

Oklee Precipitation
By Einar Kvasager

	Rain	Snow
March 31	Trace	
Total in.	0.00	0.00
Monthly Total	0.80	2.00

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Wojo's Rodeo is coming to the Fair 115th Red Lake County Fair - June 23, 24, & 25



Photo by Richards Publishing Co.

Red Lake County Fair is coming to Oklee June 23-24-25. This year marks the first time the Red Lake County Fair has offered a Rodeo as part of the events. The two day Rodeo will be a fun and exciting event to go to this year. Advance Tickets will be sold for Rodeo and Baja Race until the 20th of June. After that time tickets will be available at the gate.

Red Lake County will kick off fair week with an opening ceremony on June 23, at 8:30 a.m. in front of the Red Lake County Central School. After the ceremony there will be donuts and coffee for the public. Starting at 9:00 a.m. the public is welcome to enter their projects in the Open Class entry. The Fair is looking forward to many new exhibitors for the Open Class. This is where you can shine with your project or gardening skills can be entered and win premiums.

At 1:00 p.m. Senior Citizens are invited to attend the Senior Citizen event at the Oklee Community Hall where an Outstanding Senior Citizen Award will be given out. Play

bingo to win prizes. Grab a friend and meet at the East side of the RLCC High School for a scavenger hunt and medalion hunt in the afternoon.

There are lots events being planned including movies for children in the Cafeteria, demonstrations at the Hall, Hot Wheels Baja in front of the school. and the Tractor Pedal Pull (This is one of the favored events of the year). Times and dates to be announced.

More on the Rodeo

The Red Lake County Fair's Rodeo is coming with two days of rodeo events. It is the 1st year that the Fair Board has hosted the rodeo. Friday night's rodeo event starts at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, June 23 and Saturday, June 24 will be held at 6:00 p.m. This rodeo has been dubbed "the best little rodeo around" and provides up close and personal views of rodeo livestock and dangerous bulls from the Wo Jo Rodeo Company. There are bucking broncos, trick riders, rodeo clowns, barrel racers, steer wrestlers, calf ropers, and bull riders to keep you entertained throughout the show. Many of these riders are competing for monetary prizes, and some local riders are trying to vie for prize money for their very first time. There are nine full events for both evenings, and there will be a rodeo activity for the little buckaroos during intermission both evenings.

After the Rodeo, come on down to the Dance at the Barn. The band playing on Friday night is Gravel Road. And Saturday night the Barn Dance will be a DJ, yet to be announced. There will be a beer garden and food available at the event.

On Saturday, June 24 at 8:15 a.m. 5K registration begins on the South side of the RLCC High School. If you are interested in taking part in the 5K, contact Tracy Hamm or Suzie Gunderson. More contact information later.

At 9:00 a.m. the Open class entries and business booths open up for the day, so stop back in the gym to check out those.

4-H awards will be given out at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday.

On Sunday, June 25 at 1:00 p.m. the South Park, will be the 3rd Annual BAJA race at 3:00 p.m. Watch for more details later.

Bingo will be played at the Oklee Community Hall for anyone that is interested at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday.

There will be a Variety of Talent Show, blow up games, and much more.

At 5:00 p.m. the release of exhibits will take place in the gym. Anyone who participated in Open Class entry needs to collect their entries and pick up their awards.

Red Lake County Fair History

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 Homark 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 had 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. 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.

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

Essentia Health in Oklee Clinic Expands Friday Hours

Essentia Health- Oklee Clinic is expanding Friday hours. Effective April 7, Essentia Health-Oklee Clinic will be open on Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

All other days and hours remain the same.

- Monday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Tuesday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Wednesday 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- Thursday 12 p.m. - 7 p.m.
- Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.



The RLCC French Club in front of the RestoGare Bistro: Jarisa Bailey, Tasha Manning, Adrien Verbout, Daphney Koralewski, Austin Jensen, Andrew Fish, Billie Gryskiewicz, Grace Gieseke, and Julia Bernstein.

The French Club goes to Winnipeg

By: Julia Bernstein

The French I and French II classes from Red Lake Falls, Red Lake County Central, and Breckenridge had the opportunity to go to Winnipeg for a French Trip. Lynn Vathauer from Red Lake Falls is the ITV instructor for the class and planned the trip. Also chaperoning on the trip was Stephanie Halland from RLCC. The trip took place March 26-27th.

A chartered bus from Bemidji arrived at the RLCC School at 9:00 a.m. to pick up the students and continued on to pick up the students in Plummer. The next stop was in RLF to pick up their students and Breckenridge's students. The group arrived in Winnipeg and went to the St. Vital Shopping Mall for lunch and to do some shopping. After shopping the students checked in to their hotel, Best Western Plus Pembina and Suites.

After enjoying the French cuisine dinner at the RestoGare Bistro, the group went to the Winnipeg Jets vs. Vancouver Canucks hockey game. This was first professional hockey game most of the students had ever seen. The pace of the game was much faster than any of the local hockey teams. The MTS Center arena was pretty packed with fans cheering for both teams. The majority of the students were cheering for the Jets. The game was a low scoring game with the Jets winning 2-1 over the Canucks. After the hockey game the group went back to the hotel and did some swimming.

Monday the group went to the St. Boniface Museum and learned about the history of Manitoba. A really cool tour guide was very animated telling about Manitoba. He explained about Louis Riel who was the founder of Manitoba, the St. Boniface Cathedral, and the three fires that destroyed most of the cathedral.

