

Oklee Precipitation
By Einar Kvasager

	Rain	Snow
April 23	Trace	Trace
April 24	Trace	2.00
April 25	0.24	Trace
April 26	Trace	Trace
April 27	Trace	3.50
Total in.	0.24	5.50

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...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

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Wednesday, May 3, 2017

City of Oklee Council discuss ponds & sludge

The City of Oklee met on April 10th for their monthly meeting. Vice Mayor Paul Cyr called the meeting to order, due to the Mayor George Burthwick being absent.

The City Council of Oklee at their last meeting tabled the minutes for the Emergency meeting in regard to bids for air conditioning for the hall which was held in March, while the council contacts their lawyer and the League of Minnesota Cities, to verify if the meeting had been held properly. The quarterly checks for the Council will not be handed out until the answer to this question is answered.

The minutes from the regular March meeting were approved with a motion by Kaye Munt, seconded by Lori Melby, carried.

Sheriff Mitch Bernstein reported that one of the nuisance properties in Oklee was going to court. Otherwise everything is quiet. Bernstein did say that meth use has been rising during the past 6 months as compared to a few years ago, though it is people using, not producing at this point. This is a concerning trend.

The financial report was given and approved with a motion by Melby, seconded by Matthew Genova. Cyr asked for a motion to pay the bills, and Genova made the motion that

the bills except those going to the council as agreed earlier, Munt seconded, carried.

Maintenance report was next with a report from Darrell Tougas. Noah (the youth helper) and Tougas have been repainting the garbage cans and re-staining the benches before putting them out for summer. Tougas asked if the council would be willing to use some funds for dressing up the garbage cans, and the council approved purchasing stickers to decorate the garbage cans, such as with smiley faces or sayings. The smiley faces were decided on. This was approved with a motion by Genova, seconded by Munt. Carried.

Tougas also updated the council on the plan to move sludge from the pond. Minnesota Rural Water will be helping with this. A pontoon would also be useful to help with the moving of sludge, but Tougas hasn't found one yet to borrow.

Tougas also reported on the Pond Draining. He can only drain the ponds from April to June and one draining session can take up to three months.

Other subjects discussed by Tougas was branch pickup – should there be a price for pickup up branches if the job is large. Council decided to let Tougas & Cross decide it that issue came up. And the Large Item pickup and City Clean-up will be on May 1.

Cal Eckstein was at the meeting and also added that there are 4 yard dumpsters available for people to use if they have projects where a dumpster is needed. During the year, Eckstein will pick up furniture items, but there is a fee, which is based on the item. City of Oklee has the list.

City Clerk Cross asked the council their opinion on utility bills on derelick houses, if the City should continue charging if there is no way the house can be lived in again. The Council felt that as long as the building is connected they should still be paying, and if there needs to be an incentive to the owners to either fix or tear down the building so the cost is a reminder.

Cyr went to the next item on the agenda which was the quotes for air conditioning in the Hall. It costs too much and it is not going to happen was the council's feeling. Cyr asked for a discussion on a condenser system and Genova stated that the City can't talk about condensers since the Emergency meeting minutes were tabled. Cyr disagreed as air conditioning and condensers are two different things. Genova continued to object, and Cyr told Genova he was out of order. Genova said he would not be part of this discussion. A condenser (de-humidifier) was discussed and it was not going to resolve the issue of moisture during large gatherings in the hall. It may keep the floors dryer so no one slips.

Next on the agenda, Cross discussed the EcoFoot project that Korky Kleven has been working on. The Cities of Red Lake Falls, Oklee and Plummer have all been approved for funding to improve their parks with a grant from Enbridge. However, there is some concern about the amounts of funding for Oklee, but would like to continue getting bids if it goes through. Melby and Genova motioned to get the quotes, carried.

Genova was wondering if the City of Oklee should start a program where someone get recognized for their efforts of making Oklee a better place. He felt it would be a nice gesture as there are many people who do nice things and get no recognition. Cyr suggested maybe quarterly instead of monthly. More discussion on this at the next meeting.

Cross updated the council on the nuisance properties, mentioning the one Bernstein mentioned in his report and added about other two, one has been cleaned up and the other has started cleaning up their property. Genova was pleased with the progress as were the other council persons.

The meeting was adjourned with motions by Genova/Munt, carried.

Let us Dance, Dance, Dance!



Ella Sletten, Ellie Halverson, Macy Magell, Lola Hendrickson, Ava Kolstoe, Olivia Vettleson, Malayna Hamm, Aalyah Bramer.



Lilly Ann Rice, Mabel Hinrichs, Molly Ferguson, Alyssa Morinville & Lena Hofstad.

A dance recital was held at the RLCC elementary school on Sunday, April 23rd. 105 students danced. Dance instructor was Krista Bernstein.

Photo credits to Hickory Backroads Photography



With basketball: Jamie Flatgard



Jackson Olson, Natalie Hendrickson & Alexa Chervestad.



Shawna Majeres, Payton Rystad, Clowie Magell, Paige Olson, Natalie Lindemoen & Aurora Mitzner.

Correction:

Picture of Mickala Morinville receiving check Jerry Freitag last week.

The check was from Knights of Columbus Council #10732 (Red Lake Falls/ Brooks/Oklee) - NOT Plummer Lions.

Calendar of Events

Wed, May 3:

-LSSSr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.

Thu, May 4:

-LSSSr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.

Fri, May 5:

-LSSSr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.

Sat, May 6:

-Support your local business – Shop Locally!

Sun, May 7:

-Worship at the church of your choice.

Mon, May 8:

-LSSSr. Meal 11:30 a.m.

Tue, May 9:

-LSSSr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards

Wed, May, 10:

-LSSSr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.

Thu, May, 11:

-LSSSr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.

Fri, May, 12:

-LSSSr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.

Sat, May, 13:

-Support your local business – Shop Locally!

Sun, May, 14:

-Worship at the church of your choice.

Mon, May, 15:

-LSSSr. Meal 11:30 a.m.

Tue, May, 16:

-LSSSr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards

-Senior Potluck 5:00 p.m. @ Café.

Wed, May 17:

-LSSSr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.

Thu, May 18:

-LSSSr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.



Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Margaret Jacobus
Sun, May 7: Confirmation:
9:00 a.m. Zion. 10:30 a.m. Salem.

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

BROOKS – RED LAKE FALLS CATHOLIC PARISH
Fr. Bob Schreiner
Sat, May 6: 5:30 p.m. RLF
Sun, May 7: 8:00 a.m. Brooks. 10:00 a.m. RLF.

IMMANUEL–EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun, May 7: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Immanuel. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School at Immanuel. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Wed, May 3: 6:00 p.m. Faith WELCA meeting.
Sun, May 7: 8:30 a.m. Ekelund; 9:45 a.m. Faith, 11:00 a.m. SS. 11:00 a.m. Bethany, 9:45 a.m. SS.
Mon, May 8: 9:30 a.m. Rachel Circle.
Tue, May 9: 6:00 p.m. Shalom Circle.

