

Oklee Precipitation
By Einar Kvasager

	Rain	Snow
July 3	Trace	
July 5	Trace	
July 7	0.04	
July 8	0.80	
Total in.	0.84	0.00

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4-H Scholarship Winners

The Red Lake County 4-H Leader's Council presented \$100 scholarship to three members. They are Akayla Rondorf, Tanner Solie, and Matt Weiss. This scholarship program is open to graduating Red Lake County High School Seniors who have been active 4-H Members for at least three years. The scholarship application selection is based on the 4-H Members involvement in both the 4-H Youth Development Program and their community service. Would you like to donate funds to the 4-H Scholarship Program? Donations can be sent to the Red Lake County Extension Office, Courthouse- P.O. Box 279, Red Lake Falls, Mn. 56750 or contact the Extension Office at 218-253-2897 or 1-800-770-1244.

The 2016 4-H Scholarship Award Recipient, **Matthew Weiss**, son of Ron and Sharon Weiss of Red Lake Falls, Mn. Matt is a member of the Huot Hustlers 4-H Club. He has been active in the 4-H Youth Development Program for 11 years. Some of his activities and participation in 4-H include: 4-H County Ambassador Program, 4-H Share the Fun Program, CWF (Citizenship Washington Focus Trip), Ditch Cleaning, 4-H Make It and Take It Project Night, 4-H Get Green Night, County and State Fair,



Mathew Weiss

Unity Bank North Customer Appreciation, Vice President of the Huot Hustlers 4-H Club and 4-H Leader's Council.

Matt says, "4-H has helped me with my leadership, public speaking, life skills, and working with people.

The 2016 4-H Scholarship Award recipient **Akayla Rondorf**, daughter of Lee and Jacklyn Rondorf of Red Lake Falls, Mn. Akayla is a member of the Huot Hustlers 4-H Club. She has been active in the 4-H Youth Development Program for five years. Some of her activities and participation in 4-H include: 4-H Share the Fun, 4-H Make It and Take It Night, County and State Fair, 4-H



Akayla Rondorf

Get Green Night, Unity Bank North Customer Appreciation, and ditch cleaning.

Akayla says, "Being a 4-H Member has affected my life positively. I met new people. I have learned many things like leadership and how to make different foods/snacks."

The 2016 4-H Scholarship Award recipient, **Tanner Solie**, son of Kory and Betty Solie of Fertile, Mn. Tanner is a member of the Huot Hustlers 4-H Club. He has been active in the 4-H Youth Development Program for seven years. Some of his activities and participation in 4-H include: 4-H County Ambassador Program, 4-H Share the Fun



Tanner Solie

Program, Ditch Cleaning, CWF (Citizenship Washington Focus Trip), 4-H Make It and Take It Project Night, 4-H Get Green Night, County and State Fair, Unity Bank North Customer Appreciation, President of the Huot Hustlers 4-H Club, and Treasurer for the 4-H Leader's Council for two years.

Tanner says, "4-H has helped me in so many ways. A couple ways were teaching me to be a better leader and lead club members, talk in front of many people and help in state presence! It taught me how to give back to the community and being grateful for everything they do."

Security State Bank and Agency Appreciation Day

The Security State Bank Agency held a customer appreciation day on June 30th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. They served hotdogs, salads, chips, choice of beverage and an ice cream cone for dessert.

The employees set up a tent for the public to sit under while they enjoyed their meal which was cooked and served under the gazebo.

The weather was a little cool and windy that day but that didn't seem to stop their customers from coming out to enjoy this annual event.

Many people attend the meal held at the gazebo in Oklee west of the bank. In addition to the appreciation meal it brings about an opportunity for people to catch up with their friends and family.



Pat Asselin, Joyce Asselin, and Eleanor Christianson enjoy visiting at the Customer Appreciation Day.



Anne Hammer served Don Brown an ice cream cone during the Security State's Appreciation Day.



Bergit and Earl Swenson, Larry and Jeanie O'Neill and Audrey Bachand enjoyed their meal at the bank/agency's appreciation meal.



Bonny Cote and Ron Juneau visited at the Security State's Customer Appreciation Day.

Celebrating 50 Years

Loretta first worked for Oklee Manufacturing, owned by Wallace E "Wally" Groberg, doing upholstery work, making snowmobile cushions, snowsuits and jackets for Arctic Cat. When Groberg retired, a nonagricultural idea came to him and that's what started Oklee Manufacturing in 1966. Some perks about Oklee Manufacturing were that Groberg paid his workers at a higher than average rate, had good working conditions, and was always testing new products and ideas. He also ran his business on a cash only basis, paying for equipment as soon as possible and buying products only with cash.

Twenty years later, in 1988, Loretta and Irvin Flatgard bought Oklee Manufacturing and changed the name to

what we know now as "Oklee Quilting Supply, Inc." At the time Oklee Quilting was known for its polyester batting and stuffing that was shipped all over the United States, including Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico. They also offered broadcloth, ready-made quilts, pillow forms, and some ready-made jackets. Today they offer a wide variety of fabrics, from cotton, flannel, fleece and minky, they can do the quilting on quilts, offer quilting supplies like pins, scissors and cutting mats and still offer polyester batting and stuffing. They also offer some sewing classes that are held through the year.

On June 15, 2016 Oklee Quilting will be celebrating Loretta's 50th year anniversary. Everyone is invited to come and celebrate with Loretta.



