

Oklee Precipitation
By Einar Kvasager

	Rain	Snow
March 31		Trace
April 6		1.00
Total in.	0.00	1.00

Oklee Herald

...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

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Wednesday, April 11, 2018

RLCC High School presents the musical “Something’s Afoot” on April 13 - 14 - 15th



Cast of the musical “Somethings Afoot” - Front row (l to r): Hannah Kolstoe as Miss Tweed, Sydney Melby as Hope Landon, Kara Longtin as Regina Rancour, Jade Person as Lady Manley-Prowe, Jayden Iverson as Dr. Grayburne. Back row (l to r): Lilly Guillemette as Letty, Nick Pahlen as Col. Gilweather, Tom Nelson as Geoffrey, David Clifton as Clive, Danny Guillemette as Flint.

Red Lake County Central High School in Oklee will be presenting its first musical in 35 years on April 13th, 14th, and 15th at 7:00 in the Oklee Gymnasium. The musical was written by James McDonald, David Vos, Robert Gerlach, and Ed Linderman and it is being presented by special arrangement by Samuel French Inc. Our accompanist is Mikayla Tabert whose skill is extraordinary and all of us in the show want to thank her.

This murder/mystery comedy musical is based on Agatha Christie's Ten Little Indians. Our musical is set on Rancour's Retreat in England in 1935.

Three individuals have come to the island to open the mansion for a weekend holiday for a selected group of guests. Flint (Danny Guillemette) is our caretaker who is rather lazy and Clive (David Clifton) is Lord Rancour's butler who truly runs the mansion. Letty (Lilly Guillemette) is our newly hired maid who has to take care of the spoiled guests. She finds the mansion rather eerie and also finds Flint flirting whenever possible.

The guests are Regina Rancour (Kara Longtin) who is as greedy as can be and expects to inherit a fortune when her Uncle Dudley Rancour "kicks the bucket one way or another", Dr. Grayburne (Jayden Iverson) who expects a weekend of food, fun and wine instead finds bodies piling up. The next guest is Miss Hope Landon, our platinum blonde who does not have a clue why she was invited, Lady Manley-Prowe (Jade Person) who needs money and expects her ex-husband Lord Rancour to help her out, and Colonel Gilweather (Nick

Pahlen) a retired British officer who once had fought a war in India. Last but not least is our detective Miss Tweed (Hannah Kolstoe) who is our artist. A newcomer is Geoffrey (Tom Nelson) who was rowing with a group of college friends when the canoe capsized causing him to swim to the island and as a surprise to the others, is tied up and accuses of murder.

All of these people expect nothing but fun but a terrible storm hit and the bridge is washed out and everyone is stuck on the island till the storm passes. But the fun is only beginning with an explosion that kills one of the servants who just informed everyone that Lord Rancour is dead....murdered by person or persons unknown. Miss Tweed starts with the title song "Something's Afoot" and begins her investigation. Everyone is frightened as several faint as one of their number was blown up. Hope and Lettie faint into Col. Gilweather's arms and Dr. Grayburne checks the body. Two people were murdered and the suspicions spread among the guests and staff since the murderer still has to be with them. One of these seemingly innocent people is a killer. Who is it?

The library becomes our new morgue as bodies pile up. This vacation is turning into a "Who Dun It" wondering who will be next. Many clever mechanisms had been created to cause certain members of the group to meet their fate in many clever ways. So Mark your calendars for Friday April 13th, 14th and 15th for our mystery comedy. Admission is \$8.00 for 7th – Adult and K-6th is \$5.00.

Calendar of Events

Wed, Apr. 11:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.

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

Fri, Apr. 13:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.

Sat, Apr. 14:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!

Sun, Apr. 15:
-Worship at the church of your choice.

Mon, Apr. 16:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.

Tue, Apr. 17:
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards

Wed, Apr. 18:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.

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

Fri, Apr. 20:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.

Sat, Apr. 21:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!

Sun, Apr. 22:
-Worship at the church of your choice.

Mon, Apr. 23:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.

Tue, Apr. 24:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards

Wed, Apr. 25:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.

Thu, Apr. 26:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.

Fri, Apr. 27:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.

Sat, Apr. 28:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!



