

Oklee Precipitation
By Einar Kvasager

	Rain	Snow
April 12	0.02	
Total in.	0.02	0.00

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...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

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Jayden Fore is the daughter of Leif and Dawn Fore of Oklee. Jayden's school activities include theater, speech and softball.



Sydney Melby is the daughter of Isaac and Marcella Melby. Sydney's school activities include theater, speech, band, choir and Knowledge Bowl.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 623 Girls State Representative

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 623 of Plummer has selected Jayden Fore and Sydney Melby to attend the 71st session of American Legion Auxiliary Girls State. The program will be held June 11-17, 2017 at Bethel University located in St. Paul, MN. Representative to Girls State

must have completed their Junior year and are selected based their outstanding qualifications set forth as requirements by the program, as well as their school and community involvement.

American Legion Auxiliary Girls State is a nonpartisan program that teaches young women responsible citizenship

and love for God and Country. They have the opportunity to learn first-hand how their state and local government works by creating their own city, county and state governments. They learn how to participate in the functioning of their state's government in preparation for their future roles as responsible adult citizens.

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. 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.
Mon, Apr. 24:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
Tue, Apr. 25:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards
Wed, Apr. 26:
-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. 27:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
Fri, Apr. 28:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
Sat, Apr. 29:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!
Sun, Apr. 30:
-Worship at the church of your choice.
Mon, May 1:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
Tue, May 2:
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards.
-LSS Sr. Evening Meals 5:00 p.m.
Wed, May 3:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.



Lions Clubs welcome District Governor

Plummer Lions and Plummer Lions Too Clubs hosted the District 5M11 Governor Mike Janssen on April 11th at the Plummer Hall. The Lions International are celebrating 100 years of Service this year.

Pat Simpson was inducted by Dist Gov Mike Hanssen as the newest member of Plummer Lions Club.

Special guests also included

RLCo Sheriff Mitch Bernstein and Pennington K 9 unit officers

Mike Roff and Max. Officer Roff talked about the financial support that Pennington Co received to establish the K 9 unit, including a donation from the Plummer Lions Club. The officers demonstrated the K 9 units ability to detect drugs and talked about the training it takes by both the officers.



Lions 5M11 District Governor Mike Janssen



Debbie Duchamp - Plummer Lions Too President, Sheriff Mitch Bernstein, Office Mike Roff & Max - Pennington Co. K9 unit, Lions District Governor Mike Janssen, and Derek Gagner - Plummer Lions President.



Front row (l to r): Connie Hagen, Debbie Duchamp, Mike Janssen, Derek Gagner, Nancy Bray. Middle row (l to r): Jarod Kelley, Jim Duchamp, Bob Johanning, Don Fox, Roger Gallant, Jerry Freitag. Back row (l to r): Kevin Tvedt, Pat Simpson, Troy Ferguson, Tony Gerardy, Rodney Duden.

Easter Fun for all the young!



The 0 to 3 year olds were not quite sure what they were supposed to do. Parents were explaining and helping them gather the eggs, but the youngest were just too interested in the what was in the eggs and the grass than collecting eggs.



The four-year olds up to Kindergarten knew what to do. They got lots of eggs full in candy and other treats.



The winners of the Candy Guess Game were: Kendra Christianson, Quentin O'Neill, and Aubrey Halverson. Kendra guessed 125, Quentin guessed 123 and Aubrey guessed 135.

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Margaret Jacobus
Wed, Apr. 19: 6:30 p.m.
Confirmation
Sun, Apr. 23: 9:00 a.m.
Zion. 9:00 a.m. SS at Salem
10:15 a.m. SS at Zion. 10:30 a.m. Salem.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH OKLEE
Fr. Adam Hamness
Sun, Apr. 23: 7:30 a.m.
Confessions 8:00 a.m. Mass.

BROOKS - RED LAKE FALLS CATHOLIC PARISH
Fr. Bob Schreiner
Sat, Apr. 22: 5:30 p.m. RLF
Sun, Apr. 23: 8:00 a.m.
Brooks. 10:00 a.m. RLF.

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Wed, Apr. 19: 6:30 p.m.
Confirmation at Immanuel.
7:00 p.m. Ebenezer WELCA.
Sun, Apr. 23: 9:00 a.m.
Worship at Immanuel.
10:15 a.m. Sunday School at Immanuel.
10:30 a.m. Worship at Ebenzer.
Mon, Apr. 24: 9:00 a.m.
Quilting at Immanuel.
Wed, Apr. 26: 6:30 p.m.
Confirmation at Immanuel.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Wed, Apr. 19: Release Time.
Sun, Apr. 23: 8:30 a.m.
Faith, 9:45 a.m. SS; 9:45 a.m.
Bethany, 11:00 a.m. SS; 10:30 a.m.
Ekelund, 9:45 a.m. SS.
Wed, Apr. 26: Release Time.
7:00 p.m. TRF/Grygla 8th graders meet with pastor at Faith.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

Oklee Senior Site Dining
April 24 - 28
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: BBQ on bun, baked beans, macaroni salad, and dessert.
Tuesday: Tator tot hotdish, salad, toast, and dessert.
Wednesday: Pork roast, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetables, and dessert.
Thursday: Ham & Swiss melt on bun, soup, and dessert.
Friday: 2 pc. french toast, 2 pc. bacon, 1 egg, 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.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth
Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Sat, Apr. 22: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.
Sun, Apr. 23: 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. 19: 6:30 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Thu, Apr. 20: 12:00 p.m. Rotary.
Fri, Apr. 21: 8:45 a.m. Friday School.
Sun, Apr. 23: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:50 a.m. Sunday School.
Tue, Apr. 25: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study. 10:00 a.m. Quilting. 6:30 p.m. Church Bible Study.
Wed, Apr. 26: 6:30 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Wed, Apr. 19: 2:00 p.m. Sand Valley WELCA.
Sun, Apr. 23: 9:00 a.m. at Lund. 10:30 p.m. Bethany.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY
Fosston
Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor
Sun, Apr. 23: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship.

