

Oklee Precipitation
By Einar Kvasager

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RLCC Prom 2017



RLCC seniors who attended Prom included: (back) Megan Berberich, Dylan Gustafson, Kyle Gagner, Taylor Bushelle, Talon Porter, Nick Plante, Shelby Gunderson, Brandon Lee, Tara Qualley, and Makay Berns. (Front) Kelsie Sirjord, Ashely Longtin, Nikki Schmitz, Lynsey Morris, Natalie Aakhus, Dede Walton, Angel Auman, and Carolyn Kehn. Not pictured: Alec Castaneda and Austin Erlandson. (Photo courtesy of Thoele Photography)

Calendar of Events
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.
Thu, May 25:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
Fri, May 26:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
Sat, May 27:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!
Sun, May 28:
-Worship at the church of your choice.
Mon, May 29:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
Tue, May 30:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards.
Wed, May 31:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
Thu, June 1:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
Fri, June 2:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
Sat, June 3:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!



RLCC juniors at Prom 2017: (Back) Tyler Jensen, Gunner Anderson, Jade Person, Nick Pahlen, Seth Paradis, Sydney Melby, Chase Whalen, Josh Kelly, (Middle) David Clifton, Erin Jones, Megan Smith, Sara Simon, Kara Longtin, Jayden Fore, Matt Vettleson, (Front) Katie Olson, Hannah Kolstoe, Holly Johnsrud, and Billie Gryskiewicz. (Photo courtesy of Thoele Photography)

BWSR approves Red Lake River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan

On April 26, 2017, the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) approved the Red Lake River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan. The plan was completed through the BWSR's One Watershed, One Plan Pilot program. The initiative brought together a partnership of the Counties of Polk, Pennington, and Red Lake; the West Polk, Red Lake County, and Pennington Soil and Water Conservation Districts; and the Red Lake River Watershed District to create a shared action plan for water management. The

roots of the program were conceived by a consortium of local governments seeking to streamline water planning requirements in Minnesota. The Red Lake River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan addresses surface water quality and flood damage reduction, as well as drinking water, groundwater, and habitat issues. The plan builds on existing efforts, current local water plans, local knowledge, and best available science. The planning advisory committee involved staff from partner local governments, state agencies, and citizens.

Collaboration and cooperation between the local government units, the community, and other stakeholders has accelerated from this effort. The plan identifies areas where the local government units can increase efficiency and effectiveness by sharing resources and working together to implement water management activities. The Red Lake River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan is a unique, locally driven plan that will be the "One Plan" to guide water management in the Red Lake River Watershed for the next 10 years.



Garden Valley Board President Jerry Freitag presents a certificate representing the Minnesota Telecom Alliance Foundation award to Taylor Bushelle. See article on page 2.



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RLCC Menus

May 22 - 26

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Mon: Breakfast: Cook's Choice and milk. **Lunch:** Cook's Choice and milk.

Tue: Breakfast: Cook's Choice and milk. **Lunch:** Cook's Choice and milk.

Wed: Breakfast: Cook's Choice and milk. **Lunch:** Cook's Choice and milk.

Thu: Breakfast: Cook's Choice and milk. **Lunch:** Cook's Choice and milk.

Fri: Breakfast: Cook's Choice and milk. **Lunch:** Cook's Choice and milk.

Plummer

Mon: Breakfast: Bacon scrambled pizza, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Hot dog w/bun, baked beans, chips, sherbet, fruit, and milk.

Tue: Breakfast: Coffee cake, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** All lunches to go – WaterPark meet dietary food guidelines – no lunches served in school.

Wed: Breakfast: Waffles, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken fajitas (lettuce, cheese, tomatoes, sour cream, salsa), hash browns, carrot dippers, fruit, and milk.

Thu: Breakfast: Cook's Choice – variety of cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Hamburger w/bun (pickles, cheese), potato wedges, veggies, fruit, and milk.

Fri: Breakfast: Cook's Choice – variety of cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Pizza Hot Pockets, salad, Dixie Cup, fruit, and milk.

Mustangs lose to the Rams

By: Sarah Christensen

The Red Lake County Central Mustangs girls' softball played in Roseau on Friday, May 5. The Mustangs lost to the Rams 0-19. The Rams scored one run in the first inning, four runs in the second inning, and fourteen runs in the third inning. The game ended after the third inning.

For the Rams, Jennica Johnson was two for two hitting a triple and four RBIs. Hannah Nelson had three RBIs, Kate Wensleff, Abby Huss, Hallie Sorenson, and Lyria Moser had two RBIs. Jenna Byfuglien had two stolen bases along with Huss, Nelson, Sorenson, Johnson, and Moser having one stolen base.

For the Mustangs Calyssa Eskeli pitched all three innings and had one strike out. Pitcher for the Rams was Madi Lee pitching all four innings with two strike outs.

Rebels sink the Pirates

By: Sarah Christensen

The Red Lake County Rebels boys' baseball defeated the Crookston Pirates 13-0 on April, Friday 5th at 6:00 PM. Rebel pitcher Brandon Klipping won over the Pirates pitcher Leyton Salentine. The Rebels scored 11 runs in the first inning and two runs in the third inning.

For the Rebels, Mason Hanson was two for three at bat and Chase Schmitz was two for three at bat and had four RBIs. Rebel Josh Casavan pitched one inning and Klipping finished the last four innings with four strike outs.

Red Lake County Baseball win at WEM

By: Hannah Riendeau

Red Lake County baseball went to Erskine Monday, May 5. Red Lake County won 19-5 over the Win-E-Mac Patriots.

Rebels started strong scoring 12 runs in the first inning and scoring seven in the second inning. WEM scored three runs in the third inning and one run in both the fourth and fifth innings.

