

Oklee Precipitation
By Einar Kvasager

	Rain	Snow
April 1	0.01	
Total in.	0.01	0.00

Oklee Herald

...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

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Wednesday, April 12, 2017

Oklee Lutheran Parish Quilters made 128 quilts for donations



The quilters of the Oklee Lutheran Parish finished their quilting for the year with a total of 128 quilts. They had the Blessing of the quilts on Sunday, March 26th in both churches. On Monday they were boxed up & will be delivering them to the following places: Salvation Army, Pathfinders, Clearwater Life, Grand Forks Mission, Crookston Mission, Violence Intervention Protection & the VA Hospital in Fargo.

Thanks to all of our quilters this year & we hope they will all be able to help again next year. Our quilters were Liz Follman, Virginia Larson, Irene Rosten, Diane Kolstoe, Phyllis Linder, LaVonne Brown, Ardell Opdahl, Ione Nelson, Cheryll O'Neill, Sandra Tougas and a special thanks to Leona Brekke for all the tops she made for us.



Red Lake County Fair 5k Walk/Run Correction

The Red Lake County Fair's 5K Walk/Run is organized by Jessie Hamrum. Her contact information is: jessie.hamrum@gmail.com.

It will be held on Saturday, June 24 at 8:15 a.m. 5K registration begins on the South side of the RLCC High School.

Once again, if you are interested in taking part in the 5K, contact Jessie at Jessie.hamrum@gmail.com.

Calendar of Events

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.

Wed, Apr. 19:
-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. 20:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.

Fri, Apr. 21:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.

Sat, Apr. 22:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!

Sun, Apr. 23:
-Worship at the church of your choice.



RLCC presents “Arsenic and Old Lace” April 18-20th

RLCC High School in Oklee will be presenting the three act mystery comedy “Arsenic and Old Lace” by Joseph Kesselring by special arrangement with Dramatics Publishing Company on April 18th, 19th and 20th at 7:30 PM in the Oklee gymnasium.

This classic comedy has been a delight for audiences since 1940. This comedy is about our hero Mortimer Brewster (Tom Nelson) who just asked his girlfriend Elaine Harper (Kara Longtin) to marry him.

It seems Elaine and the Brewster sisters had set the trap for Mortimer weeks earlier. Everything seems to be going perfectly until Mortimer's job as a theater critic threw in a wrench in the proceedings.

Abby Brewster (Sydney Melby) and Martha Brewster (Hannah Kolstoe) get caught in one of their charities. Mortimer reenacted a stupid murder mystery play he was going to see that had a murder occur on stage and the body had been hidden in the window seat.

As Mortimer opened the window seat in the Brewster home, there was a body. He is always quick to jump to conclusions believing his brother

Teddy (Natalie Aakhus) had killed a man. His sweet old aunts admitted that they had poisoned Mr. Hoskins and had put him in the window seat while Rev. Dr. Harper (Britain Arlt) was having tea. It was one of their charities to help lonely miserable old men find eternal peace. At the same time Officer Brophy (Tera Qualley) and Officer Klein (Jayden Iverson) were patrolling the area and are friends of the Brewsters. They missed the dead man in the window seat.

Mortimer is stunned out about his dear, sweet aunts having poisoned an elderly man. That wasn't as bad when the two lovely aunts mentioned that there were twelve bodies buried in the cellar. More twists occur as another brother Jonathan Brewster (Nick Pahlen), a killer of world wide distinction and his partner Dr. Einstein (Jade Person) were on the run from the police. These two have also killed twelve people all around the world.

Joanathan had come home to have Dr. Einstein give him a new face since he was a plastic surgeon. He now looks like Boris Karloff. He always hated Mortimer and figures it was



Seated (l to r): Abby Walton as Mr. Witherspoon, Sydney Melby as Abby Brewster, Hannah Kolstoe as Martha Brewster, Kara Longtin as Elaine Harper, Tom Nelson as Mortimer Brewster, Natalie Aakhus as Teddy Brewster, and Remy Ransack as Mr. Gibbs. Back row (l to r): Nick Pahlen as Jonathan Brewster, Jade Person as Dr. Einstein. Tera Qualley as Officer Brophy, Britain Arlt as Rev. Dr. Harper, Heather Longtin as Lieutenant Rooney, Jayden Iverson as Officer Klein, Dede Walton as Officer O'Hara. The play is being directed by Michael Swenson.

a good time to eliminate him.

Mortimer and Jonathan had an argument and were about to come to blows when Officer O'Hara (Dede Walton) stopped by. O'Hara thought that she was a playwright and wanted Mortimer to help her write a play. Mortimer is a prisoner in his Aunt's house as he had to sit

through hours of tedious story of O'Hara's police experiences. The other police show up looking for O'Hara and Lieutenant Rooney, the hard nosed detective (Heather Longtin) shows up with Mr. Witherspoon (Abby Walton) to make sure Teddy Brewster goes to Happy Dale

Sanitarium.

This is a play of disappearing bodies, errors of judgment, and hilarious situations that everyone of all ages would enjoy. Admission for the show is only \$5.00. Mark your calendars for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday-Thursday April 18th-20th.

Tornado Drill Day - Thur, April 20, 2017

Minnesota Severe Weather Awareness Week is April 17 – 21, 2017

During the week, the Department of Public Safety and the National Weather Service will be promoting severe weather safety and emergency preparedness information in the media. In addition, statewide tornado drills will be held Thursday, April 20 at 1:45 p.m. and 6:45 p.m.

This is the perfect time for families, communities, schools, and local businesses to review and talk about their emergency plans and how they can prepare for the upcoming severe weather season.

Each day of the week highlights an important seasonal weather safety topic. Go to <https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/hsem/weather-awareness-preparedness/Pages/default.aspx> to learn about Severe Weather Awareness Week.

For more than 20 years, the state of Minnesota has conducted a Severe Weather Awareness Week in partnership with the National Weather Service and local governments. A statewide tornado drill is part of that

event.