The Red Lake County Fair in 1982 brought many into town for the fair rides.

Short History of the Red Lake County Fair

As early as 1902, Red Lake County Agricultural Society was hosting the annual county fair. At that time it was a fall event, but has gradually been moved up to its summer home.

It was originally held in Red Lake Falls, the County Seat, and the fair grounds were located just north of the present Detroit Mobile Home plant in Red Lake Falls. It was complete

with a covered grandstand, dance pavilion, and mile race track. The fair grounds were destroyed sometime between 1939 & 1941 by a severe windstorm.

The 4-H program was started in Red Lake County in 1936 reviving the spirit of competition. The traditional 4-H Achievement Day began. The fairground was used for the judging of livestock. Interest in 4-H grew and so did the need for more room. The Community Hall in Red Lake Falls was used as exhibits and the animals were shown at buildings where the Red Lake Falls baseball and hockey arena are now located.

In 1955, the Fair Board purchased 10 lots along the Clearwater River. In 1960, a Quonset building was erected for 4-H exhibits and a second Quonset was built for the livestock and a third pole building was used for animals. The sports arena was rented from the City, housed open class exhibits, the 4-H concessions stand, grand stand and commercial booths.

In 1980, the Fair Board sold the buildings to the Red Lake Falls Schools with the agreement that the Fair Board could continue to use the building during the fair. In 1981, the Fair Board could no longer use the arena because artificial ice has been installed. All the exhibits were moved to the other buildings. Commercial booths were no longer available because space was limited. Livestock exhibits were also limited because of space.

In 1982, the Red Lake County Fair moved to a new home, Oklee, and many people put in a lot of hard work to organize the move. Plans were carefully laid as to what exhibits would be best placed in what locations. The facilities available were put to the best possible use. The Oklee School housed all the commercial exhibits, 4-H exhibits, and open class exhibits (except for livestock) and the Fair Board Office. Inter County Community Council garage, Melby's Fairway warehouse, Oklee Car Wash and the vacant wool shed housed the livestock.

The 4-H food stand was set up in the school Home Economics room. The carnival was set up around the main street of Oklee. Everything looked good for the new home of the Red Lake County Fair.

It was less than 48 hours until the fair was set to open, when a tornado swept through Oklee. Luckily none of the buildings that were to be used by the fair were damaged beyond use. The town was a mess with scattered building parts and trees, wires down, electricity off and everyone in a daze. A call went out to the County Extension Agent, Dave Kabes and he was on his way to help the people of Oklee organize and clean-up. A disaster headquarters was set up and hundreds of volunteers were on hand to work. Area people, 4-H'ers, and many outsiders came into Oklee and cleaned up the debris left behind by the tornado and the Fair opened on schedule with an exceptionally clean downtown, while signs of the tornado still could be seen.

Richard Murack of Oklee was one of the local residents who put out a lot of work helping the fair move and settle into its new home. He gave much of his own time, use of his equipment and buildings and helped organize much of the planning of the fair.

That fall the Fair Board purchased three lots in Oklee and constructed a 48x80 pole shed for the livestock exhibits.

During the 1983 Red Lake County Fair, three men were honored for their donations to and leadership of the Red Lake County Fair: John Glass served as president of the Fair



Many people joined together to clean up the streets after the storm in 1982.

4-H Demonstrations at the Red Lake County Fair



The County 4-H Demonstrations were held at the Community Hall in Red Lake Falls on June 16th. The 4-H Members doing a demonstration were: Sidney Olson, "Have Fun with Painting," Tyler Burthwick, "How to make Pudding" and "How to make Fire Starters," Emma Knott, "From Drab to Fab-T-shirt to Scarf," Paige Olson, "Cool Crafty Coasters," Jacob Solie, "Healthy Snack-Frozen Yogurt Covered Blueberries"

Blueberries," Jack Dodson, "Making Jello," Coby Knott, "Hockey Shots," and Hayden Shulstad, "A Hiking we will Go." All participants received \$10.00 at the 4-H Awards Night, Saturday, June 25th at the Red Lake County Fair along with their 4-H ribbon premium. Sydney Olson received a grand champion on her demonstration and is eligible to take it to the Minnesota State Fair. Great job 4-Hers!



Coby Knott "Hockey Shots" demonstration.



Hayden Shulstad "A Hiking we will Go" 4-H demonstration.



Paige Olson demonstrated her "Cool Crafty Coasters."



Emma Knott "From Drab to Fab" 4-H demonstration.



Tyler Burthwick demonstrated "How to make Pudding" and "How to make Fire Starters" during the 4-H demonstrations.



Jack Dodson's "Making Jello" demonstration.



Jacob Solie demonstrated a "Healthy Snack-Frozen Yogurt Covered Blueberries."



Sydney Olson with her "Have Fun with Painting" demonstration.

4-H Grand and Reserve Ribbon Winners at the Red Lake County Fair



Akayla Rondorf earned a grand champion ribbon in crafts, fine arts, at the Red Lake County Fair.



Justin Solie earned a grand champion ribbon in entomology, self-determined and dog.



Paige Olson earned a grand ribbon in picture, clothes you make, clothes you buy, and quilt. She also received reserve grand ribbons in flower gardening, quilt, coaster and demonstration.



Ryan Tvedt earned a grand champion ribbon in Internet safety at the Red Lake County Fair.



