

Oklee Precipitation
By Einar Kvasager

	Rain	Snow
May 3		Trace
May 4		0.04
Total in.	0.04	0.00

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...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

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RLCC Graduation is May 26



Angel Auman

By: Sarah Christensen

Twenty two students will be graduating Friday, May 26 from Red Lake County Central High School. Graduation will be held at 5:30 pm in the gymnasium in Oklee.

Speakers will be the top three students in the Class of 2017. They are Angel Auman,



Ashley Longtin

daughter of Antoniette and the late Steven McPherson; Ashley Longtin, daughter of Lonnie and Michele Longtin; and Taylor Bushelle, daughter of Jesse and Tiffany Bushelle and Alex and Jason Goodmans.

Class of 2017 graduates include Natalie Aakhus**, Mary (Angel) Auman**,



Taylor Bushelle

Megan Berberich**, Makay Berns*, Taylor Bushelle**, Alec Castaneda, Zachary Delage, Austin Erlandson, Kyle Gagner*, Shelby Gunderson*, Dylan Gustafson, Carolyn Kehn, Brandon Lee*, Ashley Longtin**, Lynsey Morris, Nicholas Plante*, Talon Porter**, Tera Qualley**, Nicole

Schmitz**, Kelsie Sirjord**, Marcus Styles, and Deidra Walton*. (** High Honors, Cumulative GPA 3.5-4.0, Gold Cord; and *Honors, Cumulative GPA 3.0-3.49, Silver Cord)

The class has chosen "The 90's Saved the Best for Last" as their class motto. Class colors are red, silver, and black. For the class flower they chose a red tipped white rose and red daisy.

The Honor Guards from the junior class will be Hannah Kolstoe and Katie Olson. Usherettes will include juniors Erin Jones, Kara Longtin, Sydney Melby, and Matthew Vettleson.

The Oklee American Legion Post #159 will present the Colors. The Processional and Recessional will be played on the piano by Peggy Miller. Principal Mr. Randall Pederson will be presenting the Class of 2017. Superintendent Mr. James Guetter and School Board Chairman Mr. Matt Kolstoe will be presenting the Diplomas.

Congratulations to RLCC's Class of 2017.

Essentia Health Encourages Vaccination for Measles

Measles is an extremely contagious respiratory disease caused by a virus. While no longer common in the United States, Minnesota is experiencing an increase in cases with 32 children under age 5 having measles as of April. The Minnesota Department of Health states that a majority of these children were not vaccinated.

The best way to prevent measles is to be fully vaccinated. MN Department of Health recommends vaccinations for:

- children age 12 months and older who have not received a MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) vaccine. The first dose of the MMR vaccine is at 12-15 months old and the second dose is usually given between 4 and 6 years of age, but may be given as soon as one month after the first dose.
- adults who have not had measles or a measles vaccination should also receive the MMR vaccine.

Immunization records are a part of your electronic medical record. If you are uncertain of your vaccination history, Essentia Health patients can check your MyHealth account by logging into EssentiaMyHealth.org or call your clinic. The state has an information system called the Minnesota Immunization Information Connection (MIIC) that can provide immunization records as well.

Measles spreads in the air through coughing and sneezing and can live for up to two hours on surfaces or in an airspace where an infected person has coughed or sneezed. Measles is a very serious illness. For that reason, please seek medical care right away if your child has these symptoms:

- A mild to moderate fever along with a cough, runny nose or watery/mattering eyes.

Measles

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Youth Participate in 4-H "Make It and Take It" Project Night



Participants enjoyed making a "Butterfly Craft" Project at the "4-H Make It and Take Project Night." They used watercolor paper, water color paints, pom-poms, etc. to decorate their butterflies.



Above: Jaclyn Rondorf, a 4-H Red Lake County Volunteer, is helping participants (left) Gabby DeHaan and (right) Amelia Warne make "Bath Bombs" during the 4-H Make It and Take It Project Night.

Right: Participants making ice-cream in a bag and putting on toppings of their choice at the 4-H Make It and Take It Project Night.



The 4-H "Make It and Take It" Project Night was held on May 2, 2017 at the Community Hall in Red Lake Falls. Participants were able to do all three projects that were being offered. The projects included: "Butterfly Craft Project, Bath Bombs Project, and Ice-Cream in a Bag Project. The 4-H Club Volunteers, 4-H Ambassadors, and parents helped out at each of the sessions.

The 4-H Youth Development Program lets kids try new skills and express themselves through fun, hands-on activities. Working on projects helps connect kids with their friends, families, communities, and the world. 4-H helps kids gain confidence and develop life skills that will help them be successful. 4-H welcomes boys, girls, and adults from all backgrounds, no matter where they live. The entire family can join in projects and activities.

For more information about the 4-H Youth Development Program, call the Extension Office at 218-253-2897 or 1-800-770-1244. This project night was sponsored by the Red Lake County 4-H Leader's Council and the University of Minnesota Extension.



Calendar of Events

Wed, May. 10:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
Thu, May. 11:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
Fri, May. 12:
-LSS Sr. 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:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
Tue, May. 16:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards
-Senior Potluck 5:00 p.m. @ Café.
Wed, May 17:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
Thu, May 18:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
Fri, May 19:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
Sat, May 20:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!
Sun, May 21:
-Worship at the church of your choice.
Mon, May 22:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
Tue, May 23:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards
Wed, May 24:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.



Oklee's Annual Dog and Cat Clinic held May 2nd



City Clerk Derek Cross attaching a license tag on "Rocky" on May 2nd at the Dog & Cat Clinic.

On May 2nd, Cornerstone Veterinary Services from Gonvick came over to the Oklee Fire Hall for the Annual Dog & Cat Clinic.

Many dogs and cats from Oklee and the surrounding area came for their annual shots,

heartworm and tick treatments which are usually on sale.

Great way to save some money and get your favorite furry friend vaccinated and safe from those pesky ticks and heartworm, which can cause many health issue for your pet.



Big or small, mostly dogs, but a few cats came to the annual Dog & Cat Clinic held in Oklee.

Starting on the left, going around: Harold Parley with his big brown puppy, Honey, Peanut and Lady.



Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Margaret Jacobus
Sun, May 14: 9:00 a.m.
Zion. 10:30 a.m. Salem.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH OKLEE
Fr. Adam Hamness
Sun, May 14: 7:30 a.m.
Confessions 8:00 a.m. Mass.

BROOKS - RED LAKE FALLS CATHOLIC PARISH
Fr. Bob Schreiner
Sat, May 13: 5:30 p.m. RLF
Sun, May 14: 8:00 a.m.
Brooks. 10:00 a.m. RLF.

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Wed, May 10: 6:30 p.m.
Confirmation at Immanuel.
7:30 p.m. WELCA at Ebenezer.
Sun, May 14: 9:00 a.m.
Worship at Ebenezer. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Immanuel.
Mon, May 15: 9:00 a.m.
Quilting at Immanuel.
Tue, May 16: 6:30 p.m.
Luther League Committee.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth
Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseth
Wed, May 10: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School/Confirmation.
Sat, May 13: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.
Sun, May 14: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri, 9:15 a.m. SS; 8:30 a.m. SS, 9:45 a.m. Oak Park - Confirmation - Dinner following; 11:00 a.m. Nazareth.
Wed, May 17: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School Picnic. 7:30 p.m. Oak Park Ladies Aid.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

May 15 - 19
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: Goulash hotdish, corn, toast, and dessert.

Tuesday: Cold ham sandwich, macaroni salad, green beans, and dessert.

Wednesday: Chicken cordon blue, baked potato, vegetable, and dessert.

Thursday: Grilled cheese sandwich, chili, cottage cheese, and dessert.

Friday: Birthday Meal:
½ Hot pork, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, and dessert.

Deadline:
Friday's at noon!

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!!

BETHEL ASSEMBLY FOSSTON
Seth Johnson,
Interim Pastor
Sun, May 14: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship.
NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg,
Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, May 10: 6:30 p.m.
Youth Group.
Thu, May 11: 12:00 p.m.
Rotary.

Sun, May 14: 9:30 a.m.
Worship. 10:50 a.m. Sunday School.
Tue, May 16: 9:30 a.m.
Ladies Bible Study. 6:30 p.m. Church Bible Study.
Wed, May 17: 6:30 p.m.
Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson,
Lay Minister
Wed, May 10: 2:00 p.m.
Lund WELCA.
Sun, May 14: 9:00 a.m.
Worship at Lund. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Sand Valley.
Wed, May 17: 2:00 p.m.
Sand Valley WELCA.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Sun, May 14: 8:00 a.m.
Eklund Council meeting. 8:30 a.m. Eklund, 9:45 a.m. Faith - Honor Grads and Confirmation students. 11:00 a.m. Bethany.
Wed, May 17: 7:30 p.m.
Baccalaureate at Community Center.

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Measles

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· Tiny red spots with bluish-white centers inside the mouth on the cheek linings

· High fever and a red, blotchy rash that starts on the face and spreads down the body

If you suspect someone in your family has been exposed to measles be sure to stay home and avoid having visitors until you have talked with your doctor or clinic. Your doctor or clinic will tell you if you should come in for a visit. If you have not been vaccinated, getting an MMR shot within three days of being exposed may prevent you from getting measles.