Most local and statewide radio, TV and cable stations will be participating in the drill. Television viewers and radio station listeners and TV viewers should hear or see a simulated tornado warning message at 1:45 p.m. This tornado drill warning should last about one minute. When the test is completed, stations should return to normal programming.

In addition, alerts for both the simulated tornado watches and warnings will be issued over the NOAA Weather Radios in the area which will activate the radio alerts. The afternoon drill will also occur at the same time in Wisconsin and is expected to be broadcast on most radio and TV stations.

Schedule

The National Weather Service, Wisconsin Emergency Management, the Minnesota Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, and other state, county and local agencies have come to-

Tornado

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The Regional Project Bowl Junior Team from (left to right), Chad Torstveit, Project Bowl Team Coach, Anna Knott, Hailey Hanson, and Blaine Torstveit.

4-H Project Bowl

The Pennington/Red Lake County Junior Poultry Project Bowl Team is headed to State. The team took first place at the Grand Rapids Regional held on Saturday, March 18th. The Junior Poultry Team consisted of Hailey Hanson from Red Lake County and (Anna Knott, Blaine Torstveit and Rylan Torstveit from Pennington County). The team will compete on Saturday, April 8th, at the State Project Bowl contest held in Sauk Rapids and will be joined

by the Pennington Senior Poultry team who also won their division at the Bemidji Regional.

*The Pennington/Red Lake County Poultry Project Bowl Team also took first place at the Northern MN Project Bowl Invitational held on Saturday, February 25 at the University of Minnesota Crookston.



Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Margaret Jacobus
Thu, Apr. 13: Maundy Thursday at Salem 7:30 p.m.
Fri, Apr. 14: Good Friday at Zion 7:30 p.m.
Sun, Apr. 16: Easter Sunday - 9:00 a.m. Zion. No SS at Salem or at Zion. 10:30 a.m. Mass.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH OKLEE
Fr. Adam Hamness
Sun, Apr. 16: 7:30 a.m. Confessions 8:00 a.m. Mass.

BROOKS - RED LAKE FALLS CATHOLIC PARISH
Fr. Bob Schreiner
Sat, Apr. 15: 5:30 p.m. RLF
Sun, Apr. 16: 8:00 a.m. Brooks. 10:00 a.m. RLF.

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Thu, Apr. 13: 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday at Immanuel.
Fri, Apr. 14: 7:00 p.m. Good Friday at Ebenezer.
Sun, Apr. 16: Easter Sunday - 7:00 a.m. Worship at Immanuel. 8:00 a.m. Breakfast at Immanuel & Ebenezer. 9:00 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Immanuel.
Wed, Apr. 19: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation at Immanuel. 7:00 p.m. Ebenezer WELCA.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Wed, Apr. 12: Release Time.
Thu, Apr. 13: 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday at Bethany.
Sun, Apr. 16: Easter Sunday - 6:00 a.m. Bethany. 9:00 a.m. Ekelund. 10:30 a.m. Faith.
Wed, Apr. 19: Release Time.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

April 17 - 21
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: Chef Salad, cottage cheese, toast, and dessert.

Tuesday: Liver & onions, boiled potatoes, vegetable, and dessert.

Wednesday: Drummies, hash browns, vegetables, and dessert.

Thursday: Hamburger w/ bun, chili, and dessert.

Friday: Birthday meal: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, veg, grilled garlic toast, and dessert.

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.

Centennial Recipe Corner

Stir Fry (Chow Mein Vegetables) Sammie Mostrom

1-1/2 lbs of bean sprouts
8 to 10 large stalks of celery cut diagonally
1 can (8 to 12 oz) sliced mushrooms
1 flat can bamboo shoots
1 flat can sliced water chestnuts
slivered red, green, yellow or bell peppers (optional)
3 Tbsp oil
1 medium onion sliced thin (optional)
Heat all of the above in a wok or large skillet

Sauté celery till semi crisp, remove from oil. Do optional vegetables the same. Remove and place with celery. Do bean sprouts the same and add celery and optional vegetables, and mushrooms. Do the same with bamboo shoots and water chestnuts. Mix stir fry vegetables well. Add 4 to 5 Tbsp soy sauce to reserved juices. Small amount of corn starch and mix until corn starch is dissolved. Pour over all, heating just long enough for liquid to simmer. May add unsalted peanuts if desired for extra protein. Serve alone or over chow mein noodles, rice or pasta.



CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
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.

Sat, Apr. 15: 9:00 a.m. Easter Service at Mt. Olive.

Sun, Apr. 16: Easter 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.

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

Wed, Apr. 12: 6:30 p.m. AWANA Grand Prix. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

Thu, Apr. 13: 12:00 p.m. Rotary.

Fri, Apr. 14: 8:45 a.m. Friday School. 7:30 p.m. WEM School Choir Cantata.

Sun, Apr. 16: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:50 a.m. Sunday School.

Tue, Apr. 18: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study. 10:00 a.m. Quilting. 6:30 p.m. Church Bible Study.

Wed, Apr. 19: 6:30 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund Sand Valley Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
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.

Sun, Apr. 16: 9:00 a.m. Easter Service at Bethany. 8:00 a.m. Coffee/Roll.

Wed, Apr. 19: 2:00 p.m. Sand Valley WELCA.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston
Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor
Sun, Apr. 16: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship.

Deadline: Friday's at noon!

Tri-Valley Public Transportation

T.H.E. Bus is available for anyone. There are no age or income guidelines. - however, children under the age of four must be accompanied by an adult and children under the age of one must be secured in an infant seat.

Curb-to-curb services is available, allowing those with special needs more comfortable, safe and convenient method of transportation. All of our buses are handicapped accessible and lift-equipped. All of our drivers are trained and certified.

To reserve a seat, please call one business day prior to the scheduled trip - 1-800-201-3432.

For Polk, Red Lake and Clearwater county stops: Every Monday - Grand Forks.

Every 2nd Tuesday - Mahanomen.

Every 4th Tuesday - Thief River Falls

Every 1st, 3rd, & 5th Wednesday - Fargo/Moorhead.

Every 2nd & 4th Friday - Bemidji.

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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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. On-line patrons can visit www.nwrlib.org/rlf.htm to browse, request and renew materials from computers.