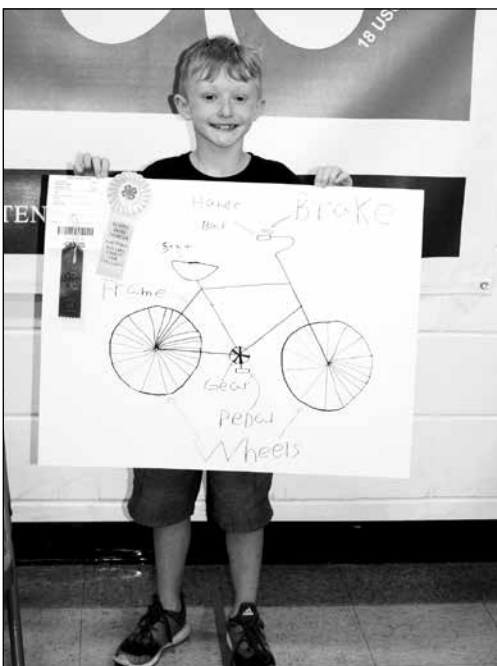
Sydney Olson received a grand champion in clothes you buy, child care and family development, flower gardening, photos, quilting, demonstrations, food and nutrition (baking) and food preservation. She also earned a reserve grand in quilting.



Jacob Solie got a reserve grand ribbon in auger safety, cat vaccinations, performing arts, wildlife biology, horse and banana bread.



Tanisha Srnsky earned a reserve grand in shop at the Red Lake County Fair.



A reserve grand ribbon was earned by Oliver Russillo in bicycle.



Emma Knott won a grand ribbon in youth leader and food preservation and a reserve grand ribbon in vegetable garden, citizenship and construction.



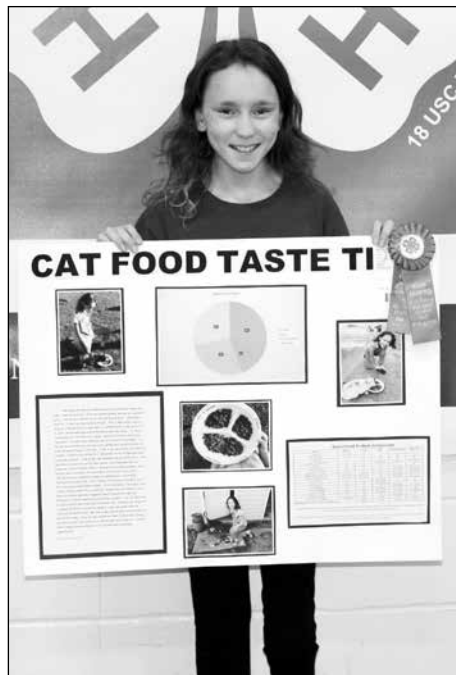
Shelby Gunderson earned a grand champion ribbon in health at the Red Lake County Fair.



Ryan Tvedt received a grand champion in rabbit at the Red Lake County Fair.



Isabella Russillo received a grand champion ribbon in clothes you make.



Bailey Culkins received a grand champion ribbon in cat at the Red Lake County Fair.



Kendra Rondorf received a reserve grand ribbon in food and nutrition.

Plummer Fourth of July



Plummer Fire Department's 5-10K Run
Winners of each class from the Plummer Fire Department's 4th of July 5k-10k. Front Row L to R: Nora Benshoof 5k Female 31-40, Joy Torkleson 5k Female 41-50, Ashley Longtin 5K Female Under 20, Kyla Bays 5k Female 20-30, Mary Thorstad 5k Female 51-60, Brad Bosch 5k Male 41-50, Regan Bosch Male Under 20. Back Row L ro R: Beth Iliff 10k 51-60, Vaughn Langaas Male 10k 51-60, David Fox 5k Male 31-40, Steve Quick 5k Male 51-60, Don Hagen 5k Male 60 plus, Jenna Puttkamer 10k Female 20-30, Joan Powell 5k Female 60 plus.



Kory and Carol Chervestad along with their grandchildren rode in a 1964 Chevy Impala Convertible at the 4th of July parade in Plummer.



The Oklee Fire Department attended the Plummer 4th of July parade.



Charlie Bishop drove his Olive Row Crop tractor in the Plummer 4th of July Parade.



The power of the mini farmall tractor pulled an International M Farmall.

Net Wrap or Twine?

What's better on large round bales - net wrap or twine? Of course, the question is largely a matter of personal preference, but it has been objectively researched by Dr Kevin Shinnners, Agricultural Engineer at the University of Wisconsin. Some of the suggested advantages of net wrap include faster baling, lower baling losses, better bale integrity during handling and transport, better water shedding ability and lower outdoor storage losses. The net wrap material and equipment do add to the costs of baling, but Shinnners' research results justify the added costs in many situations.

Faster Baling
Only 1½ to 2½ turns of the bale are required to wrap a bale with net wrap, compared to 20 to 30 turns with twine. According to the their research, a baler set up to net wrap can bale 32% more bales per hour than one using twine.

This speeds up the baling process, allowing more to get done when the weather is good. It also saves fuel and labor. This significantly greater productivity is the main advantage of net wrap balers, particularly for farmers with large acreages and custom operators who can pass on the higher costs to their customers.

