



The Red Lake County Fair opened at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, June 24th with the American Legion's from Oklee and Plummer's Color Guard. From Oklee was Commander Dean Walstad, Einar Kvasger, John Lerohl, and Don Stenberg. From Plummer was Chuck Simpson, Les Hofstad and Roger Skjerven.



Father Adam Hamness from St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Oklee gave the prayer for the opening of the Red Lake County Fair.



Brandi Jensen, a 2016 RLCC graduate, sang the National Anthem for the opening ceremony.

Calender of Events

- Wed, June 29:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
- Thu, June 30:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
- Fri, July 1:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
- Sat, July 2:**
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!
- Sun, July 3:**
-Worship at the church of your choice.
- Mon, July 4:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
- Tue, July 5:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards
- Wed, July 6 1:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
- Thu, July 7:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.

The Oklee Herald

will be **CLOSED**

on

MONDAY,

4th JULY

in observance of

Independence Day.

4-H and Open Class register for Red Lake County Fair

The Red Lake County Fair opened on a beautiful morning, June 24th with an opening ceremony consisting of a prayer from local clergy. This year



Kip Fontaine

Father Adam Hamness gave the prayer. The American Legion's from Oklee and Plummer, participated in the Presentation of Colors and the raising of the Flag and Brandi Jensen, a 2016 graduate from Red Lake County Central sang the National Anthem.

After the opening ceremony, everyone was invited inside the school building for coffee and homemade donuts. The 4-H and Open Class participants started registering their entries. It has been reported that there were 51 persons registering items for the Open Class.

Judging for the 4-H animals in the barns started at 9:00 a.m. and the rest took place at 1:00 p.m. for the Open Class entries and the 4-H entries.



Mark Johnson

Also taking place on Friday at 1:00 p.m. was the Senior Citizen event. The main speaker was Kristi Nelson, Red Lake County Social Services Director. She highlighted the work being done on a grant project dealing with Alzheimers and dementia. She handed out cards looking for feedback and what people think their needs could need. The focus is on making it easier for people to stay in their homes and also support the caregivers. She stated that Red Lake County has a higher than average aging population.

There were a number of politicians at the Senior Day event. Mike Moore from Mentor and Deb Kiel from Crookston were there from District 1B and from District B running for Stumpf's office was Mark Johnson from East Grand Forks

and Kip Fontaine from Mentor.

The Outstanding Senior Citizen Award winner was Iona Berry. She has been an Oklee resident for many years, working at Security State Bank, Oklee Public Schools and with Berry's Honey, but as a volunteer she had been involved in the Oklee Senior Site for many years and has served as president, secretary, and other positions at the Site. She has donated many hours over the years and the award was well deserved.

Later on Friday afternoon, a Coloring Contest was held for all ages at the Fair and there were a number of entries. There were two categories, ages 0-14 and 15 and up. The winners of the Coloring Contest were: 1st place Jaeger Lambert, 2nd place Karena Melby and 3rd place Sydnie Gunderson. In the fifteen and older category the winners were 1st place Tammy Pendelton, 2nd Katie Pendelton and 3rd place Sydney Melby.

A Scavenger Hunt was planned at the East Side of the RLCC High School and there were quite a few ready to follow the clues and be the lucky winner. The kids involved could do the scavenger hunt individually or with a group of their choice. The lucky winners were: 1st place Sidney Gunderson, Sydney Melby and Karena Melby, 2nd place was Molly Smith and 3rd place was Kaitlin Larson, Kathryn Srnsky and Tanisha Srnsky.



Mike Moore

The evening had an Old Time Music event in the Hall at 7:00 p.m. The Mickelson's, Sue Lee, Arlan Brekke and others performed for an audience enjoying the great old time music.



Deb Kiel (Incumbent)

Also on Friday evening, a showing of the Disney film, "The Good Dinosaur" for some family fun.

That ended the first day of the fair.

City of Oklee Coat of Arms approved & sewers being cleaned

The City of Oklee held their June 13th meeting at the Oklee Café with all council members present. Also in attendance

was JoAnn Hamm, Gin Berns, Sandra Tougas, Gloria Anderson, Gail Flateland, Robert Torkelson, Deputy Lovely, Sheriff Bernstein, Accountant Gale Schmitz and Darrell Tougas.

The meeting was opened at 6:05 p.m. by Mayor George Burthwick. The minutes from May 9, 2016 meeting was approved with a motion from Council member Kaye Munt and seconded by Council member Kent Bergerson. Motion carried.

Gale Schmitz from Thief River Falls presented the financial report highlighting a number of items.

The financial report was approved with a motion from Bergerson and Council member Lori Melby. The bills were looked over and approved with a motion from Melby and seconded by Munt.

Sheriff Mitch Bernstein gave his report next. Derek Cross, City Clerk has sent out a couple of letters to the owners of a couple of properties and if they don't respond, the Sheriff will cite them for public nuisance. If they still don't respond, they will have to appear in court. The question of who will be responsible for the costs? It should be the home homeowners. If the City condemns a house, the City attorney will have to be contacted for the proper steps. Comment that the last house the City removed cost the City \$8,000.

Bernstein also reported that the Hazard Mitigation report is completed and is waiting for approval.

There has been a few 3 and 4 wheelers that have been causing some problems and he has talked to them and they have been quieter. Matthew Genova asked about the old Hruby house and if they had

been talked to about their behavior on small 3 wheelers and the answer was yes.

Council member Alan Jensen asked the Mayor to read a statement about how the council expects to be treated and that the council will not allow anyone to mistreat any employee or council member, in order to maintain civility.

Next item discussed was brought up by JoAnn Hamm. Her neighbors to the west have a leak in their water system. The City has dug up the portion they are responsible for, but found no leaks. The ground is saturated and it is affecting other people in the neighborhood. Hamm's electric bill has been high due to her sump pump running constantly. The City of Oklee will contact the owner and inform them more needs to be done and checked out, to fix the problem.

Old Business:

D & R Grocery's request for road repair was discussed next. The estimated cost of the tar expense will be approximately \$1700.

Mowers: Only one bid has been received at this time and more should be gotten.

Maintenance Report was given by Darrell Tougas. Tougas has lowered the ponds and the testing results have been below the standards for the water. Sewer cleaning is finishing up, but have the west side of town left and has been too wet. They will come back later. They have only been cleaning and will run the camera through later. The circulating pump that adds chlorine quit and a replacement is on the way. Mosquito sprayer has been done once and is also checking on another type of chemical to combat gnats and mosquitoes.