Hours for Red Lake County Landfills

Red Lake Falls Landfill Site

Monday to Thursday:
7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

Saturdays:
1st & 3rd Saturdays
8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Oklee Landfill Site

Wednesdays:
2:00 p.m. to 6:00 pm.

Saturdays:
2nd & 4th of the month
8:00 a.m. to 12 noon

218-253-2951 - RLF Landfill
218-253-4121 - RLC Environmental office

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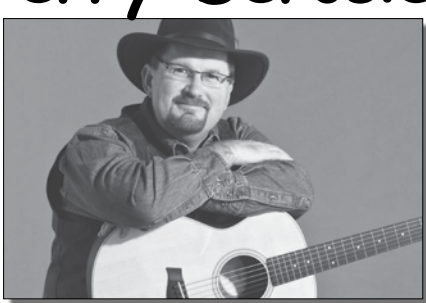
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CLEAN WATER LAND & LEGACY AMENDMENT

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

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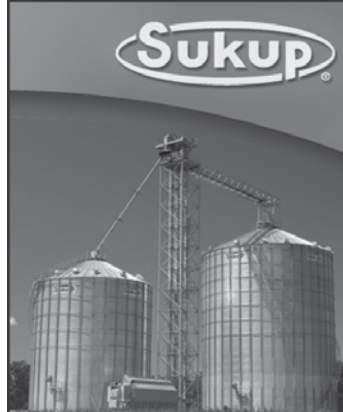
Barb Novak, Joyce Morinville and Diane Gagner, enjoyed and supported Pearl LaCoursiere at her recital last Thursday at Our Savior's Lutheran church in Thief River Falls. She was also presented with a dozen roses for her stellar performance. The Brooks ladies are all in the choir that Pearl plays for each Sunday.

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Red Lake County Commissioners Minutes

RED LAKE COUNTY Regular Meeting Held March 14, 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 March 14, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. Chair Flage called the meeting to order. All members were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Simpson and carried to approve the agenda.

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

Vendor Name	Amount
Houston Engineering, Inc.	\$ 2,863.50
Midstates Equipment & Supply	21,235.20
19 Payments less than \$2,000	4,845.56
Final Total	\$28,944.26

The motion includes the following added bills: \$120.00 to Insight; \$1,155.00 to MN State Auditor; \$624.86 expenses and \$420.00 per diem to John Lerohl.

Jenn Ward from Pro-West & Associates met with the board regarding suggestions on how the county can move forward with additional applications to grow the current system to maximize the GIS program. Ward explained that parcel development has been done for a while so now the county should expand further to keep up to current technology changes to offer to the public. The public application was never developed but \$5,000.00 was approved in the budget a few years ago. Ward suggested that the county move to RGIS Online as many smaller counties don't have the staff to do the added data input. The cost for RGIS is \$2,500.00 annually for (5) user licenses. Pro-West is also offering a short-term contract that will provide their staff on-site for a couple days per month, including a day of remote support, to add data layers that county staff don't have the time to complete. A 3-month contract will cost \$8,272.22 with the option to re-new at the county's discretion. Commissioner Sorensen moved, seconded by Lerohl to approve a 3-month contract for on-site/off-site GIS services, and in addition the \$2,500.00 RGIS Online fee. Voting aye: Commissioners Weiss, Sorensen, Lerohl, Flage. Voting nay: Commissioner Simpson. Motion carried.

Commissioner Lerohl reported on a meeting attended in St Paul on March 13, 2017 to discuss the bill for the Enbridge Tax Court petition. The meeting was with State Representatives Kiel and Green, Senator Mark Johnson, AMC, and the MN Department of Revenue. The meeting discussed the technical aspects of House bill 1628 (Kiel), and Senate bill 1630 (Johnson) regarding the Enbridge Energy valuation process and pending litigation. Lerohl informed that a mitigation hearing between the Department of Revenue and Enbridge will occur on March 27th in St Paul. The board discussed a resolution to aid in the legislative efforts. Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Sorensen and carried unanimously to approve County Resolution No. 03-01-17 "Enbridge Litigation" as follows:

WHEREAS, Enbridge Energy, LLC has appealed state assessed property values and filed a lawsuit against the Minnesota Department of Revenue for Assessment years 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016, and

WHEREAS, if the court rules in favor of Enbridge Energy, LLC and/or a mediated settlement with the Department of Revenue is agreed upon, resulting in a corresponding abatement of tax amounts for Enbridge Energy, LLC for these tax years, it will cause a significant financial burden for Counties, Schools, Townships, Watersheds, Regional Development Commissions, and the Housing Authorities, and

WHEREAS, these entities did not have the ability to defend, protect, or contribute to the outcome of this ruling, but are the entities that would possibly bear the financial burden, and

WHEREAS, the assessments being appealed were assessed solely by the Department of Revenue and not by County Assessment, and

THEREFORE, BEITRESOLVED, that the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners hereby unanimously request and support legislation during the 2017 legislative session to provide state funding that will cover all possible abatement costs associated with this appeal of state assessed values for all entities and hold all affected entities financially harmless of any associated costs.

A complete document is on file at the County Auditor's office.

Auditor Schmitz presented a request from the Inter County Community Council. Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Weiss and carried by unanimous vote to approve Resolution No. 03-02-17

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 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.

"FHPAP Program" as follows:

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, State of Minnesota, has been authorized to undertake a program to provide funds for Family Homeless Prevention & Assistance Projects; and,

WHEREAS, Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc. in the nine-county region of northwest Minnesota has developed an application for the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Family Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc. have demonstrated the ability to perform the required activities of the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Family Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, that Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc. is hereby authorized as an entity to be charged with the administration of funds made available through the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Family Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Program in Red Lake County, Minnesota.

A complete document is available at the County Auditor's office.

Engineer Kleven met with the board to update on several items. Kleven met with the Polk County Engineer and Davidson Construction regarding a proposal for a gravel crush/stockpile. The Ecofootprint Grant program has awarded approximately \$97,000.00 through a joint application submitted by Oklee, Plummer and Red Lake Falls for camping/park improvements and canoe access areas. The City of Red Lake Falls is the fiscal agent. Kleven informed that he will be advertising for bids on the Plummer Intersection CSAH #1 & State #59 Improvement project with a mid-June bid opening, and alternatives for the CSAH #13 bridge replacement are still being evaluated.

The following Commissioner/Committee reports were shared:

Commissioner Meeting/Report
Simpson County Fair Board meeting discussing June Fair schedule.

Weiss Enbridge meeting in Erskine. Corrections meeting with Commissioner Sorensen reviewing revenue sources, population numbers and policy changes.

Sorensen Corrections meeting.

Lerohl County Fair Board. Enbridge meetings in Erskine and St Paul. Regional Development meeting in Warren discussing various programs. County Extension meeting at Courthouse.

Flage County Extension meeting and a SWCD meeting reviewing the annual feedlot report, grant dollars received for completing programs, and the Tree Planting Program.

Commissioner Sorensen moved, seconded by Weiss and unanimously carried to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held February 28, 2017.

The board reviewed a joint ditch billing received from Polk County for maintenance costs incurred in 2016 on joint drainage systems. Environmental Officer Casavan recommends payment. Commissioner Sorensen moved, seconded by Weiss and carried unanimously to approve payment of \$3,812.87 to Polk County.

Commissioner Sorensen mentioned that several counties have expressed opposition to the Buffer Strip Law and the implementation of the State Buffer Zone legislation. Commissioner Sorensen moved, seconded by Simpson and carried unanimously that Red Lake County offer support and oppose the State Buffer Zone legislation.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned until March 28, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

Attest:
Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

Chuck Flage, Chair,
Board of Commissioners
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RLCC Menus

May 15 - 19

Oklee

Mon: Breakfast: Ham & cheese biscuit, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Pulled pork or BBQ chicken, macaroni or potato salad, chips, baked beans, fruit, and milk.

Tue: Breakfast: Apple turnover, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken burgers, cheesy potatoes, vegetable, pretzels, fruit, and milk.

Wed: Breakfast: Muffins, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Pork fritter, macaroni & cheese, vegetable, fruit, and milk.

Thu: Breakfast: Pancake on a stick, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Ham patty, cheese slice, curly fries, vegetable, fruit, and milk.

Fri: Breakfast: Bakery rolls, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Taco in a bag or soft shell taco, refried beans, fruit, and milk.

Plummer

Mon: Breakfast: Cook's Choice, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Quesadillas, corn, cottage cheese, fruit, and milk.

Tue: Breakfast: Nutrigrain bars, yogurt, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Spaghetti, garlic breadsticks, green beans, cookie, fruit, and milk.

Wed: Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, sausage, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Garlic cheese French bread, salad, Go-Gurt, fruit, and milk.

Thu: Breakfast: Pancakes, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Subs, oven fries, veggies-dip, fruit, and milk.

Fri: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Burger Variety w/bun, hash browns, salad bar, mustang and milk.