Reduced Baling Losses
Because you are spinning the bale in the chamber significantly fewer times while wrapping with net wrap rather than with twine, there is significantly less leaf loss dropping out of the baler. In the WI research, wrapping losses were 1.0% of dry matter with net wrap and 2.9% with twine.

Reduced Outdoor Storage Losses
Outdoor hay storage results in a great deal of spoilage. Storing hay inside is recommended, but not always possible. Tarps can work, but can be challenging to maintain.

The reality is that there are often lots of bales stored outside uncovered. "Water shedding ability" for outdoor bales storage is frequently cited as a perceived advantage of net wrap.

In the Wisconsin trials measuring moisture levels in the "outside rind" of the bales, net wrapped alfalfa bales did shed rainfall better than twined wrapped bales and were lower moisture. Finer stemmed grasses seemed to form a better thatch. However, some of the advantage of improved water shedding ability is lost if bales are not stored on a well-drained surface (crushed rock, pallets, etc). Otherwise, rainwater will run off the bales and accumulate at the bottom.

In this study, in the outside hay rind, nutrient composition was significantly higher and dry matter losses were lower for net wrap compared to twine, but the core was generally unaffected. Average total



The Oklee Ambulance attended the 4th of July Parade held in Plummer.



Brock Tvedt drove his B Farmall tractor at the 4th of July Parade.



Garden Valley Telephone Company partook in the Plummer 4th of July parade.



The Digi Key team at the Plummer 4th of July parade with their Ferris wheel float.



Marcus Christensen drove an Allis Chalmers through the streets of Plummer during the 4th of July Parade.

dry matter losses for bales stored outside on the ground were 11.3% for plastic twine wrapped bales and 7.3% for net wrap. However, both of these options have significantly higher losses than inside storage and net wrapping bales for uncovered storage outside does not substitute for inside storage.

Other Advantages
If you are selling hay, net wrapped bales have greater aesthetical appeal and marketability, particularly cover-edge net wrap. Net wrapped bales have better bale integrity during handling and transport. This is particularly the case with round bales of chopped straw.

Additional Costs & Other Disadvantages
Balers can be easily equipped to net wrap bales. The wrapping mechanism can increase the initial cost of the baler by 15 to 25%. For example, it could add \$5,000 to the cost of a new \$30,000 round baler. The net wrap material also costs more. Depending on the number of wraps and other assumptions, the cost may be approximately doubled from about 50 cents to about \$1 per bale, or about \$1.25 to \$1.75 more per ton of dry hay.

In addition to the cost, some producers have found that net wrapped bales are more inclined to freeze hard to the ground. Although removing frozen twine from an iced-over bale during the dead of winter is nobody's favorite job, this can be even more challenging with net wrap.

A net wrap system costs

more than twine, but in many situations, including large volume operators, hay producers marketing large round bales, and farmers using some outdoor storage, those costs can be recovered by faster baling and reduced dry matter losses.

For more information, contact me at 800-450-2465 or stordahl@umn.edu
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Scouting For Soybean Aphids

Phil Glogoza, U M Extension Regional Crops Educator, says over 100 soybean fields were surveyed by IPM Survey Scouts during the last two weeks in N D and Mn. Low numbers of soybean aphids were found in one field in ND and in one field each in Isanti and Ottertail counties in Mn. The temperatures that we have been experiencing in the 70s and 80s is favorable for soybean aphid development. This means that now is a good time to start monitoring for soybean aphids.

Regular scouting (at least once a week) is important to determine which fields have economic population levels of soybean aphids. Fields that have buckthorn nearby, the overwintering host, may be colonized first and require earlier scouting. During mid-season (July and early August, infestations of soybean aphids in our region have been strongly influenced by migrating aphids form other areas. Inspect 10

plants and 4 sites per field for a total of 40 plants per field. Examine the entire plant, particularly new growth at the top of the plant. Use an action threshold of 250 aphids per plant if populations are actively increasing on 80% of the field for plants in late vegetative to r1 (beginning bloom) through the r5 (beginning seed) soybeans. See page 81 of the 2010 NDSU Soybean Production Field Guide for details.

Avoid early season application of insecticides for control of sub-economic populations of soybean aphids. why? According to Phil, here's four good reasons to avoid early spraying:

1 Kills beneficial insects like lady bird beetles, lacewings, and nabids that keep aphid populations low and below economic threshold levels;

2 Increases secondary insect pest outbreaks, like spider mites. Early spraying of pyrethroid class of insecticides

for soybean aphids can flare mite populations (except bifenthrin A.I.):

3 Requires second insecticide application (increasing input costs) to control aphids and / or mites later in the season because insect populations will rebound with aphid movements in the area and aphids migrating on winds from other regions and;

4 Increases the risk of aphids developing insecticide resistance due to unnecessary applications of insecticides.

Unfortunately In SW MN, soybean aphids have developed resistance to a few of the common pyrethroids (e.g., Warrior and generics, etc.) that are commonly used to control soybeans aphids. For more detailed information on soybean aphids or to have questions answered; you can contact Phil by e mail at glogo001@umn.edu.

Source: B. Potter and R. Koch, University Minnesota Extension.

Dairy Producers Can Enroll Today to Protect Milk Production Margins

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Minnesota today announced that dairy producers can enroll for 2017 coverage in the Margin Protection Program for Dairy (MPP-Dairy) starting July 1. The voluntary program, established by the 2014 Farm Bill, provides financial assistance to participating dairy producers when the margin – the difference between the price of milk and feed costs – falls below the coverage level selected by the producer.