Other items discussed by Tougas and the council was the trade-in for the mower – would Tougas consider a used mower, fixing hydrant

by Kinsley's Klostet (old Cyr Hardware building), the cost of the camera and cleaning of sewer system and the need to get an article in the paper about how unflushable, flushable cloths are.

Next up was Matthew Genova with an update about the City of Oklee Coat of Arms flag. Since the students at RLCC were not interested, the school turned the project back to Genova, who hired a gal to create a number of flags. One has been approved by Genova and he has gone to a last RLCC School board meeting and it has been approved to still have the flag pole on school property along the highway. Genova wanted the City of Oklee's ok, to continue the project and there would be no cost the City. He thanked the City of Oklee for supporting this project and when the time comes, would like the city officials participate in the raising of the flag.

Question was brought up by the Oklee Herald editor, Bonny Cote, about questions received concerning the mail ballots and registration. Cote and Cross will work on an article to put in the paper clarifying the Mail Ballots. Voter registrations are available from the City Clerk's office or the Post Office.

Before the open council meeting, the City of Oklee held a closed meeting to discuss an employee issue. The Council reported on the results of this meeting. Leo Olson will continue to be an employee of the City of Oklee, but will only be working when called by either Darrell Tougas or Derek Cross. He is not allowed to come to work unless called. There is no limit on hours or guaranteed hours. Tougas & Cross will try to call him the day before he is needed.

The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Melby and seconded by Jensen.

The next meeting will be held on July 11th at 6:00 p.m. at the Oklee Café.

City of Oklee	End of May 2016		End of May 2015	
Cash	\$336,769.46		\$124,615.86	
	May 2016	May 2015	YTD 2016	YTD 2015
Revenue	163,524.54	41,424.97	305,731.32	192,059.18
Expenses	70,285.84	66,435.82	225,484.54	262,776.00
Profit	93,238.70	(25,010.85)	80,246.78	(70,716.82)
General Fund	115,759.05	(27,489.81)	29,238.74	(150,505.85)
Street Fund	880.00	880.00	4,400.00	4,413.32
Fire Fund	(442.37)	(4,532.46)	5,583.83	10,927.31
Firemen's Fund	(29,192.00)	(2,488.41)	(23,173.60)	3,436.59
Economic (EDA)	390.43	3,584.97	16,036.22	6,543.04
Capital Replace	996.33	996.33	4,981.65	4,981.65
Water Fund	91.97	3,667.01	25,656.77	30,739.83
Sewer Fund	969.78	1,422.44	10,981.54	15,754.21
Garbage Fund	(515.47)	(1,050.92)	2,240.65	2,993.08

Red Lake Watershed District To Host Public Information Meetings for Watershed Projects

The Red Lake Watershed District Board of Managers will host a public open house for landowners for two potential projects in the District. The open house will be held at the Gonvick Community Center located at 170 Main Street, Gonvick, MN 56644, on July 12, 2016. The Four Legged Lake public meeting will be held between 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm. The Pine Lake public meeting will be held between 6:30 pm and 8:30 pm. The public is invited to attend at their convenience. There will not be a formal presentation. Staff from the Watershed District and project teams will be on hand to discuss each project, answer questions, and take comments from attendees.

Myron Jesme, District Administrator, noted a region-wide goal was established to reduce peak flows along the Red River of the North (Red River) by 20 percent during a flooding event similar to the 1997 flood. In order to reach this goal, each tributary of the Red River has been provided with both peak flow and volume reduction goals as set forth in the Red River Basin Commission's (RRBC) Long Term Flood Solutions (LTFS) Basin Wide Flood Flow Reduction Strategy Report. Several large-scale modeling efforts have been conducted throughout the Red River Basin to assist in determining the amount of effort required to meet the flow and volume reduction goals in each tributary

basin of the Red River.

Pine Lake and Four Legged Lake subwatershed have been identified as areas where retention can be added to reduce peak flows at Crookston. There are also potential opportunities to modify the Pine Lake and Four Legged Lake control structures to provide benefits to the lakes and adjacent land areas such as reducing flood risk to local landowners, enhancing environmental conditions within the lakes, and adding recreational benefits.

The Pine and Four Legged Lake public meetings will offer the public and interested stakeholders an opportunity to review the project information and provide public comment.



There were 51 persons entering a variety of items for the Open Class categories at the Red Lake County Fair on Friday morning.

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Margaret Jacobus
Sun, July 3: 9:00 a.m. Zion.
10:30 a.m. Salem.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH OKLEE
Fr. Adam Hamness
Sun, July 3: 7:30 a.m.
Confessions 8:00 a.m. Mass.

BROOKS - RED LAKE FALLS CATHOLIC PARISH
Fr. Bill DeCrans
Sat. July 2: Mass 5:30 p.m. - RLF
Sun. July 3: Mass 8:00 a.m. - Brooks. 10:00 a.m. RLF.

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Wed, June 29: 8:00 a.m.
Worship Ebenezer
Sun, July 3: 9:00 a.m.
Worship Immanuel. 10:30 a.m.
Worship Ebenezer
Wed, July 6: 6:30 p.m.
Immanuel Bible Study. 7:30 p.m. Worship Immanuel.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Interim Pastor Phil Johnson
Sun, July 3: 8:30 a.m.
Ekelund. 9:45 a.m. Faith. 11:00 a.m. Bethany.
Tues, July 5: Eve Circle 1:30 p.m.
Wed, July 6: Faith WELCA meeting 6:30 p.m.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth
Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Sat, July 2: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive
Sun, July 3: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri. 9:45 a.m. Oak Park. 11:00 a.m. Nazareth

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

Wed, June 29: 9:30 a.m. Christian Women's Club. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Thu, June 30: 12:00 p.m. Rotary
Sun, July 3: 10:30 a.m. Worship
Tues, July 5: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study. 10:30 a.m. Quilting.
Wed, July 6: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, July 3: 9:00 a.m.
Lund. 10:30 a.m. Bethany

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston
Jon Marx, Lead Pastor
Seth Johnson, Assist. Pastor
Sun, July 3: 10:00 a.m.
Worship