Quilting Retreat and Trunk Show held in Oklee

Oklee Quilting Supply and Thief River Falls Quilting Guild sponsored a guest speaker and quilt trunk show event on Friday evening, March 23rd at the Oklee Hall. The guest speaker was Doug Leko who founded Antler Quilt Design in 2008, when he was still a high school student. Working in his mother's quilt shop had helped him develop his skills and refine his art, and soon Doug began to develop and market his own designs.

Since then, his reputation has grown along with his business. He has a vibrant and growing collection of patterns available at quilt stores around the U.S., Canada and the world. He is also online at antlerquilt.com. His work has been featured in McCall's Quilting and Quiltmaker, and American Patchwork & Quilting.

Doug was a very good speaker and teacher (he held a class the following day in the Oklee Hall) and has a wide following among quilters around the world. His energy and passion coupled with his unique level of expertise and innovative quilt designs make him a favorite among quilters.

There were over 60 people on Friday night at the Trunk Show with Doug Leko. Leko started his quilt show with the first quilt he ever made at the young age of 5. His mother owned a quilt shop and since he spent lots of time there, his mother said he might as well learn to quilt. Leko had brought about 30 quilts and runners for this show. He also had a table set in the hall with a good selection of his quilting books, templates he had designed, threads, and other miscellaneous items quilters need for their art.

On Saturday in the Oklee Hall, Leko held a class to a group of over 20 people who learned how to make the English Knot quilt he had on display. People came from many directions and distances to attend this class. He was a good teacher, walking around and pointing out hints and techniques to the quilters.

While this was going on at the hall, there was also a Quilting Retreat held at the Oklee Inn with a good sized group of people, approx. 30, gals working on their own projects. Some of these folks came from Hastings, MN, south of the Twin Cities. It was larger than last year's Quilting Retreat. Everyone was having a good time visiting and working on a wide variety of projects. Not all of them were quilts.

Oklee Quilting got to show off their newly decorated/remodeled Quilt Shop as they were open extended hours after the Truck Show and longer hours on Saturday.



Doug Leko taught the English Knot pattern at the class on Saturday at the Oklee Hall.



Doug Leko explaining how versatile the pattern can be.



Julie Desrocher and Laura Nelson from the Thief River Falls Guild helped with quilts.



At the Quilting Retreat at the Oklee Inn were: sitting: Judi Helgeland, Shirley Dessellier. 1st row (l to r): Connie Lundeen, Bonnie Jensen, Virginia Grenier, Lisa Tvedt, Mary Beth Hruby, Dolores Jensen, Gelene Lundeen, Renee Kjelaas, Margaret Delude, Judy Loer. Back row (l to r): Teresa Kappedal, Char Nygaard, Valarie Brekke, Wanda Nelson, Jennifer Halbur, Marlene Haugen, Chris Vetteson, Lana Nelson, Marcia Sands, Annette Johnson, Jan Dulka, Brenda Becker and Lori Johnson.

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH

Zion and Salem
Interim SAM Christy Klemz

Wed, April 11: 6:00 p.m.
Chime Choir. 7:00 p.m. Confirmation.

Sun, April 15: 9:00 a.m.
Zion. 9:00 a.m. SS at Salem.
10:15 a.m. SS at Zion. 10:30 a.m. Salem.

Wed, April 18: 6:00 p.m.
Chime Choir. 7:00 p.m. Confirmation.

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OKLEE, GRYGLA & GOODRIDGE

Fr. Adam Hamness
Sun, April 15: 7:30 a.m.
Confessions 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Francis Xavier, Oklee; 10:00 a.m. St. Ann Parish, Goodridge; 11:45 a.m. St. Clement Parish, Grygla.

BROOKS - RED LAKE FALLS

CATHOLIC PARISH
Fr. Bob Schreiner
Sat, April 14: 5:30 p.m. RLF
Sun, April 15: 8:00 a.m.
Brooks. 10:00 a.m. RLF.

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA

Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun, April 15: 9:00 a.m.
Worship at Immanuel. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School at Immanuel. 7:00 p.m. Worship at Ebenezer.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA

Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Wed, April 11: Last Release Time. 7:00 p.m. Confirmation and rehearsal at Faith.