Highlights from the Rebels were Brandon Klipping was two

RLCC Educators of the Year



Mary Fore, RLCC Elementary School Educator of the Year

By: Marie Johnson and Sarah Christensen

Red Lake County Central Elementary teachers recently selected Mrs. Mary Fore as the 2016-2017 RLCC Elementary Educator of the Year. Mr. Steven R. Strutz was chosen by fellow teachers at the high school as 2016-2017 Educator of the Year for the RLCC High School.

Mary Fore has been teaching for 34 years and is currently teaching First Grade. When asked what influenced her to become an educator Fore said, "I have always loved people, both young and old!" When she was in high school she worked at a nursing home and had thought about going into nursing but decided to change course and go into education. She found that she had made the right decision. Fore has loved working with elementary age students.

Ways she helps and engages her students is by working closely with all in her class. She gets to know each student's strengths and learning style which greatly improves their chance of success. Fore feels very fortunate to have been able to work in a smaller school and being able to get to know each of her students well.

Getting to know so many students and seeing them grow and make progress in school has been such a reward for Fore. She said, "Nothing

for two at bat, Josh Casavan hit two for two, Chase Schmitz was two for three at bat, and Derek Peterson was two for two. Casavan had three RBIs, Schmitz three, and Peterson two. For WEM, Gavin Walker was two for three at bat, had a double and one RBI.

For pitching, Ethan Vettleson pitched four innings, giving up four runs, and striking out seven batters. Ben Cardinal pitched one inning, gave up one run and struck out two players.

RLCC loses to East Polk

By Marie Johnson

Red Lake County Central Mustangs softball lost to East Polk County on Tuesday, May 5th. In the first inning the Mustangs scored one run and East Polk scored eleven runs. RLCC scored one more run in the second and East Polk scored eight runs. In the third inning both teams were scoreless and in the fourth inning the Mustangs didn't score. The Mustangs lost 2-19.

For the Mustangs Megan Berberich hit one for one with one RBI, and Calyssa Eskeli hit one for two with one RBI. Berberich had one stolen base.

Tanya Bring hit three for four with four RBIs for East Polk County. Jaclyn Hubbard had two RBIs and Kayla Juve had three. Rebecca Olson hit three for three. Hitting doubles were Tanya Bring and Kayla Juve. Bring, Faith Balstad, and Kora Norland each had two stolen bases.

Calyssa Eskeli pitched the whole game for the Mustangs with three strike outs. Carlie Sander pitched for East Polk and had four strike outs.



RLCC High School Educator of the Year, Steven Strutz

can compare to seeing a child become a reader and love books!" The challenges of education have grown over her career. Teachers have to wear many hats today to best help their students succeed. Some of the challenges of teaching Fore said were the state standard tests and the rigorous curriculum.

When asked how your students inspire you, Fore responded with "My students inspire me every day through their willingness to work at whatever task I ask of them!" The students come to school with a smile and are always eager to see what each day will bring. "The simple joy of coming to see friends and be together in our classroom learning community is priceless."

Fore also commented, "I feel so blessed to have been able to spend my entire teaching career within our RLCC school system. I have worked with so many great students and staff over the years." Fore said, "We truly have one of the 'Best' little schools in northwestern Minnesota!"

Steven Strutz has been teaching for 22 years as a science teacher. One thing that influenced him to become an educator was tutoring nursing students in college. He commented, "The best feeling in the world is when a student gets a concept." He also enjoys the smile a student gets when

they understand something. He is inspired when students come ready to learn and are eager for something new and exciting.

Ways he helps students succeed include finding ways to speak to students at their level and making the course demanding enough so they feel that they are "learning something." He tries to help students discover how they learn best which can help them when they study. He also likes to use rewards when students do their best.

One reward of teaching he said is simply seeing students succeed. The challenges are more and more every day especially the paperwork that is involved. Time to accomplish the paperwork is another challenge.

Strutz added, "I thank my peers for recognizing me, and it's a great honor to be chosen with so many deserving candidates. There are many other teachers that go above and beyond for the students of RLCC." He commented that "It's not the salary that we draw from this school district that keeps me coming back here. It is the great students and faculty that has been assembled by the school board and Mr. Guetter, Mr. Pederson, and Mr. Fougner." He added, "Thank you everybody for this exceptional work environment and a wonderful 20 plus years here."



Zoe Russillo, Girls Running Events MVP at the Pine-to-Prairie Conference Meet

Russillo named Girls Running Events MVP at Conference Meet

Sophomore Zoe Russillo was awarded the Most Valuable Player for Girls Running Events at the Pine-to-Prairie Conference Meet. The meet was held Thursday, May 11 at Ada.

Russillo not only was named MVP but also broke a team record for the Red Lake County Rebels Track and Field Team. She ran the 200 Meter in 26.63 seconds breaking the previous RLC record of 27 seconds set by Michelle Halvorson in 2002.

Overall the Girls' Team finished in fourth place.

100 Hurdles- 2nd place: MaKenzie Williams 16.89, 4th place: Ashley Longtin 17.28, and 5th place: Megan LaCrosse 17.82

100 Meter- 1st place: Zoe Russillo 12.71, and 6th place: AJ Jones 13.67

4x200 Meter Relay- 4th place: Clara Girdler, Julia Bernstein, Kjerstin Nelson, and Hollie Knott 2:01.32

MEET THE RLCC SENIORS



Name: Deidra Walton
Family members: Joe & Krista Walton (parents), Sammy, Kjersten, Abby Walton (siblings).

Favorite movie: Any X-Men movie.

Favorite song/band: Mumford & Sons.

Favorite class: Robotics.

Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: 3 Act Play.