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.

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

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Every 4th Tuesday - Thief River Falls

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

Every 2nd & 4th Friday - Bemidji.

STORY TO SHARE!

If you have a story or photos you want to share, please send to: okleeherald@gmail.com

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.

Sudoku Solution

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

Oklee Community Rummage Sale Day

Sat., May 13th, 2017
Clean out your garage!
Reorganize your storage areas
Check your closets and drawers
Rummage Sale
Contact Sandra Tougas at 796-5084 (home) or 796 5136 (school) by May 4th to list your sale and be included on the Community Sale Map.
The hall will also have 3 free spaces - call to reserve your spot.

City of Oklee Notice

Garbage will be picked up in the alley starting May 1st.



Centennial Recipe Corner

Pull-Apart Pizza Mary Ann (Radniecki) Lambert

2 rolls bisquits
1 can/jar of pizza sauce
pepperoni
hamburger (browned)
mozzarella cheese
onions, green peppers, olives
and any other toppings

Quarter cut the bisquits and place in 9 x 13 greased pan. Add meat, pepperoni, cheese and any other toppings desired. Add cheese last. Bake at 400 for about 20 minutes.



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Sounds like multiplication?

Guess again. It's newspaper talk for a one column by 2 inch ad. Too small to be effective? You're reading this one!!!

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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 are reminded that they can visit www.nwrlib.org/rlf.htm at anytime, where they can create their own patron accounts to browse, request and renew materials all from their home computers.

These movies and more are now on the "new" DVD shelf at the RLF Library: "Cardboard Boxer," "Florence Foster Jenkins," "It Had to be You," "The Living and the Dead," "Louder than Bombs," "A Tale of Love and Darkness"

City of Oklee NOTICE
The City of Oklee will be flushing the hydrants on April 27 and/or April 28. O4-5C

Notice of Chester Township Board of Appeal & Equalization

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal and Equalization of Chester Township will meet on April 24th, 2:30 p.m. at the Chester Township Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to determine whether taxable property in the township has been properly valued and classified by the assessor and also to determine whether corrections need to be made.

Pam O'Neill, Clerk O4C



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will be offering *Spring Vaccinations* for your Dog and Cat in Oklee at the Fire Hall on **May 2, 2017**, from 6:00pm-7:00pm.

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

Bravecto, Nexgard, Frontline and Heartgard will be available at a much reduced price.

Free Pet License from the City of Oklee with Registration O4-5C

City of Oklee STREET CLEANING
6am start time
MAY 4TH, 2017
- IF POSSIBLE -
Please Remove Vehicles from Streets
O4-5C



Jay Olson was filling his basket with eggs.

Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial Update

A recent donation to the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial was sent by Barb and Cliff Melby, Oklee, in memory of Ordean Rystad. Ordean served in the Army in the Korean DMZ conflict as a sergeant from 1965-1967 and was a life long resident of Oklee.

Arlo Rolandson of Plano, TX, originally from Oklee, sent a contribution to the Veterans' Memorial in memory of his high school classmate, Maryann Lessard who was a long time American Legion Auxiliary member, and in memory of Alvin Jensen, a veteran of WW II, who is the brother of another of Arlo's classmates, Alice Jensen Bergeron.

Mr. Rolandson wrote: "I would like to give a donation in memory of my High School classmate Maryann Lessard and classmate Alice Jensen Bergeron's brother Alvin Jensen. I also want to thank you for keeping this memorial

available for our future citizens of Oklee. It is always an honor and a pleasure to call Oklee, My home town."

Contributions to the Veterans' Memorial are used for perpetual care including replacement flags and flowers and for any new projects designated. Donations to the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial may be sent to Security State Bank, Box 69, Oklee, MN 56742, attn: Lori Melby. Please send questions to Mary Lynn Bachand at marylbachand@gmail.com.

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RLCC Menus

April 24 - 28

Oklee

Mon: Breakfast: Sausage, cheese & egg biscuit, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chef salad, cottage cheese, bread sticks, fresh vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Tue: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Pulled pork or BQ chicken, cheese slice, baked beans, mini bakers, fruit, and milk.

Wed: Breakfast: Apple turnover, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Pork fritter, cheesy potatoes, vegetable, garlic toast, fruit, and milk.

Thu: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Pizza, lettuce salad, fresh vegetable, fruit, and milk.

Fri: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Hot dog or polish, baked beans, chips, vegetable, fruit, and milk.

