

Oklee Herald

...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

OKLEE (RED LAKE COUNTY) MINN. 56742

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Wednesday, April 22, 2015

Commissioners meet on April 14th

At 10 a.m. the commissioners, Chair Ron Weiss, Chuck Simpson, John Lerohl, Chuck Flage and Dave Sorensen met. The agenda was added to before approving. Additions were Engineer Korky Kleven and Oklee's South Park.

First on the agenda was Shad Cooper, from the Red Lake Falls Ambulance. Cooper took over for Wayne who retired recently and reported that everything was going well. Cooper also reported that ambulance calls were down for 2014 (98 calls) compared with 2013 (163 calls) and the mostly likely reason for this change would be the closing of Hillcrest for remodeling. Many of the calls in the past were to the Nursing home.

The Plummer Area Sportsman's Club representative, Phil Zimpel was next on the agenda with an update on the School Trap project the club has been working on. Zimpel asked the commissioners last fall for approval to move forward upon the project if the grant was approved the club had applied for. The Club was denied in the first round, but were successful in the second round of grants. There will be some matching funds needed. Zimpel reported that Brent Hemly had met with Kleven and another employee of the Highway Department and the access point is fine with the highway dept. Kleven had only one concern about the trap area which was how is one side of the shooting club area to be notified of shooting on the other side of the park. Only one side should be actively shooting for safety reasons. Zimpel said it would be address and something would be set up for notification to shooters. Sorensen and Flage made motions to approve the plan as presented provided all the legal paperwork including transfer of title is completed.

Minutes were approved with a motion by Lerohl and seconded by Simpson and was carried.

Kleven from the Highway Department had been added to the agenda so he could report to the commissioners that the new motorgrader will be arriving shortly, that the

MNDOT \$150,000 grant for the Oklee Elevator Road has been approved, and that the agreement between MNDOT and the County needs to a resolution and signatures. Lerohl and Simpson made motions and the motion was carried. Kleven also stated the Highway Dept. is advertising for an Engineering Technician.

Expenditures were looked over with a few questions and approved with motions from Sorensen and Flage to pay the bills.

Committee meetings were next starting with Flage. Flage had attended a Emergency Services meeting where the Sheriff's Department showcased their dispatchers abilities to handle many different scenarios and handled them all very well. Deputy Brad Johnson also talked about the radio system Red Lake County uses and it works all across the county and at this point doesn't feel the county needs to more to the new 800 MHz system the state is recommending. Flage had also attended the Township Assn meeting.

Sorensen had attended the MRCC meeting and legislative updates were reported. Cuts talked about could/would hurt elderly and poor. Workforce housing in Roseau & Thief River Falls was discussed also. Broadband for northern Minnesota is a very important for business, schools and families and it was noted that we are very lucky in our area to have great internet service from Garden Valley. Many other areas are not receiving good broadband. There is 30 million authorized, but legislature could cut funding.

Sorensen and Weiss both attended the Tri County Corrections (TCCC) meeting. Phil Greer has left and a new director is needed. Andy Larson has been approved to move to a new position as administrator. Andy Larson will get the advertising out for a new director. Other things discussed at the TCCC meeting was about the computer systems and electronics that run the

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Need help with spring cleanup?

RLCC Day of Caring is May 6

By: Asia Davis
Spring is here which means Red Lake County Central will be holding their tenth annual Day of Caring on Wednesday, May 6th. RLCC students and staff members will be helping out the community with spring cleaning, etc. The students will be separated into groups to travel to Brooks, Oklee, Plummer, and Trail for jobs such as yard clean up, highway clean up, gardening, raking, tilling, painting, window cleaning, etc. The students will work on the community projects in the morning before returning back to the RLCC High School in

the early afternoon.

If you know of any elderly, disabled, or community members who are unable to do their spring clean up, let them know we can be of assistance for them. Call the RLCC High School in Oklee at 796-5136 to ask for assistance on your project. You may mail requests to Day of Caring, RLCC High School, PO Box 100, Oklee, MN 56742. You may also email bpaskvan@rlcc.k12.mn.us. Applications for projects can be obtained by stopping in or calling the Oklee site at 796-5136. The deadline for application requests is Wednesday, April 29.



Calendar of Events

Wed, Apr. 22:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.
Thu, Apr. 23:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
Fri, Apr. 24:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
Sat, Apr. 25:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!
Sun, Apr. 26:
-Worship at the church of your choice.
Mon, Apr. 27:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
Tue, Apr. 28:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards
Wed, Apr. 29:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.
Thu, Apr. 30:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
Fri, May 1:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.

-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
Sat, May 2:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!
Sun, May 3:
-Worship at the church of your choice.
Mon, May 4:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
Tue, May 5:
-LSS Evening Sr. Meals 5:00 p.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards.
Wed, May 6:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.
Thu, May 7:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
Fri, May 8:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
Sat, May 9:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!
Sun, May 10:
-Worship at the church of your choice.
Mon, May 11:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.



Academic Honorees from Senior class at RLCC: (back row) Brittney Bray, Kayla Jaeger, Sierra Swenson, Mikayla Paradis, Kaytlin Trontvedt, (front row) Mickala Morinville, Ric Ven Auman, Cody Gagner, Cameron Lundeen, Brian Roue, and Madison Thompson. (Not pictured Brittany Kelley)

RLCC 2015 Academic Banquet

By: Austin Waliser

The Red Lake County Central High School Academic Banquet was held April 13 at the Plummer gymnasium. The Academic Banquet and awards ceremony is held yearly during the fourth quarter. Students in grades 9-12 who have maintained a 3.5 GPA in core classes during the first, second, and third quarters of the current school year are presented with medals recognizing their achievement. Senior Awards are presented in the areas of Science, Mathematics, Social Studies, English, and Technology.

Seniors receiving academic medals were Ric Ven Auman, Brittney Bray, Cody Gagner, Kayla Jaeger, Brittany Kelley, Cameron Lundeen, Mickala Morinville, Mikayla Paradis, Brian Roue, Sierra Swenson, Madison Thompson, and Kaytlin Trontvedt. Academic medals were presented to the following juniors: Morgan Bushelle, Shelby Haugen, Devin Lambert, Kayla Olson,

Samantha Smith, Holly Vettleson, Wyatt Waldal, and Austin Waliser.

Sophomores receiving academic medals were Mary Auman, Megan Berberich, Taylor Bushelle, Ashley Longtin, Talon Porter, Tera Qualley, and Kelsie Sirjord. Freshman who received their medals included Hannah Kolstoe, Sydney Melby, Katie Olson, and Matthew Vettleson.

Students in the seventh and eighth grade that have also maintained a 3.5 GPA in core classes during the first three quarters of the current school year are asked to serve as waiters and waitresses. Eighth graders included Jarisa Bailey, Adam Cater, Sydnie Gunderson, Marie Johnson, Connor Lambert, Aries Qualey, and Dawson Rystad. Seventh grade waiters and waitresses were Madison Carlson, Calyssa Eskeli, Sophia Linder, Christopher Longtin, Derek Peterson, and Rickey Ulrich.

Mr. Randall Pederson, the

High School Principal, started off with the welcome and invocation followed by dinner prepared by the elementary school cooks. Mr. James Guetter, the Superintendent, introduced the guest speaker Roger Walter who graduated in 1973 from Pershing High School.

For the special senior awards presentation, Mr. Pederson awarded Mickala Morinville the All Around Outstanding Senior Award. Mr. Bryan Paskvan gave the Senior Mathematics Award to Sierra Swenson. Brittney Bray was awarded the Senior Science Award from Mr. Steven Strutz. Madison Thompson received the Senior Social Studies Award from Mr. Randy Huie. Mr. Michael Swenson awarded Ric Ven Auman the Senior English Award. Brian Roue was given the Senior Technology Award from Mr. Strutz.

Mrs. Bonnie Cote told those attending that this was the 20th Anniversary of the Academic

Banquet of the RLCC schools and noted a list of all the speakers on the back of the program. The banquet was the vision of Gary Lee, a School Board member at the time who approached the school and he himself got donations from businesses for the event and a tradition began. The speakers for the evening have ranged from mountain climbers, television broadcasters, business owners, those in a medical field, to MN State Supreme Justice, and others. In recent years the speakers have been former graduates of Pershing or Oklee High School or Red Lake County Central, each with their own message. Medallions have been presented each year to as many as 42 students in 1996 to as low as 18 with average being 25-30. This year 31 recipients were award academic medallions.

Mr. Pederson gave closing remarks and gave thanks to all who made the night so special such as the guest speaker, honored students, parents, families, faculty and staff, administration, and guests.

FSA Issues Important Program Reminders

By Mike Philipp, CED, Red Lake and East Polk County FSA Offices

Maps Available:

As producers quickly are putting their crops in the ground this season, we want to remind them that their acreage certification maps are available if they need them in advance to keep track of things. Farmers should contact the office to get on the list, and FSA will then get them ready. The preferred method now is for us to email them out, but if you don't have access to a colored printer we can also have them available for pick-up at the office. The early spring has caught us off-guard and we're not quite ready, but if you get on the list we should be able to get them ready within a week or two. Also, those farmers with only CRP may start certifying in May to beat the crowd.