This week, April 9-15, is National Library Week. Stop in to the RLF branch to register for door prizes and enjoy the materials & services of your public library!

The NWRL digital catalog very recently gained 3,800 plus eBook titles! Thanks to eBooks Minnesota, patrons have access to a wide variety of subjects for readers of all ages, and it features content from our state's independent publishers, including some of our best literature and nonfiction." See the new collection at nwrlib.org under catalog/eBooksMinnesota.

A beautiful collection of hand-crafted quilts is now on display at the RLF branch, made by members of the "Snip 'n Stitch" quilting club. Stop in throughout the month of April to see them. And thank you to the very talented quilters for sharing their lovely work

with us.

And just ahead on Thursday, April 20 at 6:00 pm is a very special historical presentation by Arn Kind which will both educate and entertain: "Minnesota in the Great War" is a new program from Historical Experiences to commemorate the 100th anniversary of U. S. and MN involvement in World War I. This event is free of charge and open to the public, appropriate and interesting to patrons of all ages, and provided by Minnesota Legacy funding. Mr. Kind is back in NWRL branches by popular demand; for more information on his programs search Historical Experiences to visit his website.

Following is a list of the spring Minnesota Library Legacy programs that are scheduled for the Red Lake Falls branch of Northwest Regional Library.

MN Singer-songwriter Terry Derosier - concert Thursday, May 11, 6:00 pm

Blair Braverman - non-fiction writer and dogsledder Tuesday, May 16, 12:00 p.m.

Bill Jamerson - a History through Song program by Michigan-based historian, storyteller and songwriter Tuesday, May 23, time TBD.

Red Lake County Commissioners Minutes

RED LAKE COUNTY Regular Meeting Held January 24, 2017

Pursuant to adjournment of its regular meeting the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners duly met in regular session at the courthouse in Red Lake Falls, MN on January 24, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. Chair Flage called the meeting to order. Commissioner Weiss was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

HR Director informed that eight employees were being recognized for their years of service with the county. The employees are: Kurt Casavan and Mitch Bernstein 20 years; Arlan Johnson and Kathy Johannek 15 years; Peggy Nord and Nick Knott 10 years; Tom Braaten and Kurt Ellefson 5 years. The board expressed their appreciation to the employees on behalf of the county.

Lundeen mentioned that Social Services Director Kristi Nelson is eligible for a salary step increase. Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Simpson and carried unanimously to authorize an increase from Step (5) \$35.54 hourly, to Step (6) \$36.15 hourly, with an effective date of January 14, 2017.

Social Service Director Nelson presented the agreement with Norman County to continue with the shared SS Director position. Commissioner Sorensen moved, seconded by Lerohl and carried by unanimous vote to approve the 3-year contract between Norman and Red Lake County for a shared SS Director position effective as of January 1, 2017.

County Treasurer Nick Knott was present at the meeting to provide a year-end investment report. Knott reviewed the county investment portfolio and interest earnings on county funds for the previous year.

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

Vendor	Amount
Houston Engineering, Inc.	\$3,415.84
Minnesota Sheriffs Association	2,161.00
NW MN Household Hazardous Waste	4,120.00
Plummer Co-op Creamery	5,911.06
Red Lake County Co-op	6,546.81
54 Payments less than \$2,000.	19,846.63
Final Total	\$42,001.34

The motion includes the following added bills: \$250.00 to Commissioner of Revenue; and \$84,571.00 to MCIT; \$2,341.76 to University of North Dakota; \$36.72 expenses and \$70.00 per diem to Ron Weiss.

Sudoku Solution

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

Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial Update

A donation to the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial was received recently in memory of Ordean Rystad, and given by Barb and Cliff Melby, Oklee. Ordean was a lifelong resident of Oklee and served in the U.S. Army from 1965-1967 in the Korean DMZ conflict as a sergeant prior to his honorable discharge.

Donations to the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial may be sent to Security State Bank, Box 69, Oklee, MN 56742, Attn: Lori Melby. Questions should be sent to Mary Lynn Bachand at marylbachand@gmail.com

Quin Cty Community Board Meeting

Quin County Community Health Board and Advisory Committee will meet Monday, April 17th at 1pm at the Evangelical Free Church in Newfalden.

Environmental Officer Kurt Casavan was present to provide an update on the re-permitting process for the demolition landfills at Oklee and Red Lake Falls. Also provided was an estimate from Houston Engineering to provide assistance to Casavan with the re-permitting process. Casavan informed that the MPCA wants to make the Oklee site a transfer station and have the demolition hauled to the Red Lake Falls site; that proposal would lead to added costs as the county would have to purchase the necessary equipment to load and haul the debris. The current permit expired December 31, 2016. Casavan commented that he keep the County Board updated on the process.

The following Commissioner/Committee reports were shared:

Commissioner Simpson None
Commissioner Sorensen Tri County Corrections: the outside revenue sources for contracted services is down. NW Mental Health: discussed personnel issues; the center is now utilizing a contracted service to assist the Accounting Department; starting a finance committee; a new Treasurer was elected.

Commissioner Lerohl Weiss and Lerohl met with Norman County regarding the shared SS Director contract. NW HRA: discussed speculation homes, bylaw changes, etc. NW Regional Development: officers were appointed, reviewed financials and general year-end information. ICCO: reviewed the year-end audit/annual report. Brain Gain meeting to be held in Thief River Falls on February 7th at Englestad Arena.

Chair Flage SWCD Reorganizational meeting: discussed Buffer Law correspondence with landowners, grant applications, and spring tree program.

Chair Flage reported that he had discussion with SWCD Director Tanya Hanson regarding whether there is need for the County Water Resource Advisory Committee. Hanson informed that the committee is no longer needed and is dissolved.

County Engineer Kleven met with the board and updated on information regarding moving TH 222 from the state highway system to county state aid highway status. Kleven is currently waiting for the City of Oklee to make a determination and request the change.

Commissioner Sorensen moved, seconded by Simpson and unanimously carried to approve the minutes from the regular board meetings held December 27, 2016 and January 3, 2017.