The Margin Protection Program gives participating dairy producers the flexibility to select coverage levels best suited for their operation. Enrollment begins July 1 and ends on Sept. 30, 2016, for coverage in calendar year 2017. Participating farmers will remain in the program through 2018 and pay a minimum \$100 administrative fee each year. Producers have the option of selecting a different coverage level during open enrollment each year.

USDA has a web tool to help producers determine the level of coverage under the Margin Protection Program that will provide them with the strongest safety net under a variety of conditions. The online resource, available at

www.fsa.usda.gov/mpptool, allows dairy farmers to quickly and easily combine unique operation data and other key variables to calculate their coverage needs based on price projections. Producers can also review historical data or estimate future coverage needs, based on data projections. The secure site can be accessed via computer, Smartphone or tablet 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

To complete enrollment, producers must make coverage elections during the enrollment period and pay the annual \$100 administrative fee that provides basic catastrophic protection that covers 90 percent of milk production at a \$4 margin coverage level. For additional premiums, operations can protect 25 to 90 percent of production history with margin coverage levels from \$4.50 to \$8, in 50 cent increments. Once enrolled, dairy operations are required to participate through 2018 by making coverage elections each year. Producers can mail the appropriate form to the producer's administrative county FSA office, along with applicable fees without necessitating a trip to the local FSA office. If electing higher coverage for 2017, dairy producers can either pay the premium in full at

the time of enrollment or pay 100 percent of the premium by Sept. 1, 2017. Premium fees may be paid directly to FSA or producers can work with their milk handlers to remit premiums on their behalf.

Also beginning July 1, 2016, FSA will begin accepting applications for intergenerational transfers, allowing program participants who added an adult child, grandchild or spouse to the operation during calendar year 2014 or 2015, or between Jan. 1 and June 30, 2016, to increase production history by the new cows bought into the operation by the new family members. For intergenerational transfers occurring on or after July 1, 2016, notification to FSA must be made within 60 days of purchasing the additional cows.

Dairy operations enrolling in the new program must meet conservation compliance provisions and cannot participate in the Livestock Gross Margin Dairy Insurance Program.

For more information, visit FSA online at www.fsa.usda.gov/dairy or stop by a local FSA office to learn more about the Margin Protection Program. To find a local FSA office in your area, visit http://offices.usda.gov.



Sign 'em up & Line 'em up! Shirley Brinkman was the new organizer of the Kid's Parade entries in Trail this July 4th. This took some of the workload off Karen Weber who has handled the details for many years. Other such fun jobs can be had for the asking! Contact the Trail Community Club about next year.

Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial

A donation to the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial was recently received in memory of Doris Nelson, Oklee. Iona Berry, Oklee, made a contribution to the Memorial in memory of Doris Nelson who was well known in the area. Donations to the Veterans' Memorial are used for ongoing needs, flag replacement and updates to the area. The Oklee Garden Club planted and is maintaining the 420 red, white and "blue" petunias around the monument at the Veterans' Memorial.

The plants are thriving and add a beautiful touch of color to the area. Vince Dessellier has volunteered for several years to mow the Memorial grounds and keeps the lawn looking well groomed.

Donations to the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial may be sent to Security State Bank, Box 69, Oklee, MN, attn: Lori Melby. Questions should be directed to Mary Lynn Bachand at 796-5765 or by emailing bachand@gvtel.com.



Still working after all these years, at least Virginia Weber and Helen Sordahl got to sit down on the job for a while at this year's Fourth. Trail has been Celebrating the 4th of July with friends and neighbors for about a half century with only a few people at the helm. This year, they put the word out that "We need Help!" and a few new volunteers surfaced and really lightened the workload for the regulars; but they could use a few more hands for next year. You can go to the Lake any time, but those who comes to Trail on the 4th find it a "really nice" way to celebrate . Make your own family plans to join the tradition of Trail on the 4th next year and consider offering up an hour to help out.

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Interim Agricultural Extension Educator

I'd like to reintroduce myself. My name is Ray Bisek and I'll be filling in on a temporary basis, 2 day a week, as U of M Extension Educator in Polk and Clearwater Counties until a new hire is found to replace Jim Stordahl who recently retired. Some of you may recall that I was in the McIntosh Extension office on a part time basis a number of years ago. I previously worked for U of M Extension for 22 years in Mahnommen and Norman Counties and took an early retirement 5 years ago. My background is in crop production systems and farm business management but also have interests in animal production systems, horticulture and natural resources. I reside in Mahnommen County and also do some substitute teaching, FSA field reporting, and farming. I'll be in both the Polk and Clearwater County Extension offices one day per week, usually on Wednesday and Thursday, but that may be subject to change. You can reach me at 218-563-2465 (McIntosh office), 218-694-6151 (Bagley office) or 218-280-1129 (cell) or by email at bisek001@umn.edu.

Northwest Research and Outreach Center Crops and Soils Day 2016

The NWROC will hold their Crops and Soils day, Wednesday, July 20, 2016, located 1 mile north of the University of Minnesota Crookston campus at the North Farm.

Crops & Soils Day will include a small grains tour in the morning and a sugarbeet tour in the afternoon. Registration for the small grains tours starts at 7:45 a.m. and tours start at 8:15 a.m. Registration for the sugarbeet tours starts at 12:30 with tours starting at approximately 12:45 p.m.