Favorite teacher/coach: Mr. Illies.

Most important people in your life: My squad: Ana, Angel, Lynsey, Tera.

Life has rules. What is your personal rule you plan on following in your life: If you're unsure of something, don't think, just do it.

Best memory from school: MN State Robotics competition.

Your plans for the Future: Work at Digi-Key, later join the Air Force.



Name: Nicholas Steven Plante

Family members: Danny Plante, Renee Plante, Jacob, Jordon, Tyler, Branden, Allison, Morgan and Issabel

Favorite movie: Toy Story or Goosebumps movie

Favorite song/band: Boys of Fall

Favorite class: Welding.

Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Track, Football, Basketball

Favorite teacher/coach: Bob Bernier, Mr. Larson.

Most important person in your life: My parents – show me the world of life and always believe and push me to know what I can do.

Life has rules. What is your personal rule you plan on following in your life: Always give 100 percent no matter what comes in your way.

Best memory from school: Welding a trailer with 7th hour classmates, learning how to weld under the trailer while getting burnt.

Your plans for the Future: I plan to join the work force and hopefully get all my goals completed and get new goals and live life as it comes to me.



Name: Talon Porter

Family members: Krist Nelson, Kaleb Rousse, Charlie Nelson, Lexi Gwynn.

Favorite movie: God Father

Favorite song/band: Red Hot Chili Peppers

Favorite class: Library/Online

Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Basketball

Favorite teacher/coach: Chris Nelson, Gary Casavan

Most important person in your life: Mom

Life has rules. What is your personal rule you plan on following in your life: Treat others how they treat you and be passionate about everything you do.

Best memory from school: The three point contest between Wyatt and Jake. When Austin had to wear a dress.

Your plans for the Future: I want to attend law school and become a lawyer.



Name: Kelsie Sirjord

Family members: Kyle, Jesica, Hunter, Hannah Dudycha and Eric, Karianne, Aiden & Jace Sirjord.

Favorite movie: The Sandlot.

Favorite song/band: Dixie Chicks.

Favorite class: PreCalc (not)

Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Volleyball.

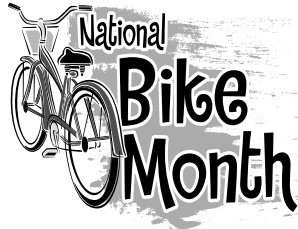
Favorite teacher/coach: Strutz and Nance

Most important person in your life: My mom.

Life has rules. What is your personal rule you plan on following in your life: If you don't mind, it doesn't matter.

Best memory from school: Playing pranks on Strutz with Nikki.

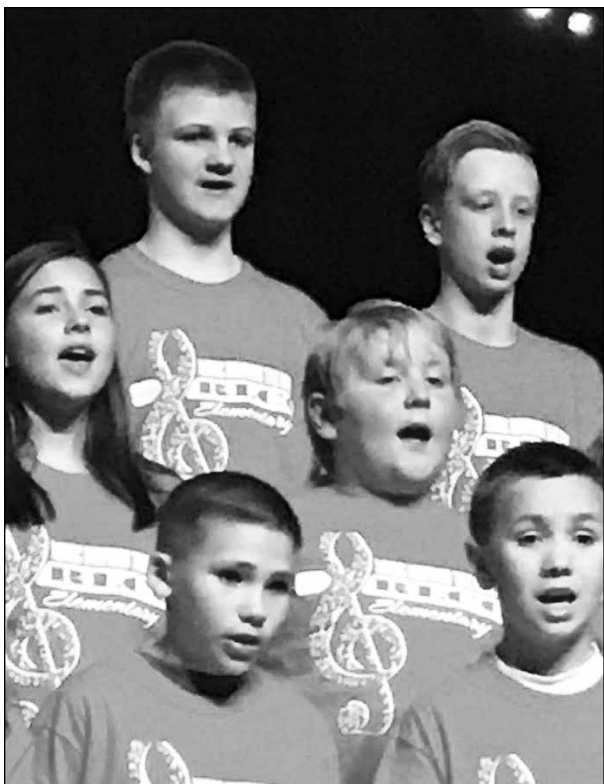
Your plans for the Future: Attend UND for Elementary Education.



Prom servers from the sophomore class: Sydnie Gunderson, Justin Nemece, Marie Johnson, Isaac Eskeli, and Zoe Russillo. (Photo courtesy of Thoele Photography)

RLCC Elementary Spring Concert

“WE ARE” – We are Kindness...We are Love... We are Peace...We Are Hope



(Top to bottom) Carson Lambert, Gerald Melin, Paige Olson, Guy Bergerson, Hayz Hanson, and Kehan Nelson at the RLCC 4-6th grade concert.



The 5th and 6th grade band playing together at RLCC Elementary Spring Concert.



RLCC 4th, 5th, and 6th grade choirs at their Spring Concert.



“WE ARE”- We are Kindness...We are Love...We are Peace...We Are Hope was the theme of RLCC Elementary 4th, 5th, and 6th grade concert.



Pictured at the “WE ARE” Spring Concert were Lily Hager, Kya Morinville, Ella Moen, and Molly Smith.