Commissioner Sorensen moved, seconded by Lerohl and carried unanimously to reappoint DeeAnn Leines and Lorna Nielson to the Inter County Nursing Service Board effective as of January 1, 2017. The terms are indefinite.

Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Lerohl and unanimously carried acknowledging a letter sent to the Plummer Snowmobile Club regarding the Seven Clans 300 Challenge Cup Snowmobile Race to be held January 28-29, 2017.

Commissioner Sorensen moved, seconded by Lerohl and carried by unanimous vote to approve the annual Audit Engagement Letter with Hoffman, Philipp & Knutson, PLLC to complete the 2016 financial audit for Red Lake County.

The board was informed of an open house for the Inter County Nursing Service to be held February 14, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Pennington County Courthouse. The board acknowledged correspondence from MRC regarding 2017 Legislative Priorities and Transportation Policy.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned until February 14, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

Attest:
Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

Chuck Flage, Chair,
Board of Commissioners
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RLCC Menus

April 10 - 14

Oklee

Mon: No School.

Tue: Breakfast: Waffle sticks, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Cheesy bread, pizza sauce, lettuce salad, cottage cheese, fruit, and milk.

Wed: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Ham patty w/bun, cheese slice, tots, fruit, and milk.

Thu: Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Orange chicken, fried rice, vegetable, fruit, and milk.

Fri: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Cold subs, chips, fresh vegetables, fresh fruit, and milk.

Plummer

Mon: No School.

Tue: Breakfast: Egg wrap, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Meatballs, mashed potatoes, gravy, coleslaw or peas, muffin, fruit, and milk.

Wed: Breakfast: Cinnamon streusel coffee cake, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Hot dog w/bun & condiments, baked beans, potato chips, watermelon, and milk.

Thu: Breakfast: Coffee cake, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Homemade chicken noodle soup, crackers, salad, tomatoes, grilled cheese or turkey sandwich, fruit, and milk.

Fri: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Bosco sticks, salad bar, cinnamon churro, fruit, and milk.

GED Prep Classes now held in Oklee

GED Prep classes are going on right now in the Special Ed. Room at Red Lake County Central High School in Oklee, 6:30 to 8:30 PM, Thursdays. Use northeast doors. Please call Sherry at 218-688-1558 if you are planning to attend or need more information. The instruction is free with a one-time registration fee of \$10.00. All instruction is individualized based on needs of student following assessment. There is no better time than this week. Putting off getting your GED another month or year, won't make it any easier, and it is robbing you of opportunities. The opportunity to earn a Digital Literacy Certificate (computer skills) also available.

RLCC Students Honored with Spotlight on Scholarship Certificates

By Marie Johnson

The Minnesota State High School League and McDonald's Twin Cities Co-Op recently awarded 46 Spotlight on Scholarship certificates to Red Lake County Central High School Students for their academic achievements in the classroom.

Sponsored by the League for 21 years, the Spotlight on Scholarship Program began in 1995 to recognize students who participate in League-sponsored activities and who have a "B" or better grade average. Close to 700,000 students have been honored so far, and today the Spotlight on Scholarship Program is considered the fastest-growing recognition program the League sponsors.

"The Spotlight on Scholarship Program is an opportunity for students who have excelled to step into the well-deserved spotlight," said Principal Randy Pederson. "These students have proven that they can be successful both in and out of the classroom."

"McDonald's and our owner/operators are proud to sponsor the Spotlight on Scholarship Program," said Tom Butler, McDonald's owner/operator and Twin Cities Co-Op president. "Many of our employees are students, and an education is critical as they pursue their dreams. We lend our support and resources to help them achieve their goals."

Students receiving the Spotlight on Scholarship certificates for the winter season are listed by the sport or activity they participated in.

Girls Basketball: Taylor Bushelle, Ashley Longtin, Nikki Schmitz, Billie Gryskiewicz, Hannah Kolstoe, Julia Bernstein, Sarah Christensen, Marie Johnson, Zoe Russillo, Madison Carlson, Brandie DeHate, Calyssa Eskeli, Jayden Iverson, Adrienne Jones, Sidney Olson, Jenna Pahlen, Courtney Rude, Tanisha Srnsky, and Abby Walton.

Boys Basketball: Makay Berns, Matt Vettleson, Austin Jensen, Connor Lambert, Justin Nemec, Alex Peterson, Dawson Rystad, Adrien Verbout, Zach Benson, Chris Longtin, Derek Peterson, and Gunnar Thompson.

Wrestling: Alec Castaneda, Kyle Gagner, Nick Pahlen, Tristyn Ferguson, George Duden, and Paul DeHate.

One Act Play: Dede Walton,

Tera Qualley, Natalie Aakhus, Jayden Fore, Sydney Melby, Kara Longtin, Jade Person, Britan Arlt, Heather Longtin, and Jeremiah Rath sack.

In addition to honoring students for their individual efforts, the Spotlight on Scholarship Program banners to League member schools whose varsity fine arts and athletic teams collectively achieve a 3.0 or better grade-point average. More than 200 schools have banners hanging in their school.

For more information about the Spotlight on Scholarship Program contact RLCC High School or the League office at 763-560-2262.



RLCC one-act play cast members receiving Spotlight on Scholarship certificates were: (Back) Britain Arlt, Remi Rath sack, Jade Person, Natalie Aakhus, (Front) Kara Longtin, Dede Walton, Tara Qualley, Jayden Fore, and Sydney Melby.



The RLCC girls' basketball Spotlight on Scholarship recipients were: (Front row) Ashley Longtin, Taylor Bushelle, Nikki Schmitz, Hannah Kolstoe, Marie Johnson, and Jayden Iverson. (Middle row) Brandie DeHate, Jenna Pahlen, Calyssa Eskeli, Tanisha Srnsky, Sarah Christensen, and Julia Bernstein. (Back row) Adrienne Jones, Courtney Rude, Zoe Russillo, Maddy Carlson, Abby Walton, and Sidney Olson.