Plummer

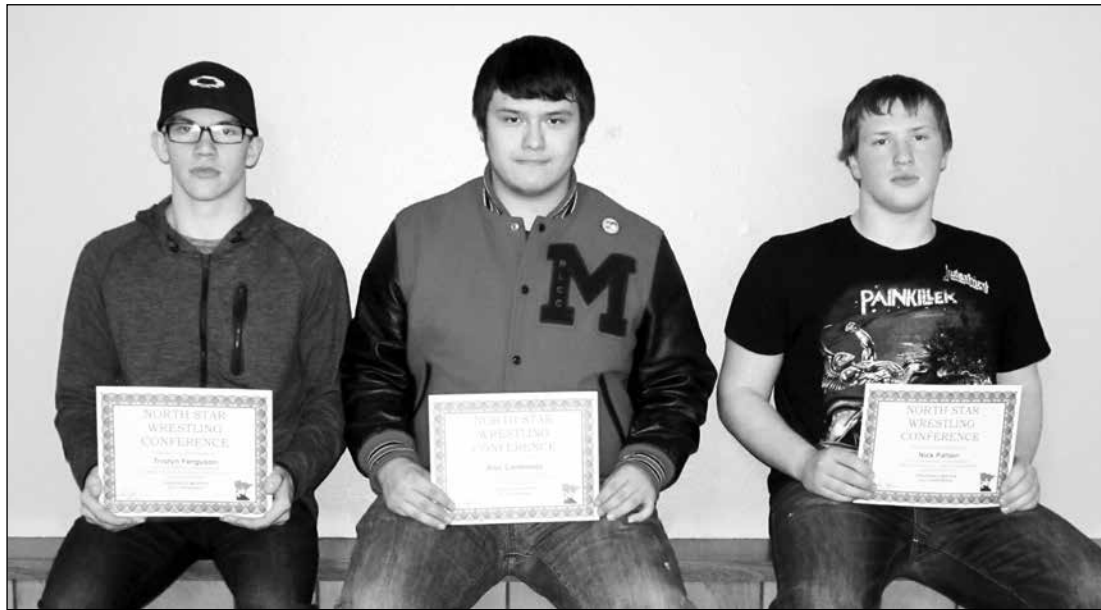
Mon: Breakfast: Egg omelet, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Cheeseburger hotdish, veggies w/ranch, plain or PB bread, fruit, and milk.

Tue: Breakfast: Waffles, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Mini corndogs, au gratin potatoes, baked beans, tea roll, fruit, and milk.

Wed: Breakfast: Scrambled breakfast pizza, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Lasagna, broccoli Normandy or corn, garlic toast, fruit, and milk.

Thu: Breakfast: Egg & cheese biscuit, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Breakfast for lunch: French toast sticks, sausage, veggie cup, applesauce or peaches, and milk.

Fri: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Pizza, salad bar, sherbet, fruit, and milk.



North Star Conference Honorable Mention Awards were given to (left) Tristyn Ferguson, Alec Castaneda, and Nick Pahlen at the RLCC Wrestling Awards Night.

RLCC Mustangs Wrestling Awards

By: Hannah Riendeau
Red Lake County Central Mustangs Wrestling Awards Night was held Monday, April 3 at the Oklee Community Center. The team was coached by Aaron Nelson and Travis Larson.

RLCC Mustangs wrestling team awards were presented. Alec Castaneda, Dylan

Gustafson, and Kyle Gagner each received the Mustang Leadership Awards and MVP Awards. Castaneda also received Most Improved. Gustafson was awarded Mr. Hustle and Most Takedowns; he had 36. Nick Pahlen got Most Pins Award with 11.

The letter winners were Seniors Dylan Gustafson, Kyle

Gagner, and Alec Castaneda; Juniors Nick Pahlen and Bryce Bergerson; eighth graders Tristyn Ferguson and George Duden, and seventh grader Paul DeHate.

North Star Conference Honorable Mention Awards were given to Alec Castaneda, Nick Pahlen, and Tristyn Ferguson.



Dylan Gustafson, Kyle Gagner, Alec Castaneda, and Nick Pahlen all received team awards at the Mustang Wrestling Awards Night.



RLCC Mustang Wrestling Letter winners (Back) Bryce Bergerson, Dylan Gustafson, Kyle Gagner, Alec Castaneda, Nick Pahlen (Front) George Duden, Tristyn Ferguson, and Paul DeHate.



Seven students from RLCC Junior High went to Honor Music Festival: (Back) Adriel Bakken, Faith Hanson, Thomas Benson, (Front) Jed Duden, Katelyn Suchy, Lilly Hanson, and Heather Longtin.

RLCC mid-quarter is April 19th

By: Julia Bernstein
Wednesday, April 19th is Red Lake County Central schools third quarter mid-quarter. Mid-quarter reports will be handed out to the high school students the next day, Thursday.

Also coming up will be an early out Friday, April 28th. School will be dismissed three hours early. The teachers will have a workshop in the afternoon.

RLC Shuts Out

Norman County

By: Sydnie Gunderson
For their season opener, the Red Lake County baseball team played against Norman County in Red Lake Falls on Friday, April 4th. The Rebels scored one run in the second, third, and fourth innings and two runs in both the fifth and sixth innings. The Rebels won with a final score of 7-0 in seven innings.

RLC's pitcher Josh Casavan struck out nine batters in the four innings he pitched. Chase Schmitz came in to pitch in the last three innings. Brandon Klipping got on base two out of three at bats including hitting a double.

RLCC wins against Northern Freeze

By Sarah Christensen
Red Lake County Central girls' softball played on Tuesday, April 11 at the Oklee site softball field. The Mustangs defeated the Freeze 16-1. The Freeze scored their only run in the first inning. The Mustangs scored one run in the first inning, three runs in the third inning, and twelve in the fourth inning.