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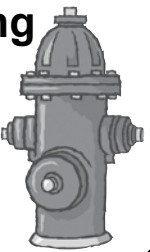
Oklee Senior Site Dining

May 8 - 12
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: Meatballs, boiled potatoes, mushroom gravy, vegetable, and dessert.
Tuesday: Fish, hash browns, vegetables, and dessert.
Wednesday: BBQ on bun, 2 bean hotdish, coleslaw, and dessert.
Thursday: Lemon pepper chicken, hash browns, vegetables, and dessert.
Friday: Hamburger patty, stuffed baked potato, toast, and dessert.

Due to weather,
Hydrant Flushing

will be held
on
May 4th
or 5th.



Plummer Fire Dept recently hosted a Regional meeting for Fire Departments in the NW part of Minnesota

The Plummer Fire Department recently held the Spring Regional meeting for Fire Departments in Region Two of Minnesota. Region Two includes eleven counties in the Northwest part of the state. There were twenty-six departments represented at the meeting.

Laura Kircher, Public Awareness Coordinator with Enbridge, spoke about their Safe Community Program. Enbridge's Safe Community awards grants to emergency responders. These grants are used to purchase equipment, obtain training or to deliver educational programs to help save lives and keep Enbridge's right-of-way communities safe.

Laura also spoke about Enbridge's program of donating pick-ups to communities within their pipeline right-of-way. These pick-ups become avail-

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive – Nazareth
Oak Park – St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Wed, May 3: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School/Confirmation. 7:00 p.m. LYS meeting.
Sat, May 6: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.

Sun, May 7: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri, 9:15 a.m. SS; 9:45 a.m. Oak Park, 8:30 a.m. SS–Honor Graduates after service; 11:00 a.m. Nazareth, 10:00 a.m. SS.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, May 3: 6:30 p.m. AWANA Awards night. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Thu, May 4: 12:00 p.m. Rotary.
Sun, May 7: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:50 a.m. Sunday School.
Tue, May 9: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study. 10:00 a.m. Quilting. 6:30 p.m. Church Bible Study.
Wed, May 10: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, May 7: 9:00 a.m. Lund. 10:30 a.m. Bethany.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston
Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor
Sun, May 7: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship.

American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 159, Annual Meeting

The American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 159, Oklee, will have their annual meeting on **Tuesday, May 9th at 11:30 am at the Oklee Cafe**. All members are encouraged to attend as poppies will be distributed for the annual American Legion Auxiliary poppy campaign. We will also discuss the Memorial Day program and have election of officers. Please mark your calendars for May 9th at 11:30. Members are responsible for their own lunch.

Kangaroo Carnival and Spaghetti Supper to be held in Oklee!



Meal is free will donation and will include spaghetti, breadsticks, salad, juice, coffee and a bar.

Fundraising Event for JULIA BERNSTEIN
will be held
Saturday, May 6th, 5:00-8:00 p.m.
at the **Oklee Hall**

Carnival will include a cake walk, ring toss, face painting, duck pond, etc.

Please help support Julia as she heads to Australia to compete in Track and Field with Down Under Sports this July.

Legal Notice

ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION FOR ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP, AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE IN SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF RED LAKE IN DISTRICT COURT

NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT FILE No.: 63-PR-17-81

In RE: ESTATE OF: Ordean Rystad, Decedent

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 10th day of May, 2017, at 9:30 o'clock A.M., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Red Lake Falls, Minnesota, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship and the appointment of Phyllis Rystad, whose address is 16131 300th Avenue SE, Oklee, Minnesota 56742, as personal representative of the estate of the above named decedent in a supervised administration, and any

objection thereto must be filed with the Court. That if proper, and no objections are filed, said personal representative will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the personal representative shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereunto entitled as ordered by the Court, and close the estate.

Notice is further given that ALL CREDITORS having claims against said estate are required to present the same to said personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this notice or said claims will be barred.
DATED: April 20, 2017

/s/ Tamara L. Yon
Judge

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Red Lake County Commissioners Minutes

RED LAKE COUNTY Regular Meeting Held February 28, 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 February 28, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. Chair Flage called the meeting to order. All members were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

HR Director Lundeen was present and informed that the Internal Revenue Service has provided new guidelines on VEBA reimbursement for spouses and dependents. The guidelines provide that an HRA VEBA Plan may reimburse expenses of an employee's spouse or dependents if they are enrolled in an unrelated employer-sponsored group health plan. The County Board had previously approved to not adopt such policy until the IRS provided a ruling on the subject, however the IRS has since established the guidelines. And therefore, it is now being recommended that the county adopt and follow IRS VEBA reimbursement guidelines. Commissioner Sorensen moved, seconded by Lerohl and carried unanimously to adopt the new IRS guidelines on VEBA reimbursements.

Lundeen informed that she is eligible for a salary increase due to her annual anniversary date. Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Weiss and carried by unanimous vote to approve a step increase from Step-4 (\$28.24 per hour) to Step-5 (\$28.74 per hour) for Angie Lundeen effective on March 4, 2017.

Lundeen mentioned that she attended a recent GIS presentation by Pro West in Thief River Falls. The group discussed the different GIS applications that counties can implement. Pro West will be contacted to make a presentation at the next board meeting.

The board reviewed a Joint Ditch billing received from Pennington County for maintenance costs incurred in 2016 on joint drainage systems. Environmental Officer Casavan has reviewed and recommends payment. Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Lerohl

and carried by unanimous vote to approve payment of \$3,711.76 to Pennington County.

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

Revenue Fund: \$ 2,105.54
Road & Bridge Fund

26,838.72
\$ 28,944.26

The motion includes the following added bills: \$250.00 to Association of Minnesota Counties; \$195.35 to Quill; \$774.64 expenses and \$350.00 per diem to John Lerohl; \$46.01 expenses and \$205.00 per diem to Dave Sorensen.

The following Commissioner/Committee reports were shared:

Commissioner Meeting/Report Simpson HHW meeting in Bagley discussing budget items and part-time staff.

Weiss None.

Sorensen Inter County Nursing Service: toured the new offices in the courthouse, completed evaluation of the Director, and reviewed the budget. Huot Park Board: discussed seasonal events and maintenance. NW Mental Health: reviewed financial report and the new record keeping system is working well.

Lerohl Impact 20/20 meeting in Bemidji discussing housing issues. Attended the AMC Legislative Conference in St. Paul and met with Representatives Fabian and Kiel and Senator Johnson to discuss the Enbridge Energy litigation and changes to the Buffer Strip legislation. State Extension Executive Committee meeting discussing MOA agreements, and attended a BWSR presentation on the Buffer Law.

Flage None.
Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Sorensen and unanimously carried to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held February 14, 2017.

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

Attest:
Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

Chuck Flage, Chair,
Board of Commissioners
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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.nrlib.org/rlf.htm at anytime, where they can create their own patron accounts to browse, request and renew materials all from their home computers.

Thanks to all those who stopped at the library during National Library Week (April 9-15) and congratulations to the door prize winners of RLF Bucks, Kiera Casavan, Darold Johnston and Alexander Renner.

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Next week on Thursday, May 11 Minnesota singer-songwriter Terry Derosier, a native of the Red Lake Falls area, will be at the library to perform a concert beginning at 6:00 pm. This program, free and open to the public is provided by MN Library Legacy funds.