The students then went to the Promenade Café for lunch. After lunch they boarded the bus and left for home.

French students from RLCC who went on the trip were Jarisa Bailey, Julia Bernstein, Andrew Fish, Grace Gieseke, Billie Gryskiewicz, Austin Jensen, Daphney Koralewski, Tasha Manning, and Adrien Verbout. Those from RLF included Ben

Cardinal, Abbie Johanneck, Kenna Maurstad, Tyee Seeger, and Rachel Wieland. Students from Breckenridge were Tanner Differding, Justice Pfeifer, Maggie Rick, and Lucas Simmer.

One of the students, Austin Jensen, said what he liked about the trip was learning how the St. Boniface Cathedral was burned down and what caused the three fires. He also tried snail which he really disliked and tried a dish called Poutine that he really enjoyed. He also commented that at the Winnipeg Jets game, he "got dabbled on by the Jets mascot."

About the hockey game Andrew Fish commented, "Our seats were very high up, which was okay, but they were also behind the net." He had also hoped to throw his hat in the event of a hat trick, but that didn't happen. He enjoyed eating the flourless chocolate cake. "The consistency was weird but the taste was great".

Jarisa Bailey really enjoyed the trip to Winnipeg which

"was fun and memorable." Her favorite part was the hockey game because she had never been to a professional hockey game before. She enjoyed the café foods the most because they were fancy. She was also surprised that the buildings were so close together and angled.



One of the French dishes the French Club tried at the RestoGare Bistro in Winnipeg.



The French Club visited the St. Boniface Cathedral in Winnipeg.



The tour guide at the St. Boniface Museum explaining the many uses for a wagon.

Calendar of Events

Wed, Apr. 5:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. - Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.

Thu, Apr. 6:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. - Bingo.
Fri, Apr. 7:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.

Sat, Apr. 8:
-Oklee Community Egg Hunt at the Hall 10:00 a.m.
-Support your local business - Shop Locally!

Sun, Apr. 9:
-Palm Sunday Brunch - St. Francis in Oklee 9:00 a.m.

-Worship at the church of your choice.

Mon, Apr. 10:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.

Tue, Apr. 11:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. - Cards

Wed, Apr. 12:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. - Bridge.

-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.

Thu, Apr. 13:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. - Bingo.

Fri, Apr. 14:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.

Sat, Apr. 15:
-Support your local business - Shop Locally!

Sun, Apr. 16:
-Worship at the church of your choice.

Mon, Apr. 17:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.

Tue, Apr. 18:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. - Cards

-Senior Potluck 5:00 p.m. @ Café.



Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Margaret Jacobus
Tue, Apr. 4: Salem Council meeting 7:00 p.m.
Wed, Apr. 5: Lenten Service – 6:30 p.m. Soup N Sandwich, 7:30 p.m. at Salem.
Thu, Apr. 6: Joint Church Council meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Sun, Apr. 9: Palm Sunday - 9:00 a.m. Zion. 9:00 a.m. SS at Salem. 10:15 a.m. SS at Zion. 10:30 a.m. Salem.
Mon, Apr. 10: Zion Council meeting 7:00 p.m.
Thu, Apr. 13: Maundy Thursday at Salem 7:30 p.m.
Fri, Apr. 14: Good Friday at Zion 7:30 p.m.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH OKLEE
Fr. Adam Hamness
Sun, Apr. 9: 7:30 a.m. Confessions 8:00 a.m. Mass.

BROOKS – RED LAKE FALLS CATHOLIC PARISH
Fr. Bob Schreiner
Sat, Apr. 8: 5:30 p.m. RLF
Sun, Apr. 9: 8:00 a.m. Brooks. 10:00 a.m. RLF.

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Wed, Apr. 5: 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service at Ebenezer.
Sun, Apr. 9: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer. 9:15 a.m. SS at Immanuel. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Immanuel.
Mon, Apr. 10: 9:00 a.m. Quilting at Immanuel.
Thu, Apr. 13: 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday at Immanuel.
Fri, Apr. 14: 7:00 p.m. Good Friday at Ebenezer.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Wed, Apr. 5: Release Time. Lenten – 7:00 p.m. Service at Faith.

Sun, Apr. 9: 10:30 a.m. Joint services with Confirmation at Ekelund, Meal to follow.
Mon, Apr. 10: 9:30 a.m. Rachel Circle. 7:00 p.m. Parish meeting at Faith.
Tue, Apr. 11: 6:00 p.m. Shalom Circle.
Wed, Apr. 12: Release Time.
Thu, Apr. 13: 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday at Bethany.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive – Nazareth Oak Park – St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Wed, Apr. 5: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School/Confirmation. Nazareth: 6:00 p.m. Soup N Sandwich. 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service. Bible Study after service.
Thu, Apr. 6: 6:30 p.m. Lenten Services followed by Bible Study at St. Petri.
Sat, Apr. 8: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.

Sun, Apr. 9: Palm Sunday – 8:00 a.m. St. Petri, 9:15 a.m. SS. 9:45 a.m. Oak Park, 8:30 a.m. SS. 11:00 a.m. Nazareth, 10:00 a.m. SS. Dinner to follow.
Wed, Apr. 12: No Wednesday School/Confirmation.
Thu, Apr. 13: Maundy Thursday – 5:30 p.m. Mt. Olive. 7:00 pm. Nazareth.
Fri, Apr. 14: Good Friday – 8:00 a.m. St. Petri. 7:00 p.m. Oak Park.