Red Lake Falls Library News

Library Hours:
Tue & Wed: Noon - 7:00 pm,
Thu & Fri: Noon - 5:00 p.m.
Sat.: 10:00 am - 2:00 p.m.
The Summer Reading Program days are each Wednesday until July 15, with a wrap-up picnic for all our young readers & their families on Wednesday, July 13 at 4:00 pm. Hot dogs and other picnic fare will be served, and there will be games and walk-through storyboards to entertain kids through grade 6. Parents are reminded to encourage their kids to read for fun all summer long, especially since it is well-documented to help prevent summer slide.
Winners of the first two weeks' Summer Reading Program prizes are Zander Knutson and Reese Pahlen. Two additional sports backpacks with velcro ball game

& water bottle will be given away, along with Grand Prize drawing of 2 midway passes to the Pennington County fair. SRP reading log bookmarks must be turned in by July 9th in order to be eligible for grand prize drawing. Kids can "Read for the Win" until the July 15 conclusion of the Summer Reading Program. Free t-shirts are available for all those who finish one reading log bookmark.
New adult fiction: "The Girl from Summer Hill" by Jude Deveraux, "Deep Blue" by Randy Wayne White, "End of Watch" by Stephen King, "The Apartment" by Danielle Steel, and #2 of Tracie Peterson's new Sapphire Brides series, "A Beauty Refined."

Oklee Summer Recreation

2016 RLCC Cadet's Baseball (ages 11-13)- all games start at 10:00
Thu, June 23 vs. Clearbrook/ Gonvick at Oklee. Home games will be played at the softball field in SE part of town.
Thu, June 30 vs. Bagley Gold at Oklee.
Thu, July 7 vs. Bagley Maroon at Bagley. Bus will leave Plummer at 8:30, Brooks at 8:45, Oklee at 9:00.
Thu, July 14 vs. Fosston Maroon at Fosston. Bus will leave Plummer at 8:45, Brooks at 9:00, Oklee at 9:15.
Thu, July 21 vs. Fosston White at Oklee.
Wed, July 27 - Cadet World Series at Clearbrook, starts at 9:00. If there's a rainout, the World Series will be played the next day, Thursday July 28.
2016 RLCC Pee Wee's Baseball (ages 9-10) - all games start at 10:00. Each date is a tournament, each team is

guaranteed 2 games.
Tue, June 28 at Fertile. Bus leaves Oklee at 8:45, Plummer at 9:00, Brooks at 9:10.
Tue, July 5 at Bagley. Bus leaves Plummer at 8:30, Brooks at 8:45, Oklee at 9:00.
Tue, July 12 at Clearbrook. Bus leaves Plummer at 8:45, Brooks at 9:00, Oklee at 9:15.
Tue, July 19 at Fosston. Bus leaves Plummer at 8:45, Brooks at 9:00, Oklee at 9:15.
2016 Mite's Baseball (ages 7-8) - all games start at 10:00.
Mon, June 27 at Red Lake Falls. Bus Leaves Oklee at 9:00, Brooks at 9:10, Plummer at 9:25.
Mon, July 11 at Bagley. Bus leaves Plummer at 8:30, Brooks at 8:45, Oklee at 9:00.
Mon, July 18 Watermelon Night at Fosston - Starts at 6:15 p.m. After games watermelon will be served. Bus Leaves Plummer at 5:15, Brooks at 5:30, Oklee at 5:40.

Tri-Valley Public Transportation

To reserve a seat, please call by 3:00 p.m. the day before - 1-800-951-9363. All routes will arrive approximately between 10 and 11 a.m. at the destination. All routes need at least five persons signed up.
Wed, June 29: *Thief River Falls/Seven Clans Casino-Crookston, Erksine, Brooks*
Thu, June 30: Grand Forks- Thief River Falls
Tues, July 5: Mahnomen Shooting Star Casino- East Grand Forks, Crookston, Mentor, Erskine.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

July 4 - July 8
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: closed
Tuesday: Evening meal: Meatloaf, boiled potatoes, vegetable, dessert and milk.
Wednesday: Ham and Swiss melt on bun with hash browns, vegetable, dessert and milk.
Thursday: BBQ ribs, ½ baked potato, vegetable, dessert and milk.
Friday: ¼ lb. hamburger on bun with raw onion, tator tots, vegetable, dessert and milk.

Legal Notice

ANNUAL DISCLOSURE REPORT
City of Oklee, Minnesota
Annual Disclosure of Tax Increment Districts for the Year Ended December 31, 2015.

TIF District Name/Number	TIF 1 - 1 ~ Assisted Living Housing
Current net tax capacity	\$4,968
Original net tax capacity	509
Captured net tax capacity ...	4,459
Principal and interest payments due in 2016	8,878
Tax increment received in 2015	8,567
Tax increment expended in 2015	8,567
Month and year of first tax increment receipt	June, 2011
Date of required decertification	Dec. 31, 2036

Additional information regarding each district may be obtained from:
Mr. Derek Cross, Clerk-Treasurer
City of Oklee
PO Box 190
Oklee, MN 56742
Phone: 218-796-5183

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Oklee: D & R Grocery, Cenex C-Store, Oklee Herald office.

Brooks: Brooks Travel Center.
Plummer: Plummer Coop Creamery.
Red Lake Falls: Eagle Square.
Gully: Gully Tri-Coop.
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Sudoku Solution

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

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

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

Customer Appreciation Party

Serving...

Hot Dogs on the grill, Beans, Chips, Mac Salad, Ice Cream ... Soda, Coffee

Thursday, June 30th

from 4:00 to 6:00 in a Tent by the Gazebo

Security **STATE BANK**

Phone **218-796-5157**

PO Box 69 Oklee, MN 56742

City of Oklee Minutes

City of Oklee
May 8, 2015
6:00 p.m.
Oklee Cafe

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Mayor Burthwick, Bergerson, Melby, Munt and Jensen, also present Cross, Tougas, Olson and Sherriff Bernstein, Linda McCloskey, and Rick Sherman, Gale Schmitz arrived later.

April Council meeting minutes, motioned by Munt and seconded by Bergerson, motion carried.

Board of Equalization Minutes, motioned by Melby seconded by Jensen, motion carried. Special Meeting Minutes, motioned by Melby seconded by Jensen, motion carried.