For the Mustangs Sydnie Gunderson hit two triples. Sidney Olson, Billie Gryskiewicz, Megan Berberich, Jenna Pahlen, and Taylor Bushelle each hit a triple. Gunderson, Berberich, and Gryskiewicz had two RBIs each. Sidney Olson, Lacey Pendelton, Calyssa Eskeli, Pahlen, and Taylor Bushelle each had one RBI. Berberich had two stolen bases. Gryskiewicz and Bushelle had one stolen base.

For the Freeze Shelby Wagner, Sydney Barth, Alison Engen, Alyssa Audette had one triple each. McKenna Scholin had one RBI.

Pitching for the Mustangs was Calyssa Eskeli striking out five players. Pitchers for the Freeze was Brooke Fredrickson giving up twelve runs, and finishing the game off was Marissa Nelson.

Rebels win against Lake-Park Audubon

By: Hannah Riendeau
The Red Lake County Rebels played in Red Lake Falls on Tuesday, April 4 at 4:30 pm. The game was against the Lake Park-Audubon Raiders. The final score was Rebels-10, Raiders-3.

RLCC sends 7 students to the Junior High Honor Music Festival

By Sarah Christensen
The Junior High Honor Music Festival was held at the Mahnomen High School Gymnasium on March 31, 2017 at 6:30 PM. There was four eighth grade students and three seventh grade students from Red Lake County Central who participated. The eighth graders were Katelyn Suchy, Adriel Bakken, Faith Hanson, and Heather Longtin. The three seventh graders were Lilly Hanson, Thomas Benson, and Jen Duden.

Vanessa Martell was the director of the Honor Choir. They sang "A Mozart Canon" by Mozart/Moore, "Pretty Little Girl" by Jay Althouse, "You

The Rebels scored one run in the second inning, two in the third inning, three in the fifth inning, and four in the sixth inning. The Raiders scored two runs in the fourth inning, and they scored one run in the seventh inning.

The highlights of the game for the Rebels was Matt Vettleson had two hits for two at bats bringing in two RBIs. Nate Hofstad was one for two at bats bringing in three RBIs.

Brandon Klipping pitched three inning and had two strike outs for RLC. Mason Hanson pitched two innings with three strike outs. Ethan Vettleson also pitched two innings and had four strike outs. The winning pitcher was Mason Hanson. Losing pitcher was Marcus Dickelman-Stassen.

Mustangs fall to Blackduck

By: Julia Bernstein
Red Lake County Central softball played at Blackduck Friday, April 7th. The end score of the game was 6-13, Blackduck winning. RLCC led with two runs in the first inning. Both teams scored one run in the second inning. Blackduck scored four runs in the third inning. They also scored in the fourth inning with three runs. Each team had one run in the fifth inning. In the sixth inning Blackduck had four runs and RLCC got one. RLCC scored their final run in the seventh inning.

For the Mustangs Jayden Fore and Jenna Pahlen each hit a double. Fore hit two triples and Pahlen hit three. Pahlen had two RBIs and Billie Gryskiewicz had one. Sydnie Gunderson had three stolen bases and Megan Berberich had two.

For Blackduck Michaela Sparby, Haley Murray, Kirsten Theisen, and Kennedy Leino all had two RBIs. Sparby had one double. Theisen, Alexa Sparby each had one triple, Leino had two, and M. Sparby had five triples.

Winning pitcher was M. Sparby who pitched all seven innings with eight strikeouts. Calyssa Eskeli pitched the entire game for the Mustangs.

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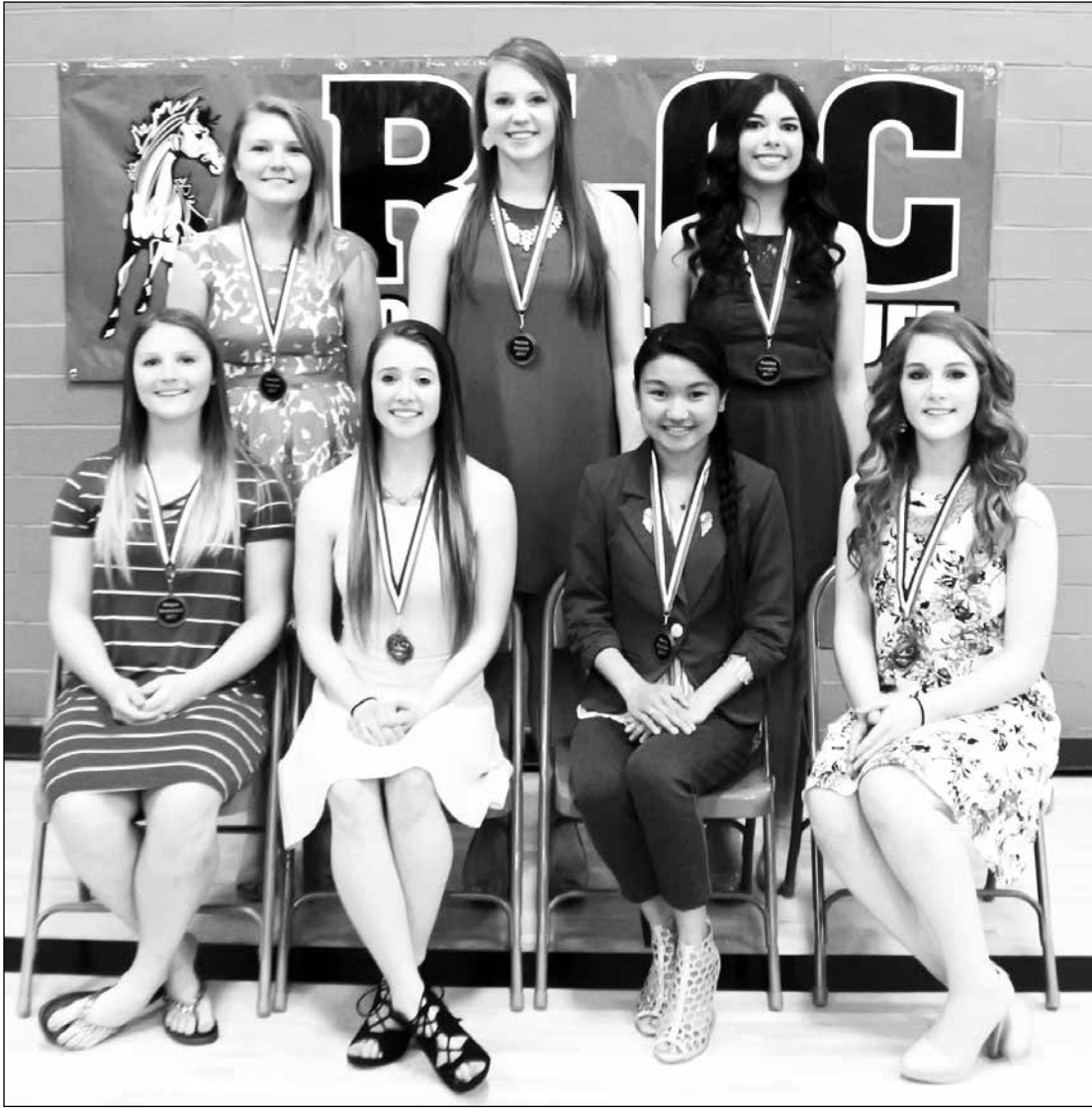
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Katelyn Suchy (middle) playing trumpet at the Junior High Honor Music Festival in Mahnomen.