Every 2nd Tuesday – Mahnomon.
Every 4th Tuesday – Thief River Falls
Every 1st, 3rd, & 5th Wednesday – Fargo/Moorhead.
Every 2nd & 4th Friday – Bemidji.

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Picture of representatives from the Plummer, Oklee, Erskine, Solway and East Grand Forks along with Enbridge Employees.

able when Enbridge updates their fleet. Some of these pick-ups were in Plummer for the Regional meeting. Fire

Departments with pick-ups donated by Enbridge who were in attendance include Plummer, Oklee, Erskine, Solway and

East Grand Forks.

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RLCC Menus

May 8 - 12

Oklee

Mon: Breakfast: Biscuit & gravy, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chef salad, bread sticks, fresh vegetables, fresh fruit, and milk.

Tue: Breakfast: Cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Hotdog or polish, baked beans, chips, fruit, and milk.

Wed: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, au gratin potatoes, vegetable, Gold Fish, fruit, and milk.

Thu: Breakfast: Cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Cheesy bread, pizza sauce, lettuce salad, fruit, and milk.

Fri: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken fajita, refried beans, lettuce salad, fruit, and milk.

Plummer

Mon: Breakfast: Cook's Choice, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chili w/cheese & crackers, salad, cornbread, fruit, and milk.

Tue: Breakfast: French toast sticks, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Seasoned shredded pork w/bun, Sunchips, baked beans, fruit, and milk.

Wed: Breakfast: Apple strudel, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Pizza, salad, veggies, yogurt, fruit, and milk.

Thu: Breakfast: Egg omelet, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Diced chicken & gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, apple crisp, and milk.

Fri: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Cheeseburger hotdish, salad bar, breadsticks, fruit, and milk.

Order your RLCC

2017 Annual

By: Hannah Riendeau

Red Lake County Central High School is taking orders for the 2017 Annuals. The cost is \$40. If you are interested, sign up in the office.

There are still a few available 2016 Annuals. If you did not get one, contact Mrs. Bobbi Aakhus.

Last Chance

to get on Oklee's

Rummage Sale Map

By: Sarah Christensen

The Oklee Community will be holding a Rummage Sale Day on Saturday, May 13th, 2017. It's time to reorganize your storage areas, clean out your garage, and check your closets and drawers!

Contact Sandra Tougas by May 4th at home at 796-5084 or at the school at 796-5136 if you want your rummage sale included on the Community Sale Map. The hall will also



Oklee and Plummer School Readiness classes took a field trip April 13th to the Thief River Falls airport. They also ate lunch and played at the Lions Park.



RLCC senior Makay Berns with the chair he made out of knotty hickory in his Senior Woods class.



Marcus Styles from RLCC made a glass top table out of knotty hickory wood in Shop class.

May ECFE

Events at RLCC

By Sarah Christensen

The Red Lake County Central Oklee Early Childhood Family Education program has family events planned for the month of May. ECFE is for families with children under kindergarten ages.

The Infant/Toddler Class #7 that was planned for Thursday, May 4th has been cancelled.

Kindergarten Round-up will be held on Monday, May 8th 6:30-7:30 PM. Come to the RLCC Elementary School and meet the teachers for next year and Mr. Fougner.

The RLCC ECFE Field Trip to Rydell Refuge in Erskine and Dairy Queen in Mentor will be on Thursday, May 11th from 5-8:30 PM. Dress for the weather and bring your camera and good walking shoes. The bus will be leaving from Oklee at 5:00 PM and stop in Plummer to pick up at 5:45 PM. Take a wildlife walk through Rydell Refuge and stop at the signs along the way to look for birds, flowers, and other living things. On the way back, the bus will stop at Dairy Queen for a treat (don't forget to bring your own money), and then return back to Plummer at approximately 8:15 PM and at Oklee at 8:45 PM. Strollers are welcome! Cost: \$5.00 for bus ride.

have three free spaces, so call to reserve your spot.

Sign up for Lace 'em Up Basketball Camp

Lace 'em Up Basketball Camp in Red Lake Falls will be held June 5-9. 6-11 graders will attend camp from 8:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. each day and K-6 graders will attend from 12:00 noon until 3:30 pm each day. 6th graders can attend either session or both if they want.

This camp is open to kids from any town. For more information or for a registration form, contact Steve Philion at sphilion@rlfedu.org or at 218-253-2499

RLC falls to Warroad in double header

By: Sydnie Gunderson and Julia Bernstein

The Red Lake County Central baseball team played a double header in Warroad on Friday, April 21 starting at

4 p.m. The first game of the double header, RLC lost 5-10 to the Warroad Ponies in seven innings. RLC scored two runs in the first inning, one in the fifth, and two in the sixth. The Ponies scored three runs in the third, three in the fifth, and four in the sixth. Nick Streiff was the winning pitcher and Chase Schmitz was the losing pitcher.

Highlights for RLC include Brandon Klipping who was two for four at bat with a double and one RBI, Josh Casavan two for four hitting a double, and Chase Schmitz two for three with a double and two RBIs. For Warroad highlights, Jaron Moyer was two for four at bat with a double and one RBI, Nick Streiff was two for three, and Kip Knutson two for four with a homerun, a double, and three RBIs.

The double game of the double header was played at 6:00 pm in Warroad. Warroad defeated RLC 18-7. In the first inning RLC had one run and Warroad had two. Warroad scored four runs in the second inning. Warroad added eight runs in the third inning and RLC two. In the fourth inning RLC had three runs and Warroad one. Warroad outscored RLC in the fifth inning 3-1.

The winning pitcher was Beau Wilmer from Warroad. The losing pitcher was Ethan Vettleson from RLC. Vettleson started out pitching three innings, giving up 14 runs, and five strikeouts. Mason Hansen pitched one and one-third innings striking out two batters and gave up four runs. RLC highlights included Josh Casavan going three for

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three batting with a home run and a double. For Warroad Jaron Moyer batted two for three with a double, Brennen Foster was two for two at bat

also with a double, and Nick Streiff three for three. Beau Wilmer was two for three batting with two home runs and four RBIs.

Congratulations, Kelsie!

You're Valley Bone & Joint Clinic's Scholar-Athlete of the Month for May. Kelsie is a letter winner in volleyball for the Mustangs. She led her team as captain and was named to the 2016 Polar North All-Conference team. Her academic achievements are equally impressive with a GPA of 3.96. **Kelsie will receive a scholarship worth \$500 from Valley Bone & Joint Clinic.** Great work, Kelsie – good luck at the University of North Dakota this fall!



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Red Lake County Speech Presentation Night



Lily Guillemette performed her “Shut Up and Say Something” Poetry piece at the RLC Speech Presentation Night. Guillemette competed at the state tournament and placed 10th.



“Little Red Riding Hood” was the Humor piece that Jonathan Roue performed for RLC Speech.