Financials from later in the meeting- Bills, motioned to accept by Melby seconded by Munt, motion carried. Financials, motioned by Bergerson seconded by Munt, motion carried.

Sherriff's Report- Bernstein reported a couple of traffic problems.

Rich Sherman/D&R Grocery-voiced his concerns of the condition of the road in from of D&R Grocery, he is concerned in case people trip up and hurt themselves. After a short discussion, it was decided that the City would dig out a 6 foot section along the front of the store and do the repair; this is the width of the buck on the skid steer. Cross stated that from memory last year, a truck load of hot mix was \$1700. Mayor Burthwick state he had looked at it and it is a bad deal, someone may get hurt. Bergerson also stated that there was plan in place to fix the whole block which fell through. Motion for the city to repair the road to a width of 6 feet by Melby and seconded by

Bergerson, motion carried.

Linda McCloskey/506 Main-asked the Council to condemn the dwelling at 506 Main Street, as she feels it is a serious health and safety hazard. It is a trailer house that has been sided with a garage added on to the trailer. She went on to say there is black mold in the dwelling, along with trash and dog mess in an old kennel, she is unable to open her windows in the summer time as they are only 6 feet apart from this property. There is also trash strewn around which encourages cats and rodents, which is a health hazard. There is also garbage and old furniture which is spilling out of the shed and onto the property. It was reported the property had not been lived in for at least 10 years and no maintenance had been done in that time. The garage which recently had a lock placed on the door also had been left open for many years, enabling varmint's access to the garage. Linda McCloskey went on to say she had hear children in the property over the years which is of huge concern to them, as they may get hurt or start a fire. She went on to add that the City had mowed this for years, and wanted to know if this had ever been added to the taxes, along with the City policy regarding water rates. Also a pickup truck at 504 Main Street has not moved or been licensed in four years, it is loaded with Junk Appliances. She thanked the Council and hoped something can be done. Cross stated it had been mown for years; Derek and Darrell would mow it if passing to keep it looking decent. Cross to get all the details on what is owed etc., also talked to the City Attorney on what can be done.

Maintenance Report- Hydrants flushed, on hydrant was found to

Red Lake County Commissioners Minutes

RED LAKE COUNTY
Regular Meeting Held
May 24, 2016

Pursuant to adjournment of its regular meeting the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners duly met in regular session at the courthouse in Red Lake Falls, MN on May 24, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. Chair Simpson called the meeting to order. All members were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Sorensen moved, seconded by Weiss and carried unanimously to approve the agenda.

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

Vendor Name	Amount
Elctions Systems & Software Inc.	\$3,487.50
Government Management Group	2,875.00
ThyssenKrupp Elevator	5,177.00
24 Payment less than \$2,000	9,432.99
Final Total	\$20,972.49

The motion includes the following added bills: \$119.13 to Power Plan; \$510.84 to Vathauer Farm Supply; \$370.00 per diem and \$27.00 expenses to Dave Sorensen; \$280.00 per diem and \$114.48 expenses to John Lerohl.

Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Sorensen and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held May 10, 2016.

Auditor Schmitz presented two tax abatements as recommended by the County Assessor. The abatements are due to granting of home-stead status. Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Sorensen and carried unanimously to approve the tax abatements for Dan Juhl (Parcel No. 08-1624-010) for payable years 2015 and 2016.

The following commissioner/committee reports were shared:

Commissioner	Meeting/Report
Weiss	Tax forfeit prop-erties.

Flage None.
Sorensen Inter County Nursing meeting discussing new member appointments and moving of offices to the Pennington Court-house.

Lerohl County Fair Board. ICCC meeting discussing Energy Crisis Funds and Head Start Program. NWHRA meeting discussing the tax levy, audit report and sale of Foxtail Apartments.

Simpson County Fair Board.

Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Weiss and carried unanimously to approve an ad in the Oklee Herald for the 2016 Red Lake County Fair.

Auditor Schmitz presented a list of (9) properties and their appraised values that were forfeited to the State of Minnesota in 2015 due to non-payment of property taxes. The values are recommended by the County Assessor. Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Sorensen and carried unanimously to approve **Resolution No. 05-01-16,**

and thereby establish the appraised values as presented and authorize the County Auditor to offer the following tax-forfeited properties for sale.

Town/City	Legal	Value	ID Number
Emardville Town:	SW1/4SW1/4		
SW of RR in 14-151-42		\$50.00	
(02-0504-000)			

City of Brooks: OTS, Lots 8 thru 11, Block 5 \$100.00 (14-2292-000)

City of Oklee: OTS, Lot 4, Block 2 \$2,000.00 (15-2344-000)

City of Oklee: OTS, Lot 12 & So ½ of Lot 13, Block 11 \$200.00 (15-2426-000)

City of Oklee: 1965 Add, So 50 ft. of Lot 4, Block 34 \$200.00 (15-2522-010)

City of RLF: B&B Add, Lots 6 thru 12, Block 13 \$500.00 (17-2845-000)

City of RLF: C&D Add, N 25 ft. of So 50 ft. of Lot 1, Block 4 \$25.00 (17-2879-000)

City of RLF: C&D Add, Lots 18 & 19; E 100 ft. of Lot 21, Blk 24 \$2,000.00 (17-2984-000)

City of RLF: Kretz Add, Lots 10 thru 12, Block 22 \$100.00 (17-3071-000)

The motion includes lowering the appraised values of two prior tax-forfeited properties:

City of RLF: Holmes Add, Part of Lot 7; Lots 8 thru 12, Block 7 \$2,000.00 (17-3048-000)

City of RLF: RR Add, Lots 21 thru 24, Block 10 \$2,000.00 (17-3343-010)

Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Sorensen and carried unanimously to approve the purchase of two portable air conditioner units to replace old window units.

Flage mentioned that a member of the Red Lake Falls City Council asked if the county would consider contributing towards repairs of the city swimming pool. No action was taken.

Environmental Officer Casavan mentioned that he is looking into installing electricity at the Oklee Land-fill and purchasing an old camper for an office at the site, and building an addition onto the Sheriff's building to store the spray truck and other equipment.

The regular board meeting was closed at 11:30 a.m. to discuss Local 49er's union negotiations. The regular meeting re-opened at 11:55 a.m. There was no action taken from the closed session.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned until June 14, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

Attest:
Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

Chuck Simpson, Chair,
Board of Commissioners
O14C

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be broken which was fixed. The Hydrant was full of water and if the cap had been removed it would have hurt someone, the water pressure is around 50 psi.