Drainage and Ditching Reminders:

As another crop season begins, farmers and landowners are reminded that most new or improved agricultural drainage activity or tree clearing needs to be evaluated and approved, either by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) for producers involved in federal farm programs or by the local Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) when not. Farm program participants and landowners should contact the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) prior to conducting land clearing or drainage projects to complete form AD-1026 and to insure compliance. Failure to obtain advance approval for any

of these situations can result in the loss of eligibility and all federal payments.

Foreign Persons Must Report

U.S. Agricultural Land Holdings: The Farm Service Agency reminds foreign persons with an interest in agricultural lands in the United States that they are required to report their holdings and any transactions to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture. According to the law, any foreign person who acquires, transfers or holds any interest, other than a security interest, including leaseholds of 10 years or more, in agricultural land in the United States is required by law to report the transaction no later than 90 days after the date of the

transaction.

Foreign investors must file Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA) reports with the FSA county office that maintains reports for the county where the land is located. Failure to file a report, filing a late report or filing an inaccurate report can result in a penalty with fines up to 25 percent of the fair market value of the agricultural land. For AFIDA purposes, agricultural land is defined as any land used for farming, ranching or timber production, if the tracts total 10 acres or more.

Disclosure reports are also required when there are changes in land use. For example, reports are required

when land use changes from nonagricultural to agricultural or from agricultural to nonagricultural. Foreign investors must also file a report when there is a change in the status of ownership such as the owner changes from foreign to non-foreign, from non-foreign to foreign or from foreign to foreign. Data gained from these disclosures is used to prepare an annual report to the President and Congress concerning the effect of such holdings upon family farms and rural communities in the United States.

For more information regarding AFIDA and other FSA programs, contact your county FSA office.

Quin Community Health Services Launches Media Campaign

Plan aims to educate five-county community on harms of secondhand smoke

Newfalden, Minn. – Educating communities about the dangers of secondhand smoke will be the primary focus of an initiative launched by Tobacco-Free Communities and Quin Community Health Services.

“Smoking harms nearly every organ in the body and 92.3 percent of Minnesotans believe breathing secondhand smoke is harmful to one's health,” said Helen Anderson, Tobacco Free Communities coordinator. “There are 282,000 Minnesota kids being exposed

to secondhand smoke, while half of Minnesota adults report being exposed to secondhand smoke during a week. This is cause for continued efforts to educate on the dangers of secondhand smoke and the dangers of tobacco.”

Quin Community Health Services is one of nine organizations participating in a coordinated media effort by the Minnesota Department of Health. The plan debuted last month with radio ads on KKDQ-FM, KKWQ-FM, KTRF-AM and KCAJ-FM, as well as local newspapers. In addition, the message about secondhand smoke can be seen on gas pumps

at local service stations and in ads at local restaurants.

“Tobacco use is the single largest cause of preventable premature death in the United States, so preventing tobacco use in children and adolescents, reducing tobacco use in adults, and reducing nonsmokers' exposure to tobacco smoke are essential public health objectives for our communities,” Anderson said.

Organizations across the state have been working on comprehensive education for the past few months. It will

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Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH

Zion and Salem
Pastor Margaret Jacobus

Wed, Apr. 22: Confirmation: 6:00 p.m. 8th Grade. 7:15 p.m. 9th Grade.

Sun, Apr. 26: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Zion. 9:00 a.m. SS at Salem. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Salem.

Wed, Apr. 29: Confirmation: 6:00 p.m. 8th Grade. 7:15 p.m. 9th Grade.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH

Mt. Olive – Nazareth
Oak Park – St. Petri
Pastor Joseph Abrahamson

Wed, Apr. 22: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School.

Sat, Apr. 25: 8:30 a.m. Mt. Olive. 10:30 a.m. St. Petri.

Sun, Apr. 26: 5:30 p.m. Oak Park. 7:00 p.m. Nazareth.

Wed, Apr. 29: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School.

OKLEE-BROOKS CATHOLIC PARISH

St. Francis Xavier
St. Joseph's – Brooks
St. Joseph's – RLF
Fr. Bill DeCrans

Sat, Apr. 25: 5 p.m. Mass at St. Francis Xavier Oklee with 4:30 p.m. Reconciliation.

Sun, Apr. 26: 8 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Brooks with 7 a.m. Reconciliation. 10 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Red Lake Falls with 11 a.m. Reconciliation.

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH

ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson

Wed, Apr. 22: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation at Immanuel.

Sun, Apr. 26: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer. 9:00 a.m. SS at Immanuel. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Immanuel. 11:30 p.m. Monthly potluck at Immanuel.

Wed, Apr. 29: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation at Immanuel.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

April 27 – May 1
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: 1/2 Hot pork, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, dessert and milk.

Tuesday: Grilled ham & cheese sandwich, chili, dessert and milk.

Wednesday: 1/2 Turkey sandwich, potato soup, dessert and milk.

Thursday: Grilled chicken breast, hash browns, vegetables, dessert and milk.

Friday: 2 pc. French toast, sausage patty, fruit for dessert and milk.

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jail doors, etc. A fellow has been found in Alabama that was able to fix the Juvenile doors in half a day, where the company that installed and was supposed to maintain as needed, was unable to do so in a timely manner. A plan to replace equipment in phases is in the works. Clay County currently is leasing 12 beds from TCCC and would like to increase to 20 beds.

Sorensen also had a Northwest Mental Health meeting and budget looks like the Mental Health is losing money, but the way the funding comes in, it will even out later in the year and be fine.

Weiss had one additional meeting along with the TCCC meeting. He went to the NW Regional meeting (RDC) and discussion was on Senior Linkage, legislative updates, and an art exhibit in Thief River Falls. A grant for Elder Care has been received in the amount of \$300,000.

Auditor Robert Schmitz was next and reported the Dept. of Natural Resources has completed a purchase of a small parcel of land in Red Lake County. Our tax base is getting smaller and will continue if property is sold to entities that are not on the tax rolls.

A variance may be wanted by a person building on river front property and this was discussed. Shoreline ordinance is in place, and if the person builds where the lines were marked. Tanya Hanson from the Soil and Water Conservation District and Kurt Casavan from Environmental Services were both at the property and recommended a building site based on the

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH

ELCA
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Robert W. Dahlen,
Pastor

Wed, Apr. 22: Release Time, Goodridge – TRF Students at Redeemer.

Sun, Apr. 26: 8:30 a.m. Faith. 9:30 a.m. Faith SS. 9:45 a.m. Ekelund. 11:00 a.m. Ekelund SS. 11:00 a.m. Bethany. 9:45 a.m. Bethany SS.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH

Josiah Hoagland,
Pastor
Tyler Stynberg,
Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com

Wed, Apr. 22: 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study. 6:30 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

Thu, Apr. 23: 12:00 p.m. Rotary meeting.

Fri, Apr. 24: 8:30 a.m. Friday School.

Sun, Apr. 26: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:50 a.m. Sunday School.

Tue, Apr. 28: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study. 10:30 a.m. Quilting.

Wed, Apr. 29: 6:30 p.m. AWANA Award night. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH

Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson,
Lay Minister
Sun, Apr. 26: 9:00 a.m. Lund. 10:30 a.m. Bethany.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY

Fosston
Jon Marx, Lead Pastor
Seth Johnson,
Assist. Pastor
Sun, Apr. 26: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship

50th Wedding Anniversary Open House



– for –
Leroy & Joyce Christensen

Saturday,
May 2, 2015
from 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Community Hall
in Red Lake Falls, MN



No gifts please!

CORNERSTONE VETERINARY SERVICE

will be offering *Spring Vaccinations* for your Dog or Cat in Oklee at the Fire Hall on **April 29, 2015, 6:00-7:00 p.m.**

Please bring your pet on a leash or in a kennel and bring any vaccination records you may have.

Frontline, Nexgard and Heartgard will be also available at a reduced price. The City of Oklee will offer free Pet Licenses to all pets vaccinated.



ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the Oklee Community Homes, Inc. will be held on Wednesday, April 22, 2015, at 5:30 PM at the Senior Center in Oklee.

The purpose of the meeting is to present financial reports and elect one Director. Prize drawings will be held.

Oklee Precipitation By Einar Kvasager

	Rain	Snow
April 16	0.03	
Total in.	0.00	1.00

	2014/2015
Snow totals	
November	5.00
December	2.25
January	9.25
February	8.50
March	6.75
April	1.00
Total	32.75

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The Spring Concert at Red Lake County Central included "You Are My Music" sung by the junior girls ensemble: Miranda Magnell, Holly Vettleson, and Kjersten Walton.



RLCC's sophomore ensemble group Kelsie Sirjord, Natalie Aakhus, Tera Qualley, and Deidra Walton sang "Doraji."