Red Lake Falls Library News

The library is open on Tuesday from Noon until 7:00 pm, Wednesday from Noon until 7:00 pm, Thursday from Noon to 5:00 p.m.; Friday from Noon until 5:00 pm, and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The "Window Fancies" glass mosaic suncatcher class held last week was a fun success, with 20 patrons participating, including eight members of Girl Scout Troop #20211. Thanks to all who came, and especially to class instructor & glass artist Jo McFarlin for sharing her creative talent at this event.

Northwest Regional Library has now launched its new website: check it out at www.nwrlib.org. The online catalog can be accessed there, along with regional library information such as policies, and branch pages with links to their own events calendars, program descriptions and more, as well as hours & contact information with call-through ability.

Stop into the Red Lake Falls branch to see some favorite quilts made by members of the "Snip & Stitch Quilters." They will be on display throughout the month of April.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Apr. 5: 6:30 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Thu, Apr. 6: 12:00 p.m. Rotary.
Fri, Apr. 7: 8:45 a.m. Friday School.
Sun, Apr. 9: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:50 a.m. Sunday School.
Tue, Apr. 11: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study. 10:00 a.m. Quilting. 6:30 p.m. Church Bible Study.
Wed, Apr. 12: 6:30 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Wed, Apr. 5: 6:00 p.m. Soup/Sandwich Bethany. 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service at Bethany.
Sun, Apr. 9: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Lund. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Bethany.
Wed, Apr. 12: 2:00 p.m. Lund WELCA.
Thu, Apr. 13: Maundy Thursday – 6 p.m. Soup N Sandwich. 7:00 p.m. Service.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston
Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor
Sun, Apr. 9: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship.

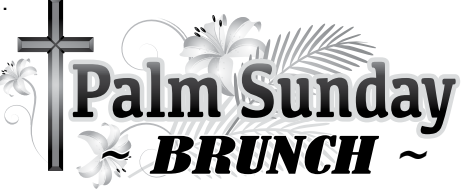


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Palm Sunday BRUNCH

Sunday, April 9th
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

St. Francis Xavier Church, Oklee

Serving... Eggs, bacon, pancakes, fresh fruit, muffins, coffee, juice

SILENT AUCTION

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A SPECIAL THANK YOU to Larry and Rose Skallet, neighbors and friends and church family that helped Kenny Sorenson in any way. From the bottom of my heart, thank you.
Wavell Sorenson 02P

Sudoku Solution												
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Fact
More people are allergic to cow's milk than any other food.





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Oklee Community EGGHUNT

at the
Oklee Hall

Saturday, April 8th, 2017
10:00 a.m.

4TH GRADE & UNDER

Sponsored by OKLEE COMMUNITY ED and OKLEE COMMUNITY CLUB

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Red Lake County, MN

CSAH 1 & TH 59 Intersection Improvements

BIDS CLOSE 11:00 AM, Tuesday May 9th, 2017

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS:

Sealed bids will be received until 11:00 AM Tuesday, May 9th, 2017

By the Red Lake County Auditor at the Red Lake Falls Court-house

On behalf of the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners for the following:

SAP 063-601-020

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: Sight Improvement at Intersection CSAH 1 and TH 59 in Plummer.

Project includes 988 CY of Common Excavation, 1300 CY of Embankment, 1297 SY of Type V Fabric, 132 LF of 24" CS Culvert, and 110 Ton of Type 12.5 Wearing Course Mix 3,B.

Proposal, Plans, and Specifications may be obtained for \$15.00 each or examined at the Office of the County Highway Engineer, 204 7th Street SE Red Lake Falls, MN 56750. (218) 253-2697

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

ALL BIDS MUST BE DELIVERED TO THE RED LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR AT THE COURTHOUSE, P.O. Box 367 Red Lake Falls, MN 56750 **by 11:00 AM on Tuesday, May 9th, 2017.**

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

Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

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Palm Sunday Brunch in Oklee

St. Francis Xavier Church in Oklee has hosted a Palm Sunday brunch in previous years and while the parish took a hiatus last year, the brunch is back! This community gathering has traditionally drawn friends and neighbors from across the county who gather to celebrate friendships and enjoy a delicious meal.

The meal will be held at the church on Sunday, April 9th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and will include eggs, bacon, pancakes, fresh fruit, muffins, coffee and juice. There will also be a silent auction with lots of new and interesting items. Join friends and neighbors for a celebration of Spring on April 9th in Oklee.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

April 10 - 14
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: Hamburger rice hotdish, coleslaw, toast, and dessert.

Tuesday: Fried ham sandwich, bean & ham soup and dessert.

Wednesday: ½ patty melt, tator tots, vegetables, and dessert.

Thursday: Taco on fried bread with all the trimmings, and dessert.

Friday: Fish, baked potato, vegetable, and dessert.

Oklee Legion Auxiliary Meeting
The Oklee American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 159, will meet on Tuesday, April 11th at 4:00 pm at the Senior Site.
We will be discussing the Memorial Day program and the poppy campaign. Mary Lynn Bachand and Iona Berry will serve.

We want to help our Ag customers meet their goals and achieve their dreams. When you need to borrow for operating expenses, machinery, livestock, or real estate, come to us.

We offer competitive loan rates and friendly, personal service. And because we're an "Independent Bank," all decisions are made locally.