The RLCC 6th grade girls traveled to Crookston for a 2 day basketball tournament on March 24-25th. On Friday night they played 2 games, Crookston they beat 22-10 and Hawley they lost 29-15. On Saturday morning they played Roseau, they beat 22-8 and played the Fargo Storm for 5th, but they lost 28-31. They placed 7th out of 13 teams that participated over the 2 day girls basketball tourney. The girls finished their 6th grade season 13-4. GOOD JOB LADY MUSTANGS!!

Top (l to r): Marissa Thomas, Aurora Mitzner, Coach Jason Jensen, Carlee Whalen, and Mireya Gibbs. Middle (l to r): Shawna Majeres, Natalie Vettleson, and Paige Olson. Bottom (l to r): Payton Rystad and Arielle Rude.

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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.

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- Nicole Severts, CNP

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Boys' basketball participants from RLCC receiving Spotlight on Scholarships were (back) Derek Peterson, Zach Benson, Justin Nemec, Alex Peterson, Connor Lambert, (front) Dawson Rystad, Matt Vettleson, Adrien Verbout, Austin Jensen, and Gunnar Thompson. (Missing from photo: Chris Longtin and Makay Berns)



Spotlight on Scholarship certificates for wrestling at RLCC were given to Paul DeHate, Nick Pahlen, George Duden, and (not pictured) Alec Castaneda, Kyle Gagner, and Tristyn Ferguson.

March Students of the Month from Red Lake County Central



Red Lake County Central March Students of the Month were given to Jayden Iverson and Kara Longtin by Mike Swenson.

By: Hannah Riendeau
March Students of the Month were recently announced at an assembly at the Red Lake County Central High School gym. They were Kara Longtin and Jayden Iverson who both were nominated by Mr. Mike Swenson.
Kara Longtin is in 11th grade. She is 16 years old and her parents are Joanie Simpson, Ryan Longtin and Patrick Simpson. She has two sisters, Heather and Skylar Longtin. School activities that she is involved in are the one-act and three-act plays. Listening to music is what she likes to do on her free time. Mr. Swenson commented, "Kara is an excellent student who has

goals in mind and she works works hard to attain them. She has a beautiful voice and competes in vocal solos." He also said she is caring and works well with others.
Jayden Iverson is in ninth grade and is 15 years old. Kelly Baune is her parent. She is in three sports: volleyball, basketball, and softball. She is in speech and also found time to be in the three-act play. She likes to do "stuff and things" in her free time. Mr. Swenson said, "Teachers have said Jayden is caring, innovative, helpful, on time with her work and excels in her studies. She has grown up to become a confident young lady."



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When a farmer could not make his payments, the payment had to be made in produce, and this was called "black mail." During the threat of eviction, some landlords demanded more produce than was actually needed to cover rent, which coined the term "blackmail" in its present negative connotation.

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RLCC Easter Break
By: Julia Bernstein
The Easter Break for the Red Lake County Schools starts Friday, April 14th through Monday, April 17th. School will resume on Tuesday, April 18th.
RLCC hosts Plummer Lions Speech Invitational
By: Julia Bernstein
The Red Lake County Central High School hosted the Plummer Lions Speech Invitational on Saturday, April 1st in Oklee. Ten area schools participated. Results for Red Lake County include the following.
In the Creative Expression category, Jayden Fore got second place and Philip Sorenson got fifth place. Shelby Gunderson placed fifth in the Great Speeches category. Placing in the Poetry category were Jayden Iverson with fifth place and Danny Guillemette in sixth place. Lane Renner and Sage Hartman got sixth place in Drama Duo. Also placing in the Drama Duo category were Skylar Longtin and Lilly Hanson who received an Excellent Ribbon. Sydney Melby received a Superior Ribbon in the Humor category.

Season Opener for RLCC Softball Team
By Sarah Christensen
Red Lake County Central girls' softball team had their first game on Monday, April 3 at the softball diamond in Oklee. They lost to their rival Red Lake Falls losing 2-14. Red Lake Falls Eagles scored the first run in the first inning. In the third inning the Eagles scored three more runs and the Mustangs scored one. The Eagles scored two more in the fourth inning. In the fifth inning the Eagles had eight more runs and the Mustangs scored one.
For the Mustangs Taylor Bushelle had one RBI. Malanna Boutain had three RBIs for the Eagles. Kelly Shultz hit a homerun in the first inning, and Boutain and Olivia Bulger hit doubles for the Eagles.
Calyssa Eskeli pitched all five innings for the Mustangs striking out three Eagles and had 14 runs allowed. Kelly Schultz pitched four innings and struck out six players and two runs allowed. Kia McGlynn pitched the last inning and struck out one Mustang.