At the RLC Speech Night, Mariah Peterson and Sage Hartman performed a Duo “Who’s On First.” (Peterson subbed in for Lane Renner)

May 2017 Health Points

Mental Health Month

The term mental health is commonly used in reference to mental illness. However, knowledge in the field has progressed to a level that appropriately differentiates the two. Although mental health and mental illness are related, they represent different psychological states. Mental health is “a state of well-being in which the individual realizes his or her own abilities, can cope with the normal stresses of life, can work productively and fruitfully, and is able to make a contribution to his or her community.” It is estimated that only about 17% of U.S adults are considered to be in a state of optimal mental health. There is emerging evidence that positive mental health is associated with improved health outcomes. Mental illness is defined as “collectively all diagnosable mental disorders” or “health conditions that are characterized by alterations in thinking, mood, or behavior (or some combination thereof) associated with distress and/ or impaired functioning.” Depression is the most common type of mental illness, affecting more than 26% of the U.S. adult population. It has been estimated that by the year 2020, depression will be the second leading cause of disability throughout the world, trailing only ischemic heart disease.

Evidence has shown that mental disorders, especially depressive disorders, are strongly related to the occurrence, successful treatment, and course of many chronic diseases including diabetes, cancer, cardiovascular disease, asthma, and obesity and many risk behaviors for chronic disease; such as, physical inactivity, smoking, excessive drinking, and insufficient sleep.

There are indicators of mental health, representing three domains. These include the following:

Emotional well-being such as perceived life satisfaction, happiness, cheerfulness, peacefulness.

Psychological well-being such as self-acceptance, personal growth including openness to new experiences, optimism, hopefulness, purpose in life, control of one’s environment, spirituality, self-direction, and positive relationships.

Social well-being social acceptance, beliefs in the potential of people and society as a whole, personal self-worth and usefulness to society, sense of community.

The former surgeon general notes that there are social determinants of mental health as there are social determinants of general health that need to be in place to support mental health. These include adequate housing, safe neighborhoods, equitable jobs and wages, quality education, and equity in access to quality health care. <https://www.cdc.gov/mentalhealth/basics.htm> Mental health in childhood means reaching developmental and emotional milestones, and learning healthy social skills and how to cope when there are problems. Mentally healthy children have a positive quality of life and can function well at home, in school, and in their communities.

For more information on childhood mental health concerns see www.cdc.gov/childrensmentalhealth/basics.html

Melanoma/ Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month

Skin cancer is the most

common type of cancer in the United States. Ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun is the main cause of skin cancer. UV damage can also cause wrinkles and blotches or spots on your skin. The good news is that skin cancer can be prevented, and it can almost always be cured when it’s found and treated early.

Things you can do to take action to prevent skin cancer and reduce the risk of UV damage.

- Take simple steps today to protect your skin:
 - Stay out of the sun as much as possible between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
 - Use sunscreen with SPF 15 or higher. Put on sunscreen every 2 hours and after you swim or sweat.
 - Cover up with long sleeves and a hat.
 - Check your skin regularly for changes.
- www.healthfinder.gov/NHO/May2Announce.aspx

May is National Correct Posture Month

Take a look at your posture this month, take a photo so you can see yourself. Hunching over a computer or video game, looking down while texting affects your posture. Studies show poor posture is a major cause of back and neck pain for all ages. For more information see: <http://posturemonth.org/>

Sudoku Solution

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

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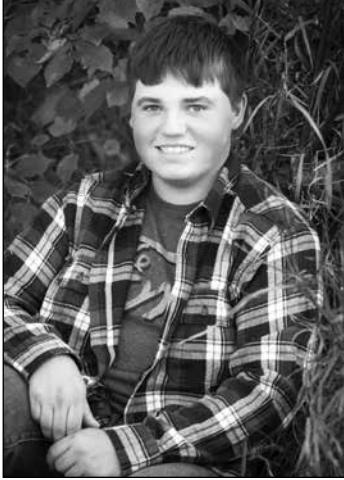
Name: Tera Qualley
Family members: Parents: Kyle and Jolene Qualley. Brother: Garrett Qualley.
Favorite movie: X-Men Origins: Wolverine.
Favorite class: Online classes.
Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: 3 Act Play
Favorite teacher/coach: Mr. Illies.
Most important person in your life: Mom
Your plans for the Future: Stay in the work force, finish by associates degree.



Name: Lynsey Morris
Family members: Parents: Kristie Olson & Marvin Morris. Siblings: Kaitlyn, Peyton, Mason.
Favorite movie: Tommy Boy.
Favorite song/band: Eric Church is my favorite.
Favorite class: Robotics.
Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Football was my favorite to watch.
Favorite teacher/coach: Mr. Huie.
Most important person in your life: My family, friends and my boyfriend.
Life has rules. What is your personal rule you plan on following in your life: You get what you give.
Best memory from school: State Robotics.
Your plans for the Future: Go to college and get a good job that I love.



Name: Marcus Styles
Family members: Denise, Jeremy, Dylan, Shawnee, Shyla
Favorite movie: Chips
Favorite song/band: Brett Young – In Case You Didn’t Know
Favorite class: Shop
Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Broomball
Favorite teacher/coach: Mrs. Aakhus
Most important person in your life: Parents
Life has rules. What is your personal rule you plan on following in your life: Stay positive.
Best memory from school: Staying after waiting for my dad.
Your plans for the Future: Move out and have a job I love doing.



Name: Austin John Erlandson
Family members: Parents: John and Lisa Erlandson. Siblings: Ethan Klasen.
Favorite movie: Neighbors
Favorite song/band: Fast by Luke Bryan
Favorite class: Robotics
Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Basketball
Favorite teacher/coach: Mr. Ilies.
Most important person in your life: My family.
Best memory from school: The homecoming games.
Your plans for the Future: Farm.



Name: Kyle Gagner
Family members: Cody Gagner, Char & Richie Gagner
Favorite class: Robotics
Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Trap Shooting
Favorite teacher/coach: Mr. Illies, Mr. Strutz, Mr. P.
Most important person in your life: My grandparents.
Best memory from school: Going to the State robotics.
Your plans for the Future: Go to MSUM for a degree in computers.



Name: Shelby Gunderson
Family members: Jamie and Suzie Gunderson, Cheyenne & Sydnie Gunderson, Margie Sporlein.
Favorite movie: Pretty in Pink.
Favorite song/band: Lukas Graham.
Favorite class: English and Psychology.
Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Volleyball & Speech.
Favorite teacher/coach: Mr. Swenson, Mr. Paskavan and Coach: Ms. Hamrum.
Most important person in your life: My grandma & parents.
Life has rules. What is your personal rule you plan on following in your life: Be Kind.
Best memory from school: Jam sessions with Mr. Swenson and Kelsie every morning.
Your plans for the Future: Attend NCTC in TRF to finish Liberal Arts.

Lilly takes 10th in the State Speech Meet

By: Julia Bernstein
Lilly Guillemette from Red Lake County Central High School attended the Minnesota State Speech Tournament on Saturday, April 22nd at Apple Valley High School. She competed in the Poetry category. The piece she performed was called “Shut Up and Say Something” by Shane Koyczan.

Guillemette was in three rounds of competition. Out of a score of six, she received a two, three, and six in each respective round. She was only two places away from competing in the final rounds. Out of the 24 Poetry entrants, Guillemette tied for 10th place in the State Tournament!

This is the first time the RLC Speech Team has had anyone compete at the state level. Congratulations to Lily on a great job.