Shoreline ordinance.

Since Casavan was called into the meeting, he updated the commissioners on the opening of the Oklee Landfill. The operator, LeRoy Hruby will not be working the site, since he is having medical issues due to a car accident and Casavan will be looking for a temporary worker for the season.

Before the meeting was adjourned, Lerohl discussed Oklee's South Park. All the pieces are together and County Attorney Mike LaCoursiere will make sure all the paper work is in place and the transfer will be to the county and then the county can designate the land for use by the Red Lake County Fair Board. Lerohl and Simpson made the motion and it carried to purchase the South Park except for a small section the City of Oklee will still control.

The meeting was adjourned and the next meeting is scheduled for May 12th at 10:00 a.m.



The Importance of Agriculture

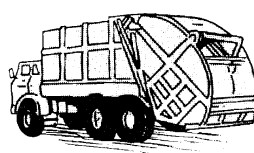


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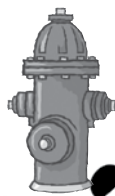
Notice

Garbage will be picked up in the alleys starting on May 4th.



NOTICE: City of Oklee Residents

City of Oklee will be flushing the fire hydrants on April 29 & 30.



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.

Wed, Apr. 29: Bemidji – Crookston, Red Lake Falls, Brooks, Trail.

Red Lake Falls Library News

The library is open on Monday from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm, Wednesday from Noon until 8:00 pm, Friday from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm, and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. On-line patrons are reminded that they can visit www.nwrlib.org/rlf.htm at anytime, where they can create their own patron accounts to browse, request and renew materials all from their home computers.

Library Facts & Trivia
There are an estimated 122,611 libraries of all kinds in the United States today.

Two out of three Americans own library cards and use them.

Public libraries in the U. S. host more than 1.5 billion visits each year.

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continue through the end of August.

"All of the organizations want to enhance life in Minnesota by reducing tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke through research, action and collaboration," Anderson said. "They are all on the same page to work to raise people's awareness of the dangers of tobacco and to make Minnesota a healthier place. Hopefully one day we will have a world free from tobacco-related death and disease."

The mission of Tobacco-Free Communities and Quin Community Health Services is to empower and support individuals, families and communities to make healthy lifestyle choices. Tobacco-Free Communities is part of the Quin Community Health Services that services Kittson, Marshall, Pennington, Red Lake and Roseau Counties.

The Tobacco Free Communities in Minnesota (TFC) grant from the Minnesota Department of Health funds the effort. Through this program, organizations such as Quin Community Health Services are working to create healthier communities by preventing and reducing tobacco use among youth and young adults, eliminating exposure to secondhand smoke and identifying and eliminating tobacco-related health disparities.

Public libraries lend books 2.4 billion times, at least 8 times for each visitor.

About 80% of funding for the nation's nearly 15,000 public libraries comes from local taxes. About 20% comes from state funding and less than 1 percent from federal dollars.

Libraries have more cardholders than Visa.

Libraries have more locations than McDonalds.

The first school for library science was founded by Melvil Dewey at Columbia University in 1887.

Benjamin Franklin formed the first public lending library in America.

These facts and information is from the American Library Association: [website:www.ala.org](http://www.ala.org).

Obituary

Harold Linder

Word has been received here of the death of a former Oklee resident, Harold Linder.

Harold passed away on Thursday, March 19, 2015 in Deer, Arkansas.

His parents were Louie and Gladys Linder. He is survived locally by his brother Henry Linder and his sister Beverly Linder of Oklee and many other relatives and friends. Memorial at a later date will be forthcoming.

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RLCC Menus

**April 27 – May 1
Oklee**

Mon: Breakfast: Bagel w/ cream cheese, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Chef salad, breadsticks, cottage cheese, fresh vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Tue: Breakfast: Smores, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Ham patty, tots, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Wed: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** BBQ's, baked beans, chips, fruit, and milk.

Thu: Breakfast: Muffins, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken legs, mashed potatoes, gravy, dinner rolls, fruit, and milk.

Fri: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Cook Choice and milk.

Plummer

Mon: Breakfast: Breakfast egg wrap, cereal, yogurt, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Subs w/lettuce, cheese, turkey, ham & pickles, Sun Chips, baked beans, fruit, and milk.

Tue: Breakfast: French toast sticks, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Cheeseburger hotdish, salad, corn cobs, buttered bread, fruit, and milk.

Wed: Breakfast: Egg patty, sausage biscuit, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Pork fritter, mashed potatoes, gravy, seasoned peas, dinner roll, fruit, and milk.

Thu: Breakfast: Variety, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** K-3: Pizza salad, mini carrots, fruit; 4-6: Pizza, fruit, salad bar; and milk.

Fri: Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Tacos in a bag w/lettuce, cheese, tomatoes, and taco sauce, hash browns, Go-Gurt, fruit, and milk.

Spring Sport Schedules

RLCC Mustang

Softball

Thu, Apr. 23: 4:30 p.m. Lake Park-Audubon at Oklee.

Fri, Apr. 24: 4:30 p.m. Kelliher-Northome at Oklee.

Mon, Apr. 27: 4:30 p.m. Laporte at Laporte.

Thu, Apr. 30: 4:30 p.m. Norman County at Ada.

Mon, May 4: 4:00 p.m. Cass Lake Bena at Oklee.

RLC Rebel Baseball

Thu, Apr. 23: 4:30 p.m. MCC/TC – Away.

Fri, Apr. 24: 4:30 p.m. Thief River Falls – Home.

Mon, Apr. 27: 4:30 p.m. Sacred Heart – Home.

Thu, Apr. 30: 4:30 p.m. Roseau – Away.

Fri, May 1: 6:00 p.m. Crookston at Crookston.

Sat, May 2: 11:00 a.m. Grand Forks Central at Crookston.

Sat, May 2: 9:00 a.m. JV Tournament at TRF.

Mon, May 4: 4:00 p.m. Win-E-Mac – Away.

RLCC Rebels

Track & Field

Varsity Track

Thu, Apr. 23: 4:30 p.m. Valley Plains at Hawley.

Fri, Apr. 24: 4:00 p.m. EGF Eagles Invitational at East Grand Forks

Tue, Apr. 28: 3:30 p.m. Crookston VFW Invite at Crookston.

Thu, Apr. 30: 4:00 p.m. Mahnomen Invitational at Mahnomen.

Thu, May 5: 4:00 p.m. Ada Meet at Ada.

Junior High Track

Mon, Apr. 27: 4:00 p.m. WM Boosters Invite at Warren.

Thu, Apr. 30: 4:00 p.m. Jr. High at Crookston.

Mon, May 4: 4:30 p.m. Ada/NCW Invite at Ada.

RLC Golf

Thu, Apr. 23: 9:00 a.m. V Boys at LPA. 4:30 p.m. JH Boys at WEM. 4:30 p.m. V Girls at Fertile.

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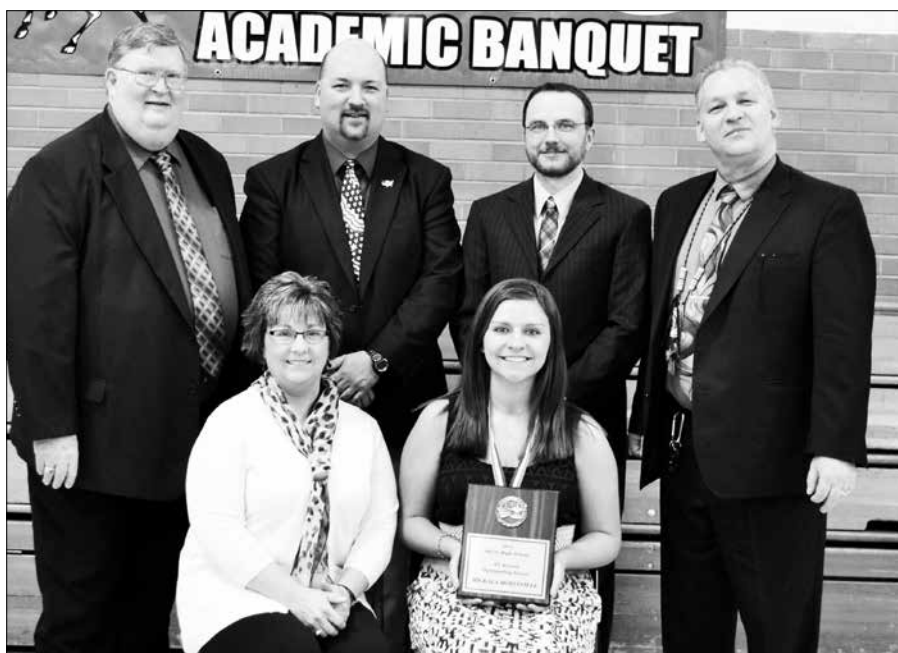
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Wednesday, April 22, 2015



Mickala Morinville was awarded the All Around Outstanding Senior Award. Pictured are (back) Mr. Michael Swenson, Mr. Randy Huie, Mr. Bryan Paskvan, Mr. Steven Strutz, (front) Judy Morinville and Mickala Morinville.