Red Lake County Central seniors awarded scholarships at Awards Day

By: Hannah Riendeau
During Red Lake County Central High School Awards Day on Wednesday, May 11th, seniors were recognized along with their future plans. Local scholarships were also given out totaling \$24,650. The following scholarships were made possible by the generosity of many local organizations, businesses, and individuals.
Five- \$300 Red Lake County Central Community Service Scholarships were given to Kelsie Sirjord, Ashley Longtin, Shelby Gunderson, Taylor Bushelle, and Angel Auman. These scholarships were funded through donations from Northwest Grain, Oklee Quilting, Red Lake County Co-op, Plummer Co-op Creamery, Oklee Lumber, D&R Grocery, and ISD #2906. Principal Randy Pederson presented these scholarships.
Plummer Senior Citizen \$200 Scholarship was given to Ashley Longtin.
Two- \$1000 Tim and Donna Swenson Scholarships were presented to Angel Auman and Kyle Gagner.
Seven Orlo and Millie Melby Scholarships of \$1000 were presented to five seniors and two alumni. Seniors included Natalie Aakhus, Megan Berberich, and Taylor Bushelle, Ashley Longtin, and Nikki Schmitz; and alumni were Kayla Olson and Holly Vettleson.
Plummer Snowmobile Club Scholarship of \$250 was given to Nikki Schmitz.
Oklee Moonlighter Snowmobile Club \$250 Scholarship was given to Nikki Schmitz by Mrs. Anita

Vettleson.
Megan Berberich, Lynsey Morris, Brandon Lee, Taylor Bushelle, Kelsie Sirjord, and Ashley Longtin were presented the 2-\$400 and 4-\$300 Vincent and Shirley Dessellier Scholarship by the Desselliers.
Mrs. Dani Paradis presented the \$500 Lorna Wicks Scholarship to Nikki Schmitz.
The \$1500 Essential Health Scholarship was presented by Mrs. Dani Paradis to Megan Berberich.
Natalie Aakhus and Nikki Schmitz were given the two \$500 Red Lake Electric Cooperative Scholarship by Mr. Randy Versdahl.
Ms. Shelley Steva presented two \$500 scholarships from RLCC Education Association to Kelsie Sirjord and Angel Auman.
Mrs. Michele Longtin of the Plummer Lions Too presented two \$100 scholarships to Taylor Bushelle and Ashley Longtin.
Mr. Derek Gagner handed eight scholarships of \$250 each from the Plummer Lions to Natalie Aakhus, Angel Auman, Megan Berberich, Taylor Bushelle, Kyle Gagner, and Ashley Longtin, Nikki Schmitz, and Kelsie Sirjord.
Two Grace McManus Scholarships of \$500 were presented by Mrs. Nancy Gunderson to Shelby Gunderson and Kelsie Sirjord.
Mr. Les Hofstad presented the \$200 Plummer American Legion Post #623 Scholarship and Citizenship Award to Kyle Gagner.
Mr. Mitch Bernstein presented three \$500

scholarships from the Oklee Ambulance to Natalie Aakhus, Makay Berns, and Megan Berberich.
The Plummer American Legion Auxiliary gave out a \$200 scholarship to Taylor Bushelle. It was presented by Mrs. DeeAnn Eskeli.
Mr. Jerry Freitag presented a \$2000 scholarship to Taylor Bushelle from the Minnesota Telcom Alliance Scholarship.

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(L to R) RLCC Education Association VP Andrea Eskeli honored Alice Jobe with the Elementary Friends of Education award. RLCC EA President Shelly Steva presented Suzie Gunderson with the High School Friends of Education award. Jobe was selected for talking to the students about the American flag. Gunderson was chosen for her leadership in RLCC Post Prom. The awards were presented May 3 at the Kramer Brown Recognition Banquet.



Mr. Kory Baril presented the Junior High Student of the Month to Eric Gieseke. Mr. Mike Swenson gave the High School Student of the Month award to Hannah Kolstoe.

April RLCC Students of the Month

By Marie Johnson
Red Lake County Central recognized the April Students of the Month. Senior High Student of the Month was awarded to Hannah Kolstoe and Junior High Student of the Month was awarded to Eric Gieseke.
Hannah Kolstoe is in eleventh grade and is 17 years old. Kolstoe is the daughter of Matt and Lisa Kolstoe and has one sibling, Emily Kolstoe. She is involved in basketball, volleyball, Knowledge Bowl, Envirothon, and three-act

play. In Kolstoe's free time, she takes naps and does her homework. Mr. Mike Swenson nominated Kolstoe for this award. Swenson said that she had "proven herself as a leader in her class." She has excelled in her classes and in sports. Swenson noted that "Hannah has been in theater for years and has become an excellent actress able to take any role I have given her."
Eric Gieseke is the son of Pam and Randy Gieseke. He is in eighth grade and

is 14 years old. Gieseke has two siblings, Grace and Will. Gieseke is involved in baseball and basketball. In his free time he enjoys playing video games. Gieseke was nominated by Mr. Kory Baril. Baril said he nominated Gieseke "for his growth as a leader." Mr. Baril also noted that "Eric is beginning to understand what it means to be a good leader; that it's not all about himself becoming better, but rather making others around him better."



2017 RLC Youth FAS was held from 9am to 3pm at the Plummer range, 26 students were certified after taking on-line class and completing a field day. Instructors from Plummer and RLF's put on the course sponsored by Plummer area sportsman and RLF's Sportsman clubs. Great day and great weather!



Wednesday, May 17, 2017

Red Lake County Central High School holds its Awards Day

By Sarah Christensen
The annual Awards Day was held at 1:00 pm at the Red Lake County Central High School. Students were recognized and presented certificates and awards.

Mr. Randall Pederson, principal at RLCC, presented Perfect Attendance Award to Andrew Fish. Jillian Booth, Peyton Fish, Lilly Hanson, Tom Nelson, Katelyn Suchy, Lacey Pendelton, and Ethan Vettleson each received a certificate being absent one day or less.