Sun, April 15: 10:30 a.m.
Joint Confirmation at Faith.
Mon, April 16: 7:00 p.m.
Parish Board meeting at Faith.
Wed, April 18: 7:00 p.m.
7th & 8th grade confirmation at Bethany.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

April 16 - 20

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: Fish, baked potato, carrots, bread, and dessert.
Tuesday: Meat loaf, boiled potatoes, gravy, beets, and dessert.

Wednesday: ½ Pork sandwich, macaroni salad, green beans, and dessert.

Thursday: 2 scrambled eggs & ham, 2 pc. French toast, and dessert.

Friday: Birthday meal: small chef salad, chicken vegetable & rice soup, and Birthday cake.

Deadline:
Friday's at noon!

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CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH

Mt. Olive - Nazareth
Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Wed, April 11: 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday School/Confirmation.

Sat, April 14: 9:00 a.m.
Mt. Olive.

Sun, April 15: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri, 9:15 a.m. SS; 8:30 a.m. Nazareth SS, Nazareth 9:45 a.m.; 9:45 a.m. Oak Park SS, 11:00 a.m. Oak Park.

Wed, April 18: 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday School/Confirmation.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH

Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg,
Youth Pastor

www.newjourneyfosston.com

Wed, April 11: 6:30 p.m.
Awana. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study.

Sun, April 15: 9:30 a.m.
Worship. 10:40 p.m. Sunday School.

Tue, April 17: 9:30 a.m.
Ladies Bible Study. 10:30 a.m. Quilting. 6:30 p.m. Hebrews Bible Study.

Wed, April 18: 6:30 p.m.
Awana. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH

Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson,
Lay Minister

Wed, April 11: 2:00 p.m.
Lund WELCA. 6:15 p.m. 7th & 8th grade confirmation.

Sun, April 15: Confirmation Services at Lund at 10:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. Sunday School at Sand Valley.

Wed, April 18: 2:00 p.m.
Sand Valley WELCA. 6:15 p.m. 7th & 8th grade confirmation.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY

Fosston
Seth Johnson,
Interim Pastor

Sun, April 15: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship.

Oklee Community RuMmAge Sale DAY

Saturday, May 12th, 2018

Reorganize your storage areas!

Clean out your garage!

Check your closets & drawers!

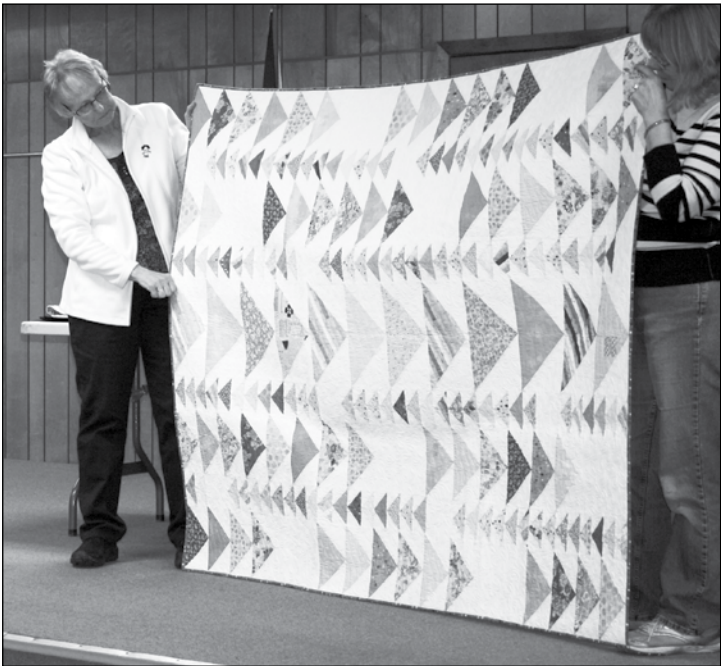
Contact Sandra Tougas at 796-5084 (home) or 796-5136 (school) by May 4th to list your sale and be included on the Community Sale Map. The hall will also have 3 free spaces - call to reserve your spot.

Earth Day
April 22

Sudoku Solution

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

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Some of the many quilts Doug Leko showcased in his truck show at the Oklee Hall.