Red Lake County Central High School 3rd Qtr Honor Roll

7th Grade: "A" Honor Roll: Cari Bachand, Zachary Cater, Jedidiah Duden, Tyler Eskeli, Peyton Fish, Michael Lowell, Taya Morinville, Kjerstin Nelson, Leah Peterson, Jeremiah Rathsack, Jonathan Roue, Bailey Sherman, and Halie Thompson.
"B" Honor Roll: Thomas Benson, Paul DeHate, Lillian Hanson, Noah Hanson, Madeline Inda-Valdez, Lauren Jones, Skylar Longtin, Serenity May, Issabella Plante, Steven Sogla, Erin Sundquist, and Leilah VanDam.
8th Grade: "A" Honor Roll: Kia Bachand, Adriel Bakken, Bailey Culkins, George Duden, Tristyn Ferguson, Eric Gieseke, Emily Kolstoe, Karena Melby, Janae Olson, Elijah Rathsack, Isabella Russillo, Katelyn Suchy, and Brock Tvedt.
"B" Honor Roll: Isaiah Aquino, Jillian Booth, Wakely Bryl, Levi Flatgard, Gavin Galkowski, Faith Hanson, Jeremy Kruchowski, Heather Longtin, Bryan Meyer, Brody Moen, and Morgan Plante.
9th Grade: "A" Honor Roll: Calyssa Eskeli, Jayden Iverson, Christopher Longtin, and Derek Peterson.
"B" Honor Roll: Britain Arlt, Zachary Benson, Madison Carlson, Brandie DeHate, Lillyan Guillemette, Rickey Hackett-Ulrich, Adrienne Jones, Aiydin Lancto, Sophia Linder, Jacob Olson, Sidney Olson, Jenna Pahlen, Courtney Rude, Tanisha Srnsky, Gunnar Thompson, and Abigail Walton.
10th Grade: "A" Honor Roll: Jarisa Bailey, Andrew Fish, Sydnie Gunderson, Marie Johnson, and Connor Lambert.
"B" Honor Roll: Christian Baker, Julia Bernstein, Jocelyn Castaneda, Adam Cater, Isaac Eskeli, Grace Gieseke, Austin Jensen, Hunter Lundeen, Justin Nemec, Lacey Pendelton, Zoe Russillo, Dawson Rystad, Phillip Sorenson, and Adrien Verbout.
11th Grade: "A" Honor Roll: Hannah Kolstoe, Sydney Melby, Katie Olson, and Matthew Vettleson.
"B" Honor Roll: Jayden Fore, Tyler Jensen, Erin Jones, Kara Longtin, Jade Person, Sara Simon, and Megan Smith.
12th Grade: "A" Honor Roll: Natalie Aakhus, Mary Auman, Megan Berberich, Taylor Bushelle, Ashley Longtin, Nicole Schmitz, and Kelsie Sirjord.
"B" Honor Roll: Makay Berns, Alec Castaneda, Kyle Gagner, Shelby Gunderson, Carolyn Kehn, Brandon Lee, Lynsey Morris, Nicholas Plante, Tera Qualley, and Deidra Walton.

Deadline: Friday's at noon!

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WIC Schedule
The Women, Infants and Children's Supplemental Nutrition Education Program (WIC) is being held the month of April 2017.
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All potential clients must contact the WIC Program to schedule an appointment.
WIC Clinics for the month of April.
April 12 - 14: Thief River Falls Redeemer Lutheran Church
Tue, April 25: Oklee Intermediate-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.



The University of MN Crookston Choir directed by George French sang at the RLCC Elementary School on Friday, March 31st.

We are Online!

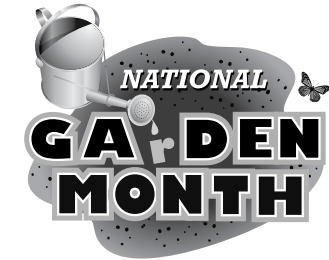
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If the weather threat is continuing into Friday, then the drills may be canceled. Any postponement or cancellation will be announced through the media.

Oklee Herald Early Files

Seventy Years Ago
April 17, 1947
Wanda Melby, 7, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orlo Melby of Oklee, suffered shock and bruises when she fell from a moving automobile midway between Oklee and Trail Sunday. She had been trying to close the door better when the wind grabbed the door and pulled her out. Thankfully, they were travelling at a slow speed.

The spring thaw which followed the 15 inch snowfall has caused numerous basements in the village to become flooded.

Sixty Years Ago
April 18, 1957
Identical twin daughters were born 12 minutes apart on April 7th to Pvt. And Mrs. Ellef (Al) Gjernes of Alameda, CA. Pvt. Gjernes is a graduate of Oklee High School and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Gjernes of Oklee.

Mrs. Nels Vigstol entertained in honor of her twin sons, David and Daniel's 7th birthday.
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Nelson of Oklee announce the engagement of their daughter, Eunice, to Mr. Arlo Rolandson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Knute Rolandson.

Fifty Years Ago
April 13, 1967
The Oklee Village council was advised by local citizens to go ahead on a proposed

street improvement project at a meeting on Wednesday night.
A grass fire Tuesday in the Trail hills area gave an indication of an unusual lack of moisture for this time of year.
The pump house on the Elmer Engstrom farm was totally destroyed by fire on Monday.
Forty Years Ago
April 14, 1977
Fires and the danger of fire reached an almost epidemic level in Oklee and the surrounding area during the past week. As of press time on Wednesday, the Oklee Fire Department had answered eight calls within the last week. Two homes lost this week were the Alfred Qualley home near Brooks and the Leo Olson home in Oklee.

Margaret Sorenson was the first resident to move into the new housing development on the south end of Oklee. Mrs. Sorenson has had a steady flow of new neighbors as more and more of the apartments become filled.

Thirty Years Ago
April 15, 1987
Dick McCloskey, Thief River Falls Postmaster administered the Oath of Office to Oklee's Postmaster, Phyllis Melby during a ceremony held at the Oklee Senior Site.
Ardith Kloth returned to her home in Thief River Falls Friday evening. She has spent two and a half weeks

visiting her daughters and their families in Orlando, FL.
A joint farewell party was held in honor of Pastor Lane Zaffke and his family on Sunday.
Twenty Years Ago
April 16, 1997
Otter Tail Power Company has been hit hard like this before, but never this widespread, was a comment heard repeatedly this past week following the devastating ice, snow and wind storm that struck eastern and central North Dakota and western Minnesota on April 5 & 6.
Most of Plummer was without electricity from Saturday evening until the afternoon on Monday due to another winter storm.

Bill Champagne was honored with a reception by the Oklee Elevator after retiring from 28 years of employment there.
Ten Years Ago
April 12, 2007
Norman Baune spoke to the 5th & 6th grader with a very upfront message, "Don't smoke!" Norman lost his voice box to cancer and hoped his message would help kids make the right decision.

Grace McManus, 98, passed away on March 29th. She was Oklee's oldest resident.
The RLCC speech team went to the Sub-Section 30 Speech meet at Blackduck Thursday, March 29th. Becky Cote, Jarren

Mangell, Betsy Hagen, Pascale Mosloff and Andrea Paquin advance to Sections.
Mallory Gerardy, a piano student of Peggy Miller of Red Lake Falls, will perform a senior piano recital on Sunday, April 15th at Immanuel Lutheran Church.
Ryan James Tvedt was born on February 27, 2007 in Duluth. Welcoming him home are his brother Brock, parents Kevin and Tiffany Tvedt, grandparents, Tim & Linda Whalen of Oklee, Ole & Karen Tvedt of Terrebonne, and great-grandmother Esther Whalen of Oklee.