Outstanding Senior Awards were presented in the four core classes. Angel Auman received the Outstanding All-Around Senior Award from Principal Pederson. Outstanding Senior Social Studies Award was presented to Taylor Bushelle from Mr. Randy Huie. Mr. Bryan Paskvan presented the Outstanding Senior Math Award to Natalie Aakhus. The Outstanding Senior English Award was given to Kelsie Sirjord by Mr. Mike Swenson. Mr. Steven Strutz presented the Outstanding Senior Science Award to Ashley Longtin. The Outstanding Technology Award went to Kyle Gagner by Mr. Michael Illies.

Ms. Shelley Steva presented the Riverwatch Awards to Nick Lill, Austin Jensen, Christian Baker, Erin Jones, Marcus Styles, Nick Plante, and Adrien Verbout.

Mr. Aaron Nelson presented Senior Tri-Athlete Award to Ashley Longtin.

Student Senate Awards were presented by their advisor Mr. Randy Huie. Officer awards went to President Taylor Bushelle, Vice President Angel Auman, Secretary Ashley Longtin, and Treasurer Lynsey Morris. Class senators were recognized. Seniors: Natalie Aakhus, Megan Berberich, and Tera Qualley. Juniors: Sydney Melby and Jade Person. Sophomores: Julia Bernstein

and Dawson Rystad. Freshmen: Calyssa Eskeli and Karena Melby. Eighth graders: Kia Bachand and Karena Melby. Seventh graders: Tyler Eskeli and Taya Morinville.

Speech Awards were presented by Ms. Jessie Hamrum. They were given to Lilly Hanson, Halie Thompson, Jayden Fore, David Clifton, Shelby Gunderson, Jade Person, Remi Rathsack, Jayden Iverson, Lily Guillemette, Phillip Sorenson, Sydney Melby, Dede Walton, Natalie Aakhus, and Danny Guillemette (from RLF). The State Speech participant was Lily Guillemette.

Dedication of the 2017 Yearbook was given by seniors Dede Walton and Lynsey Morris to Mr. Michael Illies.

The Knowledge Bowl Awards were given by Mr. Bryan Paskvan to seniors: Megan Berberich, Ashely Longtin, Kelsie Sirjord, Nikki Schmitz, Kyle Gagner, Shelby Gunderson, Angel Auman, Taylor Bushelle, Tera Qualley, Dede Walton, and Makay Berns. Juniors: Seth Paradis, Jade Person, Sydney Melby, Katie Olson, Hannah Kolstoe, Nick Pahlen, and Jayden Fore. Sophomores: Sydnie Gunderson and Phillip Sorenson.

Mr. Swenson presented the Drama Senior Awards to Tera Qualley, Natalie Aakhus, and Dede Walton. One-act play awards went to Remi Rathsack, Jayden Fore, Sydney Melby, Tom Nelson, Jade Person, Tera Qualley, Kara Longtin, Heather Longtin, Dede Walton, Britain Arlt, Natalie Aakhus, and David Clifton. Three-act play awards were presented to Nick Pahlen, Hannah Kolstoe, Dede Walton, Natalie Aakhus, Tera Qualley, Jade Person, Abby Walton, Kara Longtin, Sydnie Melby, Tom Nelson, Jayden Iverson, Britain Arlt, Heather Longtin, and Remi Rathsack.

Red Lake County Track and Field

By: Hannah Riendeau
Red Lake County Track and Field went to Mahnomen on Friday, May 4. It was the Mahnomen/Waubun Invite Meet.

RLC girls finished in fourth place. Their results follow.
100 Hurdles- 1st place: Makenzie Williams 17.10, and 4th place: Ashley Longtin 17.73
100 Meter- 1st place: Zoe Russillo 12.97, and 7th place: AJ Jones 13.77

4x200 Meter Relay- 5th place: Clara Girdler, Julia Bernstein, Kjerstin Nelson, and Hollie Knott 2:03.8

4x100 Meter Relay- 1st place: AJ Jones, Julia Bernstein, Makenzie Williams, and Zoe Russillo 52.58 ** This is a new Team Record **

400 Meter- 7th place: Clara Girdler 1:08.57, and 8th place: Kjerstin Nelson 1:09.27

300 Hurdles- 5th place: Megan LaCrosse 52.41

200 Meter- 1st place: Zoe Russillo 27.13, and 7th place: AJ Jones 28.82

High Jump- 1st place: Ashley Longtin 4'10", and 2nd place: Makenzie Williams 4'8 ¼"

Long Jump- 3rd place: Megan LaCrosse 14'7"

Overall the boys finished in 11th place.

1600 Meter- 5th place: Chris Longtin 5:09.45

RLC Jr Hi track competes at Ada-Borup

Red Lake County Rebels Junior High Track and Field team traveled to the Ada-Borup Junior High Meet. The meet

was held Monday, May 8.

Girls "A" Division came in second place overall. Placing were the following:

100 Meter- 4th place: AJ Jones 14.47

200 Meter- 2nd place: Hollie Knott 30.05, and 5th place: AJ Jones 31.07

400 Meter- 1st place: Clara Girdler 1:08.18, and 2nd place: Kjerstin Nelson 1:09.66

800 Meter- 2nd place: Clara Girdler 2:49.95, and 3rd place: Kjerstin Nelson 2:50.89

4x200 Meter Relay- 1st place: Clara Girdler, Kjerstin Nelson, Hollie Knott, and AJ Jones 2:00.23

Long Jump- 1st place: Clara Girdler 13'2", and 3rd place: AJ Jones 12'9 ½"

Placing sixth overall was the Girls "B" Division. Their results follow.