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

This week, April 8-14 is National Library Week, an event that draws attention to libraries across the nation;

Misty Copeland is honorary chairperson this year with her directive: "Discover your passions and achieve your goals at the library."

Ms. Copeland is an American ballet dancer for American Ballet Theatre. (ABT) In June of 2015, Copeland became the first African American woman to be promoted to principal dancer in ABT's 75-year history. She was considered a prodigy who rose to stardom despite not starting ballet until the age of 13. In 1997, she won the Los Angeles Music Center Spotlight Award as the best dancer in Southern California and went on to become a member of ABT in 2000 and a soloist in 2007.

In addition to her accomplished dance career, Copeland has become a public speaker, celebrity spokesperson and stage performer. She has written two autobiographical books and narrated a documentary about her career challenges, A Ballerina's Tale. In 2015, she was named one of the 100 most influential people in the world by Time magazine, appearing on its cover.

Misty Copeland's books, her memoir "Life in Motion: an unlikely ballerina," both the adult nonfiction and the young readers' edition; "Ballerina Body: dancing and eating your way to a leaner, stronger, and more graceful you;" and her easy children's picture book "Firebird" are available for checkout through Northwest Regional Library branches.

NLW 2018 theme is "Libraries lead in their communities." Celebrate National Library Week April 8-14! Visit Red Lake Falls Public Library or visit ilovelibraries.org.

Red Lake County Commissioners Minutes

Red Lake County Special Board Meeting January 30, 2018

Pursuant to adjournment of its regular meeting, the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners duly met in special session at the County Courthouse at 10:00 a.m. Board members present were: Flage, Lerohl, Sorensen and Weiss. Absent: Commissioner Simpson. Also present were: Auditor Bob Schmitz and HR Director Angie Lundeen. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the employment status of the County Attorney position, discuss salaries for the elected officials, County Assessor, and to further discuss the 2018 budget and wage of the Crime Victim Advocate.

The board spent considerable time discussing the County Attorney position and whether to continue the position as full-time, or revert back to part-time status as in the late 1990's before the board authorized the position to full-time. There was discussion on requirements of the job regarding a full-time versus part-time position, the number of court cases as compared to similar sized counties, salary for part-time status, and the effect on the city policing agreements with the county. Sheriff Bernstein arrived at 10:30 a.m. Bernstein commented on the working relationship between the two offices and explained that the prosecution of misdemeanor and civil cases for the cities by the County Attorney should not be affected if a change is adopted. Additional discussion ensued. Chairman Sorensen called for a motion. Commissioner Flage moved and seconded by Weiss to change the status of the County Attorney position from a full-time position to a part-time (85%) position beginning

January 1, 2019. Voting aye: Commissioners Weiss, Flage, Lerohl, and Sorensen. Motion adopted.

The board discussed salary increases for some of the elected positions and for the County Assessor. Commissioners Weiss and Flage were on a sub-committee that met and discussed earlier. The discussion was to add the salaries each receives for their added duties to their main elected position salary and report as one salary for each position beginning in 2018. Any increases are in addition to the annual cost of living increases approved in the final budget adopted in December. Commissioner Weiss moved and seconded by Flage to authorize an additional 2% salary increase for the County Recorder, County Treasurer, and County Auditor for 2018. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

The board did not take any action on an adjustment to the County Assessor salary as the topic will be discussed at a later date.

Commissioner Flage moved and seconded by Lerohl to adjust the commissioners' salaries to \$16,637.00 each for 2018. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

HR Director Lundeen reported that she discussed the salary issue with Crime Victim Advocate Kelly Rogalla and the issue is resolved. Lundeen noted that there will be a slight adjustment on October 1, 2018 to Rogalla's wage due to the beginning of the new grant period.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m. until the regular board meeting scheduled for February 13, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Attest:
Bob Schmitz, County Auditor

Dave Sorensen, Chair,
Board of Commissioners

RED LAKE COUNTY Regular Meeting Held February 13, 2018

Pursuant to adjournment of its regular meeting the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners duly met in regular session at the courthouse in Red Lake Falls, MN on February 13, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. Chair Sorensen called the meeting to order. All members were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