Tougas asked permission to call law enforcement for unauthorized use of hydrants and to possibly chard the individuals of theft of service. Tougas to contact Well drillers etc. to warn them that action will be taken if we find out that water is being stolen.

Large item pick up went well, 18 tons of metal, 13 televisions, and 9 microwaves and mattress, plus numerous appliances.

Ponds' lowering is underway.

Tougas reported that the screen at the ponds is working well and he is clearing it twice a week, it was state4d also that it might be a good idea to borrow the suction pump from the elevator to clean out the chamber a the ponds maybe twice a year to try avoid blockages.

Loan for televising the Sewer at \$26,500, this was a recommendation after our inspection by the MPCA. TO cover this Loan maybe a rate increase, which Bergerson commented would be \$2.50 a month per household.

Motion to go ahead with the loan/ Bonding by Bergerson, seconded by Melby, motion carried.

Street Lights- Cross showed a document of all the different prices and costs for more powerful street lights. He also reported that Otter Tail Power will have LED lights available soon, which will give a brighter light for less power usage, when costs are available, maybe look at it again.

Back Dated Pay Raise- The pay raise for Cross and Tougas which was agreed at last month's meeting was awarded from January 2016.

Motion to pay back pay from January 2016 by Bergerson, seconded by Munt, motioned carried.

Firemen's Fund- All monies in the Firemen's fund to be transferred to a new account, the reason being, the City is not allowed to run fund raisers and this is where the firemen funded the fund raisers and also is where any money they raised from fund raisers was kept, this fund also contains money donated by the Community Club.

Motion by Bergerson, seconded by Jensen motion carried.

EDA- Jim Dulka has resigned as president of the EDA. Contact EDA members to vote on new President.

Request from the beautification committee for flowers and soil for the flower pots around town, amount requested is \$300.

Motion by Melby, seconded by Munt, motion carried.

Aquestion was asked if Gretchen Beito had paid for the flowers, Beito actually gave a donation for a new sign for the City in 2015.

Mower- Replacement mower, go look and drive, contact companies and get bids.

Motion, to get bids for a rider mower by Bergerson, seconded by Melby, motion carried.

Pet license- Pamphlet for new residents, give to new residents giving an overview on certain policies. Put on water bills a not that states how many pets are allowed.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Melby, seconded by Jensen, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25p.m.

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Keep Stored Grain Cool And Dry

Ken Hellevang, NDSU Extension Ag engineer and grain drying expert says "STORED GRAIN NEEDS TO BE COOL AND DRY DURING THE SUMMER!" Cold or cool grain has been safely stored through the summer for many years, but if you allow the grain to warm to average outdoor air temperatures during the summer it can lead to insect infestations and mold growth. The optimum grain temperature for insect activity is about 70 to 90 degrees F. Reducing grain temperature below 70 degrees will lessen insect reproduction and activity, and lowering grain temperature below 60 degrees will greatly reduce insect activity. If you use aeration during the summer it could warm the grain, which may increase the moisture content of the grain slightly. Aeration fans should be covered to prevent wind and a natural chimney effect from warming the grain. Wind blowing into uncovered fans or ducts will move air through the grain in a way similar to operating an aeration fan. One challenge to keeping the grain cool during the summer is that solar energy on the bin roof heats the air above the grain. Convection currents in the grain flow up along the bin wall and down into the grain near the top of the bin, drawing this heated air into the grain.

Ventilating the space between the grain and the bin roof can reduce the amount that the grain near the top of the bin is warmed. Natural ventilation to cool this space can occur if the bin has openings near the eave and peak; these openings work like the vents in an attic of a building. The heated air rises and exits near the peak drawing in cooler air near the eave. This natural ventilation will not occur unless the bin has adequate openings at the eave and peak. Roof exhaust fans controlled by a thermostat also can be used to draw the heated air out of the bin if openings are available to allow air into the area above the grain. You can cool grain in the upper portion of the bin by operating the aeration fan about every three weeks during a cool early morning. Using positive pressure aeration to push air up through the grain enables the cool grain in the bottom of the bin to cool the air, which then cools the grain near the top of the bin. If the air dew point is warmer than the grain temperature or if the air relative humidity is high, some moisture will condense into the grain during the fan operation. Condensing moisture will release heat that will warm the air slightly, reducing the effectiveness of the aeration and increasing the amount of warming occurring

in the grain in the bottom of the bin. Therefore, selecting mornings when the air is cool and dry is important. Verify that the grain moisture is dry enough for storage at summer temperatures. The recommended long term grain storage moisture contents are about 13.5 percent for wheat, 12 percent for barley, 13.5 percent for corn, 11 percent for soybeans, 13 percent for grain sorghum, 8 percent for oil sunflowers and 10 percent for confectionary sunflowers. The market moisture content may be higher, but storing warm grain at higher moisture contents may lead to mold growth on the grain. Measure and record the stored grain temperature at several locations near the top surface, along the walls and within the stored grain. Temperature sensors are an excellent tool when monitoring stored grain, but remember that they only measure the temperature of the grain next to the sensor. Because grain is a good insulator, the grain temperature may be much different just a few feet from the sensor. Increasing grain temperature may be an indicator of an insect infestation or mold growth. Mold growth and insect infestations occur rapidly at summer temperatures, so stored grain should be checked every two weeks. A situation with only a few insects can turn into a major infestation in less than a month. Using insect traps or placing grain samples on white material helps you look for insects. To have questions answered on grain storage or receive more detailed information; you can contact Ken by e mail at kenneth.hellevang@ndsu.edu. Source: Ken Hellevang, NDSU Extension Ag Engineer.

Notice to contractors

Red Lake County, MN

COUNTY WIDE MAINTENANCE SHOULDERING BIDS CLOSE 11:00 AM, Tuesday July 12, 2016

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS:

Sealed bids will be received until 11:00 AM Tuesday, July 12, 2016 By the Red Lake County Auditor at the Red Lake Falls Court-house On behalf of the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners for the following:

CP 63-16-01 County wide maintenance shouldering

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: Furnish and install class 1 (modified) aggregate shouldering on CSAH #1 from T.H 59 to CSAH #5, CSAH #6 from CSAH #5 to East county line, CSAH #10 from CSAH #6 to North county line. Approximate aggregate shouldering total of 14,000 tons.