RLC Rebels Track and Field in Mahnomen/ Waubun

By: Sarah Christensen
The Red Lake County Rebels Track and Field traveled to Mahnomen on Friday, April, 21st. The Rebel girls’ team finished in third place and the Rebel boys’ team finished in eighth place.

Results for the girls’ team include the following individual and relay places:
100 Hurdles- 3rd Place: Makenzie Williams 17.46, 4th Place: Ashley Longtin 17.73, and 5th Place: Megan LaCrosse 17.85
100 Meter- 1st Place: Zoe Russillo 12.8, and 8th Place: AJ Jones 14.28
4x200 Meter Relay- 4th Place: Julia Bernstein, Kjerstin Nelson, Hollie Knott, and Clara Girdler 2:02.47
4x100 Meter Relay- 2nd Place: AJ Jones, Julia Bernstein, Makenzie Williams, and Zoe Russillo 52.77
400 Meter- 4th Place: Kjerstin Nelson 1:10.35
300 Hurdles- 3rd Place: Megan LaCrosse 52.33, 5th Place: Madison Derosier 54.17, and 7th Place: Julia Bernstein



Congratulations to Lily Guillemette who placed 10th at the Minnesota State Speech Tournament.

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800 Meter- 7th Place: Clara Girdler 2:53.55
1600 Meter- 5th Place: Clara Girdler 6:23.82
200 Meter- 2nd Place: Zoe Russillo 27.00
High Jump- 2nd Place: Ashley Longtin 4’10”, 4th Place: Makenzie Williams 4’10”, and 7th Place: Julia Bernstein 4’4”
Long Jump- 5th Place: Megan LaCrosse 13’6”, 6th Place: Zoe Russillo 13’4”, and 8th Place: Clara Girdler 13’ ¾”
Triple Jump- 3rd Place: Megan LaCrosse 29’7 ½”, 5th Place: Ashley Longtin 28’11”, and 6th Place: Makenzie Williams 28’8”
Discus- 4th Place: Madison Derosier 76’0”
For the boys’ results, Chris Longtin placed in two events. They were:
1600 Meter- 3rd Place: Chris Longtin 5:12.46
800 Meter- 4th Place: Chris Longtin 2:14.86

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Red Lake County Speech Presentation Night



Jayden Iverson presenting “Cancer and Poetry Don’t Mix” at the RLC Speech Night.



Mariah Peterson did a Humor piece titled “Coffee Crazy Confusion” at RLC Speech Night.



At the RLC Speech Presentation Night, Jayden Fore did her “Hillary Clinton: What Might have Been” Creative Expression speech.



“Help Wanted” was the Poetry piece that Natalie Aakhus performed at the RLC Speech Presentation Night.

Governor Dayton announces Ten Water Quality Town Hall Meetings to be held Across Minnesota

Minnesotans encouraged to participate and continue important conversations around improving the state’s water quality 25 percent by 2025

ST. PAUL, MN – Joined by environmental advocates, lawmakers, and concerned Minnesotans for Water Action Day at the Minnesota State Capitol, Governor Mark Dayton today announced a series of Water Quality Town Hall meetings beginning in late July. The town halls will offer Minnesotans an opportunity to discuss the water quality challenges facing their communities and our state, learn from experts, and engage with policymakers. The town hall meetings build on the momentum from Governor Dayton’s “25 by 25” Water Quality goal proposal, announced earlier this year.

“All Minnesotans have a stake in water that’s safe for drinking, swimming, and fishing,” said Governor Dayton. “These town hall meetings will further the important conversations already happening across Minnesota around water quality. Together we can develop strategies and solutions that work for all of our communities.”

The State of Minnesota will host ten town hall meetings in communities across the state from late July through early October. These meetings are free to attend and open to the

public.

In addition to attending the town halls, Minnesotans are encouraged to host their own community meetings about water quality from June through August. These Community Water Meetings offer an opportunity for cities, schools, families, and friends to identify ways individuals can work at the local level to move Minnesota towards the 25 by 25 goal. Individuals interested in registering to hold their own meeting can find more information here: www.eqb.state.mn.us/25by25.

25 By 2025 Water Quality Goal

Earlier this year, Governor Dayton announced a new goal to improve Minnesota’s water quality 25 percent by 2025. Without additional action, the quality of Minnesota’s waters is expected to improve only 6 to 8 percent by 2034. If the goal is approved by the Legislature, a series of town halls and community meetings would engage local governments, farmers, scientists, environmental groups, and business leaders in a collaborative effort to address Minnesota’s water quality challenges.

Achieving a 25 percent improvement in water quality statewide would require Minnesota to take aggressive, yet achievable action. It also would help Minnesota meet existing commitments to reduce

phosphorus 12 percent by 2025 and nitrogen 45 percent by 2040 in the Mississippi River.

Attend a Water Quality Town Hall This Summer or Fall

Town hall meetings have been scheduled in communities across Minnesota. Additional scheduling details will be made available ahead of the events.

- Rochester – Water Quality Town Hall - Monday, July 31, 2017
- Marshall – Water Quality Town Hall - Wednesday, August 16, 2017
- Mankato – Water Quality Town Hall - Thursday, August 17, 2017
- Crookston – Water Quality Town Hall - Tuesday, September 5, 2017
- St. Cloud – Water Quality Town Hall - Wednesday, September 6, 2017
- Ely – Water Quality Town Hall - Tuesday, September 12, 2017
- Bemidji – Water Quality Town Hall - Wednesday, September 13, 2017
- Minneapolis – Water Quality Town Hall - Tuesday, September 26, 2017
- Burnsville – Water Quality Town Hall - Wednesday, October 4, 2017
- Maplewood – Water Quality Town Hall - Thursday, October 5, 2017

Additional information will be available at www.eqb.state.mn.us/25by25.

More May 2017 Health Points

Parenting Tips

While it is a good idea to take preventive measures against ticks year-round, be extra vigilant in warmer months (April-September) when ticks are most active.

Avoid Direct Contact with Ticks

Avoid wooded and brushy areas with high grass and leaf litter.

Walk in the center of trails.

Repel Ticks on Skin and Clothing

Use repellent that contains 20 percent or more DEET, picaridin, or IR3535 on exposed skin for protection that lasts several hours.

Always follow product instructions. Parents should apply this product to their children, avoiding hands, eyes, and mouth.

Find and Remove Ticks from Your Body

Bathe or shower as soon as possible after coming indoors (preferably within two hours) to wash off and more easily find ticks that are crawling on you.

Conduct a full-body tick check using a hand-held or full-length mirror to view all parts of your body upon return from tick-infested areas. Parents should check their children for ticks under the arms, in and around the ears, inside the belly button, behind the knees, between the legs, around the

waist, and especially in their hair.

National Women’s Health Week, May 14-20

The Office on Women’s Health has published a webpage in celebration of National Women’s Health Week, May 14–20. It states, “It’s never too early or late to work toward being your healthiest you! This National Women’s Health Week, we want to help you take control of your health.” The webpage provides steps to take for better health at every age. www.womenshealth.gov/nwhw

Governor Dayton proclaims Poppy Month



American Legion Auxiliary Post #159 Ginny Stoneouse, Barb Melby, Janel Walstad and Mary Lynn Bachand along with many other Auxiliary members, will have Poppy’s available to honor our nation’s fallen heroes and benefit living veterans and their families.