County Engineer Kleven and Maintenance Foreman Randy Konickson were present at the meeting to review a list of equipment purchases for 2018. Kleven reported that he has ordered two additional Motor Grader Packers at \$28,453.00 each from RDO Equipment; a 2018 Chevrolet 1-ton 4x4 pickup for \$28,565.00 from Thibert Chevrolet, and a Pickup Snow Plow for \$6,452.00 from NW Power. Kleven presented a quote for a replacement Tar Kettle in amount of \$17,384.00 from Steppe Manufacturing and provided two quotes from Titan Equipment, Crookston and Evergreen Implement, Thief River Falls for a replacement mower tractor. The current 1996 JD #6400 will be used as trade-in. Kleven and Konickson both recommended the quote from Titan in amount of \$67,137.00 (net after trade) for a Case-IH Maxxum 125 MFD. Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Weiss and carried by unanimous vote to approve the equipment purchases as discussed.

Board members expressed concern regarding the priority for completing repairs to the leaking roof on the office building and shop area. Kleven commented that he is still trying to determine how to proceed on the type of repairs.

Chairman Sorensen questioned Kleven on allowing a county employee to use the county pickup for private use. Kleven commented that he allowed the Maintenance Foreman to take the vehicle home on a daily basis until March 15th to be able to check on the driving conditions of county roads during winter season. Sorensen stated that current county policy does not allow such use unless prior approved by the County Board of Commissioners. Kleven stated he felt it was necessary that the employee have the pickup at his residence so that the 2-way radio can be used to contact the employee during non-work hours. Sorensen inquired if the employee is provided a county cell phone. Kleven replied that a work cell phone is provided. Auditor Schmitz informed that the County Board can allow private use of a county auto, however according to IRS regulations it then becomes a taxable fringe benefit to the employee and included as a part of the employee's salary. There was additional discussion. Commissioner Lerohl moved to allow the personal use of the county pickup by the Maintenance Foreman and report as a taxable fringe benefit to the employee the use of the pickup from the employees' residence to the nearest county road. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Simpson and carried by unanimous vote.

Kleven provided an update on the Trunk Highway No. 222 project. Currently Kleven is working with the MN Department of Transportation to obtain sampling for any past contamination before proceeding with a recommendation for turning the road over to county control.

Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Flage and carried by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the County Board re-organizational meeting held on January 2, 2018 as presented.

Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Lerohl and carried by unanimous vote to approve the following expenditures for the period:

Vendor	Amount
Cardmember Services	\$11,055.37
Computer Professionals	
Unlimited	2,191.00
Galls LLC	3,104.85
Lafayette High School	10,000.00
Midstates Equipment & Supply	42,648.40
Minnesota Public Employees Insurance	25,673.04
Ottertail Power Co.	4,607.44

Red Lake Cty Co-op	9,616.36
Treasurer School District #2906	10,000.00
53 Vendors less than \$2,000	17,979.37

TOTAL 136,875.83

The motion includes the following added bills: \$177.00 to Marco; \$900.00 to Office of Enterprise Technology.

The board reviewed a billing for the purchase of a 4-wheel drive Chevrolet pickup, with topover, for use by the Sheriff's Department as a patrol vehicle. Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Flage and carried unanimously to approve purchase of a 2018 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 4-door in amount of \$34,288.75 from Thibert Chevrolet.

The following Commissioner/Committee reports were shared:

Commissioner	Meeting/Report
Simpson:	None.

Weiss: Area Agency on Aging: Weiss was appointed as Chairperson. Reports were given on the Virtual Dementia Room and Advisory Bylaws update. Attended a salary sub-committee meeting with Commissioner Flage.

Flage: SWCD meeting: reports were given on the various programs and an update provided on conservation construction projects, and the advertisement for a replacement Projects Engineer.

Lerohl: NW Regional Development: discussion on Land of Dancing Sky organization, a designated 4-wheel drive route throughout northwest Minnesota, and approved a phase-out retirement for accountant Carol Sorensen.