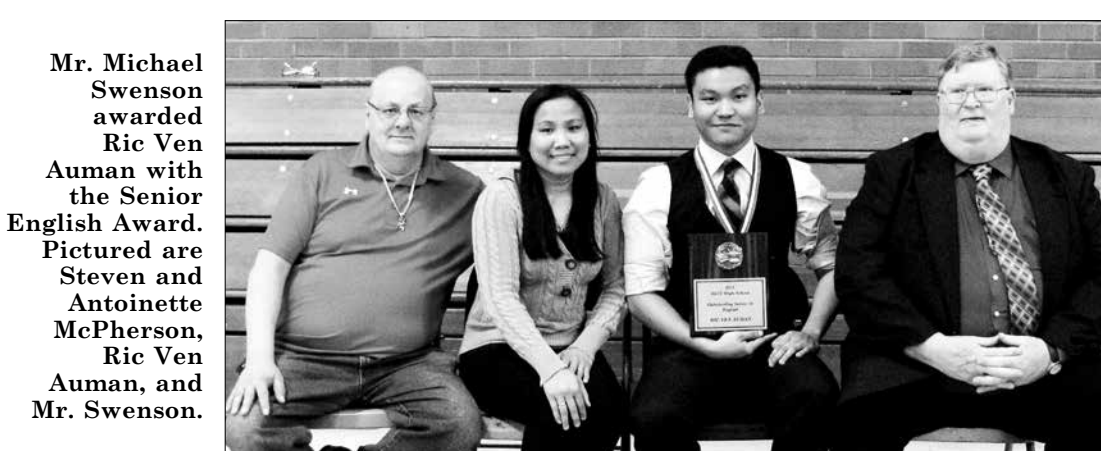
The Senior Science Award from Mr. Steven Strutz was given to Brittney Bray. Pictured are Tom and Nancy Bray, Brittney Bray, and Mr. Strutz.



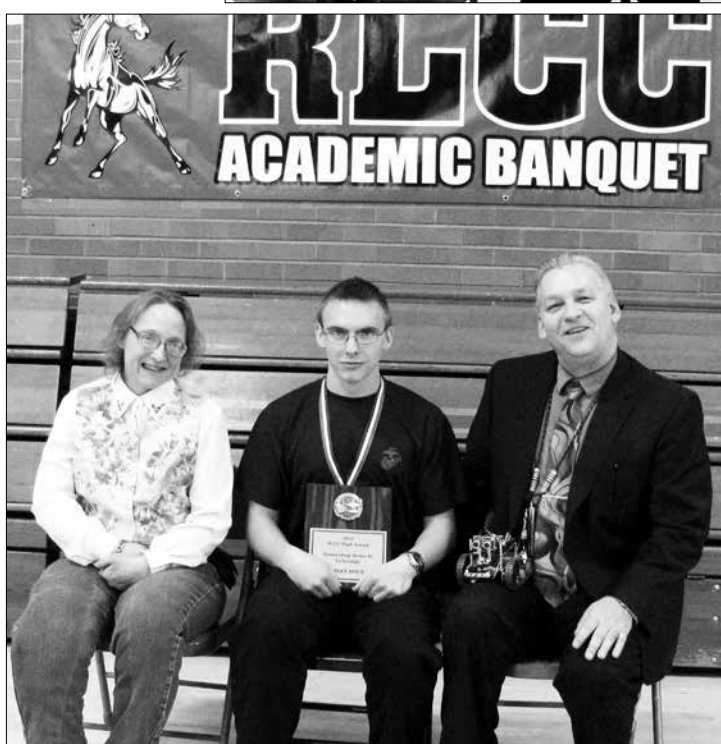
Madison Thompson was awarded the Senior Social Studies award from Mr. Randy Huie. Pictured are Shelly and Dan Thompson, Shelley Thompson, Madison Thompson, and Mr. Huie.



The Senior Mathematics Award from Mr. Bryan Paskvan was given to Sierra Swenson. Pictured are Brent and Monica Swenson, Sierra Swenson, and Mr. Paskvan.



Mr. Michael Swenson awarded Ric Ven Auman with the Senior English Award. Pictured are Steven and Antoinette McPherson, Ric Ven Auman, and Mr. Swenson.



The Senior Technology Award was presented to Brian Roue from Mr. Steven Strutz at RLCC's Academic Banquet. Pictured are Renee Roue, Brian Roue, and Mr. Strutz.

Roger Walter, Guest Speaker at the RLCC Academic Banquet

By: Taylor Bushelle

Roger Walter, a Pershing High School graduate, was guest speaker at the Red Lake County Central High School Academic Banquet held in Plummer on Monday, April 13. Walter graduated in 1973 from Pershing High School in Plummer and is one of the few dairy farmers remaining in northern Minnesota. He had served on the school board and the Academic Banquet committee for many years. In introducing Walter, Superintendent James Guetter commented that Walter "thinks outside the box" and is an "inventor of ideas."

Walter was one of 10 children. His mother, two sisters, and one brother were teachers. He related the movie "Wizard of Oz" to his feelings about school when he was young. In the movie, the scarecrow who didn't have a brain went to see the wizard for help. Walter talked how as a eight year old he thought "I didn't need schooling. I just needed a wizard!" He talked more about the wizard of Oz and how the scarecrow did have a brain but just wasn't educated and this eventually lead to Walter realizing he needed an education and not just a wizard. Walter went on to a year of college after graduating from high school.

He told about the Walters family dairy farm. Throughout his years of farming he has become experienced in welding, plumbing, electrical work, AI technician, agronomy, nutrition, and many other skills including "cow whisperer." They farm 1000 acres, have 400 young stock, and milk 400 cows producing 9 million pounds of milk per year. He spoke about the dairy farms in northern Minnesota and how they have dwindled over the years. In 1989 there were 92 dairy herds, now there are five. Walter commented by the end of this year it would diminish to three herds.

"We need to get the young involved." He commented how young people like to "push buttons" using technology. Today dairy equipment is slowing becoming robotic and people are finding new technological ways of



Red Lake County Central welcomed Roger Walter from Pershing High School Class of 1973 as guest speaker at the RLCC Academic Banquet.

milking cows. In Canada and Minnesota, 1000 robots are being sold and one robot can milk 60 cows.

Walter went on to talk about how important education is. By getting an education, this young generation will be the ones to find new and better ways of growing crops and producing food. Advice Walter gave to the students was to take time to get a degree because that is one thing that you can never lose. He commented, "Life is like a tree. Education is the roots that go down. Once you get your degree, that's the trunk and branches." He encouraged the students to not be afraid to take out loans and do what you need to do. Walter noted he would like to see more agriculture classes in the high school.

Family is also important to Walter. He and his wife Janelle have four children and mentioned what professions they went into. One son works in the Information Systems for UND Medical Center, another had worked for the state auditor in North Dakota and now runs warehouse for a chemical company. His daughter is a teacher, and his youngest son who is an agronomist now is back working at their family dairy farm.

Walter also thanked the people he saw in the audience who he knew had been a big help in agriculture as well as education. Walter added, "Go out and make your mistakes, don't worry about them, just don't make them twice," before ending his speech with a joke.

ECFE News

Oklee ECFE

April Events

Thursday, April 23 will be a county wide field trip to the **Bemidji Science Museum**. This trip will be for children ages three and half to five and their parent/s. RLCC ECFE programs in Oklee and Plummer along with Red Lake Falls ECFE will be able to attend this trip. The bus will depart from RLF at 4:30 pm, from Plummer at 4:45, from Oklee at 5:00 for this science adventure. Entry fees for the museum will be paid by a Red Lake Electric Operation Round-up grant. The bus ride will be five dollars per family and supper at Giovanni's pizza will be free will donation with the money collected on the bus. All families interested in attending must call by Tuesday, April 2. RLF families contact Wanda Nelson at 253-2161 ext. 229 or wnelson@rlfedu.org. Plummer families contact Margret Hamrum at 465-4222 ext. 18 or mhamrum@plummer.k12.mn.us. Oklee families contact Joni Bjerklie or Susan Lee at 796-5136 or frisbylee@gvtel.com.

Thursday, April 30 is **Music and Movement Night** for infants, toddlers, and young threes. It will be held from 6:00-7:00 pm in the Oklee ECFE room. A musical adventure awaits you. Music is good for development, relaxation, and is down-right fun!

Plummer ECFE

April Events

Thu, April 23: Red Lake County 3 ½ to 5 year olds Bemidji Science Museum Field Trip: 4:30-9:30 PM Pizza at Giovanni's— free will offering collected at the bus. Cost: \$5.00

for the bus ride. The bus will be leaving at 4:30 PM from Red Lake Falls School and picking up Plummer families at 4:45 PM and then Oklee families at 5:00 PM. All families interested in attending this field trip must call in ahead of time by Tuesday, April 21st so we can plan on the pizzas and how many buses we will need to provide. Entry to the museum is paid for by a REA Operation Round-up grant. Red Lake Falls call: Wanda Nelson at 253-2161 ext. 229 or wnelson@rlfedu.org. Plummer call: Margaret Hamrum at 465-4222 ext. 18 or mhamrum@rlcc.k12.mn.us. Oklee call: Susan Lee or Joni Bjerklie at 796-5136 or frisbylee@gvtel.com.