Small Grains Tour topics and speakers include:

Barley Varieties and Breeding Research - Kevin Smith. This presentation will focus on the performance of currently available barley varieties in the region including yield potential, disease resistance, and malting quality differences. Breeding

objectives and current breeding methodologies will be described, as well as variety releases expected in the future.

Wheat B reeding Variety Update - Jim Anderson. Dr. Anderson will be discussing spring wheat varieties and the U of MN spring wheat breeding programs. A brief summary of characteristics of about 20 spring wheat varieties will be provided, with a focus on varieties released within the past 2-3 years. Promising U of MN spring wheat experimental lines that may be candidates for release in the next two years will also be highlighted.

Disease Management in Small Grains - Madeleine Smith. Attendees will learn how to identify and distinguish important disease of small grains. They will also learn the best methods of control based on each disease, environmental conditions and other agronomic considerations. Attendees will also learn about the latest applied research happening in small grains at the NWROC and how this will help inform future management practices.

Soybean Breeding and Genetics - Aaron Lorenz. University of Minnesota soybean breeders and geneticists use a variety of techniques to develop traits and varieties beneficial to Minnesota soybean growers. This presentation will provide information on current and future foci of UMN soybean breeding.

Is climate variability increasing the need for sulfur for crops in Northwest Minnesota? - Dan Kaiser. The need for sulfur for crops is typically tied to the amount that can be supplied on a yearly basis from soil organic matter. Mineralization of sulfate-sulfur from soil organic matter is related to soil temperature and the amount of available water. Sulfate-sulfur can also leach resulting in a net loss in available sulfur to the plant. Field crops such as canola and alfalfa may require sulfur application on a yearly basis but crops such as corn, soybean, and spring wheat may not. Current research has focused on the response of corn and spring wheat to sulfur application in order to fine tune optimal application rates and

what sources are the best to apply. This research will be discussed in order to outline how future fertilizer guidelines may be impacted.

Optimum Seeding Rates for Diverse HRSW Varieties - Jochum Wiersma. There is an increased interest in growing rye not only as a cover crop in both organic and conventional production systems but also for food and feed. Swine rations in Denmark, for example, routinely now include rye as it has shown health benefits including reduced need for antibiotics and increased satiety resulting in less bullying in group housing. In the US there is a renaissance underway to use rye in brewing and distilling. Rye is uniquely suited to drought-stress prone soils and is the most winter hardy cereal crop. In this region the yield of modern rye hybrids will outstrip the most adapted winter wheat cultivars by nearly 20%.

Current Insect Problems in Red River Valley Cropping Systems and Remote Sensing of Insects and Plant Disease - Benefits and Limitations - Ian MacRae. Will discuss the insect problems in the Red River Valley and speak to the advantages of utilizing remote sensing of insects and remote sensing of plant disease in the Valley. I will also speak to the benefits and limitations of remote sensing.

The afternoon sugarbeet tour topics and speakers include "Sugarbeet Yield and Quality Response to Nitrogenous Fertilizer Application Rates" - Amitava Chatterjee; "Utilization of Boron Treatments in Sugarbeet Production" - Hal Mickelson; "Crop Safety From Soil-applied Herbicides in Sugarbeet" - Tom Peters; "Timing of Removal of Cover Crops in Sugarbeets" - Tom Peters; "Current Insect Problems in Red River Valley Cropping Systems and Remote Sensing of Insects and Plant Disease - Benefits and Limitations" - Ian MacRae; "Management of Rhizoctonia and Aphanomyces in Sugarbeet" - Ashok Chanda

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Oklee Herald Early Files

Seventy Years Ago
July 18, 1946
Sigurd Rrosteu of Oklee lost one of his red and white faced heifer calf after it strayed from his home.
The Oak Theatre in Oklee was showing Ernie Pyles "Story of G.I. Joe."
Henry T. McAnulty wrote a word of thanks to his supporters in the Oklee and Red Lake Falls Community during the primary election.
Sixty Years Ago
July 19, 1956
Ebenezer congregation celebrated its 50th year as a church.
Roland Varin, 15, was injured when his pickup hit the ditch, destroying the pickup.
9-year old Sharon Clemenson almost drowned when after walking backwards into a drop off in the water.
Fifty Years Ago
July 14, 1966
Kenny's Standard of Oklee did tune-ups, motor overhaul, brake jobs and wheel balancing.
Eleven African officials stayed at Red Lake County farms to learn about American

cooperatives.
Security State Bank advertised an easier way to pay bills by getting a checking account.
Forty Years Ago
July 15, 1976
The Oklee Jaycess won over the Lions Club during a Donkey Softball game.
Wendy Williams graduated from the University Of Minnesota Institute Of Technology with a degree in Metallurgical Engineering.
Debbie Caskey was chosen as queen of the Bicentennial horse show season.
Thirty Years Ago
July 16, 1986
Ruth Olson received a phone call from her son Clifford who had just returned home from their trip to Colorado.
Grundy and Ella Sannes held a gathering to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary.
Jim Clemenson originally from Gonvick accepted a position as a Salesman with the Minnesota Twins.
Twenty Years Ago
July 17, 1996
The 4th annual Oklee

Firemen Demolition Derby was being held at the Red Lake County Fair.
Jeremy Anderson and Dayle Vettleson were two summer youth employees hired by the City of Oklee.
Truman Sorenson and Harold Sorenson were the local entertainment at the 87th annual Stevne Setesdals Laget of America, a celebration honoring the Telemark Norwegian ancestry.
Ten Years Ago
July 13, 2006
Tony and Sheila Gerardy were named the 2006 University of Minnesota Farm Family.
Ebenezer Lutheran church celebrated its 100th anniversary.
Jessie Hamrum won second place at the Hershey Cocoa Classic Competition at the RLC fair with her Chocolate EauClaire and Tyrell Hamrum came in 3rd with his Cookie Dough Brownies.
Breanna Columbus took 3rd place with her demo on "making food pyramid sundae."