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS:

The United States of America was founded upon the premises that all citizens should enjoy the blessings of freedom and liberty; and

WHEREAS:

The freedom and liberty that Americans enjoy, longed for by people around the world, are the direct result of the many sacrifices made by America’s veterans; and

WHEREAS:

Many Minnesotans have made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of freedom; and

WHEREAS:

It is fitting and proper that we recognize the courageous efforts of our veterans who have sacrificed to secure freedom and liberty for all Americans; and

WHEREAS:

The American Legion Auxiliary, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary have adopted the poppy as their commemorative symbol; and

WHEREAS:

Each year, disabled veterans assemble and distribute memorial poppies, creating a tangible tribute to honor our nation’s fallen heroes, and benefit living veterans and their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2017, as:

POPPY MONTH

in the state of Minnesota.




GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE

US Postal Food Drive

Oklee Post Office is joining in the National Food Drive on May 13th. Anything collected will go to Inter-County Community Council’s Food Shelf.

Items needed are non-perishable items as well as household items such as paper towels, toilet paper, toothpaste, tooth brushes, etc.

A box will be set up in the Lobby for people wanting to drop off there if they don’t want to leave it in a bag by their mail box on May 13th when the rural carrier will be picking it up.

ATTENTION

RED LAKE COUNTY SMALL BUSINESS AND POTENTIAL STARTUP ENTERPRISES

The Red Lake County Economic Development Corporation can help you start your own business or expand an existing one. We are here to assist with a five (5) year loan for an amount up to \$20,000 at 2% APR. The business must be located in Red Lake County.

For more information, contact the Red Lake County Economic Development home office at 1-218-253-2897.

Or call David Ste. Marie, Red Lake Falls, 218-698-4279; Mike Spurgin, Red Lake Falls, 218-465-4648 or Leo Olson, Oklee, 218-796-5656.

Takedown Wrestling Club finishes season!



Pre-K: Lian Magnell, Connor Nelson, Brett Anderson.



Kindergarten: Trevor Lee, Easton Morinville, Emmitt Melin.



2nd Grade: Jackson Morinville, Benji Bramer.



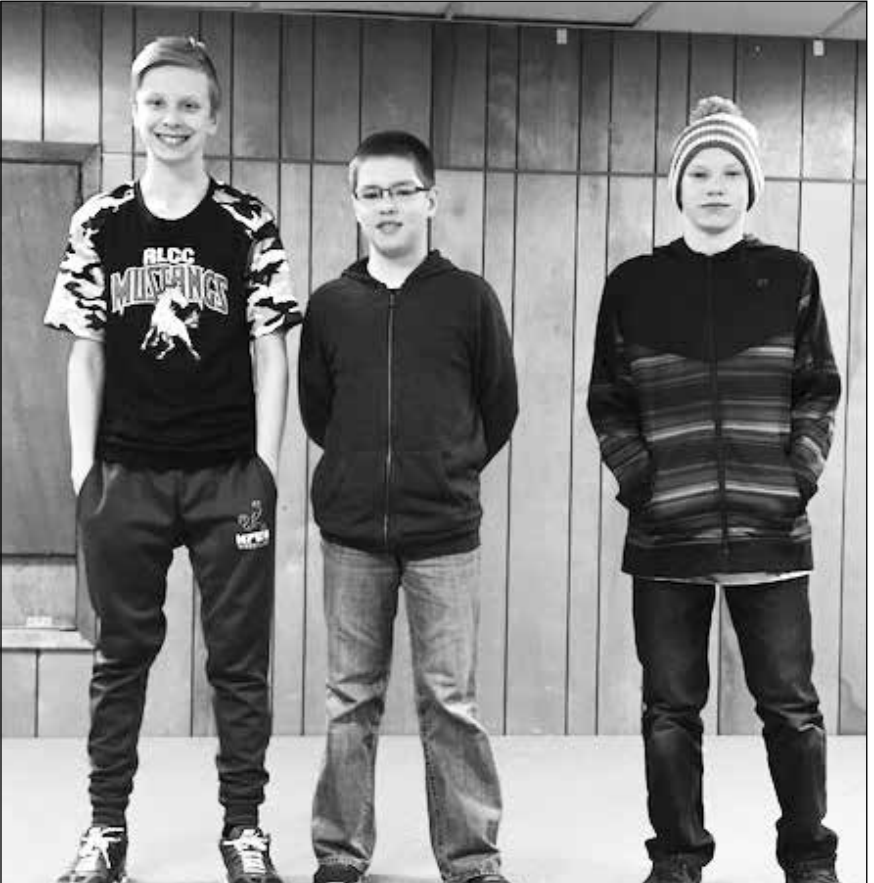
1st Grade: Eli Nelson, Payton Jenson, Bryar Klasen, Alex Bramer.



3rd Grade: Mason Pahlen, Eli Magnell, Collin Tagart, Lili Chapman.



4th Grade: A. Chapman, Hunter Dudycha, Kane Nelson, Donovan Clifton, Emma Bishop.



6th Grade: Gerald Melin, Gunnar Sandeen, Damon Ferguson.



5th Grade: Kehan Nelson.



Jaycees State – back row (l to r): Kehan Nelson, A. Chapman, Hunter Dudycha, Kane Nelson, Collin Tagart, Eli Magnell. Front row (l to r): Connor Nelson, Lili Chapman, Benji Bramer, Eli Nelson, Bryar Klasen, Brett Nelson, Liam Magnell.



NYWA State (l to r): Damon Ferguson, Tristyn Ferguson, Mason Pahlen, Connor Nelson, Gerald Melin. Not pictured: Owen Chervestad.

RLC SWCD Extra Trees Available!!

Red Lake County SWCD has some extra trees available if anyone is interested in purchasing trees. The trees are sold in bundles of 25. Deciduous trees are sold at \$37.50 per bundle and the conifers are sold at \$40.00 per bundle. These are the following varieties we have available for sale: Eastern Red Cedar, Common Lilac, Redosier Dogwood, Mountain Ash, and Sugar Maple. The trees will be sold on a first come first serve basis. Please give our office a call at (218) 253-2593 ext. 4, if you are interested in purchasing trees. Thank you!!

WIC SCHEDULE

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

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

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

The following is the schedule of WIC Clinics for the month of May. **There will be NO Red Lake Falls WIC clinic in May.**

Mon-Fri: May 8-12: Thief River Falls Redeemer Lutheran Church

For further information concerning the WIC program, call or write WIC Quin, PO Box 248, Newfolden, MN 56738, phone 874-7845 (Newfolden, Viking, Middle River, Holt or Thief River Falls residents) or 1-800-223-1591, or e-mail at quinchs@wiktel.com.

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Oklee Herald Early Files

Seventy Years Ago
May 1, 1947
Elmina L. Paquin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Paquin, became the bride of Dennis J. Bachand, son of Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Bachand at St Francis Xavier Church on Saturday, April 26th.
Little Kenneth Barsness celebrated his third birthday anniversary Monday. He received many gifts and lunch was served by his mother and Mrs. Al Brandt.