Red Lake County Commissioners Minutes

RED LAKE COUNTY Board Reorganization Meeting Held January 3, 2017

Pursuant to adjournment of its regular meeting the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners duly met in reorganizational session pursuant to Minnesota Statute 357.07 at the courthouse in Red Lake Falls, MN on January 3, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. Members present were: Commissioners Anthony Flage, Dave Sorensen, Chuck Simpson, and Ron Weiss. Commissioner Lerohl was absent. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

County Auditor Robert Schmitz called the meeting to order. The Oath of Office was administered to re-elected County Commissioners Chuck Simpson and Ron Weiss. Simpson and Weiss were also issued their election certificates at this time. The Oath of Office was also administered to County Assessor Nancy Amberson whom was reappointed by the County Board of Commissions for a 4-year term commencing January 2017.

Auditor Schmitz asked for nominations for the position of County Board Chairperson for 2017. Commissioner Sorensen nominated Commissioner Flage. Auditor Schmitz called for additional nominations three times, and hearing none called for a motion to cease nominations. Commissioner Sorensen moved and seconded by Simpson that nominations cease and the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Flage as the 2017 Chairperson of the Red Lake County Board. Motion carried.

Commissioner Flage assumed the chair and called for nominations for Vice-Chairperson for 2017. Commissioner Weiss nominated Commissioner Sorensen. Chairman Flage called for additional nominations three times, and hearing none called for a motion to cease nominations. Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Weiss that nominations cease and the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Sorensen as Vice-Chairperson of the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners for 2017. Motion carried.

Bid opening was then conducted for the legal county newspaper for 2017. The Oklee Herald and the Red Lake Falls Gazette submitted the following bids per column inch:

Gazette	Herald
1) First Publication-Financial Statement	
\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00
2) Second Publication-Financial Statement	
\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00
3) Board Proceedings and Miscellaneous	
\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00
4) Two Publications of Delinquent Taxes	
\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00

Commissioner Sorensen moved, seconded by Commissioner Simpson to accept the bid from the Oklee Herald as the official county newspaper of record for 2017 to publish bid items (1), (3), and (4). Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Simpson to approve the Red Lake Falls Gazette as the 2017 secondary publication to publish bid item (2), the second publication of the financial statement. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Sorensen and duly adopted to establish the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 10:00 a.m. as the 2017 regular board meeting dates and times.

Commissioner Sorensen moved, seconded by Simpson and carried by unanimous vote to establish the 2017 commissioner per diem rates at \$70.00 per day for assigned committee meetings attended.

Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Simpson and carried by unanimous vote to approve the following county appropriations for 2017, with any appropriation over \$20,000.00 to be made in quarterly installments: \$8,360.00 Committee on Aging; \$107.00 Red River Basin Commission; \$10,000.00 Red Lake County Fair Board; \$1,000.00 to Red Lake County DWI Court; \$85.00 each to the Plummer, Oklee, and Red Lake Falls American Legions; \$6,300.00 Friends of the Library; \$800.00 Red River Valley Development Association; \$21,388.00 Inter-County Nursing Services; \$9,000.00 Oklee Ambulance; \$29,000.00 Red Lake Falls Ambulance; \$2,000.00 Red Lake County Historical Society; \$26,732.00 NW Regional Library; and \$7,000.00 Red Lake County Parks.

There were no committee reports by County Commissioners.

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

Vendor	Amount
Association of MN Counties	\$5,110.00
Computer Professionals, Inc.	\$2,238.00
MN Counties Computer Coop	\$7,496.10
MN Rural Counties	\$2,100.00
Red Lake County Park Board	\$6,362.12
16 Payments less than \$2,000	\$4,282.28
Final Total	\$27,588.50

Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Simpson and carried by unanimous vote to cancel the regular board meeting to be held on January 10, 2017. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 24, 2017.

Deadline: Friday's at noon!

Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Sorensen and duly adopted to approve the legally constituted annual county board assignments for 2017:

County Board Assignments:
Board of Health, County Law Enforcement, County Zoning and Ordinance, Ditch, Finance, Job Evaluation, Road & Bridge, Solid Waste, Union Negotiations - County Board Advisory Board to Red Lake Watershed District - Lerohl (delegate) and Weiss (alternate)

Area Agency on Aging - Weiss (delegate) and Lerohl (alternate)
Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) - County Board

AMC Policy Committees:
Environment/Natural Resources - Flage;

General Government - Weiss
Health & Human Services - Lerohl; Public Safety - Simpson
Transportation - Sorensen
Citizen Advisory Committee (RLWD) - Weiss

County Economic Development Board - Simpson and Sorensen
County Extension - Flage and Lerohl

County Fair Board - Lerohl and Simpson

County Parks - Sorensen
County Safety Committee - Flage
County Tourism & Trails Committee - Sorensen

County Water Res. Advisory Committee (SWCD) - Flage
County Weed Advisory Committee - Weiss

Courthouse Purchasing and Planning Committee - Flage
Emergency 911 Committee - Flage

Household Hazardous Waste - Simpson (delegate) and Lerohl (alternate)

Inter County Community Council - Lerohl

Inter County Nursing Service - Sorensen

Joint Counties Watershed Board - Lerohl and Sorensen

Joint Ditch Board - Flage, Simpson, and Weiss

Law Library - Flage

Minnesota Rural Counties Caucus - Sorensen (delegate) and Simpson (alternate)

NW Mental Health - Sorensen

NW Apartments Board - Sorensen

NW HRA - Lerohl

NW Regional Development Board of Directors - Lerohl (delegate), Weiss (alternate)

NW Regional Development - Lerohl (Enterprise Fund), Sorensen (Transportation Advisory)

NW Regional Radio Board - Flage (delegate) and Simpson (alternate)