Mustang Softball Wins

By: Hannah Riendeau
Red Lake County Central girls' softball team hosted the Laporte Wildcats Monday, May 1st. Mustangs took the lead at the end of the first inning and kept it the entire game. RLCC won 9-4.

Angel Auman was three for four at bat. Jenna Pahlen was two for three at bat. Taylor Bushelle had two RBIs. Billie Gryskiewicz, Angel Auman, Calyssa Eskeli, Jenna Pahlen each had one RBI. Jayden Fore, Megan Berberich, and Jenna each had a stolen base. Pahlen hit two doubles.

Natalie Hadrava was three for four at bat and had three doubles for the Wildcats. Emma Winter, Natalie Hadrava, and Camryn Smith all got one RBI each.

Mustangs Calyssa Eskeli pitched seven innings throwing 122 pitches with eight strike outs. Kotni Kerby from Laporte pitched six innings throwing 102 pitches and had one strike out.

Mustangs vs the Eagles

By: Sarah Christensen
Red Lake County Central Mustang softball played Norman County East/Ulen-Hitterdal on Tuesday, May 2 losing 0-15. The NCE/UH Eagles scored one run in the first inning, four runs in the second inning, nine runs in the third inning, and one run in the fourth inning finishing up the game in the fourth inning.

For the Mustangs Calyssa Eskeli pitched three innings and Sidney Olson came in to finish the last inning. Mustang Jenna Pahlen hit a double.

Pitching for the Eagles was Alexa Mortenson pitching all four innings. She also had one RBI. Eagles Ryah Opsahl hit a double and one RBI, Alivia Mortenson had two RBIs and one stolen base, Brooke Miller had one RBI, Mariah Stueness had one RBI, Charlie Lien had one RBI, Corrie Peterick had two RBIs, and DNisha Shelton had one RBI.

Wednesday, May 10, 2017



RLCC sophomores Lacey Pendleton and Marie Johnson received Excellent ratings at the Instrumental Contest in EGF.

Two from RLCC compete at Instrumental Contest

By Marie Johnson

Red Lake County Central sophomores Lacey Pendleton and Marie Johnson competed at the Instrumental Solos and Ensembles Competition at East Grand Forks High School on April 12th.

Johnson played her trumpet to "Alman" written by Thomas

Morley. Johnson received an Excellent Rating. Pendleton played her flute to "Serenade" written by J. Haydn. Pendleton also received an Excellent Rating. Director of the RLCC Band Mrs. Patty Mickelson came with. Mrs. Peggy Miller accompanied Johnson and Pendleton on their solos.



Taylor Bushelle from RLCC received an award for Officer of the Year at the MASC Leadership Conference.

RLCC Student Senate and Taylor Bushelle receive MASC awards

By: Hannah Riendeau

Six students from Red Lake County Central went to the Minnesota Association Student Council State Leadership Convention in Rochester, MN on April 22-24. They were seniors Taylor Bushelle and Ashlevy Longtin, juniors

events, recycled white paper, and organized and helped with the local blood drive.

Taylor Bushelle was awarded an Officer of the Year award at the MASC. She was the Northwest Division President and RLCC's Student Senate President.

Good job to our Student Senate and to Taylor for being recognize for their hard work this school year.

Jade Person and Sydney Melby, freshmen Calyssa Eskeli and Jenna Pahlen. Mr. Randy Huie is RLCC's Student Senate Advisor and he accompanied the group.

Red Lake County Student Senate was awarded one of three MASC High School Student

Council of the Year awards. During this school year, RLCC hosted two Northwest Division Summits, hosted Homecoming and Spring Fling

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.

Among the "new" rotation books are a selection of biographies, including "What So Proudly We Hailed: Francis Scott Key, A Life" by Marc Leepson, the first biography of Francis Scott Key in more than 75 years; "Run, Don't Walk: the Curious and Chaotic Life of a Physical Therapist Inside Walter Reed Army Medical Center" by Adele Levine, P. T.; and "The Curse of Beauty: the Scandalous & Tragic Life of Audrey Munson, America's First Supermodel" by James Bone, telling of the "tumultuous and heartbreaking life of a world-famous model whose riveting story of beauty, fame, passion, murder and madness in the gilded age captivated a nation."

Other new "floating" items include DVD movies, juvenile non-fiction and paperback westerns. Stop in to see what's "new."

Next week will bring Blair Braverman, dogsledder & author, to the library for a free presentation on Tuesday, May 16 at 12:00 noon, and the following week, Bill Jamerson, author/singer/storyteller, on Tuesday, May 23 at 2:00 pm.

MEET THE RLCC SENIORS



Name: Mary Angelique Aumen

Family members: Parents: Antoniette & the late Steven McPherson. Sibling: Ric Ven Anthony Auman.

Favorite movie: Harry Potter series.

Favorite class: Robotics.

Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Softball/Knowledge Bowl/Environthon.

Favorite teacher/coach: Mr. Paskavan

Life has rules. What is your personal rule you plan on following in your life: "If there is a will, there's a way."

Best memory from school: Going to St. Cloud for MN State Robotics.

Your plans for the Future: University of North Dakota, majoring in Petroleum Engineering.



Name: Zach Delage

Family members: Keith Delage (father), Meloni Delage (mother), Becky Forsberg (grandma), David Forsberg (grandpa), Cole Olson (brother), Paige Hodne (sister).

Favorite movie: TED

Favorite song/band: Nirvana.

Favorite class: Phys - Ed.

Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Basketball.

Favorite teacher/coach: Mr. Bernier.

Most important person in your life: My dad and my mom.

Life has rules. What is your personal rule you plan on following in your life: Stay motivated, stay humble.

Best memory from school: Always playing basketball games in gym.

Your plans for the Future: Start my own construction business.



Name: Dylan Gustafson

Family members: Tammy and Jody Benedick, Troy, Brooke, Courtney Gustafson.

Favorite movie: Haunted House

Favorite class: Robotics

Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Wrestling

Favorite teacher/coach: Mr. Illies.

Most important person in your life: Family.

Best memory from school: Getting the robotics class.

Your plans for the Future: College for law enforcement.



Name: Nikki Schmitz

Family members: Bud, Nancy, and Cory Schmitz.

Favorite movie: Fast & Furious movie series

Favorite song/band: Florida Georgia Line

Favorite class: Ethics.

Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Volleyball

Favorite teacher/coach: Bagaason and Mr. Strutz.

Most important person in your life: My brother and my mom

Life has rules. What is your personal rule you plan on following in your life: Always make time for friends and family, no matter how busy it gets.

Best memory from school: Playing pranks on Mr. Strutz with Kelsie and putting a fake worm in his coffee cup without him noticing.

Your plans for the Future: Attend Northland in East Grand Forks for Accounting.



Name: Natalie Aakhus

Family members: Bobbi, Jason, and Allison Aakhus

Favorite movie: Rain Man

Favorite song/band: Panic at the Disco

Favorite class: Precalculus

Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: SADD's

Favorite teacher/coach: Mrs. Aakhus

Most important person in your life: My sister, Allison.

Life has rules. What is your personal rule you plan on following in your life: Be the person you needed when you were younger.

Best memory from school: My first day at RLCC during my sophomore year.

Your plans for the Future: Attend Concordia College in Moorhead, major in biology, become a physician.



Name: Brandon Earl Lee

Family members: Parents: Jack Lee and Tracy Lee. Sibling: Jack Lee III

Favorite movie: Tommy Boy

Favorite song/band: Luke Bryan.

Favorite class: Robotics

Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Football.

Favorite teacher/coach: Mr. Huie and Trevor Page.

Most important person in your life: My family and my girlfriend.

Life has rules. What is your personal rule you plan on following in your life: Never give up.

Best memory from school: When our robotics team went to state the first year they had the class.

Your plans for the Future: Go to Northland to get my generals done, then transfer to BSU to become a teacher.

Rebels junior high track attend West Marshall Meet

By: Hannah Riendeau

The Junior High Red Lake County Rebels Track and Field team was invited to the West Marshall Boosters Invite Junior High Meet. It was held Monday, May 1.

In the Girls "A" Division, the RLC Rebels team finished in third place.

100 Meter- 2nd place: AJ Jones 13.84

200 Meter- 1st place: AJ Jones 29.30, and 3rd place: Hollie Knott 30.93

400 Meter- 4th place: Kjerstin Nelson 1:11.07

800 Meter- 2nd place: Clara Girdler 2:52.23, and 3rd place: Kjerstin Nelson 2:53.84

4x200 Meter Relay- 1st place: AJ Jones, Kjerstin Nelson, Hollie Knott, and Clara Girdler 2:04.25

High Jump- 1st place: Clara Girdler 4'5"

Long Jump- 3rd place: Clara Girdler 13'4 1/2", and 5th place: AJ Jones 11'7 3/4"

Discus- 2nd place: Hollie Knott 75'3"

For the Girls "B" Division, the Rebels team finished in sixth place.

100 Meter- 1st place: Shawna Majeres 14.03

100 Hurdles- 1st place: Shawna Majeres 18.72

4x100 Meter Relay- 4th place: Aurimy Olson, Paige Olson, Arielle Rude, and Shawna Majeres 1:07.78

4x200 Meter Relay- 6th place: Molly Smith, Paige Olson, Arielle Rude, and Shawna Majeres 2:39.09

Shot Put- 8th place: Carlee Whalen 20'5"

In the Boys "A" Division, the Rebels team tied for fourth place.