100 Meter- 1st place: Shawna Majeres 14.12

4x100 Meter Relay- 5th place: Paige Olson, Aurimy Olson, Arielle Rude, and Shawna Majeres 1:04.42

4x200 Meter Relay- 4th place: Marissa Thomas, Paige Olson, Molly Smith, and Carlee Whalen 2:36.58

Shot Put- 3rd place: Marissa Thomas 20'7 ½" and 4th place: Carlee Whalen 20'5"

Long Jump- 3rd place: Clara Girdler 12'2"

Overall the Boys "A" Division finished in ninth place. Individual results include:

200 Meter- 5th place: Britain Arlt 31.27, and 6th place: Lane Renner 33.95

400 Meter- 5th place: Britain Arlt 1:13.54

Boys "B" Division team finished in seventh place.

400 Meter- 5th place:: Brody Moen 1:20.28

4x200 Meter Relay- 2nd

The Six Year Math and Science Awards were given to Ashely Longtin, Kelsie Sirjord, Angel Auman, Megan Berberich, Taylor Bushelle, and Tera Qualley by math teachers Mrs. Sue Lee and Mr. Bryan Paskvan, and science teachers Ms. Shelley Steva, Mr. Mike Illies, and Mr. Steve Strutz.

The Senior Countdown Award was a tie. It was presented by Mr. Steve Strutz to Natalie Aakhus and Dede Walton.

Mr. Strutz presented the Envirothon Awards to the highest oral presentation: Angel Auman, Megan Berberich, Nikki Schmitz, Ashley Longtin, and Kelsie Sirjord and the third place regional team: Jayden Fore, Sydney Melby, Hannah Kolstoe, Nick Pahlen, and Taylor Bushelle.

A variety of music awards were presented by Mrs. Patty Michelson. Lettering in choir was Phillip Sorenson and for band was Lacey Pendelton. Chosen MVP by the junior high choir was Brody Moen and for junior high band was Adriel Bakken. Selected MVP for senior high choir was Lily Guillemette and for senior high band was Sydney Melby. The Senior Awards were presented to Dede Walton and Natalie Aakhus. The Director's Award was given to Tom Nelson.

Minnesota Honor Society members were also listed in the program including seniors: Natalie Aakhus, Angel Auman, Megan Berberich, Taylor Bushelle, Shelby Gunderson, Ashley Longtin, Tera Qualley, Nicole Schmitz, Kelsie Sirjord; juniors: Jayden Fore, Hannah Kolstoe, Erin Jones, Kara Longtin, Sydney Melby, Katie Olson, Matthew Vettleson; and sophomores: Jarisa Bailey, Julia Bernstein, Sydnie Gunderson, and Marie Johnson.

place: Steven Sogla, Oscar Duden, Gunnar Sandeen, and Brody Moen 2:20.43

Shot Put- 5th place: Andrew Gryskiewicz 23'3"

RLC baseball falls to Barnesville

By: Sarah Christensen
The Red Lake County Rebel boys' baseball played in Crookston against the Barnesville Trojans on Saturday, May 6th losing 2-3. The Rebels scored two in the sixth inning and the Trojans scored one run in the fourth inning, one run in the fifth inning, and one run in the sixth inning.

Josh Casavan pitcher from the Rebels lost to pitcher from the Trojans, Brady Tweeton. Casavan pitched all six innings striking out thirteen Trojans. For the Rebels Derek Peterson batted two for two at bat. For the Trojans Chase Benner batted two for three at bat.

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Oklee Herald Early Files

Seventy Years Ago May 15, 1947

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Parsley are the proud parents of a daughter born May 7th and have named her Betty Jean.

Mr. and Mrs. D.J. Bergeron and family have moved into town from the farm in Lambert Township, which they recently sold to Mr. and Mrs. Vern Belland.

A large group of friends gathered at the Thomas Houtari home to honor Mr. and Mrs. Andy Houtari on their golden anniversary.

Sixty Years Ago May 16, 1957

Ed Bernier, Oklee Constable, last week presented his resignation before the regulation meeting of the village council.

A brand new little baby girl has come to make her home with Mr. and Mrs. Dona Rock. This little girl arrived May and has been named Peggy Jo.

Mark Larson celebrated his fourth birthday with many guests.

Fifty Years Ago May 11, 1967

Cold, wet weather continues to retard field work and spring planting operations in the area. To date, little or no seeding has been done in the Red River Valley and elsewhere.

Mr. and Mrs. Russel Fore, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Fore and family attended the

confirmation of Brian Peterson at Thief River Falls on Sunday.

Ervin Weberg is a patient at the Veterans Hospital at Fargo. He received third degree burns after his coveralls ignited on fire on Friday morning. He will have to stay in the hospital for a few months.

Forty Years Ago May 19, 1977

There were at least two reports of severe wind damage in the Oklee area from winds that struck the area last Sunday.

Winners of the School Board race were Don Stenberg and Lloyd Mercil. The winners were elected to three year terms.

The Setesdals Laget og America, will hold the annual convention in Oklee on June 17 & 18th.

115 persons attended the first drug workshop at Zion Lutheran Church entitled "What is Chemical Dependency" and watched a movie called, "Conspiracy of Silence."

Thirty Years Ago May 20, 1987

Thirteen Oklee Seniors will be graduating as honor students out of 32 students.

A baby shower was held for John Sorenson, son of Karl and Rita Sorenson at the home of Corlan Magnell last Saturday.

Angela Taylor and Randy Bergeron together with their parents, Socc and Pat Taylor of

Fertile and Willard and Donna Bergeron of Oklee announce the engagement and upcoming marriage.

May 21, 1997

Ten years ago, the City of Oklee had a question to answer about whether to have a logo painted on the water tower. The citizens were asked to help decide.

Linda Homme, Mishawn Shaske and Nicholas took their grandma Ida out for supper on Wednesday.

Sheila, Malory, Brett and Abigail Gerardy, Tricia Willett and Russell Sorenson were Saturday breakfast guests of Wavell and Lloyd Sorenson, observing Mother's Day.