Tue, April 28: "Meet the Music Teacher-Mrs. Bernstein" 6:30-7:30pm. This class is for 4-5 year olds who will be entering Kindergarten in the fall of 2015. Come and have lots of fun singing and dancing with your friends in the music room!

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Mustangs Lose to Blackduck Drakes

By: Megan Berberich
The Red Lake County Central Mustangs softball team lost to the Blackduck Drakes 9-22 on Friday, April 10 in Oklee in a triangular. The Drakes led 6-0 in the first inning and the Mustangs added one run in the second inning while Blackduck added nine more runs. In the third inning the Mustangs had scored three runs and the Drakes had scored one and then scored six more runs in the fourth inning and RLCC added four runs. In the fifth inning the Drakes led 22-8 and the Mustangs scored one more run to end the game.

The highlights for the Mustangs were Angel Auman with a two base hit and one RBI, Taylor Bushelle one RBI, Brandi Jensen with one double and three RBIs, and Brittney Bray had a two base hit. For pitching Jensen had three strikeouts and 16 hits allowed and Bray had three hits allowed and one strikeout.

The Drakes had a total of 16 runs batted in. Enger had two, Draeger four, Sparby four, Sorheim two, Shroder two, and Kilde and Arp had one RBI. Sparby had two doubles, and she pitched all five innings and allowed 11 hits and had five strikeouts.

Mustangs play the Rams in triangular

By: Austin May
The Red Lake County Central Mustangs played in a triangular Friday, April 10 in Oklee. The Mustangs' first game was against the Roseau Rams. After the first inning the Rams took a 5-1 lead. After two innings the Rams led 11-1, and after the third inning they led 13-3 ending in a 10 run rule.

Batting for the Mustangs, Megan Berberich went 1-1 with a double, two walks, and two runs, Michelle Sundquist went 2-3 with two singles and two RBIs, and Brittney Bray went 2-3 with a single and a double. Pitching for the Mustangs was Brittney Bray who allowed seven hits, three walks, 13 runs and two strikeouts in three innings. Brandi Jensen pitched two innings and allowed only one hit.

Batting for the Rams, Jenna Baumgartner had two RBIs, Brenna Cooper went 2-4 with two triples, two RBIs, and three runs. Dyanna Grondahl had three runs with two walks, and Sarina Goos went 2-4 with a single and a double. Pitching for Rams was Jennica Johnson who pitched five innings allowing five hits, six walks, three runs and six strikeouts.

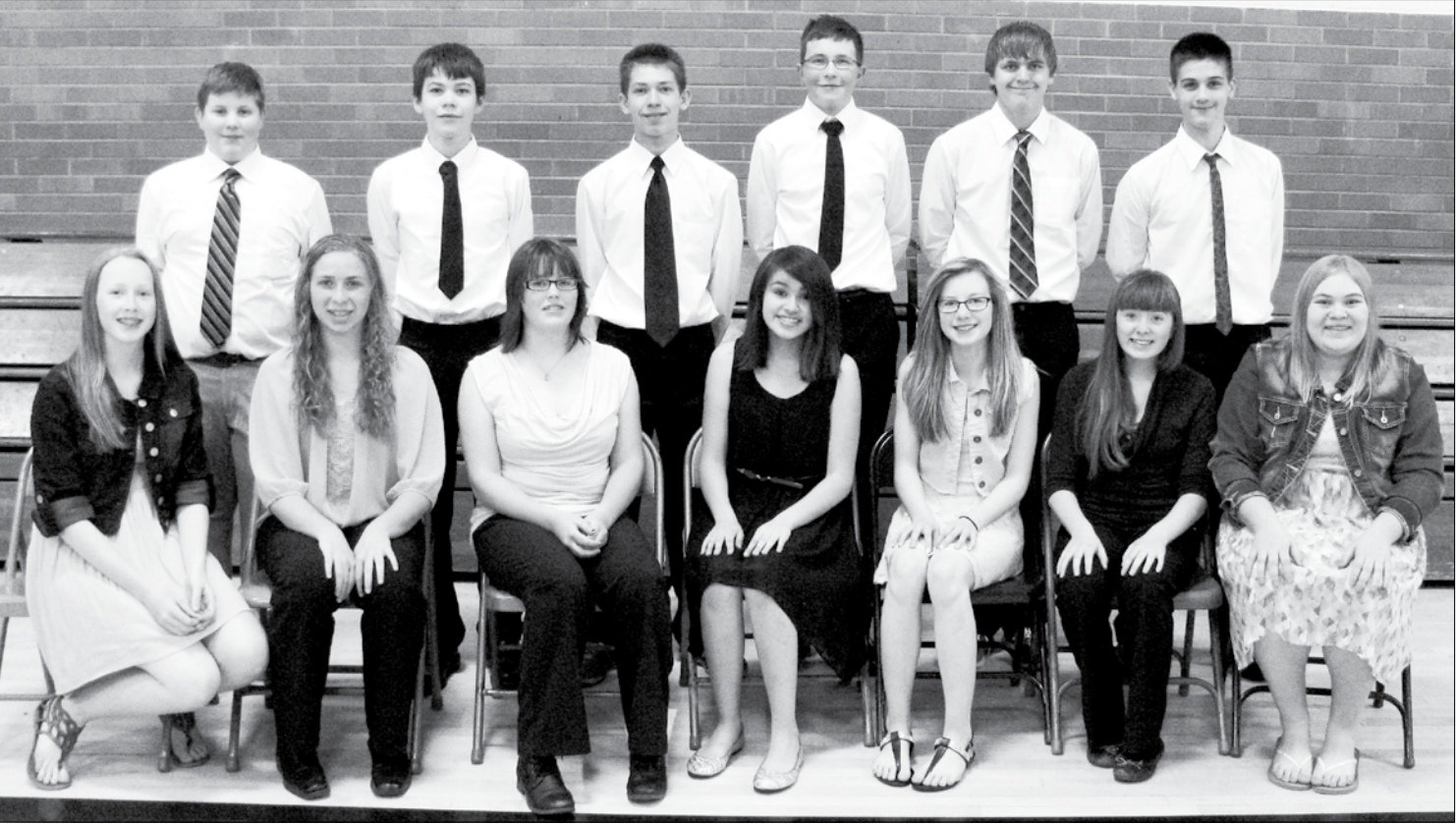


Freshman Academic Honorees at the RLCC Academic Banquet: Hannah Kolstoe, Katie Olson, Sydney Melby, and Matthew Vettleson

RLCC Sophomore Academic Honorees: (back) Mary Auman, Kelsie Sirjord, Ashley Longtin, (front) Megan Berberich, Tera Qualley, and Taylor Bushelle. (Not pictured Talon Porter)



Junior Academic Honorees at the RLCC Academic Banquet: (top) Austin Waliser, Wyatt Waldal, Devin Lambert, (bottom) Kayla Olson, Morgan Bushelle, Shelby Haugen, Samantha Smith, and Holly Vettleson.



The waiters and waitresses for RLCC 2015 Academic Banquet who also had a GPA of 3.5 or higher: (back row) Rickey Ulrich, Derek Peterson, Christopher Longtin, Adam Carter, Dawson Rystad, Connor Lambert, (front row) Calyssa Eskeli, Madison Carlson, Aries Qualey, Jarisa Bailey, Sydnie Gunderson, Sophia Linder, and Marie Johnson.



RLCC Music teacher Mrs. Patty Mickelson, instrumental contest participants Cody Gagner and Hannah Kolstoe, and their accompanist Mrs. Peggy Miller.

Two Students Participate in Instrumental Solo Contest

By: Ashley Longtin
Red Lake County Central sent two students to the instrumental solo/ensemble contest in East Grand Forks on Wednesday, April 8. Hannah

Kolstoe performed "Pachelbel's Canon" on her clarinet as a solo. She received a 32 and earned an Excellent rating. Performing a solo on his alto saxophone, Cody Gagner played "Culligan

Man." Gagner scored 36 and received a Superior rating. During the competition, the students were accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Peggy Miller.

Mrs. Patty Mickelson, music teacher at RLCC High School, worked with the students getting them ready for the competition.

RLCC High School Mid-Quarter

By: Austin Waliser
Red Lake County Central High School's mid-quarter for fourth quarter will be Wednesday, April 22. Progress reports will be sent home with students Thursday, April 23. If parents do not receive the reports, they can contact the school.

RLCC Rebels Track and Field Attend

Hawley Meet

By: Asia Davis
Red Lake County Rebels Track and Field attended their first meet this year on April 14, 2015. It was the Hawley Meet which ended up being held in Barnesville. The girls' team finished in fifth place, and the boys finished in third place.