200 Meter- 2nd place: Britain Arlt 30.99, and 4th place: Lane Renner 32.70

400 Meter- 4th place: Britain Arlt 1:12.18

800 Meter- 1st place: Chris Longtin 2:21.53

1600 Meter- 1st place: Chris Longtin 5:21.62

Long Jump- 3rd place: Chris Longtin 15'9"

Discus- 7th place: Lane Renner 74'3"

For Boys "B" Division, the team finished in eighth place.

100 Hurdles- 5th place: Steven Sogla 20.16

400 Meter- 7th place: Brody Moen 1:18.31

4x200 Meter Relay- 5th place: Gunner Sandeen, Steven Sogla, Oscar Duden, and Brody Moen 2:24.63

Shot Put- 2nd place: George Duden 25'9", and 7th place: Andrew Gryskiewicz 22'10"

Discus- 7th place: George Duden 61'4"

RLCC Track traveled to Crookston

By: Sarah Christensen

The Red Lake County Rebels Track and Field attended the KROX/VFW Invite Meet in Crookston on Tuesday, May 5. The girls' team finished in sixth place. Their results follow:

100 Hurdles- 2nd place: Makenzie Williams 17.23, 6th place: Ashley Longtin 17.63, and 8th place: Megan LaCrosse 17.93

100 Meter- 2nd place: Zoe Russillo 12.99

4x100 Meter Relay- 1st place: AJ Jones, Julia Bernstein, Makenzie Williams, and Zoe Russillo 52.81

300 Hurdles- 6th place: Megan LaCrosse 52.72

200 Meter- 1st place: Zoe Russillo 27.34

High Jump- 1st place: Ashley Longtin 4'10"

Long Jump- 5th place: Zoe Russillo 15'2 3/4", and 6th place: Megan LaCrosse 14'10 1/2"

The boys' team finished in 13th place. In the 800 Meter Chris Longtin placed 8th with a time of 2:16.63.



Attending the 2017 Regional Envirothon from RLCC: (Standing) Sydney Melby, Nick Pahlen, Jenna Pahlen, Tanisha Srsnsky, Andrew Fish, Sophie Linder, Derek Peterson, Megan Berberich, Matt Vettleson, Ashley Longtin, Connor Lambert, Seth Paradis, Chris Longtin, Ethan Vettleson, Nikki Schmitz, Kelsie Sirjord, Hannah Kolstoe, Marie Johnson, Dede Walton, Kara Longtin, Tera Qualley, Taylor Bushelle, Jayden Fore, Julia Bernstein, and Zach Benson. (Kneeling) Sidney Olson, Katie Olson, Sydnie Gunderson, Angel Auman, and Calyssa Eskeli.

Envirothon Team from RLCC Advances to State

By Marie Johnson

For the second year in a row, an Envirothon team from Red Lake County Central High School will advance to the State Envirothon to be held Monday, May 15 at Ironwood Springs Christian Ranch near Stewartville. The team of Taylor Bushelle, Sydney Melby, Hannah Kolstoe, Jayden Fore, and Nick Pahlen came in third place at the 2017 Regional Envirothon held at Rydell National Wildlife Refuge near Mentor allowing them to advance to State. For their oral presentation on a current issue they performed a skit.

There were five teams from RLCC who competed at Rydell's on May 3rd. Seniors who competed were Angel Auman, Megan Berberich, Taylor Bushelle, Ashley Longtin, Tera Qualley, Nikki Schmitz, Kelsie Sirjord, and Deidra Walton. Juniors were Jayden Fore, Hannah Kolstoe, Kara Longtin, Sydney Melby, Katie Olson, Nick Pahlen, Seth

Paradis, Ethan Vettleson, and Matt Vettleson. Sophomores were Julia Bernstein, Andrew Fish, Sydnie Gunderson, Marie Johnson, and Connor Lambert. The freshman were Zach Benson, Calyssa Eskeli, Sophia Linder, Chris Longtin, Sidney Olson, Jenna Pahlen, Derek Peterson, and Tanisha Srsnsky. Science teacher Mr. Steven Strutz accompanied the group.

At Environthon the students go through six different stations. The five categories at the stations are Aquatics, Forestry, Soils, Wildlife, and Current Issues. At each station the students had to take an exam that consisted of 20 questions each. The students also have to present an oral presentation on a current issue topic in the sixth station. Teams had to work together to communicate a solution for the problem of a farmer polluting a stream causing trout to die.

Best of luck to the team at the State Envirothon.



Team members from RLCC who won third place at the 2017 Envirothon held at the Rydell Refuge on Wednesday, May 3rd: Jayden Fore, Sydney Melby, Nick Pahlen, Advisor Mr. Strutz, Hannah Kolstoe, and Taylor Bushelle.

Rebel Spring Football



The Red Lake County Rebel football program started up their annual spring flag football on Wednesday, May 3rd. Fifty kids in grades 3rd-6th grade attended the first day. The program runs Wednesdays in May after school.

In the 5th-6th grade league the Cowboy team started off hot going 2-0 on the day, followed by the 1-1 Patriots and the 0-2 Vikings. In the 3rd-4th grade league the mighty Badgers are an impressive 3-0, followed by the 2-1 Bison, 1-2 Gophers and 0-3 Hawks.

"We always have a lot of fun at this. Each kid will get to play some football, get a Rebel T-shirt and enjoy some pizza on the last day. They always seem to enjoy it," said Head Coach Brian Remick.

The spring football players will get together again on Wednesday, May 10th in Plummer after school.



RLCC Student Senate was selected as a MASC Student Council of the Year. Those attending were: (Standing) Tyler Eskeli, Tera Qualley, Julia Bernstein, Dawson Rystad, Calyssa Eskeli, Jenna Pahlen, Kia Bachand, Sydney Melby, Natalie Aakhus, (Sitting) Ashley Longtin, Taylor Bushelle, Mr. Randy Huie, Angel Auman, Lynsey Morris, (Front) Karena Melby, and Taya Morinville. Missing from photo Megan Berberich and Jade Person.

Rebels take on the Roseau Rams

By: Hannah Riendeau

Red Lake County played against the Roseau Rams in boy's baseball Thursday, May 4 at Red Lake Falls. They were shut out 0-3. Rams scored three runs in the third inning.

For the Rebels, Mason Hanson batted two for three. For the Rams, Brennan Bordun was three for four at bat with a double and RBI. Jonah Huglin was two for three at bat including a double.

Rebels Chase Schmitz pitched seven innings and gave up three runs and struck out five players.

RLCC wins 16-8 over LPA

By: Julia Bernstein

The Red Lake County Central softball team played Lake Park/Audubon on Thursday, May 4th in Oklee. RLCC beat LPA 16-8. LPA took the lead in the first inning but a strong third inning for the Mustangs secured the win for the team. LPA scored one run in the first inning and one run in the second along with RLCC scoring one, too. The Mustangs outscored LPA in

the third inning 13-0. In the fourth inning LPA had three runs, and neither team scored in the fifth inning. Both teams had two runs each in the sixth inning. One run was scored by LPA in the final inning.

Highlights for the Mustangs included Sydnie Gunderson batting three for three and Taylor Bushelle three for four. Gunderson had three RBIs, Angel Auman two, Jenna Pahlen two, Bushelle two, Billie Gryskiewicz one and Calyssa Eskeli one. Gunderson

had two stolen bases for the Mustangs. Gryskiewicz and Jenna each had one.

LPA's highlights included Kailee Lefebvre who was two for four at bat with two RBIs, Emily Thompson one, Shadaisa Stalberger one, and Charisma Francis one. Thompson had one stolen base and Stalberger had a double.

The winning pitcher was Calyssa Eskeli who had two strikeouts. Pitching for LPA was Maria Miosek with eight strikeouts.

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RLC falls to

West Marshall

By: Sydnie Gunderson

The Red Lake County boys' baseball played at Red Lake Falls on Tuesday, May 2nd at 4:30. In both the first and the third innings, two runs were scored by West Marshall. The Rebels scored one in the sixth inning. The Rebels lost with a final score of 1-4.

The losing pitcher for RLC was Mason Hanson with five strike outs in two innings and Josh Casavan pitching four innings with nine strike outs. The winning pitcher was Isaac Mills from West Marshall. The game highlight for the Rebels was Josh Casavan hitting three for three at bat. Isaac Mills hitting three of four with two RBIs was the highlight for West Marshall.

Upcoming Events

at RLCC

By: Sydnie Gunderson

The 2016-2017 school year at Red Lake County Central High school will soon come to an end. Some of the upcoming events for the month of May include the following.

RLCC's Award's Day is Wednesday, May 10th at 1:00 p.m. On Wednesday, May 10th for Music Night with awards will be held at 7:30 pm. The Envirothon team will compete at the State Envirothon on Monday, May 15th. The senior Physics trip will be on Tuesday, May 16th. Friday, May 26th is the last school day for RLCC students. Graduation will also be held on May 26th at 5:30 p.m.