Ten Years Ago May 17, 2007

The Red Lake County Commissioners approved the purchase of a boat for use in water rescues for the Sheriff's Department.

Kermit Knutson, past Sheriff of Red Lake County from 1971 to 1987.

Carole Konickson received a plaque for her years of service and great expressions of appreciation from Mr. Guetter and other staff at the Plummer School on Wednesday.

Naomi Schulstad and Michael Hanson announce their engagement. Parents are Barb & Charles Schulstad of Erskine and Wanda & Lee Hanson of Plummer.

Senior Site News and Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

Mother's Day has passed. I hope everyone had a good day.

Don took me out for dinner, which is always fun and afterwards we looked at flowers to purchase. I really don't have a green thumb, but I always try to plant a few.

Last week Ione Nelson and myself visited Alice Bluemke who is recovering from a stroke. She is at the nursing home connected to the Fosston hospital.

Dorothy Lee is now at the Care Center in Thief River Falls. I visited with her last week. She was happy to see me and welcomes visitors. It is a very nice place to see and

her room was very nice.

Dates to Remember

May 18: Site Council meeting at 10:00 a.m.

May 19: Birthday meal - call and sign up.

Words of Wisdom

A job well done is a job finished.

Open your arms to change, but don't let go of your values.

Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.

Joke Time

While my friend Emily was visiting her mother, they went

for a walk and bumped into an old family acquaintance. "Is this your daughter?" the woman asked. "Oh, I remember her when she was this high. How old is she now?"

Without pausing, Emily's mother said, "Twenty-four." Emily, 35, nearly fainted on the spot.

After everyone had said their good-byes, Emily asked her mother why she'd told such a whopper.

"Well," she replied, "I've been lying about my age for so long, it suddenly dawned on me that I'd have to start lying about yours too."

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

Wonderful weather happened this past weekend. Mother's Day was warm and really good cookout weather. We had a cookout one of the first of many I hope. Fishing opener was as usual met with men who really wanted their first walleye of the season.

Wow, so many things to do. There was an auction sale in Plummer and many people showed up for a chance at something of their dreams too. A great weekend with no chance for being bored.

Red Hats met on last Wednesday for their monthly eat and gab session. It was fun because so many were able to come. Karen Tvedt, Mary Schindler, Emelie Skjervén, Anne Traxler, Alice Jobe, Mickey Duden, Elinor Olson, Barb Novak, Anna DeHate, Wilma Arlt all joined in the meal. Next month we are planning to go to Lakeview in Mentor on June 16, so plan ahead.

Bunny Duchamp usually comes to Red Hats but she was fortunate enough to be invited to dinner that day with her son Duke and another couple. We did see her and greet her on our way out of the restaurant.

Nancy and Matt Ellenson of Warroad and their children Ian, Phillip, Margaret, and Daphne arrived at the Jerome Novak home on Friday evening, and Rebecca Novak of Mankato arrived Friday evening as well. Matt and Nancy Ellenson went on Saturday to the graduation at UND of his niece who graduated in Nursing. Ian and Jerome Novak and Matt Ellenson went to the auction in Plummer for the morning.

Phillip, Daphne, and Margaret helped their Aunt Becky do some chores for their Grandma while the parents were gone. On Sunday they had a BBQ cookout of chicken and pork chops. Mother's Day was well celebrated with that cookout. What a great family Barb Novak has. Thank you for all the help and good cards I received as well as the great food.

Joyce Morinville celebrated Mother's Day with her family too. On Saturday she spent all day watching her grandkids

perform in various sports. She had wonderful photos of them on Facebook as well. Grandkids are sure a big joy for us older folks.

We hope you had a great weekend and that your week ahead is wonderful. It sounds like we will get some rain this week. That would not be a bad thing in moderation. It will make the grass grow though so we may be busy mowing by the weekend. Enjoy everything you encounter this week.

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

On Sunday May 7th at 1:00 p.m. Immanuel Church had a Mother-Daughter tea but first Rick and Arlene Froiland showed pictures of their trip to Israel, they had taken in February. They had seen ancient tombs, the Sea of Galilee, where Jesus was born, the camels with the nomads, flocks of sheep. The Jews in their dress and Arabs, temples, bath house and many other points of interest. They saw Bethlehem, the former wailing wall, also.

After the slides, we were treated to Mediterranean food. We had Falafel balls (vegan) gyros, Israeli salad, olives, Hummus, Pita bread and delicious Baklava.

There were about 30 ladies, some kids too. Bunny DuChamp asked me to be her guest. They also had some souvenirs from Israel: wooden camel, a small nativity set and water from the Sea of Galilee. It sure was an enjoyable after-

noon.

Tuesday, May 9 was National Bike to School Day. Encouraging kids to get more exercise.

On Wednesday 10 ladies went to the Cozy for Red hats. Mary Shindler won the quarter pot. Their special was chicken Kiev, spaghetti, garlic bread, frosted brownie for dessert. We also had tossed salads.

Bunny DuChamp had company from Rainier, Washington. It was her nephew Ron Nesland and wife Cathy, who came Wednesday. They also went to eat at the Cozy in Brooks and Jim DuChamp came also.

Later in the afternoon Cathy and Ron N. toured the museum. Then in the evening enjoyed playing Bingo at the Legion.

The guys seeded the land west of town rented by Tri River. They put in wheat and soy beans.

I cut grass last weekend, first time and the dandelions are bad as well as "Creeping Charlie."

I'd like to apologize for omitting a name from last weeks news. Suzie Gunderson of Trail also received a Volunteer "Apple" award for being a RLCC volunteers.

Pastor Jonathan's mom Laura Dodson attended the Mother's Day Team Sunday as well as Kelly's mom. Good to see both ladies.