In the 100 Hurdles, Ashley Longtin placed second with :18 and Megan LaCrosse placed third with :18.1. Longtin also placed sixth in the 300 Hurdles with :57.83.

In the 100 Meter, Zoe Russillo placed fourth with :13.64. For the 4x400 Meter relay, Josie Huot, Julia Bernstein, Makenzie Williams, and Megan LaCrosse placed fifth place with 4:40.64. In the 1600 Meter relay, LaCrosse made fifth place with 6:09.50. Makenzie Williams placed fifth in the 400 Meter with a time of 1:05.92. For the 200 Meter, Russillo placed fourth place with :29.41 with Williams in

fifth place in :30.02. LaCrosse placed fourth place in the Long Jump with 14'6". For the High Jump, Longtin took second place jumping a height of 4'8". Madison Thomson placed in third for Discus with 85'10". For the boys, Devin Lambert placed in third place in the 110 Hurdles with :17.65, and Dylan Gustafson came in fifth place with 18.42. Lambert also took fourth place in the 300 Hurdles with 48.95. Cody Gagner placed first in the 1600 Meter with 4:38.12, and also took first place in the 800 Meter with 2:05.13. Chris Longtin took fourth place in the 800 Meter with 2:30.80. In the 200 Meter, Dylan placed in third in 24.86. For the 3200 Meter, Chase Magner placed in fifth with 14:04.08, and Tyler Jensen sixth with 14:28.51. Longtin, John Renner, Connor Lambert, and Nick Plante got fourth place with 54.60 in the 4x100 Meter Relay. In the 4x200 Meter Relay, Devin Lambert, Jordan Johnson, Austin Waliser, and Gustafson placed second with 1:41.98. For the 4x400 Meter Relay, David Dufault, Connor Lambert, Justin Nemec, and Gagner took fourth place with 4:08.55. Gagner placed third in the Long Jump with 18'4 1/2", and Gustafson took fifth place with 16'11 1/2". For Discus, Wyatt Schirrick placed second with 113'5", and Marcus Christensen placed sixth with 97'6". Schirrick placed third with 39'88" for the Shot Put.

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Curfman's purchase Cinderella Coach to be pulled by white mules



Ted Curfman with the new Cinderella Coach

By Kari Sundberg
The Grygla Eagle
If you attended the Grygla Fall Festival Parade last summer, you might remember seeing two white mules, George and Gracie, pulling a trolley wagon through the parade. Curfman's Critters will be adding a new job to their resume as their owners, Ted & Jan Curfman, have just purchased an exquisite Cinderella carriage!

The Curfmans live in rural Thief River Falls along the Pembina Trail and have entered their unique wagons and mules in many local parades.

Ted & Jan purchased this new coach with plans to be available for any and all special occasions around the area, including weddings.

Ted's birthday was in February. He enjoys dancing to the tune of Cathy Erickson, who just so happened to be entertaining the

crowd at the Old Time Dance in Grygla. He and his wife got all dressed up for the occasion and headed to Yo-Hawn's for an afternoon of dancing and good music!

The fancy attire Ted was wearing is the same suit he'll be wearing as the Coachmen for his new carriage.

The Curfmans can be reached by phone at 218-964-5189 or 218-686-9161. They have a variety of services to offer and again, their new Cinderella Coach is available to rent for your special occasion.



Cathy Erickson, Ted and Jan Curman.

Optimum Seeding Rates For Spring Wheat

Yield of spring wheat is affected by many agronomic practices starting with the choice of the variety, the planting date, and the seeding rate. Previous research has shown that seeding rates differ for specific varieties (Wiersma,2004). This research specifically explores the relationship between a set of genetic traits, including semi-dwarf stature and day length sensitivity, of individual varieties, planting dates, and seeding rates, and to develop regression models that super cede individual varieties and looks to explain how a group of genetically similar varieties respond to seeding rate.

In both 2013 and 2014 the environment was abnormal in that the accumulated growing degree days was behind the historical 30 year average. Evidence of a cooler than normal growing season that proves hard red spring wheat response to seeding rate is not always as pronounced as what is expected. At Kennedy, Minnesota there is evidence that the 2014 summer was cooler overall than most years; especially at periods of grain fill. Of the nine plots in 2014; four had a range in grain yield of less than 4 bu/acre across the five seeding rates. The

other five locations had yield ranges of 5-8 bu/acre across five seeding rates. However, the single seed hill plots proved that varieties have varying abilities to tiller. At one plot site where no significant interaction existed as to the planting date, it was found that the variety "Sabin" had significantly higher stems per plant than any other variety. Results from this site show the importance of tillering when choosing a seeding rate for a specific variety. Contrary to this plot which was at Prosper, N. D, the results from Crookston show that with each successive planting date later into the season, the number of stems per plant decreased. Two varieties, Marshall and Rollag increased the total number of stems at the second planting date compared to the first, but followed the general trend at the last two planting dates. Results confirm that as spring wheat is planted at a later date, a higher seeding rate should be considered as less tillers can be expected. Varieties and their genetic make-up, including semi-dwarf stature and day length sensitivity, influence this response. Results from head stand counts and head counts leading to a total stems per plant calculation within

solid seeded trials showed a far smaller spread than in the hill plots, as expected, though six of the nine plots had significant differences between varieties.

Yield results from the planting date effect from the past two years with cooler than normal periods indicate that increasing the seeding rate at later than optimal planting dates will not significantly increase or decrease yield. Thus, the unpredictability of growing conditions, especially during critical growth periods, indicate the importance of erring on the side of increased seeding rate. For detailed information on this topic go to www.extension.umn.edu/ and print off a copy of the 2014 Research Report on "OPTIMUM SEEDING RATES FOR DIVERSE HRSW VARIETIES" by Jochum Wiersma. You can also contact Jochum with specific concerns or questions by e mailing him at wiers002@umn.edu.

Source: Jochum Wiersma. U M Small Grains Specialist.

Plummer News By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

The Plummer Sportsman's Club had their annual Walleye Fish Fry supper Saturday evening at the Plummer Fire Hall. Salad and desserts were potluck. About 60 were served. Billy Dee and the Crystals played at the Hall also that night.

Rick and Bonnie Greenwald of Stacy were here for the weekend.

Gary and Joan Carpenter of Lake George came for a weekend visit to Jean Carpenter's.

A bridal shower was held at the Legion in the morning for Gary Tvedt's fiancé, Bobbie. In the afternoon a surprise retirement party was given for Diane Braaten by her daughters also at the Legion.

Saturday morning the Plummer Legion Auxiliary met at the Legion with 10 present. Poppy posters were judged. 1st place went to Cari Bachand, \$10.00; 2nd to Skylar Longtin, \$8.00; and 3rd place to Jon Roue, \$6.00. This is a 5th grade event. They were given their checks on Wednesday and had their pictures taken.

Other Auxiliary news: Money was donated to the Auxiliary for future Girls Staters by several former Girls Staters. There is no candidate this year because of conflicting schedules.

Alice Jobe visited Polly Skjerven at the TRF Care Center on Wednesday. She brought a birthday card and greetings signed by the coffee girls. Her birthday was Thursday, the 16th.

Jean Carpenter went to the Hollyhock Homemakers club meeting at Lorna Neilson's on Monday. Lunch was served.

Plummer Senior Citizens met Thursday with 8 present. Scholarships were voted on. A lunch was served. Happy Birthday was sung to Micki Duden.

Alice Jobe enjoyed visiting Rick and Bonnie Greenwald on Sunday morning while they were here.

I was wondering if everyone was sick of the 40 mph winds, dragging and seeding. The showers will be a blessing for sure. I heard snow also a possibility.

Have a good week and get outside and enjoy the outdoors, sunshine, wildlife and the grass turning green.

Bonny's Bits...

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Spring rain over the weekend was a nice slow rain that now is giving the grass and trees just enough moisture to start turning green. You almost watch the grass go from brown to green as the day went by.

The robins have been busy in the yards scouting for their main course of worms and they looked like they were having a good meal.

Next, we will have to get the lawnmowers out of storage and get the yard cleaned up for it's first mowing before long. The flowers have been trying to poke out of the ground, but the weather has been a rollercoaster, so that has been a slow show so far.

But I think after this week of cold we are having, even with the limited moisture, things will be green and growing.

Spring has finally sprung!



"You're A Good Man Charlie Brown" sung by the RLCC Junior High boys ensemble: Tyler Hanson, Phillip Sorenson, Adrien Verbout, Trent Goulet, Isaac Eskeli, and Austin Jensen.

Regional Ag News Jim Stordahl, Extension Educator

Options for Winterkilled Alfalfa

After a mostly open winter, some areas of Minnesota are reporting winter damaged alfalfa stands, leaving farmers wondering about their forage options.