• • • • • 20 students honored at RLCC Academic Banquet • • • • •



RLCC Senior Academic Honorees were (front) Megan Berberich, Nikki Schmitz, Mary Auman, Taylor Bushelle, (back) Natalie Aakhus, Kelsie Sirjord, and Ashely Longtin.



RLCC Freshmen Academic Honorees were: (Front) Sophie Linder, Adrienne Jones, Abby Walton, and Calyssa Eskeli. (Back) Jayden Iverson, Chris Longtin, and Derek Peterson.

Heather Waldal, Guest Speaker at RLCC Academic Banquet

By Marie Johnson
Heather (Schiefert) Waldal was the guest speaker at the Red Lake County Central Academic Banquet on April 10. Waldal was raised in Plummer and graduated from Pershing High School in 2000. After high school she went on to Northland Community and Technical College where she received her Registered Nursing Associates Degree. She eventually attended Bemidji State University where she received her Bachelor of Nursing Degree. She has experienced many different areas in the nursing profession, and is currently a Nursing Manager at Sanford Health

in Thief River Falls. Waldal and her husband Scott (also a Pershing High alumnus) have been married for 12 years and have two children, Avah age ten and Lane age seven.
She graduated in a class of 19 which benefited her. Waldal was very involved in sports in high school. Waldal said, “I greatly encourage you to be involved,” whether it is sports, speech or other activities at school. “It helps you to become a better-rounded person.”
Following high school she had a goal of becoming a director of nursing by age 30. She started at the University of North Dakota but decided

it was too large of a school to attend. Waldal then went to NCTC to become an LPN, then continued on in school to for her two year RN. She noted that “not all careers are built at a university or 4 year degree.”
After nursing school and working for a while Waldal moved to Wisconsin. In Wisconsin she was a nurse in a 300 bed hospital. After she had children, she transferred to a clinic setting. In 2010 Waldal and her family moved back to TRF where she became the director of nursing at age 30, thinking she had achieved her goal. But this position took away from her family and her free time. What she thought



The RLCC Junior Academic Honorees were Kara Longtin, Katie Olson, Matt Vettleson, and Hannah Kolstoe.

By: Hannah Riendeau
Red Lake County Central High School recently hosted the 22nd annual Academic Banquet. It was held Monday, April 10, 2017 at the high school gym.
The RLCC Academic Banquet is held annually during the fourth quarter. Twenty students in grades 9-12 who have maintained a 3.5 GPA in core academic classes (English, Science, Math, and Social Studies) during the first, second, and third quarters of the current school year were presented with medals recognizing their achievements. Seniors: Natalie Aakhus, Mary Auman, Megan Berberich, Taylor Bushelle, Ashley Longtin, Kelsie Sirjord, and Nicole Schmitz. Juniors: Hannah Kolstoe, Kara Longtin, Katie Olson, and Matthew Vettleson. Sophomores: Andrew Fish and Marie Johnson. Freshmen: Calyssa Eskeli, Jayden Iverson, Adrienne Jones, Sophia Linder, Christopher Longtin, Derek Peterson, and Abigail Walton.
Senior Awards were given in the areas of Science, Mathematics, English, and Social Studies. The Outstanding Mathematics Award was given to Natalie Aakhus from Mr. Bryan Paskvan. Outstanding Science was awarded to Ashley Longtin from Mr. Steven Stutz. The Outstanding Social Studies Award was presented to Taylor Bushelle from Mr. Randy Huie. The Outstanding



RLCC Sophomore Academic Honorees were Marie Johnson and Andrew Fish.