Proposal, plans and specifications may be obtained and examined at the office of the county highway engineer, 204 7th ST SE, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750. (218) 253-2697.

All bids must be accompanied by a certified check or bidder's bond made payable to the Red Lake County Treasurer for not less than five percent (5%) of the proposal amount.

ALL BIDS MUST BE DELIVERED TO THE RED LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR AT THE COURTHOUSE, P.O. Box 367 Red Lake Falls, MN 56750 by 11:00 AM on Tuesday, July 12, 2016.

The right is reserved to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive any defects.

Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

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Legal Notice

14-095936

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: October 2, 2008

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$168,328.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Vicki M. Kim, single, Who acquired title as Vicki M. Schmitz

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

MIN#: 1001337-0003411784-9 LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Countrywide Bank, FSB

SERVICER: Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed October 27, 2008, Red Lake County Recorder, as Document Number 127738, thereafter reformed by Court Order filed on May 18, 2016 as Document Number 134350

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP FKA Countrywide Home Loans Servicing LP

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

Auditor's Lots One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Four (4) and Five (5) of Section Twenty-five (25), Township One Hundred Fifty-two (152), Range Forty-five (45) and a specific part of Section 25 containing 15.88 acres referred to as Revised Description #2, Wylie Township: All that part of the abandoned right of way and station grounds of the railway of the Great Northern Railway Company in the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of Section Twenty-five (25), Township One Hundred Fifty-two (152) North, Range Forty-five (45) West, described as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the Southeastly boundary of said Station grounds with the East line of said Section Twenty-five (25); thence Southwestly along the Southeastly boundary of said

station grounds, being a line parallel to and two hundred (200) feet distant Southeastly from the center line of the main track of said railway as formerly located and constructed, but now abandoned, a distance of Four Hundred Eighty (480) feet to the true point of beginning; thence Northwestly at right angles to said Southeastly boundary of said station grounds Three Hundred (300) feet to the Northwestly boundary of said station grounds; thence Southwestly along the Northwestly boundary of said station grounds, being a line parallel to and One Hundred (100) feet distant Northwestly from said center line of main tract, to the West line of the Northeast Quarter (Ne 1/4) of said section Twenty-five (25); thence South along said West line to the intersection thereof by the Southeastly Boundary of said station grounds; thence Northeastly along said Southeastly boundary, being a line parallel to and Two Hundred (200) feet distant Southeastly from said center line of main tract to the true point of beginning, and Auditor's Lots Eight (8), Nine (9) and Ten (10) of Section Twenty-five (25), Township One Hundred Fifty-two (152), Range Forty-five (45), and Auditor's Lots Six (6), Seven (7) and Eleven (11) of Section Twenty-five (25), Township One Hundred Fifty-two (152), Range Forty-five.

AND Auditor's Lot Twelve (12) of Section Twenty-five (25), Township One Hundred Fifty-two (152), Range Forty-five (45), Red Lake County, Minnesota

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 14099 140th Ave SW, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750

PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 13-0162-000

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Red Lake

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$274,933.93

THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: August 18, 2016, 10:00am

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, 124 Main Avenue N, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750

to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on February 18, 2017, or the next business day if February 18, 2017 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

"THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES SECTION 582.032 DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN 5 UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

Dated: June 22, 2016

Bank of America, N.A., Successor by Merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP FKA Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP

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Regional Ag News

Jim Stordahl, Extension Educator

The Benefits of Dung Beetles in Pastures

Dung beetles play a small but remarkable role in the pasture ecosystem. They feed on manure and use it to provide housing and food for their young. This activity results in improved nutrient cycling and soil structure which results in greater forage production. Dung beetles are important enough in nutrient recycling that they well deserve the rancher's attention.

Dung beetles belong to the zoological order Coleoptera and family Scarabaeidae. Of the more than 90 species in the U.S., less than a dozen are significant in dung burial. Three behavioral groups of the beetles are relevant to manure recycling. Probably the best-known group is the "tumble bugs" or "rollers". These are so named because of their behavior characteristic of working together in pairs to roll a ball of dung (brood ball) away from a manure pile in order to bury it.

Dung beetles can be various sizes. Adults can range in size from 1/10 inch up to a whopping 2.5 inches. The front legs usually have serrated edges, used for powerful digging. Scarabs are distinguished from other beetles by the appearance of their antennae, which are segmented and end with a plate-like oval club of three to seven expandable leaves. These lobes create a large surface area for detecting odors. Look for these specialized antennae with a magnifying glass.

Adult dung beetles are connoisseurs of manure drawn by odor like that of a fine wine. Many are species-specific—they prefer a certain type of animal manure. They will fly up to 10 miles in search of just the right dung, and can attack dung pats within seconds after they drop. Some species will even hitch a ride near the tails of animals in anticipation of a deposit. Once drawn by the odor, the adults use the liquid contents of the manure for their nourishment like a "dung slurpie."

The female, which typically has shorter, thicker legs, digs

while the male helps haul the soil from the tunnel. The female lays one egg in each ball. She then seals the brood ball, seals the tunnel, and begins the process again if she is of a species that lays several eggs. Like most species, the women seem to carry the load.

The dung beetle benefits livestock and pasture by helping eliminate other livestock pests. Manure is the breeding ground and incubator for horn flies and face flies. A single manure pat can generate 60-80 horn fly adults if protected from insect predators and competitors such as dung beetles. As dung beetles feed, they compete with the fly larvae for food and physically damage their eggs. Fly populations have been shown to decrease significantly in areas with dung beetle activity. Research has shown 95% fewer horn flies emerged from cowpats with dung beetles as compared to pats where beetles were excluded.

Dung beetles are also reported to be effective biological control agents for gastrointestinal parasites of livestock. The eggs of most gastrointestinal parasites pass out in the feces of the host. The eggs then hatch into free-living larvae and develop into the infective stage. They then migrate onto grass, where they can be ingested by grazing animals, and complete their life cycle within the animal. If the manure/egg incubator is removed by beetles, the eggs perish and the life cycle of the parasite is broken.

On a pasture-management level, dung pat removal is beneficial for forage availability. Most ruminants will not graze closely to their own species' manure pats. Research has shown that the forage is palatable, but avoided because of the dung pile. Consequently, cattle manure deposits can make from 5% to 10% per acre per year unavailable. By completely and quickly removing the manure, dung beetles can significantly enhance grazing efficiency.