Personnel Policy Statement Committee - Flage and Sorensen

Quin County Board of Health (CHS) - Weiss (delegate) and Simpson (alternate)

Red Lake County Affordable Housing Committee - Flage

Regional Corrections - Sorensen and Weiss

Red Lake River Corridor Workgroup - Flage (delegate) and Sorensen (alternate)

Red River Basin (Int. Coalition) - Flage

River Safety Committee - Lerohl and Sorensen

RLWD One Watershed/One Plan (1W1P) - Weiss (delegate) and Weiss (alternate)

The board reviewed a quote to replace interior blinds on courthouse windows. Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Sorensen and carried by unanimous vote to approve the quote from Thief River Falls Paint and Glass in the amount of \$2,600.00 (price includes installation) for 27 window units.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned until January 24, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

Attest:

Robert Schmitz, Auditor

Anthony Flage, Chair,
Board of Commissioners

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RLCC Menus

April 10 - 14

Oklee

Mon: Breakfast: Ham & cheese croissant, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Taco in a bag or soft shell, refried beans, Spanish rice, fruit, and milk.

Tue: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken penne hotdish, breadsticks, vegetables, string cheese, fruit, and milk.

Wed: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken strips, scalloped potatoes, vegetables, pretzel, fruit, and milk.

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

Fri: No School.

Plummer

Mon: Breakfast: Cook's Choice – Variety, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Pizza, salad w/coutons, veggies, cookie, fruit, and milk.

Tue: Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Fish shapes, macaroni & cheese, peas & carrots, orange mini bread, fruit, and milk.

Wed: Breakfast: Pancakes, sausage, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Spaghetti, green beans, garlic bread sticks, fruit, and milk.

Thu: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, baby bakes, cheesy broccoli, buttered bread, fruit, and milk.

Fri: No School.

Events coming up in

April at RLCC HS

By: Hannah Riendeau
Many events are already being planned the last week of March and in April at Red Lake County Central High School. The upcoming events include the following.

Thursday, April 6 – Girls' Basketball Award Potluck in Oklee

Friday, April 7 - SH Band trip

Saturday April 8 - Speech Meet in Oklee

Monday, April 10 - Academic Banquet

Tuesday- Thursday, April 18-20 - 3-Act-Play

Saturday, April 29 - Prom

RLC Rebel

Speech Team

By Sarah Christensen
Saturday, March 25 the Red Lake County Rebel Speech Team traveled to Fisher. Four placed at the meet. Mariah Peterson received an Excellent Ribbon in Humor. Jayden Iverson was awarded fourth place in Poetry. Placing in fifth was Danny Guillemette in Poetry. Dede Walton placed fifth in Creative Expression.

April ECFE

Family Events

By: Sydnie Gunderson

The Red Lake County Central Early Education Family Education meets each month for some family events. Each month during the school year, sessions and activities are planned where you and your child together enjoy developmentally appropriate play and learning activities. Three events are planned for April.

Thursday, April 6th from 6:00-7:00 pm, the "ECFE Music Fun Night" will be held at the Oklee site. Soup and sandwiches will be served at the beginning of the event. There will be music on CDs and YouTube and much more. Bring your favorite music that you and your child like to move to.

The "ECFE Grandparents Night" is Thursday, April 20th at the Brooks Community Center from 6:00-7:00 pm. It will be an evening of activities centered on time with the grandparents. Parents are also welcome to join. There will be activities with handprints, planting seeds, playing with playdough and eating dirt dessert.

A field trip to the Headwaters Science Center in Bemidji will be Thursday, April 27th for Red Lake Falls, Oklee, and Plummer School Readiness students and parents at 4:30-9:30 pm. They will be stopping to eat at Giovanni's Pizza and then touring the Science Center.

The cost of the Science Center tour is covered by a grant from Operation Round Up. A free-will offering for supper will be collected on the bus. Bus cost will be \$5.00 per family. Call to register by April 20. Red Lake Falls—call 253-2161 ext. 229. Plummer—call 465-4222 ext. 218. Oklee—call 796-5136 ext. 140. Bus will leave Red Lake Falls at 4:30 pm, Plummer at 4:45 pm, and Oklee at 5:10 pm.

Lace 'Em Up Basketball Camp Registration

By: Hannah Riendeau
The 24th Annual Lace 'Em up Basketball Camp will be held June 5-9 in Red Lake Falls. The camp is open to students in grades K-11. Cost is \$60 with a maximum cost of \$100 per family.

Registration forms are in the school's office. Registration is due by May 20th if you want a camp T-shirt. After May 25th all single registrations will be \$70 with a family maximum of \$120.

RLCC JH Knowledge Bowl compete at TRF
By Marie Johnson
Red Lake County Central Junior High Knowledge Bowl competed at Thief River Falls

on March 28th. There were many teams that participated in this competition. Brody Moen and Elijah Rath sack took 36th place. The top six teams were Fertile White Team in first, Bemidji Blue Team in second, Bemidji Red Team in third, Greenbush/Middle River Black team in fourth, Thief River Falls Silver Team in fifth, and Norman County East Black Team in sixth place.