Sixty Years Ago
May 2, 1957
Sentence will be pronounced tomorrow against Joseph Ripplinger who Wednesday was found guilty of second degree murder of his wife. The jury deliberated four hours.

The trains running on the Soo Line did not change to daylight saving time on Sunday along with the rest of the state, therefore their schedule will be one hour later.

A farewell party was held in honor of Barbara Woods, who will leave soon to make her home in Michigan.

Fifty Years Ago
April 27, 1967
John Brandt, formerly of Oklee has been selected as a participant in a National Science Foundation Institute. Nominated to Girls State by the Oklee Chapter of the American Legion Auxiliary was Barb Bronken and alternate was Sandra Groven.
A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lambert on

April 19th. She was named Deborah.
Forty Years Ago
May 5, 1977
Mr. and Mrs. Julian Gunderson entertained on Sunday at a luncheon in honor of their son, Brad's confirmation.
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lundeen were among the many relatives who came to wish Sarah Myrum a happy 80th birthday on Sunday.

April 23rd, the Future Homemakers of America held a bake off Dessert Contest. Winners were Pam Parenteau for 1st place. 2nd place went to the team of Lee Ann Person and Heidi Larson.

Thirty Years Ago
May 6, 1987
Oklee School's Teacher of the Year is Doloris Haugen. Doloris said that she is very honored to be representing Oklee School and to have been chosen it's Teacher of the Year.

Malcolm Stucy was honored recently for serving for 36 years as treasurer of Deer Park Township and received a plaque.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Wyhte of Oklee announce the engagement of their daughter Karen to Ronald Dessellier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Dessellier of Brooklyn Center.

Twenty Years Ago
May 7, 1997
A fire in the early morning hours on May 4th destroyed the Minnesota Dehydrated Vegetable plant in Fosston.

The Red Lake County True Team consisting of student from Oklee, Plummer, and Red Lake Falls, for the third year in a row, earned the right to participate in the True Team State Tournament to be held in Blaine.

David Fox, a junior at Plummer High School has been chosen as Boys State Delegate for the Plummer American Legion.

Flood Clean-Up volunteers needed. Anyone 16 years and older interested in assisting in the clean up of East Grand Forks on Saturday, May 10th, please sign up at the school.

Ten Years Ago
May 3, 2007
Gladys LaCrosse was named Woman of the Year at the Women of the World business lunch held at the Red Lake Falls Community Hall last Wednesday.

Faye Auchenpauhg from the Northwest Service Co-op in TRF, Gretchen Beito, author of *Coya Come Home*, Bob Berglund, and Jodie Torkelson were four of the participants in the History Day for teachers that was held in April.

Faith Kruchowski received the Most Outstanding Female Athlete award at the BSU Beaver Relays Track & Field meet.

Red Lake Mayor Bob Phillion of Red Lake Falls pled guilty to one misdemeanor charge and agreed to resign in a plea agreement.

grass blades. However, if there is extensive damage, leveling these spots and possibly adding topsoil and over seeding may be necessary.

That brings up the question, when should I fertilize, seed, apply pre-emergent crabgrass herbicide and dethatch. Recently the University of Minnesota Extension released a new lawn care calendar that can be found at <http://www.extension.umn.edu/garden/landscaping/maint/calendar.htm>

Dethatching is best performed from mid-August through the end of September but is also acceptable from the third week of April to the third week of May. Aeration is best performed from mid-August through the second week of October; however this activity is acceptable in the spring during the month of May. Fertilizing, despite our old practices, is best performed from the second week of August through the first week or so of October. Spring application from Mid-May to mid-June is acceptable, but for those who would like to decrease the inputs on their lawns, should switch to a late summer or early fall application.

Weed control such as pre-emergent herbicides for crabgrass should typically be applied in the last week of April through the second week of May. Crabgrass seeds germinate once the nighttime temperatures are around 52 to 55 degrees F. This means you should monitor your soil temperatures., which can be done with a soil thermometer, and then apply the herbicide following all label directions when soil temperatures are nearing crabgrass germination temperatures. The best time to control crabgrass is early spring; however post-emergent herbicide application is acceptable from Mid-May through the beginning of July. The best time for broad leaf control is September through the third week of October, with May through the third week of June being an acceptable time. If weed population is low, removal by hand or tool is always a good practice to minimize the use of pesticides.

For more lawn care activities, check out the complete calendar. Breaking old habits might be hard to do, but to improve the health of your lawn, and to save you time and money; follow the lawn care activity chart. For more detailed information or to have questions answered; you can contact Beth Berlin, Horticulture Extension Educator at adam0062@umn.edu.

Source: Beth Berlin, U M Horticulture Extension Educator.



Senior Site News and Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

Are we ever going to be free of snow this spring. It was a surprise to wake up to snow on the ground again. Now that May has arrived, maybe it will mean nice weather and temperatures.

Several local people are in the hospital at this time. Dorothy Lee is in Fargo hospital, Robert Torkelson has been in Fosston Hospital and now at the Nursing Home, Linda Mickelson has been in St. Cloud, where she underwent surgery. We wish them all well and look forward to see them back home again.

There will be a Chair and Wheelchair Yoga offered at the Oklee Community Center on May 11 at 11 a.m. There is no charge so come and take part in this. The elderly or those with limited mobility will receive the most benefit from this.

Dates to Remember
May 11 - Yoga class
May 16 – 12:30 p.m. Kenda Lund will be at the Senior Site talking about Alzheimer's.
May 16 - Pot Luck Meal 5:00 pm
May 18 - Site Council Meets
May 19 - Birthday Meal

Word of Wisdom
Money spent on good friends, adventuresome travel, and fresh flowers is never wasted. Love forgives.

Joke Time
A Swede and a Norwegian went up in a plane together. When the plane developed engine trouble, the two bailed out in parachutes. The Swede reached the ground in a matter of about a minute. But the

Norwegian got lost and didn't get down until a half hour later.

Ordinarily "TGIF" means "Thank Goodness it's Friday. Why do Norwegians have "TGIF" printed on their shoes? It means "Toes go in first."

The 17th of May is soon here, so I thought Norwegian jokes are in line. I'm Norwegian so I dare print these.



These two gals, Bonny Cote & Irene Rosten, celebrated their April birthday's together. The Birthday meal winner was Irene Rosten.

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

We are still looking for spring. It is like where is Waldo? Anyway today is May Day. I hope this month finally brings some spring like weather.

On Thursday, Pearl LaCoursierre performed in a piano recital. Brooks was well represented at the recital. Mary Mercil, Lowell Hamrum, Cindy Determan, Pam Paradis, Joyce Morinville Diane Gagner and Barb Novak all went to support her in her performance. The recital was very good. There were so many very accomplished artists, one could not pick a winner if they

were competing, but Pearl was a winner in our eyes. She also was presented with a dozen roses. Congratulations to you Pearl, you did a beautiful job.

Happy birthday though it is belated, to Joyce Morinville. She celebrated it last week and many friends gathered for a party for her. Congratulations to you Joyce.

Graduation and Confirmation is coming up soon and the invitations are rolling in. Also the First Communion classes are going to be culminated this month. It is always busy in May. Don't

forget Mother's Day is also stuck in there too. So guys you are warned to honor your Mother and the Mother of your children as well.