Interseeding back with alfalfa is risky due to a variety of factors, but mostly the risk of auto-toxicity. The level of auto-toxicity is greater in older stands (3+ years) than in younger stands. While interseeding has been successful on rare occasions, it is generally not a practice we recommend.

According to Dan Undersander, University of Wisconsin Forage Agronomist, a small grain-field pea mixture may be the best choice for those needing forage in early/mid summer. The primary benefit of peas mixed with small grains is to improve quality; yield effects are variable ranging from 0 to 0.5 t/a. increase. Peas may be mixed with oats, triticale, or barley. Barley tends to be ready to harvest earlier than the other two species.

There does not appear to

be a best species - the top yielding varieties of each species perform better than the poorer yielding varieties of all other small grain species. Small grain-pea mixtures have a wider harvest window. The recommended seeding rate for optimum yield and quality are for 10-15 oat seeds /ft² (60 lb/a) and 4 pea seeds/ft² (50 lb/a) of Trapper peas. Size of pea seed varies greatly among varieties and poundage rate should be increased as pea size increases to keep the same seeding rate (4 seeds/sq ft).

Whether the small grain is planted alone or mixed with peas, the forage should be harvested based on the maturity stage of the small grain. These mixtures should be harvested at the late boot (few heads showing) for lactating dairy cows and soft dough stage for heifers and beef cattle.

Italian Ryegrass may be another option to thicken an existing stand. However, this may work best if you have access to a no-till drill. The

downside of IRG is that it's difficult to harvest as dry hay; it is best harvested by a grazing animal, baleage or haylage. If planted into moisture, it should be ready to harvest about 50 to 60 days after seeding. With adequate moisture, you should be able to harvest two to three crops before winter. IRG will stay green long into the fall and can be grazed as stockpiled forage.

Corn silage is another good choice because of high yield, good quality, and familiarity. Two other choices are sorghum-sudangrass hybrids (for hay or silage) and sudangrass (for hay or grazing). These crops do well in drought. They need high temperatures to produced good yield and will yield little in cool years. The sorghum-sudangrasses and sudangrasses should be seeded at 20 to 30 lbs/acre. They can be cut whenever they reach about 30 inches height for high quality or 36 inches height for heifers and beef cattle. Plants should be cut at 6 inch height if expecting regrowth. Foxtail or pearl millets are another choice provided that seed is available.

Forage sorghums are normally drilled at 12 to 15 lbs/a into 20 to 30 inches rows and harvested as corn silage would be. When planted late, forage sorghums will likely need to be killed by frost to dry sufficiently for ensiling. Do not harvest within 1 week of a killing frost to reduce potential for prussic acid poisoning. Forage sorghums may not be the best choice if the year is average to cool in temperature. Turnips can be planted anytime during the season and harvested about 45 days later by grazing. This forage is generally not harvested for hay or silage due to the low yield. After 1 or 2 grazings, the turnips can be dug (with a disc) and they can be grazed. Turnips are high in copper and may be detrimental to sheep.

For more information, contact me at 800-450-2465 or stordahl@umn.edu. Source: University of Wisconsin.

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

The weather turned cold this morning, and the nice weather of last week has given way to small showers and some snow this morning. The wind from the north is cold and not welcome for anyone working outside. We needed the water, due to the extreme fire danger.

My daughter's family was warned to evacuate their home, as the fire in the Palsburg fire near Warroad grew. It is one of the dangers we all should be aware of. Living in the woods can be dangerous on this level. An innocent fire can grow to be a great danger to neighboring farms and homes. We will have fire danger but right now it isn't a red hot one. Be careful with fire.

This week, many farmers started to get their crops sowed in the fields. Many had their wheat finished but some had a few acres to do yet. I'm sure it won't be long before they are all done. It will be wonderful to see that green coming up again this year.

Red Hat Alert.... The meeting for the Red Hats this month is Thursday, April 23, at the Dawg House in Thief River Falls. See you all there.

On Wednesday, Raymond Novak came to Jerome Novak's home for dinner. He had been working on his fields and came for dinner.

Sandra Gagner came to the home of Jerome and Barb Novak for the afternoon on Sunday. They had a nice visit all afternoon. It reminded me of

the good old days when people just visited for a while. What a treat.

Carolyn Toupin and Jerry Freitag flew in with a flock of snowbirds. They wintered in Florida and then traveled over to Arizona before coming back to Minnesota for the summer.

Harvey Riendeau is recovering nicely from his heart attack that he had a few weeks ago. He is feeling better now and has been upgraded by his doctor. We are still praying for you Harvey.

Clarence and Diane Gagner went to see Aurel Parenteau in the hospital on Tuesday.

The homemakers group met at Lorna Nielson's home on Monday evening. The members attending were Jean Carpenter, Myrtle Hamrum, Laverne Sevigny, and Diane Gagner and of course Lorna Neilson.

Aurel Parenteau has been moved to the Pioneer Nursing home in Erskine, for rehabilitation. He is reported

as doing well .

A free will offering is asked for the Spaghetti Feed at St. Hilaire Community Center. The Feed will help to purchase equipment for the fire/rescue and EMS services. It will be held on April 25 from 4 pm to 8 pm.

Donovan Clifton and Ryan Tvedt are the people of the week. They just started to serve at the altar on Sunday. They did a great job and it is nice to see youngsters step up to the plate to help out at services of all kinds. We adults could take a lesson in their enthusiasm to lend a hand.

Those who helping Ethan Paradis celebrate his 26th birthday Sunday evening were Ryan, Kelsey, Isabelle & Kingston Paradis, Pam Paradis, Cory & Kerri Michael, Shara Paradis, Dave Hofstad, Casey Dimmen, Nick & Macie, Lonnie, Kenya & Charlie Paradis, Pam, Mitch, Kali & Jenna Scherschligt & Roger, Eddie Amberson.



Senior Cody Gagner played a saxophone solo at the RLCC Music Concert last week; he performed "Culligan Man."

Statepoint Crossword Theme: Mother's Day

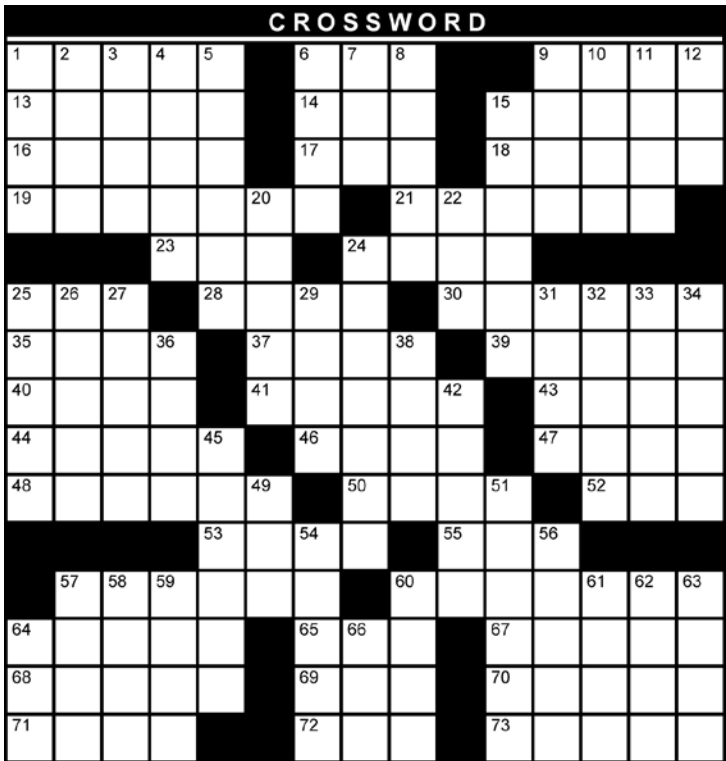
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19. *"Mommie ____," movie
21. *Kate Hudson's mom
23. Dog command
24. Like Andersen's duck-ling
25. Eric Stonestreet on "Modern Family"
28. Hard currency
30. Internet business
35. In the sack
37. Sometimes hard to reach
39. Irrigation water wheel
40. Track event
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44. ____'s razor
46. *Bébé's mother
47. Copycat
48. Tarzan's swings
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53. Repair, as in socks
55. Pull the plug on
57. *Mom to Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy March
60. *Popular Mother's Day gift
64. Kim Jong-un of North ____
65. Reverential salutation
67. Tie again
68. Relating to Quechuan people
69. Intelligence org.
70. Dodge
71. Don't let this hit you on the way out
72. One of Bartholomew Cubbins' 500
73. More sly

DOWN
1. Part of house frame
2. Prepare by drying or salting
3. *This famous Jessica

became a mom in 2008
4. Pinocchio and his kind
5. Relating to apnea
6. Brewer's kiln
7. Tombstone acronym
8. Health food pioneer
9. Retained
10. Palm tree berry
11. Guitar forerunner
12. Bonanza find
15. Count on
20. Indifferent to emotions
22. *Like Mother Hubbard
24. Soiled
25. *TV's "lovely lady"
26. Olden day calculators
27. Muhammad's birthplace
29. Big-ticket ____
31. "Animal House" garb
32. French pancake
33. Oil tanker
34. *"Mother" in Italian
36. Novelist Koontz
38. German mister
42. Asian pepper
45. Sterling, Cooper or Draper
49. Sigma Alpha Epsilon
51. Soft palate vibrations
54. Boxer's stat
56. Inhabit
57. Kissing disease?
58. Atlantic Richfield Company
59. Last row
60. Notable achievement
61. Evening purse
62. Hitchhiker's quest
63. Nostradamus, e.g.
64. *Mom has at least one
66. By way of