Sorensen: Attended an MRC ITV meeting in Warren and reviewed legislative priorities, etc. Tri County Corrections in Crookston: topics were jail usage report, juvenile center, revenues from jail space rental, Joey Peterson appointed Administrator, and the 4th quarter audit report.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned until February 27, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Attest:
Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

Dave Sorensen, Chair,
Board of Commissioners

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RLCC Menus

April 16 - 20

Oklee

Monday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Cold subs, chips, fresh vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken burger, scalloped potatoes, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Waffles, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Cheesy bread w/ sauce, lettuce salad, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Pulled pork or BBQ chicken, baked beans, potato salad or mac salad, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chef salad, cottage cheese, bread sticks, fresh vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Plummer

Monday: Breakfast: Variety, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken fajita (lettuce, tomato, cheese, sour cream, salsa), rice medley, fruit, broccoli, cinnamon churro, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Pancake & sausage wrap, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Entrée variety, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas & carrots, dinner roll, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Yogurt parfaits – fruit, hot oatmeal or cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Pizza, salad, veggies, toppings, garlic bread sticks, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: French toast, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Hot-dog w/bun, Sun Chips, baked beans, Go Gurt, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Fish burger w/ bun, pickles, cheese, oven fries, beets, fruit, and milk.

Red Lake County Rebels Track & Field Varsity

Thu, April 12: Walker Early Bird at Walker 4:00 p.m.

Tue, April 17: Early Bird at Hawley 4:30 p.m.

Thu, April 19: Quentin Jones Invite at TRF 3:30 p.m.

Fri, April 20: Early Bird at Mahnomen 4:00 p.m.

Tue, April 24: Pirate Booster Invite at Crookston 4:00 p.m.

Thu, April 26: EGF Invitational at EGF 4:00 p.m.

Fri, April 27: DGF Invitational at Glyndon 4:00 p.m.

Tue, May 1: Booster Meet at Hawley 4:30 p.m.

Thu, May 3: Thunderbird Invite at Mahnomen 4:00 p.m.

Tue, May 8: True Team Section 8A at Ada 2:30 p.m.

Thu, May 10: PTP Conference at Mahnomen 4:00 p.m.

Fri, May 11: WM Lions Invitational at Warren 4:00 p.m.

Mon, May 14: Lions Invitational at Roseau 3:30 p.m.

Thu, May 17: Ada-Borup Invite at Ada 4:00 p.m.

Thu, May 24: Sub Section 31 at East Grand Forks 2:30 p.m.

Sat, June 2: Section 8A at Glyndon TBD

Fri./Sat. June 8 & 9: State at Hamline University TBD.

Junior Varsity

Thu, April 19: Jr. High Invite at Walker 4:30 p.m.

Mon, April 23: Jr. High at Bagley 4:00 p.m.

Mon, April 30: WM Boosters Invite JH at Warren 4:00 p.m.

Thu, May 3: Jr. High at Crookston 4:00 p.m.

Mon, May 7: Ada/NCW Invite at Ada 4:30 p.m.

Thu, May 10: Jr. High at TRF 4:00 p.m.

Mon, May 14: Jr. High at Mahnomen 4:00 p.m.



The girls who received individual Mustang Basketball awards for their efforts were: Brandie DeHate with The Hustle Award, Hannah Kolstoe received The Most Improved Award, The Mustang Pride Award was given to Sarah Christensen, Jenna Pahlen received the MVP Award, Free Throw Award and The Defensive Award were given to Calyssa Eskeli, Julia Bernstein also received The Defensive Award, and Billie Jo Gryskiewicz received the Most Improved Award and Kia Bachand received the Super Sub Award.

RLCC Girls Basketball Banquet



Paige Tompkins, Human Resource Specialist for Arvig Communications in Perham, was guest speaker for the Mustang Girls' Basketball Awards Banquet.

By Chris Longtin

The Red Lake County Central girls' basketball team had their banquet on Thursday, March 29 at the Oklee Community Hall. Coach Mitch Bernstein started by talking about the junior varsity and spoke about each player. Next, Head Coach Mark Bagaason spoke about the varsity team and each player.

Special guest speaker was Paige Tompkins who gave a motivational speech. Tompkins graduated from Bemidji State University. She is from Milnor, North Dakota and graduated in a small class of only 16 students. Coach Bagaason met Tompkins through basketball and she also golfed on his

team. Tompkins was a 1000 point scorer in high school and also had 1000 rebounds. She golfed and placed fifth in the state tournament. Tompkins works as a Human Resource Specialist at Arvig Communications in Perham. Tompkins spoke about how young females have a voice and how they can go out and work at fulfilling their dreams.