The tunneling behavior of

dung beetles increases the soil's capacity to absorb and hold water, and their dung-handling activities enhance soil nutrient cycling. An adequate population and mix of species can remove a complete dung pile from the surface within 24 hours. As the adult dung beetles use the liquid component for nourishment and the roughage for the brood balls, the dung pat quickly disappears. If left on the surface, up to 80% of manure nitrogen is lost through volatilization; by quickly incorporating manure into the soil, dung beetles make more of this nitrogen available for plant use.

Now the bad news. Dung beetle larvae are susceptible to some insecticides used for fly and internal parasite control for cattle. Discontinuing the use of certain insecticides will help increase your population of dung beetles. Indeed, one must consider that any product designed to harm, limit or kill would have some impact on the ecosystem in general, and should be used judiciously. Backrubbers, ear tags, and the occasional use of insecticide dusts and sprays are alternatives that have little or no effect on dung beetles. Another option is to treat cattle during the coolest months of the year, as the beetles and larvae are inactive at those times. Better yet, before treating your animals for internal parasites, take a fecal sample from suspect animals to your veterinarian. An egg count can help determine parasite load and whether the symptoms you may be seeing in the form of low gains, weight loss, unthriftiness, etc., are truly being caused by parasites.

Controlled grazing systems increase dung beetle populations and varieties by concentrating the manure in smaller areas, thus reducing the time beetles must spend in search of food. Grazing cycles that match the reproductive cycle of the beetles are favorable, as cattle return to grazing cells at the same time that new adults are emerging from the soil.

Watch the length of time it takes for the manure pats to disappear in your pasture. If they remain intact for more than a few days to weeks, chances are your dung beetle population is low to non-existent. Also look for small holes on the surface of the manure pats. Many types of beetle and other insects also help to desiccate the pats. Management is the key to increasing the number and variety of dung beetles and other beneficial insects.

For more information, contact me at 800-450-2465 or stordahl@umn.edu. Adapted from: Dung Beetle Benefits in the Pasture Ecosystem, Michelle Thomas, ATTRA Publication CT155.

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Oklee Herald Early Files

Seventy Years Ago
July 4, 1946
Grover Kalbfleisch was running for Polk County Sheriff.

Ole Sannes was a candidate for Polk County Representative.

W. B. Torgerson, Physician and surgeon, ran his own eye center in his home in Oklee.

Sixty Years Ago
July 5, 1956
A benefit for LaVonne Jaspersen, a polio victim for seven years, was being planned to help cover the cost of her treatment at Denver.

A new home replaced Ed Jacobson's home after a gas explosion demolished the home.

A Massey-Harris No.3 pto Hay Baler was being sold at Swenson Sales Company in Oklee.

Fifty Years Ago
June 30, 1966
Plummer graduating class of 1946 was having a class reunion at the Plummer High

School.

Mr. and Mrs. Ole Torgerson were being honored on their 50th wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Ted Slettvedts and Mr. and Mrs. Lars Larson were also celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

Unknown arsonists burned Louisville's Little Red School by setting a bale in front of the building and setting it ablaze.

Forty Years Ago
July 1, 1976
A horse show was held in Oklee with a total of eighty-four rider participants.

Dennis Nelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Nelson was injured while playing in Little League baseball.

Thirty Years Ago
July 2, 1986
The Oklee Herald entered its 72nd year of uninterrupted publication.

Carolyn's Clipper Barber Shop in Oklee expanded the

business into Peter's Grocery.

Janette Bydlon was crowned queen at the Miss Plummer Pageant.

Twenty Years Ago
July 3, 1996
Omer Boucher was celebrating his 90th birthday at the Oklee Senior Meal Site.

The Red Lake County Fair Horse Barn was being built.

Host parents were needed for Ching-Hui of Taiwan and Jaime from Brazil.

Ten Years Ago
June 29, 2006
Nick Mickelson was named Boys State by American Legion Post 117 of Thief River Falls.

Over 300 people attended second annual First Care Medical Services Health Fair.

Students in grades Kindergarten through Fourth attended a summer reading program where they could read and check out books for the summer.

Senior Site News and Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

After a nice warm Saturday, today has been windy and cool.

The fair has been the big event for Oklee the past three days. I spent quite a bit of time looking at the exhibits in the School.

There were a lot of different things there and many people, young and old, had spent a lot of time preparing them for show.

I had to miss most of the activities on Saturday as I attended a 94th Birthday Party for my sister-in-law. She is living with her daughter near Trail.

Today I attended the Bingo which was held in the Community Hall. I didn't win, but it is still fun to take part in all entertainment. I attended the Friday evening event at the Community Hall when local musicians and

singers performed. It was too bad there weren't many there as the entertainers did a very good performance.

June is almost over and July will be here in a few days. There are several activities planned at the Site during July and August.

We will have a Summer Party at the Site on July 28. It will take place at 1:30 p.m. There will be ice cream served as well as coffee.

In August we are planning on attending the production of "Bye, Bye Birdie" at Thief River Falls. We will have a sign-up sheet at the Site if you would like to attend.

Dates To Remember
July 4 - Independence Day no meal at Site
July 5 - Evening Meal

July 15 - Birthday Meal
July 21 - Site council Meets
July 28 - Summer Party

Words of Wisdom
An object's value is often determined by where you see it.

Few things are easily done which aren't willing done.

Joke Time
A zookeeper needed some extra animals for his zoo, so he decided to write a letter. But unfortunately he didn't know the plural of "mongoose". He started the letter: To whom it may concern, I need two mongooses." But that didn't sound right either.

Then he had an idea. "To whom it may concern, I need a mongoose, and while you're at it, send me another one."

Plummer News
By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

On Wednesday the 15th, Jean Carpenter left with Judy and Jim Kelley and Jeff for Manhattan, Kansas. It was the wedding of Margaret, the daughter of Cindy and Bruce Thomas. Cindy is Jean's daughter. The wedding was the 18th, a Saturday. Also going from Thief River Falls were: Randy and Nancy Pederson and Danielle Homes (was a bridesmaid). Also Jean's daughter Melodee flew out from Idaho Falls, Idaho to attend. The wedding was held outdoors in a garden setting. The reception was under the tent. They all had a wonderful time.