Oklee Area Veterans'

Memorial Update

Support for the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial continues as recent donations have been received in memory of Alvin Jensen and Ordean Rystad. The contribution in memory of Alvin Jensen is made by his wife Bonnie Jensen. Alvin was a charter board member in the development of the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial. He served in the Merchant Marines for 8 years, and sailed with the Navy for 2 years to the Persian Gulf. Additional donations were received in memory of Ordean Rystad, Oklee. Arlan and Sheryl Fore, Oklee, and Iona Berry, Oklee, made a contribution to the Memorial in memory of Ordean Rystad. Ordean served in the U.S. Army from 1965-1967 in the Korean DMZ conflict as a sergeant prior to his honorable discharge.

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

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The schedule is different starting December 2016.

For Polk, Red Lake and Clearwater county stops:

Every Monday – Grand Forks.

Every 2nd Tuesday – Mahanomen.

Every 4th Tuesday – Thief River Falls

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

Every 2nd & 4th Friday – Bemidji.



Electric Franchise Ordinance

City of Oklee, Red Lake County, Minnesota

ELECTRIC ORDINANCE ORDINANCE NO. 39

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY, A MINNESOTA CORPORATION, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, A NONEXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE, REPAIR AND MAINTAIN IN THE CITY OF OKLEE, MINNESOTA, AN ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM AND TRANSMISSION LINES, INCLUDING NECESSARY POLES, LINES, FIXTURES AND APPURTENANCES, FOR THE FURNISHING OF ELECTRIC ENERGY TO THE CITY, ITS INHABITANTS, AND OTHERS, AND TO USE THE PUBLIC WAYS AND PUBLIC GROUNDS OF THE CITY FOR SUCH PURPOSES.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OKLEE, RED LAKE COUNTY, MINNESOTA, ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS.

For purposes of this Ordinance, the following capitalized terms listed in alphabetical order shall have the following meanings:

City. The City of Oklee, County of Red Lake, State of Minnesota.

City Utility System. Facilities used for providing public utility service owned or operated by City or agency thereof, including sewer, storm sewer, water service, street lighting and traffic signals, but excluding facilities for providing heating, lighting, or other forms of energy.

Commission. The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, or any successor agency or agencies, including an agency of the federal government, which preempts all or part of the authority to regulate electric retail rates now vested in the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.

Company. Otter Tail Power Company, a Minnesota corporation, its successors and assigns including all successors or assignees that own or operate any part or parts of the Electric Facilities subject to this franchise.

Electric Facilities. Electric transmission and distribution towers, poles, lines, guys, anchors, conduits, fixtures, and necessary appurtenances owned or operated by Company for the purpose of providing electric energy for public or private use.

Notice. A writing served by any party or parties on any other party or parties. Notice to Company shall be mailed to Otter Tail Power, 216 S Cascade St., Fergus Falls, MN 56537. Notice to the City shall be mailed to City of Oklee, PO Box 190, Oklee, MN 56742-0190. Any party may change its respective address for the purpose of this Ordinance by written notice to the other parties.

Public Way. Any street, alley or other public right-of-way within the City.

Public Ground. Land owned or otherwise controlled by the City for park, open space or similar public purpose, which is held for use in common by the public.

SECTION 2. ADOPTION OF FRANCHISE.

2.1. Grant of Franchise. City hereby grants Company, for a

period of 10 years from the date this Ordinance is passed and approved by the City, the right to transmit and furnish electric energy for light, heat and power for public and private use within and through the limits of the City as its boundaries now exist or as they may be extended in the future. For these purposes, Company may construct, operate, repair and maintain Electric Facilities in, on, over, under and across the Public Ways and Public Grounds, subject to the provisions of this Ordinance. Company may do all reasonable things necessary or customary to accomplish these purposes, subject however, to such reasonable regulations as may be imposed by the City pursuant to ordinance or permit requirements and to the further provisions of this franchise agreement. This franchise shall automatically renew for an additional 10 year period unless the City notifies OTP in writing that the City declines the automatic renewal of the franchise. Such written notice must be given to OTP at least 90 days before the end of the first ten (10) year term.

2.2. Effective Date: Written Acceptance. This franchise shall be in force and effect from and after the passage of this Ordinance and publication as required by law and its acceptance by Company. If Company does not file a written acceptance with the City within 60 days after the date the City Council adopts this Ordinance, the City Council by resolution may revoke this franchise or seek its enforcement in a competent jurisdiction.

2.3. Service, Rates and Area. The service to be provided and the rates to be charged by Company for electric service in City are subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission. The area within the City in which Company may provide electric service is subject to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 216B. 37 - 40.

2.4. Publication Expense. Company shall pay the expense of publication of this Ordinance.

2.5. Dispute Resolution. If either party asserts that the other party is in default in the performance of any obligation hereunder, the complaining party shall notify the other party of the default and the desired remedy. The notification shall be written. Representatives of the parties must promptly meet and attempt in good faith to negotiate a resolution of the dispute. If the dispute is not resolved within thirty (30) days of the date of written Notice, the parties may jointly select a mediator to facilitate further discussion. The parties will equally share the fees and expenses of this mediator. If a mediator is not used or if the parties are unable to resolve the dispute within 30 days after first meeting with the selected mediator, either party may commence an action in District Court to interpret and enforce this franchise or for such other relief as may be permitted by law or equity.

2.6. Continuation of Franchise. If the City and the Company are unable to agree on the terms of a new franchise by the time this franchise expires, this franchise will remain in effect until a new franchise is agreed upon, or until 90 days after the City or the Company serves written Notice to the other party of its intention to allow the franchise to expire. However, when the City has declined to automatical renew the franchise in no event shall this franchise continue for more than one year after expiration of the first 10 year term set forth in Section 2.1.

SECTION 3. LOCATION, OTHER REGULATIONS.

3.1. Location of Facilities. Electric Facilities shall be located, constructed, and maintained so as not to interfere with the safety and convenience of ordinary travel along and over Public Ways and so as not to disrupt or interfere with the normal operation of any City Utility System. Electric Facilities may be located on Public Grounds as determined by the City. Company's construction, reconstruction, operation, repair, maintenance, location and relocation of Electric Facilities shall be subject to other reasonable regulations of the City consistent with authority granted the City to manage its Public Ways and Public Grounds under state law, to the extent not inconsistent with a specific term of this franchise agreement.

3.2. Street Openings. Company shall not open or disturb the surface of any Public Way or Public Ground for any purpose without first having obtained a permit from the City, if required by a separate ordinance for which the City may impose a reasonable fee. Permit conditions imposed on Company shall not be more burdensome than those imposed on other utilities for similar facilities or work. Company may, however, open and disturb the surface of any Public Way or Public Ground without a permit if (i) an emergency exists requiring the immediate repair of Electric Facilities and (ii) Company gives telephone notice to the City before, if reasonably possible, commencement of the emergency repair. Within two business days after commencing the repair, Company shall apply for any required permits and pay any required fees.

3.3. Restoration. After undertaking any work requiring the opening of any Public Way, the Company shall restore the Public Way in accordance with Minnesota Rules, part 7819.1100 and applicable City ordinances consistent with law. Company shall restore Public Ground to as good a condition as formerly existed. All work shall be completed as promptly as weather permits, and if Company shall not promptly perform and complete the work, remove all dirt, rubbish, equipment and material, and put the Public Ground in the said condition, the City shall have, after demand to Company to cure and the passage of a reasonable period of time following the demand, but not to exceed five days, the right to make the restoration of the Public Ground at the expense of Company. Company shall pay to the City the cost of such work done for or performed by the City. This remedy shall be in addition to any other remedy available to the City for noncompliance with this Section 3.3.

3.4. Shared Use of Poles. Company shall make space available on its poles or towers for City fire, water utility, police or other City facilities whenever such use will not interfere with the use of such poles or towers by Company, by another electric utility, by a telephone utility, or by any cable television company or other form of communication company. In addition, the City shall pay for any added cost incurred by Company because of such use by City.

3.5. Avoid Damage to Electric Facilities. The Company must take reasonable measures to prevent the Electric Facilities from causing damage to persons or property. The Company must take reasonable measures to protect the Electric Facilities from damage that could be inflicted on the Facilities by persons, property, or the elements. The Company must take protective measures when the City performs work near the Electric Facilities, if given reasonable notice by the City of such work prior to its commencement.

3.6. Notice of Improvements

to Streets. The City must give Company reasonable written Notice of plans for improvements to Public Ways where the City has reason to believe that Electric Facilities may affect or be affected by the improvement. The notice must contain: (i) the nature and character of the improvements, (ii) the Public Ways upon which the improvements are to be made, (iii) the extent of the improvements, (iv) the time when the City will start the work, and (v) if more than one Public Way is involved, the order in which the work is to proceed. The notice must be given to Company a sufficient length of time, considering seasonal working conditions, in advance of the actual commencement of the work to permit Company to make any additions, alterations or repairs to its Electric Facilities the Company deems necessary.

3.7. Mapping Information. The Company must promptly provide mapping information for any of it underground Electric Facilities in accordance with Minnesota Rules parts 7819.4000 and 7819.4100.