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Sounds like multiplication?

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

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Nitrogen Availability From Fall Application

Many farmers are wondering the same thing this time of the year. HOW MUCH OF MY FALL APPLIED NITROGEN IS STILL AVAILABLE IN THE SOIL BECAUSE OF IT BEING WET IN 2016. To answer that question, a person needs to consider the nitrogen cycle. There are three dominant forms of nitrogen in the soil; ammonium (NH4+), nitrate(NO3-), and nitrogen(N). Plants mostly take up ammonium and nitrate nitrogen for their growth, while nitrogen contained within soil organic matter is a slow release source of ammonium in the soil.

Anyone who has had a soil test done is familiar with CEC (cation exchange capacity) of their soil. The CEC measures how well the soil can hold positively charged nutrients, which is important to know because soil particles-sands, silts, and especially clays-have many negative charges on their surfaces, and very few positive charges.

Think of the soil and different forms of nitrogen as the charged ends of a magnet. The ammonium form of nitrogen is positively charged so the negatively charged particles will attract ammonium and easily retain it in the soil. The nitrate form of nitrogen is negatively charged, so it is not attracted to the negatively charged soil particles. Because nitrate also dissolves easily in water, it tends to move wherever water moves in the soil. This is great for a crop that is actively pulling a lot of water out of the soil, but also means that nitrate can easily be lost if water in the soil is

moving down to a tile drain or groundwater.

Nitrogen in the soil tends to change forms in fairly predictable ways. The nitrogen forms compounds that are in commercial fertilizers, like anhydrous ammonia and urea, which convert to ammonium in soils within a few days of application. In the process of nitrification, microorganisms in the soil will then convert ammonium to nitrate over time. These microorganisms are most active in moist, warm soils. Under those conditions, most fertilizer nitrogen usually converts to nitrate within a few weeks. In cases of flooded soils without oxygen (like wetlands) or frozen soils, fertilizer nitrogen will not convert to nitrate. Since Minnesota's agricultural soils only rarely become depleted of oxygen, the net result of nitrification is an accumulation of nitrate in our soils during the growing season.

The nitrate that accumulates in agricultural soils has a seasonal pattern to it. Research plots have shown that, where nitrogen rates have been optimized for corn production, nitrate accumulates in the soil in the spring after fertilizer application, as soil temperatures warm up. Typically, where nitrogen fertilizer has been applied preplant, nitrate levels spike between corn emergence and the V6 growth stage, and then decline steadily until the crop has matured. The soil is still producing lots of nitrate from organic matter later in the growing season, but by the V8 growth stage, corn is rapidly removing nitrate from the soil. In optimally fertilized corn, it

is not unusual or alarming for a soil that had above 25 ppm nitrate at V6 to have less than 5ppm by R1.

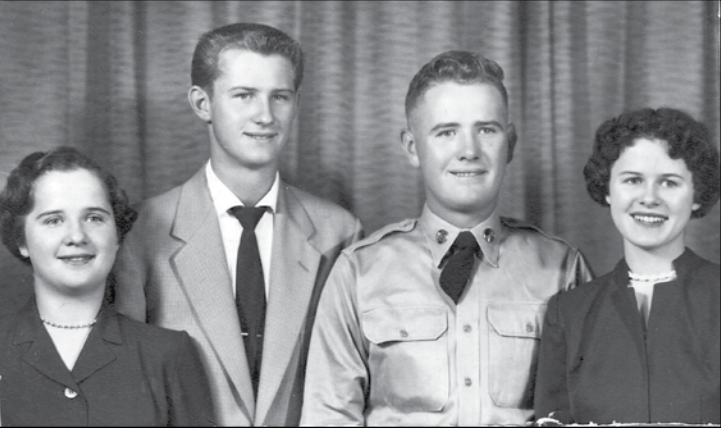
The key to knowing the loss potential lies in understanding how and when other forms of nitrogen will convert to nitrate. Just as critical is the timing of rainfall events across the growing season. For the latest nutrient management information; go the U M Extension web site at U M Extension.com and do a search for nitrogen and/or nutrient management updates or to have a specific question answered, you can contact Greg Klinger, U M Extension Ag Educator for Water Quality Management at gklinger@umn.edu.

Source: Greg Klinger and Anne Struffert, U M Extension Educators for Ag Water Quality Protection.



Students from RLCC practicing their Oral Presentation skit for the State Envirothon competition: Sydney Melby, Nick Pahlen, Jayden Fore, Hannah Kolstoe, and Taylor Bushelle.

Who's Dat?



Who's Dat

This week's photo is of four young people who grew up in the area.

Last week's photo was of Norman Nelson. He was growing his beard out for Oklee's 75th Anniversary held in 1985.

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

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Centennial Recipe Corner

Hash Brown-Sour Cream Casserole Phyllis Rystad

2 lb bag hash browns (shredded)
1/2 cup margarine or butter
1 medium onion
1 tsp salt
1/4 tsp pepper
2 cans cream soup (celery, mushroom, chicken, or potato)
1 (8 oz) carton sour cream
1/2 lb cheddar cheese, grated
(can also use Velveeta, cut-up)



Melt margarine in small pan and cook diced onion for 10 minutes or so. In large bowl, mix soup, cheese, sour cream, salt and pepper. Add margarine with onions and hash browns and mix completely. Put in greased 9 x 13 metal cake pan. Melt another 1/2 cup margarine; crush to measure 2 cups of corn flakes and add to melted margarine. Stir well; sprinkle over top. Cover pan completely and bake at 425 degrees for one hour. Remove cover and bake an additional 15 minutes to get a golden brown.
Optional: Cubes of ham may be added if desired.

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