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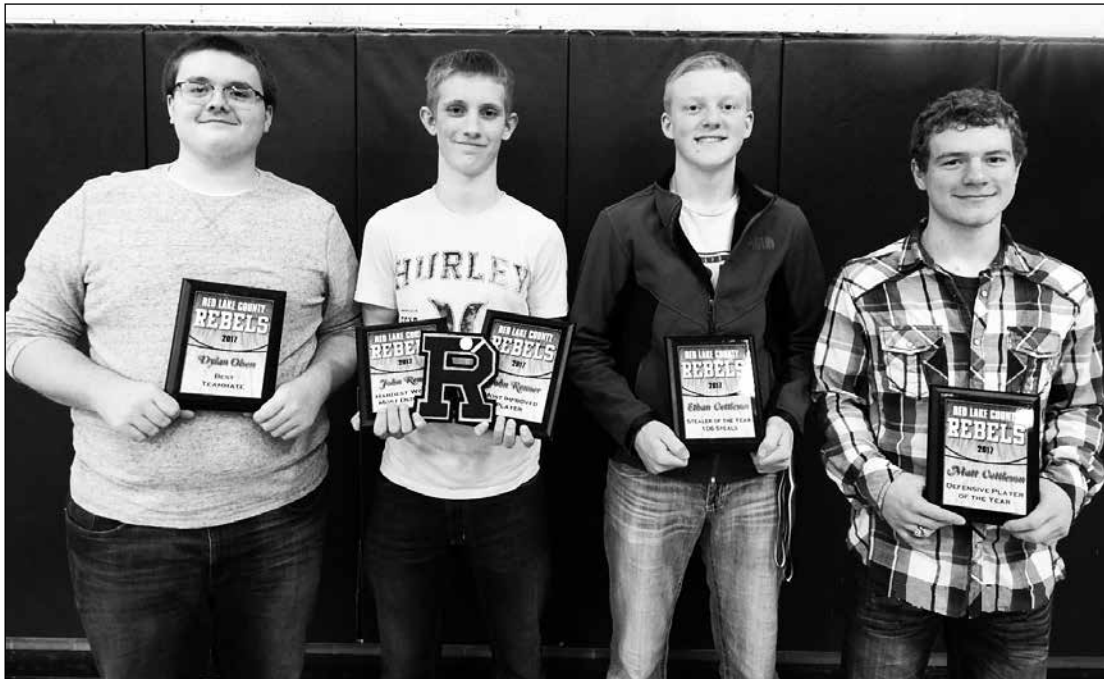
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Every 2nd & 4th Friday – Bemidji.



The Rebels boys' basketball Special Team awards were presented to Dylan Olsen, John Renner, Ethan Vettleson, and Matt Vettleson.

RLC Boys' Basketball Awards

By Marie Johnson
Red Lake County boys' basketball held their annual Awards Night and banquet on Sunday, March 26th in Plummer. The coaches shared about the season and presented the awards.

The Letter Winners were Ethan Vettleson, Matt Vettleson, Seth Paradis, John Renner, Jordan Johnson, Ben Cardinal, Adrien Verbout, Connor Lambert, Justin Nemec, Brandon Wiskow, Austin Jensen, Derek

Peterson, and Isiah Olson. The players who earned a perfect attendance award were Ethan Vettleson, John Renner, Jordan Johnson, Ben Cardinal, Adrien Verbout, Brandon Wiskow, and Hayden Cardinal.

The players receiving special awards were Matt Vettleson, Defensive Player of the Year; John Renner, Most Improved Player and Most Dedicated/Hardest Worker; Dylan Olsen, Best Teammate; and Ethan Vettleson, Stealer Award, the Most Steals in

a Season. Seniors Dylan Olsen and Makay Berns were awarded with the Senior Award and each got an embroidered blanket.

Ethan Vettleson set three new team records for the Rebels. He broke the team records of Most Steals in a game with 14, Most Steals in a season with 106, and the Most Triple Doubles in a Season with one. E. Vettleson was also awarded All-Conference Honorable Mention.



Makay Berns and Dylan Olsen with their Senior Award for Rebels boys basketball. They each got an embroidered blanket.

RLCC students receive Excellent Ratings at Vocal Ensemble Contest



RLCC music students who competed at the Vocal Ensemble Contest: (Back) Dede Walton, Tera Qualley, Sidney Olson, (Middle) Kara Longtin, Natalie Aakhus, and (Front) Brandie DeHate.

By Sydnie Gunderson
The Vocal Ensemble Contest was held in East Grand Forks on Wednesday, March 22. There were six participants from Red Lake County Central. The seniors that attended were Natalie Aakhus, Tera Qualley, and Dede Walton. Also participating was Junior

Kara Longtin and Freshmen Brandie DeHate and Sidney Olson.

All three Ensembles received the same score of 31 for an Excellent rating. Dede Walton and Tera Qualley were singing a traditional folk song called "Ahreerang." Kara Longtin and Brandie DeHate sang "In

His Eyes" from Jekyll and Hyde. Natalie Aakhus and Sidney Olson sang "A Whole New World" from Aladdin.

The Red Lake County Central choir director Mrs. Patty Mickelson has been working with these singers to get them ready for the contest.

Welcome to the family

Nicole Severts, CNP
Emergency Medicine and Family Medicine
Essentia Health-Oklee Clinic



Nurse Practitioner Nicole Severts has joined the Family Medicine Department at the Essentia Health-Oklee Clinic.

"When I was searching for employment opportunities, I was drawn to Essentia Health's mission - we are called to make a healthy difference in people's lives," says Severts. "The power of that statement made me want to be a part of this team."

Severts earned a master's degree in nursing from Kaplan University in Chicago, IL. She is certified as an emergency registered nurse by the Board of Certification for Emergency Nurses, and as a family nurse practitioner by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners.

"I worked as a registered nurse for more than 10 years prior to getting my advanced degree, and I love taking care of people," says Severts.