SECTION 4. FACILITIES RELOCATION.

4.1. Relocation in Public Ways. The Company shall comply with Minnesota Rules, part 7819.3100 and applicable City ordinances consistent with law.

4.2. Relocation in Public Grounds. City may require Company at Company's expense to relocate or remove its Electric Facilities from Public Ground upon a finding by City that the Electric Facilities have become or will become a substantial impairment to the existing or proposed public use of the Public Ground. Such relocation shall comply with applicable ordinances consistent with law.

4.3. Projects with Federal Funding. Relocation, removal, or rearrangement of any Electric Facilities made necessary because of the extension into or through City of a federally-aided highway project shall be governed by the provisions of Minnesota Statutes Section 161.46.

SECTION 5. TREE TRIMMING.

Unless otherwise provided in any permit or other reasonable regulation required by the City under separate ordinance, Company may trim all trees and shrubs in the Public Ways and Public Grounds of City to the extent Company finds necessary to avoid interference with the proper construction, operation, repair and maintenance of any Electric Facilities installed hereunder, provided that Company shall hold the City harmless from any liability arising therefrom.

SECTION 6. INDEMNIFICATION.

6.1. Indemnity of City. Company shall indemnify and hold the City harmless from any and all liability, on account of injury to persons or damage to property occasioned by the construction, maintenance, repair, inspection, the issuance of permits, or the operation of the Electric Facilities located in the Public Ways and Public Grounds. The City shall not be indemnified for losses or claims occasioned through its own negligence except for losses or claims arising out of or alleging the City's negligence as to the issuance of permits for, or inspection of, Company's plans or work.

6.2. Defense of City. In the event a suit is brought against the City under circumstances where this agreement to indemnify applies, Company at its sole cost and expense shall defend the City in such suit if written notice thereof is promptly given to Company within a period wherein Company is not prejudiced by lack of such notice. If Company is required

to indemnify and defend, it will thereafter have control of such litigation, but Company may not settle such litigation without the consent of the City, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. This section is not, as to third parties, a waiver of any defense or immunity otherwise available to the City; and Company, in defending any action on behalf of the City shall be entitled to assert in any action every defense or immunity that the City could assert in its own behalf. This franchise agreement shall not be interpreted to constitute a waiver by the City of any of its defenses of immunity or limitations on liability under Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 466.

SECTION 7. VACATION OF PUBLIC WAYS.

The City shall give Company at least two weeks prior written notice of a proposed vacation of a Public Way. The City and the Company shall comply with Minnesota Rules, 7819.3200 and applicable ordinances consistent with law.

SECTION 8. ABANDONED FACILITIES.

The Company shall comply with City ordinances, Minnesota Statutes, Section 216D.01 et seq., and Minnesota Rules Part 7819.3300, as they may be amended from time to time. The Company shall maintain records describing the exact location of all abandoned and retired Facilities within the City, produce such records at the City's request and comply with the location requirements of Section 216D.04 with respect to all Facilities, including abandoned and retired Facilities.

SECTION 9. CHANGE IN FORM OF GOVERNMENT.

Any change in the form of government of the City shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance. Any governmental unit succeeding the City shall, without the consent of Company, succeed to all of the rights and obligations of the City provided in this Ordinance.

SECTION 10. FRANCHISE FEE.

10.1. Form. During the term of the franchise hereby granted, and in addition to permit fees being imposed or that the city has a right to impose, the City may charge the Company a franchise fee. The fee may be (i) a percentage of gross revenues received by the Company for its operations within the City, or (ii) a flat fee per customer based on a metered service to retail customers within the City or on some other similar basis, or (iii) a fee based on units of energy delivered to any class of retail customers within the corporate limits of the City. The method of imposing the franchise fee, the percentage of revenue rate, or the flat rate based on metered service may differ for each customer class or combined the methods described in (i)-(iii) above in assessing the fee. The City shall seek to use a formula that provides a stable and predictable amount of fees, without placing the Company at a competitive disadvantage. If the Company claims that the City required fee formula is discriminatory or otherwise places the Company at a competitive disadvantage, the Company shall provide a formula that will produce a substantially similar fee amount to the City and reimburse the City's reasonable fees and costs in reviewing and implementing the formula. The City will attempt to accommodate the Company but is under no franchise obligation to adopt the Company-proposed franchise fee formula and each review will not delay the implementation of the City-imposed fee.

10.2. Separate Ordinance. The franchise fee shall be imposed by separate ordinance duly adopted by the City Council, which ordinance shall not be adopted until at least one hundred twenty (120) days after written notice enclosing such proposed ordinance has been served upon the Company. The fee shall become effective with the first billing cycle of the next month following the month the City adopts such ordinance.

10.3. Condition of Fee. The separate ordinance imposing the fee shall not be effective against the Company unless it lawfully imposes a fee of the same or substantially similar amount on the sale of electric energy within the City by any other electric energy supplier, provided that, as to such supplier, the City has the authority or contractual right to require a franchise fee or similar fee through a previously agreed upon franchise.

10.4. Collection of Fee. The franchise fee shall be payable not less than quarterly during complete billing months of the period for which payment is to be made. The franchise fee formula may be changed from time to time, however the change shall meet the same notice requirements and the fee may not be changed more often than annually. Such fee shall not exceed any amount that the Company may legally charge to its customers prior to payment to the City. Such fee is subject to substantial reductions to account for uncollectibles and customer refunds incurred by the Company. The Company agrees to make available for inspection by the City at reasonable times all records necessary to audit the Company's determination of the franchise fee payments.

10.5. Continuation of Franchise Fee. If this franchise expires and the City and the Company are unable to agree upon terms of a new franchise, the franchise fee, if any being imposed by the City at the time this franchise expires, will remain in effect until a new franchise is agreed upon.

SECTION 11. PROVISIONS OF ORDINANCE.

11.1. Severability. Every section, provision, or part of this Ordinance is declared separate from every other section, provision, or part; and if any section, provision, or part shall be held invalid, it shall not affect any other section, provision, or part; provided, however, that if the City is unable to enforce its franchise fee provisions for any reason the City will be allowed to amend the franchise agreement to impose a franchise

fee pursuant to statute. Where a provision of any other City ordinance conflicts with the provisions of this Ordinance, the provisions of this Ordinance shall prevail.

11.2. Limitation on Applicability. This Ordinance constitutes a franchise agreement between the City and Company as the only parties and no provision of this franchise shall in any way inure to the benefit of any third person (including the public at large) so as to constitute any such person as a third party beneficiary of the agreement or of any one or more of the terms hereof, or otherwise give rise to any cause of action in any person not a party hereto.

SECTION 12. AMENDMENT PROCEDURE.

Either party to this franchise agreement may at any time propose that the agreement be amended. This Ordinance may be amended at any time by the City passing a subsequent ordinance declaring the provisions of the amendment, which amendatory ordinance shall become effective upon the filing of Company's written consent thereto with the City Clerk after City council adoption of the amendatory ordinance.

Passed and approved:

February 13th, 2017

Mayor of the City of Oklee, Minnesota

Attest:

City Clerk, Oklee, Minnesota

ACCEPTANCE

OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY, a Minnesota corporation, acting through its proper officers thereunto duly authorized, does hereby accept Ordinance No. 39, of the City of Oklee, Minnesota, being an Ordinance entitled:

"AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO THE OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY, A MINNESOTA CORPORATION, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, PERMISSION TO ERECT, CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, AND MAINTAIN WITHIN THE CITY OF OKLEE, MINNESOTA, AN ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER SYSTEM AND TRANSMISSION LINE, AND TO OPERATE THE SAME, AND TO INSTALL CONDUITS, POLES, WIRES, PIPES, AND OTHER FIXTURES IN, UPON AND UNDER THE STREETS ALLEYS, BRIDGES, AND PUBLIC GROUNDS OF SAID CITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF FURNISHING ELECTRIC LIGHT, HEAT, AND POWER TO SAID CITY AND THE INHABITANTS THEREOF";

and all of the terms, conditions, requirements, and provisions of said Ordinance No. 39.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Otter Tail Power Company has caused this Acceptance to be duly executed this 25 day of April, 2017.

In Presence of:

Becky Lehning

Carol Koecker

OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY,

By: J. Rogelstad

President

And: Cary Stephenson

Associate General Counsel, Otter Tail Power Company

STATE OF MINNESOTA)

JSS

COUNTY OF RED LAKE)

On this 25 day of April, 2017, before me, a Notary Public within and for said County, personally appeared Tim Rogelstad and Cary Stephenson to me personally known, who, being each by me duly sworn, did say that they are, respectively, the President, and Associate General Counsel of Otter Tail Power Company, the corporation named in the foregoing instrument, and that said instrument was signed in behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors, and said Tim Rogelstad and Cary Stephenson acknowledged said instrument to be the free act and deed of said corporation.

DEBORAH A. KLEVEN

Notary Public-Minnesota

My Commission Expires Jan 31, 2020

(Notarial Seal)

Deborah A. Kleven

The foregoing Acceptance was duly filed in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Oklee, Minnesota, this 3rd day of May, 2017.