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Plummer News
By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

Tri River Pioneer members met Monday night at 8 p.m. at the museum. Some of the plans for the 4th were discussed. Such as tent rental, port-a-potties needed, maybe a bouncy tent for kids. So far, they have four vendors in mind to come. The parade will start at the football field by the school. There will be a tractor show. Posters will be made to advertise the 4th. There was election of officers. Replacing Eldon Vigstol, will be Eric Mickelson and Charles Bishop will be co-presidents. Ray Vigstol and Leo Schmitz will keep their positions. Board of Directors were rehired. Everyone enjoyed cookies, bars and coffee afterwards.

Roger and Lynn Gallant, Nancy Bray and Suzie Zimpel went to Killdeer, ND to help Jenny and Logan Wallace transplant tomatoes and other vegetables, for their greenhouse.

Arnie and Barb Schmitz went to visit their son Deacon Matt Schmitz at St. Meinrad's in Indiana. They enjoyed all the special singing, masses, etc. And attended a banquet

with the seminarians and their families. Deacon Matt will be ordained later in June, this year in Red Lake Falls.
Alice Jobe visited Faith Guillemette and family on Wednesday afternoon.
Tuesday the Plummer Creamery had their annual meeting at the community hall in Plummer at 11:00 p.m. Lunch was served. It was ham on bun, macaroni salad, ice cream bar and coffee. Some of the door prizes given were caps, flashlights, bags of candy, and also each drawings.

The weather has been warmer and cooler, sometimes cool wind, sometimes quiet. The southeast states have had more than their share of bad weather. I heard today Georgia has had 75 or 85 tornadoes already this year.

There's lot of yard work to do, but it's early. My day lilies are up 3 or 4 inches. By the time you read this, we may have had two or three showers to green things up.

Wishing you all a happy and blessed Easter with your families.

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

The weather is decidedly cooler this morning and the north wind is really cooling it down. Get the winter coat out again. I hate this changeable weather at this time of year. I can't wait to be able to put the old winter coat away for the season.

Joyce and Perry Morinville have a lot to be proud of this week. Their grandchildren Grady and Carter Huotari of Fargo were playing in a hockey tournament on Saturday and Sunday in Grand Forks. Joyce is a great fan of theirs and reported that the boys were in the finals on Sunday. It was Carter though who played in the finals and they came out number one on Sunday. What a great day for their team. Ccongratulations to Carter and his team for winning the tournament.

Nancy Ellenson and her daughters Margaret and Daphne of Warroad, came to visit at the Jerome and Barb Novak home on Friday. They all went to Stations of the Cross on Friday evening, and then played games. That same evening Matt Ellenson and his sons came from the Cities to the Novak home, after having competed in the robotics competition that was held in the Cities. There were 60 teams from 5 different states that competed. The Warroad team came out 2nd on the second day of competing. Ian and Phillip were on that team. In the end, Warroad came out 8th over all after the boys left, and the competing continued on Saturday. That is quite an accomplishment for a small

town in Northern Minnesota competing against 60 teams from 5 states. Congratulations to all. On Saturday the boys, Ian and Phillip competed at the speech meet in Oklee. Congratulations to all those competing in Speech too. Grandma got some game playing time in with the girls on Saturday and was able to watch some of the speeches too. All in all a great weekend at our house.

A big Thank You goes out to the Plummer Lions for their sponsorship of those young people who are in speech. They sponsor the meets and award ribbons medals and trophy awards to the competitors. For years they have helped these youngsters in their effort to become great speakers. I for one am very grateful that these youngsters have something to show for their efforts.

The Lions have awarded Mikalya Morinville with a check for her efforts in raising money for Doctors Without Borders. She will be going to the Dominican Republic in a few weeks to assist with helping people there to get surgery or help with many different maladies. Mickalya is a nursing student who was asked if she'd be interested in going along to the Dominican Republic to help the unfortunate people there. She is collecting money to take drugs and medicine as well as knowledge to help the poor. Thank you to the Lions for their support of this fine cause.

We hope you have a great week, it will be a busy one what with Holy Week services and dyeing Easter Eggs, and getting ready for the big day.

Red Lake County Extension Educator Curtis W. Nyegaard - 218-253-2895

Lawn Weed Control
The sunshine and nice temperatures we have been having in our area will soon cause our lawns to kick into high gear and need to be mowed. What is one of the first problems we will notice? Weeds are the most visual of the three big pests of lawns: weeds, insects, and diseases. Weeds not only detract from the aesthetic quality of an otherwise well-maintained lawn; they are extremely worthy competitors with lawn grasses, but are also worthy competitors with lawn grasses for the basic factors of growth and space, light, water, and nutrients.

Many times what is considered a weed in one lawn is a desirable plant in another. For example, homeowners living close to a golf course will often have bentgrass invading their Kentucky bluegrass lawns. In another case, one homeowner may be growing an attractive lawn with a blend of fescue cultivars, while another homeowner will consider a single tall fescue plant showing up in a bluegrass lawn to be an undesirable weed.

Correct weed identification is necessary to implement a successful control program. The extension publication

that this information is taken from is designed to help a person identify weeds and focus attention on many of the common and troublesome weeds found in lawns in our area of the Red River Valley. When this complete publication is downloaded off the NDSU web site; it will provide cultural and chemical control for most of the lawn weeds.

Types of Weeds
Weeds are usually classified by life cycle. Perennials come back every year for three or more years. Annuals begin and complete their life cycle in one growing season. In between are biennials, or plants that require two years to complete their lives, the first year is usually as a rosette, then bolts and flowers the second year.

Weeds are also classed as either grass or broadleaved plants. Both methods of classifying weeds are important in managing and controlling weeds. An annual like crabgrass requires different control and management practises than a broadleaved perennial like dandelion. Selective herbicides are used for effective control, along with some good management practises.