Stephanie Gagner came to visit her parents Diane and Clarence Gagner over the weekend. It was nice to have another voice in choir this weekend too. Thanks Stephanie.

Have a great week and if the weather gets better you'd better rush out and get whatever done, because it seems one great day makes two rotten ones this year.

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

On Sunday, April 23rd, a dance recital for K-6th grade was held at the RLCC Elementary School in Plummer at 3 p.m. There was a huge turnout.

On Saturday morning, Alice Jobe visited Jean Matt and Fern Eskeli at Oakland Park Nursing Home. Also visited Jean Carpenter at her home in the afternoon.

Cindy Thomas, of Manhattan, Kansas came for a week or more to visit family and her mom Jean, who has been at Oakland Park for physical therapy. Kory and Barb Carpenter also came over the weekend to visit Jean and other family.

On Sunday Brielle Traxler made a snowman with the inch or so of snow that had fallen, complete with a hat!

On Thursday, April 20th, Del

and Cindy Determan, Colton Determan, Pam Paradis, Joyce Morinville, Jess and Heidi Determan, Randy and Debbie Vershal and Alice Jobe attended a banquet in the Imperial Room at the Ralph Englestad. Pork loin dinner, chutney, baked potato, dinner roll, cheese cake with chocolate for dessert. It was a huge turnout. The great speaker was a RN who had worked at an abortion clinic for 3 days and saw the horrors of what takes place. She quit her job and decided to let people know by giving talks, etc. She also wrote a book about her experience. There also were a couple of young women who had been helped through Life Care that spoke. It was a very informative and revealing evening. The place was filled. Life Care covers

NW Minnesota and has helped many women both before and after their babies are born. Life Care has their offices in Thief River and are always looking for donations either, money or things like diapers.

Karen Tvedt has been doggie sitting for Willard and Tammy Malwitz. She's been watching Elvis, a nice black dog that loves to go for walks.

Sunday we got one inch snow and then Wednesday another 3/5 to 4 inches of wet stuff and it also made an icy mess on the roads and the cars. Last year, at this time, we got about an inch and a half of rain in three days. So the moisture is kind of similar, though cooler temps this year. Sunshine will be appreciated very much.

Have a good week, everyone.

Who's Dat?



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This week's photo is of... a familiar face if you get past the beard.

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

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Spring Lawn Care

Most people in our area of the state are ready for spring to get it's act together and really be spring. But before you start any spring lawn work, be sure and assess all areas of the lawn; one area may be dry and another area may still be too wet and soggy. Turf plants are very sensitive in early spring; therefore it is important to know when to do what for the healthiest lawn. Many people may discover that the optimal time for several lawn care tasks is not actually in the spring, but is best performed in late summer.

The very first step in doing spring lawn care should be assessing your location. Regardless of good practice calendars, each spring is different and each yard's conditions can be different. Before doing any lawn care; be sure the frost is out of the ground and it has firmed up. My observations indicate that the frost is out of the ground in our area of the state, but not necessarily firmed up. Also be sure the soil is no longer cold and muddy before doing any work.

Some people (like me) may still have some leaves to clean up; but be aware that raking too early may cause damage. Raking might uproot the grass plants or simply walking across your lawn may cause compaction to the soils. In nearly all yards there are likely different conditions in different areas. Monitor all parts of your lawn, and selectively work in areas that are ready before doing mass work across your whole yard!

Some people have told me that that have noticed narrow, twisting ridges of loose grass or uprooted grass. This damage is likely due to meadow voles which have tunneled these small trenches. For more information on meadow voles go on line at extension.umn.edu and do a search for meadow voles. The best method to remedy meadow vole damage is to rake up the loose grass and any clumps of uprooted plant material. Most of the damage caused by the meadow vole is actually confined to the grass foliage rather than to the crown of the plant, which is part of the plant responsible for regrowing new shoots and



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Wednesday, May 3, 2017



Minnesota Singer & Songwriter
Terry Derosier

Concert
Thursday, May 11, 6:00 pm
Red Lake Falls Public Library

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2016-17 VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL:

Back Row: Coach Huie, Johnathan Renner, Derek Peterson, Isiah Olson, Connor Lambert, Makay Berns, Coach Phillion

Middle Row: Justin Nemec, Jordan Johnson, Eathan Vettleson, Brandon Wiskow, Matt Vettelson

Front Row: Ben Cardinal, Seth Paradis, Austin Jensen, Adrien Verbout

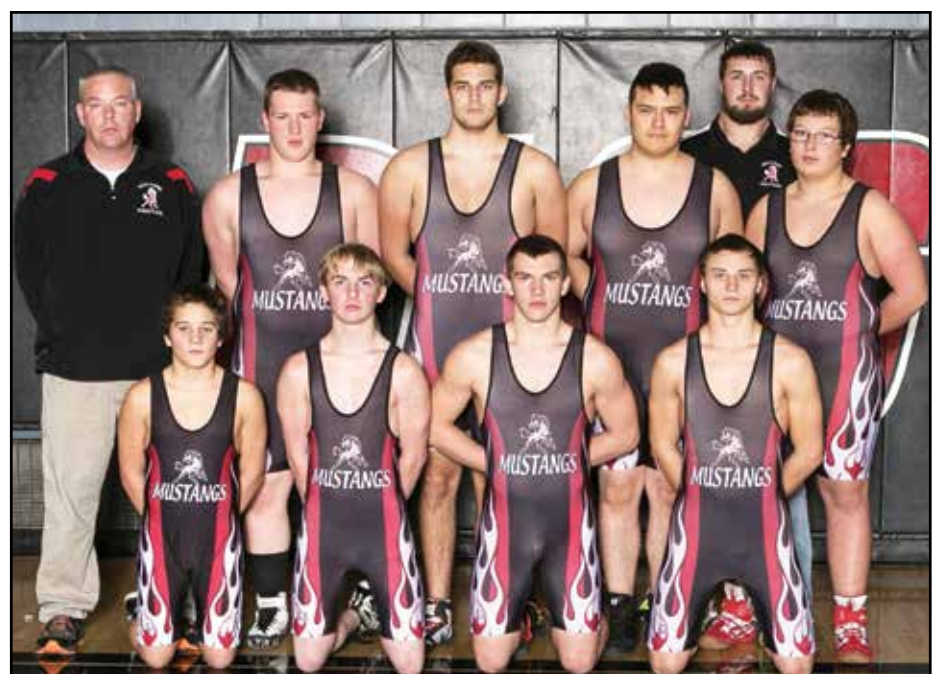


2016-17 VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL:

Front Row: Billie Gryskiewicz, Nikki Schmitz, Taylor Bushelle, Hannah Kolstoe, and Brandie DeHate

Middle Row: Marie Johnson, Ashley Longtin, Calyssa Eskeli, and Sarah Chistensen

Back Row: Coach Mitch Berstein, Tanisha Srnsky, Jenna Pahlen, Julia Bernstein, and Coach Mark Baagason



2016-17 WRESTLING:

Front Row: Paul DeHate, Brice Bergeson, Tristyn Fergeson, and Dylan Gustafson

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