Deborah A. Kleven

City Clerk

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General Weed Notice To Control or Eradicate Noxious Weeds and Grasshoppers

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, this 1st day of May 2017, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 18.83, Subd. 1 (1992), that all persons in Red Lake County, Minnesota, shall control or eradicate all noxious weeds on land they own, occupy, or are required to maintain. Control or eradication may be accomplished by any lawful method, but the methods may need to be repeated in order to prevent the spread of viable noxious weed seeds and other propagating parts to other lands. Failure to comply with the general notice may mean that an individual notice will be issued. An individual notice may be appealed within two working days of receipt to the appeal committee in the county where the land is located. Failure to comply with the individual notice will mean that the inspector having jurisdiction may either hire the work done or seek a misdemeanor charge against the person(s) who failed to comply. If the work is hired done by the inspector, the cost can be placed as a tax upon the land and collected as other real estate taxes are collected. You may obtain a list of the plants that are designated noxious and of the members of the appeal committee from your County Agricultural Inspector. The local weed inspectors are Township Supervisors, City Mayors or their appointed assistants.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 18.0225 (1990), that all persons, owning, occupying, or in charge of maintenance of land shall control grasshoppers by any lawful method on land located in designated control zones. The methods used may need to be repeated to prevent the movement of grasshoppers to adjacent lands. Failure to comply with the general notice may mean that the inspector having jurisdiction will issue an individual notice. Failure to comply with the individual notice may mean the inspector having jurisdiction will hire control work done and place the cost as a tax lien upon the land. A similar appeal process applies to violations of the grasshopper law as to the noxious weed law. You may obtain lists of the townships that are designated as control zones and of the appeal committee members from the County Agricultural Inspector or local grasshopper inspector. Local grasshopper inspectors are Township Supervisors or their appointed assistants.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASKS YOUR COOPERATION IN THIS WEED CONTROL WORK.

RON WEISS JOHN LEROHL DAVE SORENSEN

CHARLES SIMPSON ANTHONY (CHUCK) FLAGE

KURT CASAVAN, COUNTY AGRICULTURAL INSPECTOR

Office: 218-253-4121

FOR METHODS OF CONTROLLING NOXIOUS WEEDS, SEE YOUR COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AGENT, TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS, CITY MAYOR OR THEIR APPOINTED ASSISTANTS.

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Do you need to worry about the early seeded small grains?

Yesterday morning the NDAWN station near Eldred recorded a low of 19 degrees Fahrenheit while the NDAWN station near Stephen dipped as low as 13 degrees Fahrenheit. Luckily the blanket of snow ensured that soil temperatures were much milder and at a 4 inch depth the soil temperatures never dropped below 32 degrees Fahrenheit at either location. Nonetheless, I have heard a fair amount of worries about the viability of the seed that made it into ground last week and terms like imbibitional chilling were mentioned.

Imbibitional chilling is defined as the injury that results from the chilling effect that seeds may experience when they imbibe or absorb water. The mechanism of this imbibitional chilling injury in seeds is different from chilling or freezing injury of hydrated tissues. The result, however, is much the same as it can result in poor seedling establishment, stand losses, and therefore, ultimately, yield. Warm season species like corn and soybeans are more susceptible to this type of injury than wheat, barley or oats. Drowning out due to soils being above field capacity is also different from imbibitional chilling as this is more related to an acute lack of oxygen that kills the embryo.

So the question is whether the recent weather is a treat to the crop that is already in the ground and possibly even emerged. First, small grains,

including spring wheat, winter wheat, rye, barley or oats, that had emerged will likely not suffer much, if any. If the seed had germinated but not yet emerged you may see some stand reduction. These stand reductions are likely the result of drowning out rather than imbibitional chilling. The same is true if the seed was just in the imbibitional phase of the germination process.

If you are worried about the viability seed or seedlings you can simply dig some seedlings or seeds up and place them in a moist to wet paper hand towel (preferably unbleached and undyed ones). Roll the paper towel up and place it at room temperature and ensure that the rolled-up paper towel can not dry out by placing in a coffee mug with some water in the bottom and putting an open Ziploc bag over the top of the rolled-up paper towel and coffee mug to avoid rapid dry-down. This will tell you whether the seed is still viable in 24 to 48 hours as the radicle and shoot will start to grow and elongate (further). If you place a second rolled-up paper towel with another sample in the fridge you also get an idea how vigorous the seed still as loss of vigor will show as very slow growing seedlings while more vigorous ones develop much faster.

Source: Jochum Wiersma UMN-Extension Small Grains Specialist, More at Crop News UMN-Extension

Oklee Herald Early Files

Seventy Years Ago May 8, 1947

There were 10 less farms in Red Lake County in 1945 than there were in 1940, indicating that farms are becoming slightly larger all the time.

Mrs. Andy Knutson attended a Norwegian concert in Grand Forks Thursday. While there she also visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Gjesdal.

The annual Oklee High School Junior-Senior Banquet will be held Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the basement of the Catholic Church.

Sixty Years Ago May 9, 1957

Joseph Rippling, 63 year old farmer from Red Lake County was sentenced to life for the second degree murder of his wife, Mary, age 49.

The Junior Woodmen has a bake sale planned for Saturday at the DuChamp store.

There was a farewell party for James Paulson at the VFW Hall Friday. Mr. Paulson enlisted in the Army and is spending a leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Paulson.

Fifty Years Ago May 4, 1967

Freechest X-Ray's scheduled in county for all to help curb the spread of tuberculosis.

The total amount of gasoline and other fuels consumed by America's motor vehicles is running at about 80 billion gallons a year according to the Minnesota AAA. This averages about 800 gallons a year per person.

Two young Red Lake Falls youths, one a minor under 21 and the other a juvenile under

18, were apprehended by RLC Sheriff for the break in at Archie's Tavern on the north side of town on the morning of April 22nd.

Forty Years Ago May 12, 1977

Mark Kirkpatrick of Oklee was named to the North Squad as a defensive end for the Fourth Annual Minnesota Shrine Bowl. This is the first player ever selected from the North Tri-County Conference.

Joel Hanson was the winner of the Ecology Club paper drive with a total of 2840 lbs. of paper collected.

Janette Brown and Lori Kvasager arrived from UMC of Crookston to spend the weekend at their homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Arlen Marquis of rural Goodridge, are the proud parents of a baby girl born May 10th. She was named Tera Nakol.

Thirty Years Ago May 13, 1987

A special meeting of the Oklee School Board was held on May 6th to name the head coaches for girls and boys for Red Lake County Central's basketball season. They are Rick Koivisto and Todd Fore.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Johnson and Brian, Lois Burstad and grandson, Graham, Ardith Kloth, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Haugen enjoyed Mother's Day supper at the Country Kitchen in Thief River Falls.

A birthday party was held in honor of Ron Paradis to celebrate his 60th birthday at the Roger Paradis home.

Twenty Years Ago May 14, 1997

Curbs and gutters are being

repaired at this time in Oklee on the streets. Trench restoration will be started shortly and if weather permits, street paving could be completed by the middle of June.

Roman and Elaine Radneicki, formerly of Staples and Oklee's newest residents, stopped by for a too-brief visit at the Kim Chervestad home on Sunday.

Many came to the Ida Haugen home on Sunday to wish her a happy birthday.

Ten Years Ago May 10, 2007

Red Lake County Central's Graduation program will feature the three students who will address their class and guests. They are Tawnya Swenson, Nicole Johanning and Jacob Aakhus.

Bemidji State University senior thrower Lindsay Bergeson of Oklee had her season best distance in the shot put on Saturday, April 28, 2007 at the Al Cassel Relays in Jamestown, ND. Bergeson also finished 6th in the hammer throw with a toss of 216.9.

Brent Hemly was presented with an award for his work with Red Lake County Central's firearm safety program which was presented by Conservation Officer Stuart Benson.

Marc Walter and Mallory Gerardy received the Academics, Arts, and Athletics Awards for 2007 at RLCC school.

Leonard Boucher of Brooks received the Knight of the Year award from the RLF Knights of Columbus this past week. Boucher has been a long time member of this group.

Senior Site News and Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

Our week provided one very warm day. It was so pleasant to be outdoors. I spent the day mowing the lawn, my first mowing this year. The grass has been growing since we saw the snow melt. I love this time of the year as you see trees budding and a few spring flowers blooming. I made a little trip in the country today and saw some trees with flowers on the branches. Guess we will have berries later this summer.

Don came home very late Monday night. After arriving he had to immediately unload a semi of some of his bees. More will come later but as of now there are quite a few south of town.

Suellen sent me a writeup from her newspaper. San Luis Obispo county spots have made Expedia's list of the top 50 vacation spots in North America. The cities of Cambria and Paso Robles came in No. 6 and 7.

Suellen and Scott live in Paso Robles. In particular, Expedia noted Paso's River Oaks Hot Springs Spa, Studios on the Park and Rabbit Ridge Winery & Vineyards as top attractions. Cambria's boardwalk at Moonstone Beach and the black Cat Bistro and proximity to Hearst Castle.