Another characteristic of weeds is whether they thrive

in cool or warm weather. A cool season annual like annual bluegrass thrives in spring and fall seasons when weather is relatively cool and moisture is high. When consistent warm weather arrives and rainfall becomes sporadic, annual bluegrass will set seed and die. Crabgrass, a warm season annual, will not germinate until soil temperature reaches 55 F or better.

Confusion usually prevails in weed identification and lawn care. One of the earliest grassy weeds to show up after snow melt is quackgrass, a cool season perennial. Typically this weed is misidentified as crabgrass, and an ineffective herbicide is purchased and applied.

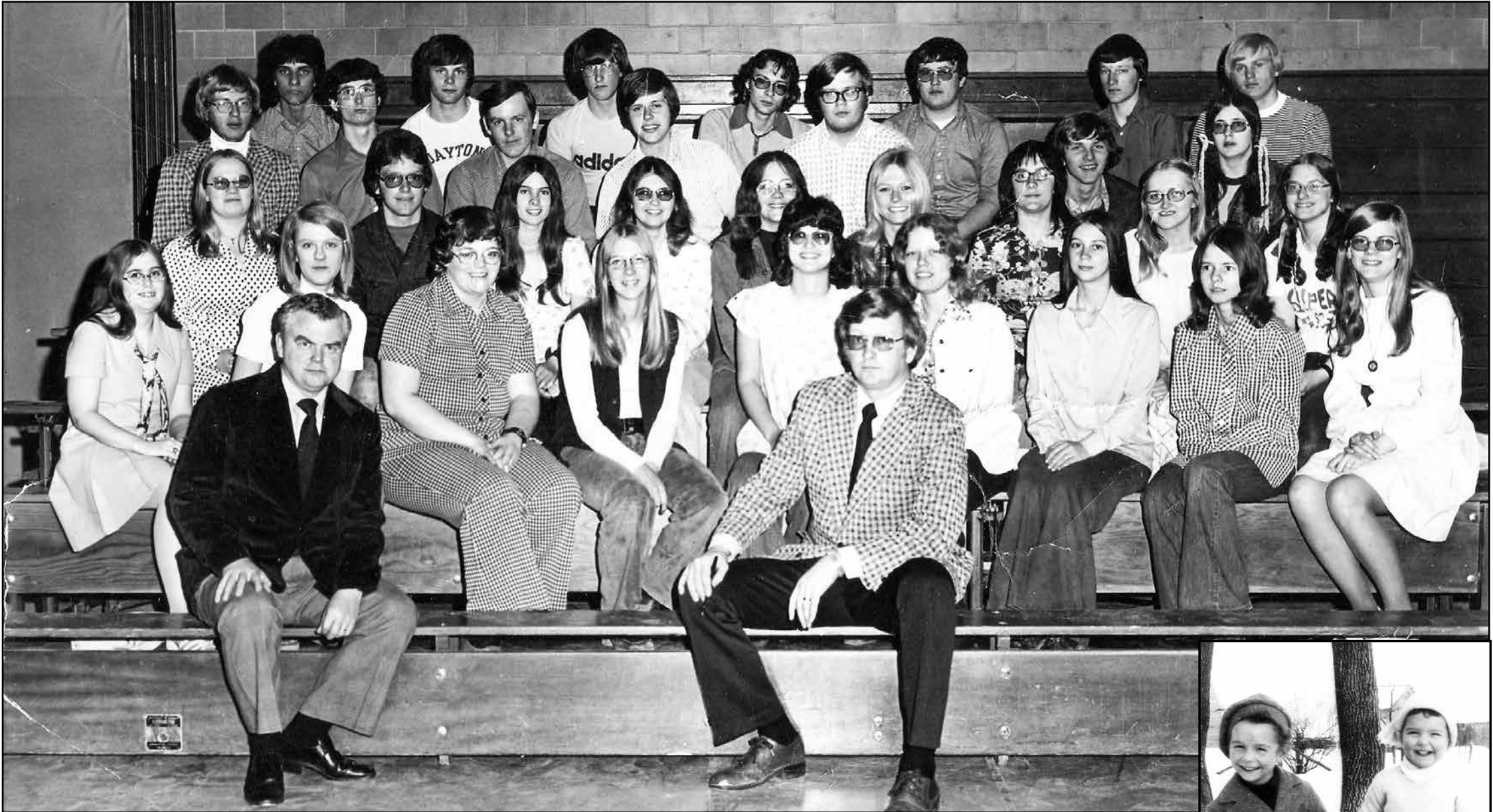
Weed Control Management
While herbicides simplify weed control in lawns, they should not be used as the sole approach. Weeds are opportunistic plants-give them a little space, and they will occupy it. The trick is to keep them from ever getting any space. This can be started when seeding the lawn. Look for endophyte enhanced seed form greater seedling vigor. Endophyte enhanced seed are commonly found in perennial ryegrass and fescue cultivar,

and should be available with Kentucky bluegrass cultivars. If recommendations call for 2 to 2 1/2 pounds of seed per 1000 square feet, applying 4 to 5 pounds of seed will not make a better lawn. High density sowings like that will be competitively crowded for space, air, light, water and nutrients. As a result, plants will remain immature, become more prone to disease, and allow an opportunity for weeds to establish.

For more information like this on controlling lawn weeds; go to the N D S U Extension website at www.ag.ndsu.edu and do a search for more information for this publication "WEED CONTROL IN NORTH DAKOTA LAWNS (publication #H1009). This publication will also provide detailed herbicide recommendations for weeds found in our area. If this publication does not answer all your questions about lawn weed control, you can contact Rich Zollinger, NDSU Extension Weed Scientist by e mail at RZollinger@ndsu.edu.

Source: N D S U Extension bulletin H1009, WEED CONTROL IN NORTH DAKOTA LAWNS, by Ron Smith and Rich Zoillinger, N D S U Extension Scientists.

Who's Dat?



Who's Dat
This week's photo is of a class of Oklee High School, many still live in the area. How many faces can you recognize. Some work at local businesses, some have

moved far away.
Last week's photo was of siblings, Jim Turgeon and Shirley Turgeon Cyr taken in 1934. Shirley was our first female Mayor in Oklee.
Everyone has a great

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