English Award was given to Kelsie Sirjord from Mr. Michel Swenson. The All-Around Senior Award was presented to Mary Auman by Mr. Randy Pederson.
Students in the seventh and eighth grades that have also maintained a 3.5 GPA the first three quarters of the current school year are asked to serve as waitresses and waiters. Eighth graders: Kia Bachand, Adriel Bakken, Bailey Culkins, George Duden, Tristyn Ferguson, Emily Kolstoe, Karena Melby, Janae Olson, Isabella Russillo, and Katelyn

Suchy. Seventh graders: Cari Bachand, Zachary Cater, Jed Duden, Tyler Eskeli, Peyton Fish, Michael Lowell, Taya Morinville, Kjerstin Nelson, Leah Peterson, Jeremiah Rathsack, Jonathan Roue, Bailey Sherman, Steven Sogla, and Halie Thompson.
The banquet began with a welcome by Principal Randy Pederson followed by the invocation and meal. Heather Waldal, a 2000 Pershing High School graduate, was the featured speaker for the evening.

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Songs of Broadway performed at RLCC



The RLCC Junior High band played two numbers at the Spring Music Concert.



RLCC Senior High band played “Highlights from Fiddler on the Roof” and “That Thing You Do.”



Sydney Melby singing “Never” at the RLCC Spring Concert.



Seniors Tara Qualley and Dede Walton sang “Ahreerang” at the RLCC Music Concert which was the piece they received an excellent rating at the Vocal Ensemble Contest.



“Best of Broadway Medley” song featured junior high soloists (front) Adriel Bakken, Lilly Hanson, Katelyn Suchy, and Brody Moen.



The RLCC Spring Concert featured the guys singing “Agony” (Into the Woods).



There was a shortage of children at the Easter Egg Hunt, so the ones that attended, made out very well. Left: The 1st & 2nd graders almost had the grass cleaned of eggs. Below: The 3rd & 4th graders were having a blast with the grass as they lifted and threw it out of the way to find the eggs.



Jett Hanson was busy making an Easter craft item at the Egg Hunt on April 8th.

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Wednesday, April 19, 2017

NOTICE

Large Item Pick-up in Oklee

May 1, 2017 ... starting at 8:00 a.m.

This is not for garbage. Only metal items will be picked up: white goods (water heaters, stoves, refrigerators, dryers, etc.)

No MICROWAVES, TV'S OR COMPUTER MONITORS.

Monitors, TV's or Microwaves may be picked up for a nominal fee. Fees for monitors, TV's and Microwaves are \$5.00 each. Must be paid for before the pick up. Pay at the City Clerk's office. Please call the Oklee City Clerk's office the week before the clean-up if you have one of those items to be picked up. Tires will also be picked up for a fee: Contact City Clerk for price. Also needs to be paid for before City will take.

This year the large items will be picked up at your home. Please have them out by 8:00 a.m. in the morning and place items on the boulevard. This is a one-day-only pick-up. If you have any questions, call the Oklee City Clerk's office at 796-5183.

**Official City of Oklee
Clean-up Order**

All yards and outbuildings should be thoroughly cleaned and all trash removed. Owners of vacant lots in the City are responsible for the appearance of their lots. Vacant lots that are not maintained will be mowed by the City and a fee will be charged to the lot owner.

The City of Oklee also prohibits the use of lots for storing and keeping of junked vehicles within the city limits as a public nuisance (junked vehicles are those that are unlicensed and/or missing component parts).

It takes the cooperation of all residents, businesses and lot owners to improve the appearance of our City and to aid in beautifying Oklee.

Red Lake County has a landfill site just north of Oklee. It will open on May 3rd and is open on the 2nd & 4th Saturday mornings and Wednesday evenings. This is where you bring items not picked up by regular garbage services. For more information on the Red Lake County Landfills, go to: <http://www.co.red-lake.mn.us/>, click on the Services Tab, then Public Health & Services; and finally on Environmental Services.

If you need extra garbage bags for garbage pickup, you can purchase them at Cenex in Oklee or D & R Grocery for normal garbage pickups.

The City of Oklee will pick up bagged grass clippings & leaves and branches (6 foot length or less).

If you have any questions, you may call the City Clerk's office at 796-5183.

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Oklee Herald Early Files

Eighty Years ago
April 22, 1937
Gilbert Langei and Miss Lillian Benson, both young people of Pennington County, were married at the Lutheran Parsonage in Oklee by Rev. J.K. Lerohl. The newly married couple will reside on the Louis Mattson farm in Equality township.

Miss Bernadine Lynch, Miss Bernice Riel and Miss Gloria Mersy, who attended the school at Crookston, spent the weekend at their respective homes.

Seventy Years Ago
April 24, 1947
A bridal shower in honor of Elmina Paquin was held Tuesday evening in the Xavier church basement. She received a large collection of gifts and the committee served the lunch.

A new barn is being completed on the Wallace Hince farm near Oklee in Lambert Township.

Aland Howard Bergeron and Steen and Sigurd Birkeland left on Monday for Wyht, MN to spend about three months in railroad work.

Sixty Years Ago
April 18, 1957
Mr. and Mrs. Adolore Paquin are the parents of a son, Darryl Adolore, born to them at St. John's Hospital in Red Lake Falls.

Mrs. Lawrence Waldal entertained at a birthday party Friday at her home in honor of her son Ronald's 9th birthday.

Fifty Years Ago

April 20, 1967
A short lived blizzard whipped into this area Monday morning but seemed to run out of breath in a few hours. Terry Lambert of Oklee was named to the Dean's List at Bemidji State College for the winter quarter. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Lambert.