During World War II, my brother was stationed near San Luis Obispo before going to the South Pacific Islands. At the time I thought what a different name for a city. I asked him about the city, but he said they were a few miles out of the town and were unable to leave the camp as they had no way to get transportation.

I heard this week Alice Bluemke had a stroke and is at the Nursing Home next to the hospital at Fosston. I talked to Dorothy Lee today and she is still in Fargo but plans to be

transferred to the new Nursing Home in TRF on Tuesday if the plans don't change.

Dates to Remember

May 14: Mother's Day
May 16: Potluck Meal 5:00 p.m.
May 18: Site Council Meets
May 19: Birthday Meal

Words of Wisdom

Do what is required and survive. Do more than required and thrive.

Surround yourself with hopeful and confident people.

Joke Time

Highway sign: 'SPEED LIMIT 65 for most cars and some trucks under 8,000 pounds--only if they're empty, unless you weigh over 300 pounds--then divide by six. For additional information call the IRS, which helped write this."

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

We are experiencing spring right now. Waldo must have been found. The nicer temperatures make for taking strolls around the yard or block much more enjoyable. Life is good.

First I would like to correct a name in a report I made last week. Stephanie Koralewski came to visit her parents last weekend. Sometimes maiden names get in the mix of memory and it gets to be carved in stone. Sorry Stephanie, I know you are married and your name is Koralewski. My apologies to you and yours.

We lost a long time resident of Brooks this past week, Sharon Rosten. She was a Brooks resident before she married and moved to the Plummer area. Our sympathy and prayers go to Byron and her family at the loss of a wonderful gem in their family. Rest in peace Sharon, in God's arms.

Congratulations to McKaelyn Renae Frizzle our only First Communicant at Brooks St. Joseph's Church on Sunday.

Centennial Recipe Corner Kitchen Sink Cookies Esther Whalen

1 cup softened butter
1 cup oil
1 cup white sugar
1 cup brown sugar
1 Tbsp vanilla
3-1/2 cups flour
1 tsp salt
1 tsp cream of tartar
1 tsp soda
1 cup quick cooking oatmeal
1 cup rice krispies
1 cup flaked coconut
1 cup butterscotch chips
1 cup walnuts, chopped
1 cup raisins

Mix together and bake for 11 – 15 minutes at 350 degrees on ungreased cookie sheet.



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Red Lake County Extension Educator

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Curtis W. Nyegaard Managing Weeds

Weed management is usually broken down into three main groups; (1) mechanical, (2) cultural; and (3) chemical. For the last forty to fifty years; conventional crop farmers have used chemicals, or herbicides as their main source of weed control. However; in the last few years herbicide resistant weeds are limiting herbicide options and effectiveness in many fields.

Farmers are now needing to use non-chemical options such as cultural and mechanical management tactics to make weed management more effective and long lasting. This makes the understanding of weed biology a key step in developing a successful management program. To develop a more effective weed management program, growers need to consider the following three key strategies:

Weed Emergence Patterns

Weed emergence is driven by a number of factors; such as temperature, light, nitrogen, and/or chilling period, depending on the species.

Giant ragweed

Giant ragweed is one of the earliest emerging weeds, with an emergence period of two to three weeks. Soybean planting date had a significant impact on giant ragweed density in trials at Wascea in 2016. Delayed soybean planting until May 19 resulted in preplant tillage removing 49% of the giant ragweed that emerged over the whole season. Soybean yield potential was still around 94% of optimal yield at the May 19th planting date, based on long term U M research results. The benefit was a much lower population of giant ragweed to control by post emergence herbicides. In contrast, soybean yield potential of the early planting date averaged 99 % of optimal. However, preplant tillage removed less than 8 % of the giant ragweed emergence over the season.

Preplant tillage can be an effective weed control tool, especially when planting is delayed. Flushes of early emerging weeds, such as giant ragweed, common lambs quarter, and winter annuals, can be taken out with preplant tillage, but be sure tillage is aggressive enough to destroy the weeds, and not just uproot and transplant them. Additional information on this research is available at <http://www.extension.umn.edu/agriculture/weeds/resistance#girw>.

In contrast, water hemp emerges later in the season, typically coming up over an eight to ten week time period. This is why residual herbicides or the layering of residual herbicides (e.g. an application at planting and then 30 days later) is recommended for control of water hemp.

Manage the Weed Seed Bank

Seed production of weeds can

vary greatly by species. Giant ragweed, for example has been found to produce from 1,800 to 10,000 seeds/plant, while water hemp can average over 350,000 seeds/plant. Although competition with other plants can reduce seed production per plant, dense weed populations have the potential to produce tremendous amounts of weed seed. Considering that weed seeds can remain viable in the soil for years, one year of poor weed control can lead to significant weed control challenges for years to come.

Common lambs quarter is a long term survivor in the seed bank, and research has shown that it takes an estimated 78 years to see a 99 % depletion of the seed bank. In contrast, other research has shown that the giant ragweed seed bank could be depleted 97 % in two years. Additional research has shown that the water hemp seed bank could be depleted by more than 99 % in 4 years. These results show that populations of giant ragweed and water hemp could be dramatically reduced if weed seed production was prevented for 2 to 4 years respectively.

Burial of seed by tillage can increase longevity in the seed bank, while seed left on the soil surface can be lost to predation and decay. For this reason, delaying tillage as long as possible in areas where weeds went to seed could help reduce long term weed management challenges by decreasing the number of seeds deposited back into the seed bank through seed predation and decay. Avoid deep tillage, which enhances seed longevity.

Hand rousing of weed escapes can help prevent replenishment of the seed bank, but target pulling must take place before viable seed is produced, unless you plan to bag and carry the plants out of the field. Species vary in how long it takes to form viable seed. Research in 2010 found that water hemp could form viable seed 7 to 12 days after pollination. Seeds may also still mature on pulled plants if the plant pollinated before pulling. Regardless, NOT running the combine through a weed patch will help limit the spreading of weed seeds throughout the field. Also manage weeds along field edges to help prevent buildup of the weed seed bank.

Ensuring the crop is as competitive as possible (e.g. adequate fertility, planting population, and disease and pest control) can help enhance weed control. Narrow rows, expanding crop rotations, and cover crops also have the potential to aid in weed management as well.

Cultivation

Cultivation is another effective tool, allowing you to remove weeds without setting back the canopy as some post emergence herbicides can, leading to a faster canopy closure and a more competitive environment for weeds. For example, cultivation was

the grass is getting long and some is ready to cut.

On Tuesday, May 2nd, the Kramer-Brown Recognition Dinner was held at the Quality Inn at Thief River Falls. The Woodpicks provided entertainment with their country blue grass music.

Eric Mickelson sang their last song, "Mountain Dew" and played guitar. They sounded really good. The supper began around 6. They served roast beef, meatballs, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas and pearl onions, tossed salad, bread sticks, cheesecakes for dessert and coffee. Special guest was Senator LeRoy Stumpf, retired and other past chairmen were acknowledged. For Friends of Education, Alice Jobe was given recognition for volunteering at the school to show respect to the Flag through the Legion Auxiliary for many years of talking to the kids. The retired teachers were recognized. Red Lake County Central had five: Mel and Dan Brustad, Nancy Bray, Mary Fore, and Sue Hagge. Eric Mickelson won Teacher of the Year for Goodridge School. Congratulation to all the retired teachers!

Good Hand Hygiene Keeps You Healthy

May 5 was World Hand Hygiene Day but no matter what day, hand hygiene is good!

It may seem like a simple concept, but washing your hands is one of the best ways to stay healthy. According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), handwashing reduces the number of diarrhea cases by a third, and the number of colds and other respiratory illnesses by 20 percent. May 5 is World Hand Hygiene Day and Essentia Health is using this time to spread the word about not spreading germs.

"Good hand hygiene is really being aware that we can transmit infectious germs on our hands and that we carry them around with us," says Dr. Kevin Stephan, an infectious disease specialist at Essentia Health. "Hand hygiene provides a means to get those germs off your hands. There are several ways to do that, including an alcohol-based handwashing rub or old-fashioned soap and water. The key is to do it properly and to do it at the proper times."

Hands should always be washed before, during, and after preparing and eating food. If you care for someone who is sick or are treating a wound, wash your hands first. After changing diapers, using the bathroom or blowing your nose, it's time to lather up or sanitize. It is good hygiene to wash hands after petting an animal, cleaning up animal waste, or handling pet food. Don't forget to sanitize after touching or taking out your

garbage. Effective handwashing involves five simple and effective steps:

1. Wet
2. Lather
3. Scrub
4. Rinse
5. Dry

Dr. Stephan adds many places people commonly miss include their thumbs, the webs between their fingers, nail beds and around jewelry.

Encourage your family to use good hand hygiene habits by using these helpful tips:

- Put a nail brush next to the sink
- Remind yourself and others to wash carefully around nails and between the fingers
- Show children how to properly wash hands and remind them to wash after going to the bathroom, before eating and after playing with pets
- Use an antibiotic wipe on shared surfaces of your home regularly, including cell phones, the computer mouse, and television remote

The CDC has resources and science to back up healthy hand hygiene at this link: <https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/index.html>



Wednesday, May 10, 2017