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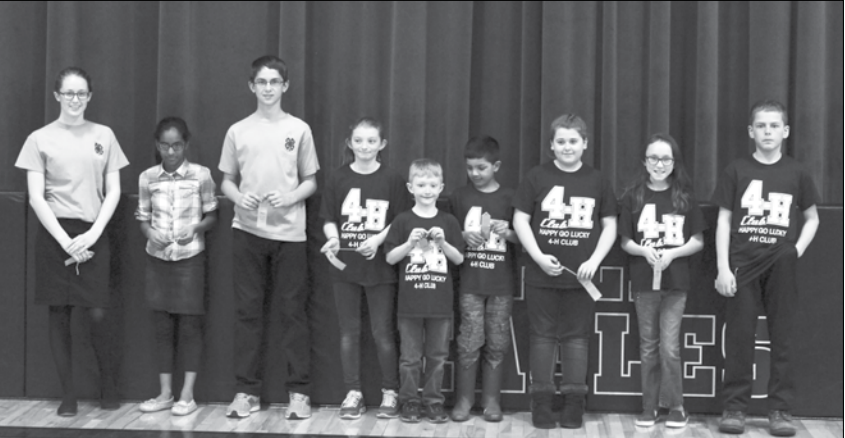
2015 Red Lake County 4-H Ambassadors were the emcees for the 4-H Share the Fun Performance. They led the audience in games and drawings for prizes. From left to right: Daniel Quick, Sarah Quick, Kendra Rondorf, Hallie Harmoning, Matt Weiss, Kaydon Kenfield, Nick Solie, Sidney Olson, and Tanisha Snsky. Missing were: Brittney Bray and Tanner Solie.



2015 4-H STF (Performing Arts Participants) – Sarah Quick (piano); Emma Knott (Dance); Hallie Harmoning (piano); Grace Harmoning (Solo); Kendra Rondorf (flute); Jacob Solie (violin); and Jacob Harmoning (piano).



2015 4-H STF Performance (Garnes Go Getters Club): (Left to Right): Carson Lambert, Hailey Hanson, Kathryn Srnsky, Kehan Nelson, Tanisha Srnsky, Kelsie Sirjord, Ellie Nelson, Ashlyn Nelson, Shelby Gunderson, Paige Olson, and Kjerstin Nelson. Missing Sidney Olson.



2015 4-H STF Performance (Happy Go Lucky Club): (Left to Right): Sarah Quick, Abby Quick, Daniel Quick, Bella Russillo, Oliver Russillo, Ryan Tvedt, Issabella Plant, Bailey Culkins, and Brock Tvedt.



2015 4-H STF Performance (Huot Hustlers Club): (Left to Right): Matt Weiss, Kendra Rondorf, Grace Harmoning, Hallie Harmoning, Kaydon Kenfield, Jacob Harmoning, Justin Solie, Haydon Shulstad, Jacob Solie, Akayla Rondorf, and Nick Solie.



The RLCC Senior and Junior High Choirs combined to sing “Best Day of My Life”.

Senior Site News and Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

It has been a rainy Sunday, one we will accept as we surely needed rain.

Our Site had a visitor from L.S.S. on Thursday. She thought she was going to our monthly meeting of our Site Council. However, she was two weeks early as our meeting takes place on the last Thursday of the month.

The American Legion Auxiliary met Tuesday evening at the Senior Site. We discussed many items. One item was increasing our membership. As many of you know, the Auxiliary is open to woman or girl who has a father, husband, son, grandson or grandfather who was in the service and belongs to American Legion. Any money we make, is spent exclusively for charity, such as veterans and their needs, Veteran’s Hospital, and needy projects. Come and join us, we will welcome you!!

The funeral for Roman Radniecki was held on Saturday. We extend our sympathy to Elaine and family. Elaine was a volunteer at our Site while she lived in Oklee.

We were sorry to hear Leroy Hruby has had an accident a week ago. I heard he is now at the Fosston Nursing Home.

Dates To Remember
April 21 - Pot Luck Meal
April 30 - Site Council Meets 10:00 a.m.
May 6 - Evening Meal

Words Of Wisdom
Everything you cherish demands attention and requires obligation.
Not everyone can excel, but everyone can hustle.

Joke Time
Late for a return flight from England, an American tourist jumped into a cab “Quick,” he said, “get me to the airport as fast as you can!”
The cabbie nodded and floored the gas pedal. Soon they were barreling along at more

than 70 miles per hour. Just ahead a stoplight was bright red. The cab shot through without slowing down in the slightest. “Are you blind?” shouted the tourist. “That was red light!”

The cabbie was unfazed. “I don’t believe in red lights, sir, nor do any of my five cab-driving brothers.” After two more hair-raising hurtles through red lights, the tourist was relieved to see a green light. But before the intersection, the cabbie slammed on the brakes. “Are you insane?” yelled the passenger. “That was a green light. “True sir,” replied the cabbie. “But you never know when one of my brothers may be coming through.”

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Oklee Herald Early Files

Seventy Years Ago
April 26, 1945

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Jensen are proud parents of a baby girl born Tuesday, April 17. She has been named Cheryl Lynn.

The school bus in this community (Equality) has been unable to make its rounds for a while on account of some impassable stretches in the road.

Ration reminder: Sugar – Book four sugar stamp 35 is good for five pounds until June 2. No new stamps will be validated until May 1.

Sixty Years Ago
April 28, 1955

Arnold Stenberg was elected president of the Oklee Paretn Teacher Association for 1955-56.

Close to \$100 was taken from the Oklee Cooperative Elevator Asociation Tuesday night when burglars broke a door lock in the main elevator and robbed a cash drawer.

A. J. Parenteau, owner of the Brooks Cheese Factory will reign as the first Mayor of Brooks.

Residents of Minnesota may now purchase hunting and fishing licenses anywhere in the state without going to special “out of county” agents.

Fifty Years Ago
April 29, 1965

Fire destroyed two building on the McManus farm Saturday. Destroyed was a granary and a chicken house. The Oklee Fire Dept. was called to the scene but the efforts of the firemen to fight the blaze was hindered by a mechanical breakdown of equipment.

Girls State candidates appointed by the Oklee chapter of the American Legion Auxiliary are Lynn Stenberg

and Joyce Lindquist.

Forty Years Ago
April 24, 1975

“Hee Haw” wins at Oklee Share the Fun 4-H event that was held last weekend.

Spring flooding caused some problems in the area. A road located a few miles northeast of Oklee washed out due to rapid run-off of water.

The annual Spring Pops Concert and Art Show happened this past Sunday at the Plummer School.

Thirty Years Ago
April 27, 1985

All of the girls, 18 in all, who will be competing for the title of MissOklee 1985 are ready for the completion set for April 27th. A dance in the hall will follow the pageant.

\$2,240 was raised at the benefit held for Vern and Jeannette Nelson last Sunday at the VFW in McIntosh.

“Bye Bye Birdie” was successful show in Oklee at the High School. The students did a wonderful job.

Keith Nelson, son of Norman and Ione Nelson of Oklee, has been accepted for admission at Northland Community College in Thief River Falls.

Twenty Years Ago
May 3, 1995

The first of its king banquet idea for the Oklee academic achievers was presented to the school board and Administration by Gary Lee. The school enthusiastically support the idea.

The Oklee High school JETS teams ahs finished first in the State Division I for small schools. They have kept up the tradition which was first established by the JETS team in 1991.

NDSU honored 41 new

members to the Quarter Century Club and included in the Roster, Ronald M. Mathsen, a native of Oklee and graduate of the Class of 1969.

Ten Years Ago
April 28, 2005

Randy Pederson named Northern Division Middle School Principal of the Year by the MN Association of Secondary School Principals.

Wilmer Sevigny of rural Brooks is named the honorary chairman for the Relay For Life this year.

The students of RLCC did a wonderful job presenting the pay, “Any Number Can Die” a mystery/comedy that kept everyone guessing who was the murderer.

Meet the Seniors this week were Alex Hamrum, Tanya Melby, Brett Rewertz, and Bekki Paquin.

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Who’s Dat?



Who's Dat?
This weeks photo is a familiar face. He graduated from Oklee and still lives in the area.

Last week's photo was of Sue (Olson) Smith withone of her daughters, at an ECFE event. Looks like they are having fun reading a book.



Oklee Herald Office Hours

This weeks hours:

Thu, Apr. 23	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Fri, Apr. 24	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Mon, Apr. 27	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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