A large lemon, measuring about 3-1/4 inches in diameter – was grown on a potted lemon tree at the home of Miss Minnie Stoneouse. The tree is about 18 inches high with a trunk about a quarter inch in diameter. The one lemon was the season's total crop.

Sidny Myhre is sporting a pair of crutches after he made a fast trip down from his hay mow. Fortunately, no bones were broken, but Sid has a sprained knee.

Forty Years Ago
April 21, 1977
Virgil Nelson, Joe Asselin and Tom Toulouse all received their 50 year pins at the Woodman of the World banquet held at the Mac VFW last Friday. George Spong, Mike Agnes and Lloyd Green also received awards for 50 years members but were not present.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Gustafson, Mrs. Eber Conklin and Mrs. Edward Burstad went to Starkweather, ND on Sunday where they were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Bottolfson.

Thirty Years Ago
April 22, 1987
"The Matchmaker" will be presented by Oklee High

School. This play is better known by the title, Hello Dolly.

Julie Murack was named All Conference in basketball. She was also named leading scorer in the conference with an average of 22 points per game. Julie is the daughter of Richard and Judy Murack and is an Oklee High School senior.

A grass fire nearly destroys the 1907 country school house in Deer Park Township.

Friday, April 10 saw the gym filled to capacity to watch the Oklee Alumni play the Oklee faculty/seniors in both a boys and girls basketball game.

Twenty Years Ago
April 16, 1997
"It was a Dark and Stormy Night" will be presented by the Oklee High School on Sunday.

Kelly and Connie Lundeen received the Fan of the Year award during the winter sports banquet held in Plummer.

The 6th graders had their poems published in the Oklee Herald. Participants were: Kayla Myers, Nicole Brekke, Brenden Larson, Sandrae Marquis, Thor Vetteson, Mindy Lundeen, Cole Bernier, Sarah Dahlquist and Gus Rustan.

Ten Years Ago
April 19, 2007
Several interested citizens came to a special city council meeting in Brooks for the purpose of deliberating on what to do about the new community building.

Brent Hemly came to the Plummer meeting and announced that the new

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fire truck would be coming sometime near the end of the month.

Cheyenne Gunderson gave a presentation to k-4th graders on who to care for their teeth at the Health Fair at the Elementary.

The Red Lake County Central High School presented "The Babbling Brooks" on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Coya Comes Back to be presented in Oklee, a free one hour play is a one woman play that theatrical performances dramatizes the life and legislative achievements of Minnesota's first US Congresswoman, Coya Knutson.

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

Judy Kelley and Jean Carpenter went to Merle and Don Gagner's at Maple Lake on Friday. It was Merle's birthday. She and Jean are sisters.

Anne Traxler and her sister Marian Schiller of Grand Forks, and four of their cousins and friends went on a trip to Nashville recently. Friday night, they went to the Grand Ole Opry and saw "Charlie Daniels Band," Bill Anderson, Kellie Pickles, Jeannie Seely, and others. They also saw the George Jones museum and roof top where they celebrated Dahlen's 60th birthday. Also went to Opryland Hotel and ate supper. Also went to Country Music Hall of Fame. They all had a great time.

Alice Jobe went to the concert at Lincoln High School, Tuesday, the 11th. The band was called "New Odyssey." They were from Chicago. Three guys could a total of 30 instruments. All three began music very young, as kids. They did a Beatles Medley. During 10 minutes, they played 30

instruments. It was crazy! The drummer did a Louis Armstrong impersonation, sung and played the trumpet. He sang "It's A Wonderfon World." There was good crowd participation for a few songs. They did a couple "oldie" instrumentals that were really good, "Miserlu" and "maleguena." Also the drummer dressed like Tina Turner, wig, dress, black stockings and 4 inch stillettos (heels). He danced and sang. The crowd went crazy. It was so good! Bev Aakhus and Jane Kolstoe also went as well as Bev and Tim Pahlen.

Tuesday, April 11th, was national pet day.

Also on Tuesday, a saw and heard sand hill cranes fly over Plummer.

After a light over night shower, I saw one small night crawler.

Al St. Marie worked on the insurance building uptown - redoing the interior.

Enjoy the great weather and get outside and walk, bike or just sit outside and enjoy!

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

What a nice weekend. Sun shining, warm temperatures, and kids outside doing the usual things like riding bike in shirt sleeves not coats, it all made for fun and exercise instead of watching TV or exercising their thumbs. Thanks to God we had a great Easter weekend. Even the egg hunts were fun.

A heads up on a Library program that is pending. A very interesting program that will be presented on April 20, Thursday of this week, about World War I, which is the 100th anniversary of that war. A fellow named Arn Kind will present a living history lesson. He also has done a Civil War program and my grandkids went to see it in Warroad a couple of years ago. They were enthralled. He includes the kids in the show, so they get a hands on feeling for the history. I would recommend going to this event at Red Lake Falls Library at 5 pm on April 20. It is one way to learn the history in a fun way.

Karen and Dick Delage hosted Easter Dinner at their home on Sunday. Those attending were Eric and Nicole Roed and family of Crookston, Angela and Brook Prochaska of Fargo, Julie and Tony Derosier of Erskine, Blake Derosier of Erskine, Jocelyn Derosier of Thief River Falls, Wade Delage of Brooks, Brandon Delage of Brooks, Mary Kathryn Hesse of Brooks, Ruth and Pete Wilkins of Brooks, At Supper, Kyle and Renee and Izzy and Morgan came for supper.