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

We did get some rocky weather over the weekend. It blew a bit and rained a lot in some places in our yard with Friday's rain and Sundays rain we totaled 1 inch and 3 tenths. Other places had an abundance of rain. We are sneaking by though. And we are thankful for what we have.
It has been a busy summer for the Gagner's lives. Diane is still recuperating from her accident early this spring, and two weeks ago they attended the wedding of their grand daughter Brittany Gagner , daughter of Tim and Brenda Gagner of Fergus Falls. It was a beautiful wedding set in the garden of Tim and Brenda. Brittany married Mitch Grunig and they will make their home in West Fargo. Congratulations to the Grunigs may your lives reflect your love for years to come.
The Gagners had a busy weekend as well. Stephanie Koralewski of Maple Plain came on Saturday, Tim and Brenda Gagner of Fergus Falls, Angie Stone of Champlin all came on Friday and stayed till Sunday. Other guests who came and went over the weekend were Barb and Vern Lacousierre of Tucson, AZ, Kenny and Julie Wichterman of Hutchinson, Mae and Sally Wichterman of St. Cloud, Tom and Jane Hackenmueller of Monticello, Mandy Rathmanner of Savage, Patty Mullum of Ramsey. On Sunday all of their guests and the Gagners went to Rolland and Nancy Gagner's home at Lake Sarah.
The celebration of Life for Scott Gagner son of Nancy and Rolland Gagner was held on Saturday at the Thief River Falls Golf Club. Scott had

worked at the golf course for many years and was well known in the area. There was a huge turnout for his memory and to celebrate his life. Rest in peace Scott. Our sympathy to his family.
Happy birthday wishes go out to many people who had a birthday on the 4th of July and since, Clarence Gagner celebrated on the 4th. And since then Randy Versdahl celebrated his birthday on the 7th. We won't say the ages because I might have to retract this note in the news. We hope your birthday will bring great things for the coming year.
Therese Radniecki came to pick up Elaine Radniecki and they went to visit at the Errol Rustan home.
After a week visiting with

Barb and Jerome Novak , Rebecca Novak headed home on Sunday to Mankato Minnesota. She did get to see her nieces and nephews in Warroad twice while she was visiting here in Brooks. She attended the play "Mary Poppins" in Warroad on Wednesday evening. She also spent time with Jerome Novak while he was in Chemo at the hospital.
Nancy and Chuck Stridde, sister of Marc Parenteau who was visiting last week, celebrated their 55th anniversary. Congratulations you both have stayed young in your marriage and that must be why you look so young.
Red Hats meet on the 13th of July at the Cozy Bar in Brooks. Everyone welcome.

Bonny's Bits...

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It has been a pretty nice summer so far, and we can't complain. Even with the few storms we have gotten, it is nothing like some areas have received.
On Saturday and Sunday night, bad weather did move through our area, but I haven't heard any reports of tornado's, hail, etc. close to Oklee. Just rain and wind, which hasn't been too bad so far. Family in the Cities have had a couple of horrific storms, with tornados sighted, electric services disrupted, etc. last week, so we have been very lucky.
Last Saturday night in Oklee there was a 50th anniversary party for Richard and Karen (Chervestad) Mathson and there was a large crowd of

friends and family there to wish them many more years of wedded bliss.
It was fun for my mom and I to go and visit with the cousins, as it seems we never get to visit except at funerals and other family celebrations. Many comments that evening included reminiscing about how everyone would visit back and forth when they grew up and there was always gatherings to attend. But since TV came in to the picture, visiting became a thing of the past. That is very true, but I also think the fact that cars also helped squash the neighborhood visiting that took place. People became more mobile, took jobs farther away from their homes, moved away, and life just got busier, etc.

Rites held for

Sherry Kankel

Sherry Kankel, 79, passed away on Saturday, May 28th, 2016 in her home in Red Lake Falls after losing her courageous battle with cancer.
Her body may have given up, but her spirit lives on in the lives of those she touched.
Mass of the Christian Burial

was held on Saturday, June 18 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Red Lake Falls with Father Bob LaPlante presiding. Burial was at Oak Grove Cemetery in Red Lake Falls.
Sherry Lynn Hince was born in Equality Township near Oklee, the second of eight children born to Elmer and Marie Hince.

