticides, we can't just assume that all our applications will work.

Continue scouting

Continue scouting for aphids on a regular basis through the early R6 (full seed) growth stage. Through the R5 (beginning seed) growth stage, use the threshold of 250 aphids per plant for determining when to apply insecticides. Soybean aphid can cause yield losses in the early R6 growth stage. However, a treatment threshold for early R6 has not been developed. Infestations of soybean aphid in early R6 may require an insecticide application if aphid populations are very large. Regular scouting and timely application of insecticides based on the threshold through the R5 growth stage should eliminate difficult decisions related to treatment of large infestations and pre-harvest intervals (PHI) in the R6 growth stage.

Crossword Solution

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Bonny's Bits
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Someone called me a few weeks or a month ago asking about an obit for Ralph Joseph Rivard. We have found the notice of his death in 1948. I have tried to email it to the person, but apparently I don't have the correct email address. If you were the one that requested the obit, please leave an email at okleeherald@gmail.com or leave a message on the phone at 218-796-5181. Hope to hear from you soon. Bonny

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Senior Site News & Other Things
Bonny Cote, Secretary-Treasurer

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. Potluck Meal It was a good turn out as

usual for the potluck on Tuesday night. The next potluck will be September 17th. Senior Site Meeting Summer has been a very busy time for everyone and trying to find a day where everyone can get together for a Senior Site meeting has been a struggle lately. If you are a regular at the meeting, you will be getting a call to try and find a day that works for everyone. It is important that we meet monthly.

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



40th class reunion of Plummer High School was held at the Brooks Community Center on Sat Aug 24th. Front row: Nancy Traxler Olson, Robin Delage Krebs, Renae Tervo Vaules, Connie Weslake Hemmesch, Jodi Malwitz Milford, and Mike Konickson. Back row: Robin Myhre Deakins, Eric Eskeli, Jim Kelly. Sheila Sorenson Gerardy, John Maki, Warren Tvedt, and Tim Gagner.

A 40th class reunion of Plummer High School was held in the Brooks Community Center on Sat Aug 24th. Those from Brooks attending were Tim Gagner of Vergas MN, Robin Myhre Deakins of Alexandria MN, and Robin Delage Krebs of Camden, South Carolina. Robin Krebs of Camden S. Carolina spent the past week visiting her mother, Joanne Delage, and other relatives and friends. Tim and Brenda Gagner of Vergas were guests at the Clare and Dianne home over the past weekend. Robin and Jim Deakins of Alexandria were weekend guests of Randy and Josie Myhre. They also went to visit her dad, Wes Myhre, and Jan Johnson.

Friday afternoon Dianne Gagner went to Oklee to visit her high school classmate, Myrna Paquin, of St Paul at the home of Anne Hammer. Other visitors there were Jani and Charles Seeger of Mpls, and Emily Bernier. The weather is up and down lately. One day it is very nice the next day it is nasty either too hot or too stormy. I received a letter from our granddaughter who is in the National Guard and is training in Fort Sill, Oklahoma. She, not being used to that kind of heat, said she walks around dizzy a lot of the time. I'm sure it is not because she takes after me, but that it is that she isn't getting enough potassium. When I was in Phoenix one August, I was dizzy as can be, and someone suggested I go buy some bananas. It did the trick. Just a small pointer to a remedy that may work for you.

We have lost a couple of neighbors in our neighborhood. It is sad to see the old neighbors go, but we can't live forever. One closer neighbor, was Donna Paradis, She was a wonderful friend and she told stories that were funny and great to listen to. Another friend that left us last week was Harvey Riendeau, who was a neighbor to our folks. As a young man, he was friends to my brothers-in-law and attended almost every gathering our families held. He was a nice person and spent a lot of time collecting antiques and things from auction sales. He will be missed.

Maurice Cote was another neighbor who passed away this past week. His wife Doreen passed away just a couple of months ago. Both were wonderful people who worked hard and raised their family to do the same. God rest their souls in peace. Our sympathy goes out to all of these families in their loss and our prayers too. Did you know a newer strain of covid is going into our midst. I know someone who has had it three times this year. And the

season has not started this fall. There is good news though as far as treating it is concerned. There are free tests starting in September, especially for medicare and Medicaid and those without insurance. There are also testing kits that will be free as well. Check it out, it could save your life or the life of some other vulnerable person.

Tim and Brenda came to Brooks to stay with Clarence and Dianne Gagner this past weekend. They came to attend their class reunions. Brenda's was in Red Lake Falls, while Tim's was in Brooks at the Community Hall. Tim celebrated his 40th reunion this year. They had a late night on Saturday and had a great time. But who doesn't have fun at their reunion. I missed my 60th last week, but the drive would have been too hard to take.

Tim Novak and his son Mason, Came to Brooks to visit with his folks Jerome and Barb Novak. They went to Warren, to visit with Leonard Novak on Monday. That is what I know this week. Stay safe.

Plummer News
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The weekend of the 17th and the 18th, Amanda and Sean Roff and family, of Delano, visited Barb and Arnie Schmitz. Diane DeHate of Coon Rapids, came Sunday evening to Anna DeHate's. On Wednesday, the 21st, Diane attended an appreciation dinner at DigiKey for their employees. Brodie Traxler of Thief River Falls, spent some time visiting his Anna Traxler and dad Bob for a couple of days. A few of the Tri River Pioneer guys worked on the new building project recently. I did see one combine going out towards Thief River early

in the week. The temperatures are supposed to be warm for few days. Fall is coming and soon we'll be raking and doing other fall jobs. Then later the snow falls. I'm usually happy when winter comes. It's easier to do some shoveling than cut grass all summer. Wednesday, the 17th, was Senior Citizens Day in the U.S. There are 47 million senior citizens in the U.S. This past week the oldest known person in the world, died at the age of 117 years old. Have a good week.

Who's Dat?



Who's Dat? This week's photo is of four youths that are not related. Last Week's photo was Irene Dessellier, Jean Groven, Flo Dunham, Karen Fossum, Virginia Larson and Grace Dessellier. Remember that photos from the 80s are now 40+ years old. Please send in some photos to share with the readers. This 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.

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