Darcy and Morgan Walsh and children came for a short visit to see Francis and Joanne Bradley on Sunday. Francis is recovering from surgery last week, so the visit was held to a minimum. Get well quickly Francis.

Joyce and Perry Morinville hosted the Easter Egg hunt for the family on Sunday. Mona Jesme of Thief River Falls, Bryce and Jenni, Carter, Grady, and Finley Huotari of Moorhead, Chris Robyn, Keira, Jackson, Easton, Harper , and Brooklyn Morinville of Brooks all came to dinner and enjoyed the Easter Egg Hunt.

Cindy and Del Determan were visited by Brianna and Kyle Wanner and family of Bismarck, over the weekend.

Jerome and Barb Novak hosted Easter Dinner on Sat-

urday. Nancy and Matt Ellenson, Ian, Phillip, Daphne, and Margaret of Warroad came on Friday afternoon and spent Saturday at the Novak home. Rebecca Novak came to the Novak's home on Thursday and stayed until Monday.

The persons of the week are the students who went out for doing the play in Oklee. You bring joy and entertainment to us . Break a leg, and I hope you play is a success. I understand it is being presented on Thurs and Friday and Saturday this week. Hats off to you for this fun event.

Women Of The ELCA Conference 2 Spring Gathering

Conference Two Women of the ELCA Spring Gathering will be on Sat, April 29, 2017 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Thief River Falls, Minnesota. Registration is from 8:30-9:00 a.m. With morning coffee. Program begins at 9:00 a.m. There is a cost for registration per person. This includes morning coffee and noon lunch.

A morning of fellowship and inspiration has been planned. Katie DeMarais will be our main speaker. Despite being born with Spina Bifida she has learned from an early age to use the varied gifts and abilities to do God's work. Growing up in a small town of Gary, Minnesota her family and community taught her that she could do anything others could do, with crutches attached.

A presentation will be made by the April Ballard, a preschool teacher at Challenger Elementary, Thief River Falls. She will speak on her "International Adoption."

Special music will be provided and we will close with a luncheon at noon.

WIC Schedule

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

WIC Clinics for the month of April.

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.

Red Lake County Extension Educator

Curtis W. Nyegaard - 218-253-2895

Planting Corn This Year?

Most growers that I have visited with this year do not intend to plant much corn or none at all. But if you do decide to plant some corn this year; here are some suggestions from Jeff Coulter, U M Extension Corn Specialist.

"Soil Conditions"

As with all crops, avoid tillage and planting when soils are wet. In general, a field is ready for seedbed preparation when soil in the depth of tillage crumbles when squeezed. Pre-plant tillage when soils are wet can create a cloddy seedbed that reduces seed to soil contact. Achieving excellent seed to soil contact is essential for rapid and uniform uptake of moisture by seeds and uniform emergence.

Tillage when soils are wet can also create a compacted layer below the depth of tillage that can restrict root development.

Sidewall compaction occurs when planter disc openers cut through wet fine textured soil, resulting in compacted soil around the seed that is difficult for nodal roots to penetrate. In addition, seed furrows can open after planting in such conditions, resulting in poor seed to soil contact.

"Planting Depth"

A planting depth of 2 inches is optimal for corn in most situations in Minnesota. Shallow placement of seed increases the risk of poor nodal root establishment. High planting speeds that result

in bounce of planter units and shallow placement of some seeds should be avoided, as this can cause variable emergence and higher nodal root development.

"Soil Temperature"

Risk of inadequate stand establishment is reduced if corn is planted in the seed zone that has reached or is very near 50 degrees F and is expected to stay warm.

"Planting Date"

Maximum corn yield is generally obtained in Minnesota when planting occurs in late April or early May. In years when warm weather arrives earlier than normal, planting in mid April can produce similar yield if young corn plants are not significantly damaged by a

freeze in May.

"Planting Rate"

Optimal planting rates for corn in Minnesota are generally 34,000 to 36,000 seeds per acre. This can vary somewhat with hybrid varieties, soil productivity, and expected yield. Too high of a planting rate generally does not reduce corn yield but can reduce economic net return.

More educational resources on corn production are available at "U M EXTENSION'S CORN PRODUCTION WEBSITE" at www.extension.umn.edu/agriculture/corn/. If you have specific questions or concerns about corn production for this year; you can contact Jeff by e mail at coul077@umn.edu.

Source: Jeff Coulter, U M Extension Corn Specialist.



The kids were having fun on Oklee Community Club's Annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Oklee Hall.



Who's Dat?



Who's Dat

This week's photo isn't from so long ago, but it was a fun night for many in Oklee. Do you remember what the event was? And who participated?

Last week's photo was

of the Class of 1975 in their sophomore year. Back Row: Dan Sebenaler, John Gunderson, Rick Nelson, Lonny Cote, Mike Dessellier, Mark Lee, Daryl Sweno. Row 3: Vance Haugen, Wayne Canard, George

Kirick, Mark Nesland, Jim Larson, Jeff Wicks, Marlene Violette. Row 2: Rosetta Hrubby, Jerry Lee, Mary LaCoursiere, Annette Lessard, Pam Fore, Pam Spong, Connie Berberich, Jean Rustan, Pam Marfut.

Row 1: Lila Barsness, Linda Sollie, Cindy Johnson, Carol Walhaug, Diane Dessellier, Lana Van de Streek, Patty Christianson, Debbie Cote, Dawn Hegge.

In front: Marv Bronken & Walt Aanenson



Everyone has a great photo of a familiar face from the Oklee, Brooks, Gully, Trail or Plummer areas.

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