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Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

A 50 year class reunion was held at the Plummer Legion with about twenty of the thirty classmates. Three from the class; Chuck Simpson, Gary Arlt, Ronnie Waldal. Supper was BBQ's, chips, salad, beans, and desserts. Pictures were taken at the Gazebo. This was Saturday July 2nd. They had a good time!
Pastor Jonathan Dodson, Kelly, Jack, and Lola and Jonathan's mom, Laurna enjoyed a trip to California to the Red Woods, it's an annual trip. They returned on Friday, July 1st.
Alice Jobe attended the Wojo's Rodeo at Greenbush on Friday evening. Riders were from all over North West Minnesota. A couple from Manitoba and also South Dakota. Alice also visited her mom Friday afternoon at Roseau for two hours.
On the 4th, there were about thirty for the 5K walk at 8:00 a.m. Nora (Greenwald) and Benshoof finished first in her category. The parade drew a good crowd. The museum was open 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There was a car show after the parade. There was a rock climbing wall for kids and adults. It was a hit. There was a flea market in the park and food vendors. There was Bingo at 1:30 p.m. at the Legion. Also at 1:00 p.m. there was a Medivac helicopter flew in. It was there at the ball diamond till 2:00 p.m. The weather sure cooperated. It was beautiful.

On Saturday the 2nd, Jim and Judy Kelley celebrated their 50th at their home. It was held in the backyard. BBQ's, salads, chips, cheese and meat snacks, pickles and cupcakes. Tables were decorated with fresh flowers and a real nice crowd of people enjoyed the after with them.
Debbie and Arlan Brekke, of Oklee, visited Alice Jobe on Saturday.
Emily Brustad and her daughter Charlie, come for the 4th to Dan and Mel Brustad's. Charlie stayed for a week with them.
Lorie Gildea of Minneapolis came for a visit over the 4th. She is the daughter of Roger and Pollie Skjervsen She was in the parade. She is a Minnesota Chief Justice.
Charlie and Mallory Benstrom and Briar, of Lancaster visited Tony Gerardy's over the 4th and other family members.
Nick (Sonny) Gallant and Dareen and son, of Des Moines, Iowa, came over the 4th. They had their camper by Roger Gallant's.
Also Don and Marge Ranstrom of Mille Lacs stayed at Anna DeHate's over the 4th.
Nora (Greenwald) Benshoof, Chancey, Rachel, and kids; Morgan, Carter and Gracie visited Rick and Bonnie G. They left after the activities were over on the 4th.
Susie Zimpel treated everyone to cupcakes at the

Legion, Wednesday night to celebrate her birthday, bingo night. Her birthday is the 9th of July.
Anna DeHate and Marlene Haugen went to Mahnomens, Tuesday evening and met Anna's sister-in-laws Barb Hovland from Rothsay Minnesota along with her sister Jane and Jim Hurlock of Nevada. They enjoyed the buffet supper at the casino. Jim and Jane visited Anna on Wednesday, also they had driven from Nevada.
There were plenty of fireworks from Friday through Monday night. Lots of beautiful lights.
On the 4th, I was pleasantly surprised when I met up with Christopher Ingraham and his wife Breanna and twin boys. After I told them who I was, he introduced me to this wife Breanna. She had been on TV a couple weeks before telling about their move to Red Lake Falls. They were on their way to the ball diamond for the Medivac helicopter at 1:00 p.m. I had met him last year when he came to Plummer for his Red Lake County visit. He was at the museum. They moved to Red Lake Falls in May. He writes for the Washington Post. They had lived in Maryland. Their boys are 2 years old. He knows I write Plummer news for the Oklee Herald. Anyway, it was cool to see them and talk to them. I'm guessing they had a great day!

Senior Site News and Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

We have had a welcome rain this past few days. We needed a little rain but hope it knows when to quit. The last couple of nights, the TV really reported bad weather, luckily Oklee escaped the wind and heavy rain and hail.
For some unknown reason my column didn't arrive at the Herald Office, although I sent it there on Sunday. Hope I can do better today.
After the rain, my raspberries are beginning to ripen. I won't get many because I didn't water them when they needed it. I still will get enough each day to get a taste. My garden is pathetic but I do have onions for table use. My tomatoes are looking good too, but they still haven't any tomatoes on the vines, just lots of blooms!
I mentioned before that the Site is having a Summer Party in July 28. I will have more information about it next week. We are also planning a trip to Thief River Falls to see a Summer Theater production at Northland College Theater. The plan is to have anyone who wants to go to sign up ahead of time and pay for your ticket. The Site plans to pay part of

the price of the ticket if you are volunteer at the Site. More on this later but it is in the first week of August.

Dates To Remember
July 15 - Birthday Meal
July 19 - Pot Luck Meal
July 21 - Site Council Meets 10:00
July 28 - Summer Party

Words Of Wisdom
You'll never get to where you want to go by doing only what's expected.
Carefully check any bill

before paying.

Joke Time
A man had ridden three miles in a taxi when he suddenly realized he had left his wallet at home.
He leaned forward and told the driver. "Stop at the drugstore for a minute. I want to get some matches so I can look for a twenty-dollar bill I've lost back here."
When he came out of the drugstore, the taxi had disappeared.

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Who's Dat?

Who's Dat?
This weeks photo is of a father and his two sons. The father passed away a few years ago and the sons live in Colorado and Minnesota, but not near Oklee.
This is another of the photos from Omar Sundruds collection.
Last weeks photo is from the earlier days of Oklee. It is from the Jensen Mink Ranch and Percy Noble, from Canada, had come to Jensen Mink Ranch to repopulate his breeding stock.
Pictured is (l to r): Milo Sandeen, Wally Christianson, Bill Champagne, Elmer Hanson, Alvin Jensen and Percy Noble.
And if you have a photo to share, please stop by the office with it so it can be scanned or email to okleeherald@gmail.com.



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