To schedule an appointment with Severts at the Oklee Clinic, call 218.796.4525.

"I treat everyone in my care as I would want to be treated."

- Nicole Severts, CNP



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Oklee Herald Early Files

Seventy Years Ago April 10, 1947

The Village of Oklee has begun digging out from under the heaviest April snowfalls in years. Official readings taken by Otto Bakken indicate 15 inches of snow and 2.3 inches of moisture.

Last Saturday's storm did a considerable amount of damage in this area to power, telephone and telegraph lines. Garden Valley Telephone Company alone sustained an estimated loss of \$25,000.

The Senior Class of Pershing High School has selected Ned Albert's dramatization of Mary J. Homes; world famous novel, "Tempest and Sunshine" for the annual school play.

Sixty Years Ago April 11, 1957

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lambert of Brooks announced the engagement of their daughter, Lois to Earl Vraa, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Vraa of Goodridge.

Douglas Parr of Grand Forks recently assumed management of the Brooks Corner Tavern which he bought from Fred Albrecht. Mr. Parr was previously an automobile salesman for a Grand Forks firm.

Jospeh Ripplinger, Red Lake County farmer pleaded not guilty Tuesday in district court at RLF to a charge of second degree murder in the slaying of his wife, Mary, 49, last February at the couple farm home.

Fifty Years Ago April 6, 1967

A huge ice jam developed at the Lost River bridge near the Oklee Creamery Thursday and for a little while spectators thought the bridge might be in danger.

Renae Bjerklie celebrated her ninth birthday with many friends and relatives present.

Merle Lundeen left for Washington, D.C. Saturday with the Farmer Union men's fly-in and was one of 100 Minnesotan dairy farmers and dairy plant managers that joined forces to meet with the Department of Agriculture.

Forty Years Ago April 7, 1977

Cold weather and gray skies greeted both the buyers and the sellers at the 2nd annual Oklee Community Auction that was held here last Saturday.

Three Oklee wrestlers advanced to the Minnesota AAU Tournament to be held at Apple Valley High on April 15 & 16. They are Randy Bergeron and Lloyd Bergeron.

Jam session at the Ingvald Larson home with Don Larson as host was held Monday night, April 4th with Hilary Stoltman, Paul Furuseth and Terri Cuppet of TRF, Mickey Mickelson and Don Larson of Oklee participating.

Thirty Years Ago April 8, 1987

Boys Basketball players from Oklee named to the All-Conference Valley Plains and North Tri-County were Jeff

Nelson and Chris Lindquist. Honorable Mention was Jeff Johnson.

For the past 10 years, Oklee has sent more wrestlers to the State Tournament than any other school in Region 8 – 36 in all. The common factor – coach, Charlie Bishop, who has been the wrestling coach at Oklee for 17 continuous years.

Twenty Years Ago April 9, 1997

Nature played an April Fool's joke when bad weather started on Friday with rain, wind and snow making road travel dangerous. Electricity went out for many in the area and it could three days before power is returned stated Red Lake Electric Co-op.

Stanley Solheim took his mother Bertha Solheim over to Warren Solheim's home in Clearbrook for Easter dinner.

Ten Years Ago April 5, 2007

Marian Marquis was honored for her 50 years of service to the church as organist, first playing at Faith Lutheran and at Oklee Lutheran Parish since 1991.

The County Board has approved the policing contract that Bernstein presented after the meeting held with the cities of the county.

Red Lake Falls Mayor Phillion charges with two felonies and he pled not guilty to charges of possession of stolen goods and criminal damage to property.

Senior Site News and Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

It has been a nice day, a little bit windy, but, with temperatures in the 50's, it is better than snow on the ground.

Many birds have been returning. I have heard them chirping in the trees. Last week when I was at Don's, I saw two sandhill cranes. They were flying up a few feet above his garage. I thought it was geese, but as they flew over I was close enough to see I had made a mistake. Once in awhile I have seen them in fields, but never close enough to almost touch them.

I saw a funeral announcement in the Grand Forks Herald that Nels Loiland had passed away. I did not know him, but his mother, Thora, was Suellen's baby sitter while I was working at the school. She was an excellent baby sitter. Thora also worked in the kitchen at the school some-

times. I believe John lives near McIntosh.

There will be no Bingo played on Thursday, April 13 as it is so close to Easter.

I have been watching for the Northern Lights and was able to see them two nights in a row. They weren't as pretty as the ones shown on the news. Probably I didn't stay up late enough to see the pretty ones

Dates to Remember

April 6 - Bingo 12:30
April 16 - Easter
April 18 - Pot Luck
April 20 - Site Council Meets 10 a.m.

April 21 - Birthday Meal

Words of Wisdom

The easiest way to change your circumstances is to change your attitude.

The half-time score doesn't

determine the winner.

Joke Time

An old man in hospital became increasingly irritated by the patronizing tone of one of the nurses. Every morning she would tuck in his sheets, pat him on the head and ask: "And how are we today?"

He decided to take his revenge at breakfast. Having been given a urine bottle to fill, he instead emptied his apple juice into the container. When the nurse examined the supposed sample, she remarked: "It seems we are a little cloudy today"

To her horror, the old man snatched the bottle from her hand, drank the contents and said sarcastically: "Well, I'll run it through the system again, Maybe I can filter it better this time."



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Centennial Recipe Corner

Texas Caviar Sandy Radniecki

1 can light kidney beans
1 can black beans
1 can great northern beans
Drain and rinse all the beans.