On Saturday the 18th, a graduation party was given in honor of Jesse Stanley of Braedenton, FL. He had graduated the previous week. He is the son of Candy and Dan Stanley. Candy is Bunny DuChamp's daughter. The party was at Debbie and Jim DuChamp's, hosted by Debbie and Jana Granum, her sister-in-law. Decorations and food prepared by the gals. It was a nice sunny afternoon and there was about 50 people. It was held out in the garage and under a tent area.

Last weekend, I listened to the Consolation baseball play

offs on the radio for BGMR team (Badger-Greenbush-Middle River). They had gone to the state playoffs and had won the first week. Then the next game played, they lost. So, this was Class A. They played at Jordan, MN on Friday, Christian Academy Lions won 4-0, over the Gators. BGMR has some great players. It was exciting they got that far. The announcer said the ball park was beautiful. The day before they played at Chatfield.

On Sunday, I went to Badger, attended mass and had cake, ice cream and coffee for Father's Day. I met my distant cousin Stan Rolinik's daughter Radka and boyfriend Lucas from the Czech Republic. In the afternoon visited at cousin Frank Dostal's where the visitors were staying and enjoyed that. My niece Kari from Roseau and Mike, a nephew, went to Winnipeg Saturday and picked up Lucas and Radka at the airport. They ate supper in Steinbach, MB. Then went to Roseau. From there, they went in Mike's pickup to Badger. They had never ridden in a pickup. They loved it. Radka speaks very good English. Lucas - Czech and German, and a few words in English. Radka translated

for him.

Then on Wednesday, the 22nd, they visited my brother Allan Kukowski by Wannaska at his farm. Allen took them for a wagon ride with his horses, Snip and Snap. They drove around the farm and also went around the Hayes State Park area about 3 miles away. They had an enjoyable time.

On Wednesday, the 22nd, I went to Roseau for my mom's 96th birthday party. We had cake and ice cream, took pictures, visited and had a good time. There were eleven in all. It was a rainy day. They are very wet up there.

Monte Greenwald of Aurora, CO and Mike Greenwald worked on the house, shingling next door what was Howard Greenwald's house. They had showers interrupt the work some.

On Wednesday night, about 9:45 p.m., I looked out my south window and saw a deer slowly walking past the south fence of the ball diamond. It was probably looking for water, which has been in the ditch nearby. I was just enough light to make it a pretty scene.

Last Saturday, I got six sunfish at Maple Lake. Just time out - it was a fun day!

It has been a quiet week, but so much coming up. There are weddings, family reunions, birthday parties, and then there are Fourth of July parties going to happen. One thing that is happening this week in Brooks and Red Lake Falls is the changeover of priests. We are saying goodbye to a very revered and hard worker for the Lord Father Bill DeCrans who has been a rock for us, but we are looking forward to welcoming Father Bob Schriener who will be our leader in the future. Welcome to Father Bob and with sadness we are saying Good Luck and God's blessings to Father Bill.

Cindy Determan has finally come home. She has been busy with family reunions in the southern part of the state. On Saturday she and Del were at a reunion at a golf course in Balaton where the Determan family took over the course and over 50 golfer family members took part in a golf

tournament. That evening they had a Texas cookout. A family member brought the brisket from Texas, the jalapenos and the works and made a Texas style barbecue for the family. Over 100 attended the feast. There were 20 kids at this event as well.

On Sunday there was another gathering of the family some of the older members and they had a great picnic and good times visiting and catching up. Many more people from the family came to join in the fun. Cindy said that more folks joined this year and are interested in more family get together in the future. It seems that is something that is an interest to the younger people who miss their family connection.

This past week Cindy and Del helped Craig Bakke prepare for the wedding of his daughter. Craig is a little brother of the Determan

family. Helping him is a pure pleasure and getting fun time with him is a real plus.

Myrtle Hamrum reported that she had a house guest this past few days. Omer Frette of Cambridge came to see her and visit with other relatives in the area. Omer is Myrtle's brother. They took in the fair while he was here.

Jerome and Barb Novak went to the Bank's summer picnic this past week. The burgers were excellent.

We could use some rain but our hole in the sky didn't produce even a tenth of an inch. Others had some rain and will profit from that.

We hope you have a great week and that your July 4th will be both fun and safe. Plummer will have activities on the 4th, and Maple Lake will have Arts and Crafts Fair over the weekend, a dance on the 4th. So there is always something to do. Enjoy.



Hannah and Hunter making bird houses at the Red Lake County Fair.



People who attended the color contest held in the Oklee High School gym on Friday afternoon. Each participant was given a blank sheet of paper to freehand a drawing.

Kaitlin Larson, Kathryn and Tanisha Srnsky checking in their items collected during the scavenger hunt held at the Red Lake County Fair on Friday.



Jane, Matilda and Mariah Sipper were among the many people who entered their crafts into the Open Entry held on Friday morning.



Sue Lee, Patty and Eric Mickelson were entertaining the audience at the Red Lake County Fair's Old Time Music program held at the Oklee Community Hall on Friday night.

Who's Dat?



Who's Dat?
This weeks photo is of three people who grew up in the Oklee area and graduated from Oklee High School.

Last weeks photo is of a group of students whom which most of them will turn 60 years old this year.

Top row: Mike Pearson, Bobby Emanuelson, Jim Bronken, Jim Spong, Mark Sletto, Alan Van de Streek, Roger Asselin, Wayne Vettleson, Bob Carriere

Middle: Sherry Swenson, Cindy Walsh, Avis Sorenson,

Kathy Lee, Donna LaCoursiere, Connie Jensen, Joni Cyr, Debbie Williamson, Susan Kolstoe

Bottom: Randy Hokkenan, Jim Dessellier, John Woods, Danny Christianson, Quentin Good, John Melby



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Centennial Recipe Corner

Taco Salad
Mary Jo (Hanson) Lothspeich

1 lb hamburger
1 small onion
1 (16 oz) bag shredded cheese
1 head lettuce
1 bag Nacho Cheese Doritos

1 (16 oz) bottle Hidden Valley ranch
Fry hamburger with onion. Let cool. Cut up lettuce and mix with cheese. When hamburger is cooled, add to lettuce and cheese mixture. Put dressing in mixture until moistened. Add coarsely crushed Doritos just before eating.

Deadline:
Friday's at noon!