1 can white or yellow corn, drained.
2 jalapeno peppers
1 green pepper
1 onion
3 ribs of celery
Finely chop up peppers, onion and celery.

Mix all ingredients with:
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup cider vinegar
1/3 cup vegetable oil

Refrigerate and serve with chips or Frito Scoops.



way his tail floats. Nature is always teaching me lessons.

We hope you have a great week. Get out into the nice weather and soak up the sun.

Have a great week and enjoy the nice spring weather.

Red Lake County Extension Educator

Curtis W. Nyegaard - 218-253-2895

Black Medic - A Common Weed

Weed Profile

Black medic (Medicago lupulina) is a bothersome weed in flower beds, lawns and even in cracks in sidewalks or between pavers. It is usually a low growing annual plant but it can grow to about a foot wide and tall in various sites. It has small clover like leaves composed of three leaflets that are attached to very fine stems. Probably the most striking feature of this plant are its tiny, clusters of bright yellow flowers that begin to appear in early summer and continue until a hard freeze kills the plant. After the flowers fade, clusters of nearly black fruit (seeds) develop in their place, each one containing a single seed. While black medic is usually an annual plant, it can sometimes be a short lived perennial as well.

Management

The challenging aspect of controlling black medic

occurs in flower beds and borders. Young plants usually go unnoticed as they often grow up amongst the foliage and stems of other plants. This makes them difficult to see and pull out because it is hard to find the base of the plant where all the stems are attached to the main tap root. Pulling on the side branches usually means that they just break off. Each plant can produce hundreds of seeds so it only takes a few plants to create a significant infestation of this weed. Besides pulling, hoeing out the young seedlings can be effective but often difficult in a densely planted flower bed. Applying an organic mulch 2 to 3' deep, around the flowers, to cover the soil and any weed seeds that might be there, may also be helpful.

Black Medic In Lawns

Black medic can also be a problem in lawns, particularly lawns that have not been

adequately fertilized or are stressed for other reasons. Properly fertilizing the lawn and increasing the mowing height will help make the lawn grasses more competitive with black medic. Most broad leaf lawn herbicides will also help control the problem in lawns. Some of these products are a non-selective herbicide, like glyphosate, but can be quite effective in controlling black medic in sidewalks and pavers, but will also kill the grass.

For more information on this weed and other common weed problems; go to www3.umn.edu and do a search for the specific weeds or common lawn and flower bed weeds.

Source; March Issue of U M Yard and Garden Newsletter.

WIC Schedule

The Women, Infants and Children's Supplemental Nutrition Education Program (WIC) is being held the month of April 2017.

Infants, children up to the age of 5, and women who are pregnant or breastfeeding may be eligible for the program. We are very interested in enrolling pregnant women in the program. We feel that the prenatal nutrition is a vital part of producing a healthy baby, apply for WIC early in your pregnancy. We need no proof of pregnancy.

All potential clients must contact the WIC Program to schedule an appointment.

WIC Clinics for the month of April.

Thu, April 6: Red Lake Falls Community Center
April 10 - 14: Thief River Falls Redeemer Lutheran Church

Tue, April 25: Oklee Inter-County Community Council Building

For further information concerning the WIC program, call or write WIC Quin, PO Box 248, Newfolden, MN 56738, 1-800-223-1591, or e-mail at quinchs@wiktel.com.

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

This morning there is a bit of fog but the sun shining will burn it off quickly. It is warm outside and no wind so far. Wonderful spring weather.

Our community mourns the loss of Rosemarie Jolly. She was a life long member of our community and had a hearty laugh and good humor. We will miss her and her great outlook on life. God bless her family and may she rest in peace. Our sympathy to her family and friends.

Cenex will have their annual meeting breakfast on Thursday, come at 8:30 for breakfast and enjoy the meeting at 9:30. Prizes will also be awarded at the meeting.

On Wednesday Dellas Paradis held a birthday party for Amanda Schow and Charlie Paradis, her grandchildren. Those attending were Lonnie and Kenya Paradis the honorees parents, Olivia Paradis, Charlie Paradis and Amanda Schow and husband Tyler Schow, and Dellas Paradis. Seven candles adorned the cake for the honor of Charlie. Happy Birthday both to Amanda and to Charlie.

On Saturday Barb Novak went to watch her grandchildren Ian and Phillip Ellenson as they competed at speech in the Oklee High School. This

was a great meet and the contestants did so very well. Students from Warroad and East Grand Forks as well as Thief River Falls and many other schools competed for ribbons trophies and medals. Good job young people. You excel in a very important part of life.

The flu is still going around. A few people are still laid up for a few days with symptoms. Also prayers go out to Francis Bradley who is having surgery this week.

The last word we heard of Tim Novak (our son) is that he is taking chemotherapy yet, and will find out in a couple of weeks if it is doing what they hope. So many have asked me how he is and so far he says he is doing well.

On Friday Barb Novak had surgery on her hand for a trigger finger. It seems to be healing well, will find out more in ten days.

I was sitting on my steps taking in some fresh air on Friday evening and saw something I never saw before. A squirrel was running across the yard and he came to the ditch filled with water. He jumped into the water and swam to the other side. I guess it surprised me because I never thought that squirrels could swim. By the

Who's Dat?



Who's Dat

This week's photo is two youngsters.

Last week's photo was of Harold and Frankie Cyr. The fellow holding Frankie is Nap Hince.

Everyone has a great photo of a familiar face from the Oklee, Brooks, Gully, Trail or Plummer areas. Mail or email your photo to:

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