Receiving letters for the Mustangs were Kia Bachand, Sarah Christensen, Zoe Russillo, Brandie DeHate, Sidney Olson, Tanisha Srnsky, Hannah Kolstoe, Calyssa Eskeli, Julia Bernstein, Billie Jo Gryskiewicz, Jenna Pahlen, and Marie Johnson. For the individual awards, the Hustle Award

went to Brandie DeHate, Super Sub Award was given to Kia Bachand, Free Throw Percentage Award was presented to Calyssa Eskeli, Most Improved went to both Hannah Kolstoe and Billie Jo Gryskiewicz, Defensive Awards were given to Julia Bernstein and Calyssa Eskeli, MVP went to Jenna Pahlen, and the Mustang Pride Award was given to Sarah Christensen.

The Northern Galaxy Conference Awards included Jenna Pahlen who was named All-Conference, and Julia Bernstein and Calyssa Eskeli who were Honorable Mention.

Academic All-State Award went to senior Hannah Kolstoe.

"Lace 'Em Up" Basketball Camp

By Jenna Pahlen

The "Lace 'Em Up" Basketball Camp will be held in Red Lake Falls High School at the Robert Matzke Gym from June 4-8. The camp will be open to any boys or girls who are currently in grades K-11. The camp runs from 8:00 a.m. until 11:30 for grades 6-11 each morning, and 12:00 noon until 3:30 p.m. for grades K-6.

If you register before May 25, the cost of attending the camp is \$60 with a maximum cost of \$100 per family. Early registrants will receive a camp T-shirt. After May 25, all single registration fees will be \$70 and the maximum cost per family will be \$120 due to camp preparation and award orders. By request, sixth graders may come in the morning, afternoon, or both for one price.

Registration forms will be available in Red Lake Falls, Oklee, and Plummer school offices. Return registration form and check to: Steve Philion, 518 Champagne Ave., Red Lake Falls, MN 56750. (218-253-2499). E-mail: sphilion@rlfedu.org Make all checks payable to Lace 'em Up Basketball Camp.

Oklee Rummage Sale Day May 12th

By Derek Peterson

Check your closets, clean out your garage, and declutter your storage area because Saturday, May 12th is the Oklee Community Rummage Sale Day. Contact Sandra Tougas at 796-5084 (home) or 796-5136 (school) by May 4th to list your sale and be included on the Community Sale Map. The hall will also have three free spaces—call to reserve your spot.

Junior High Honors Band and Choir Festival

By Adrienne Jones

Once again, students from RLCC attended the 2018 Junior High Honors Band and Choir Festival on Friday, March 23 at the Mahnomen High School.

Students in our area had been nominated by their band or choir director to participate in the event, which features a mixed choir and concert band. The participants practiced during the day and held a performance for the public in the evening.

The songs the honors choir sang were "This Old Hammer" by Neil Ginsberg, "A Joyful Song" by Mary Lynn Lightfoot, "You Can't Stop the Beat" arranged by Roger Emerson, and "Wild Mountain Thyme" by Lantz and Brownsey. Honor band songs were "Air Force One" by Chris Bernotas, "Plaza de Toros" arranged by Mark Williams, "Hues of Blue" by Robert Sheldon, and "William Tell Overture" by Rossini and Griffin.

The choir students participating from RLCC were eighth graders Jed Duden, Thomas Benson, Skylar Longtin, and Peyton Fish. Band participants from eighth grade were Taya Morinville and Lilly Hanson both playing the flute, and eighth grader Noah Hanson and seventh grader Gunnar Sandeen each playing the trumpet.



The Mustang Girls' Basketball letter winners who played on varsity were (Top row) Jenna Pahlen, Julia Bernstein, Calyssa Eskeli, Kia Bachand, Brandie DeHate, Sidney Olson. (Bottom row) Tanisha Srnsky, Sarah Christensen, Hannah Kolstoe, Zoe Russillo, Billie Jo Gryskiewicz, Marie Johnson.

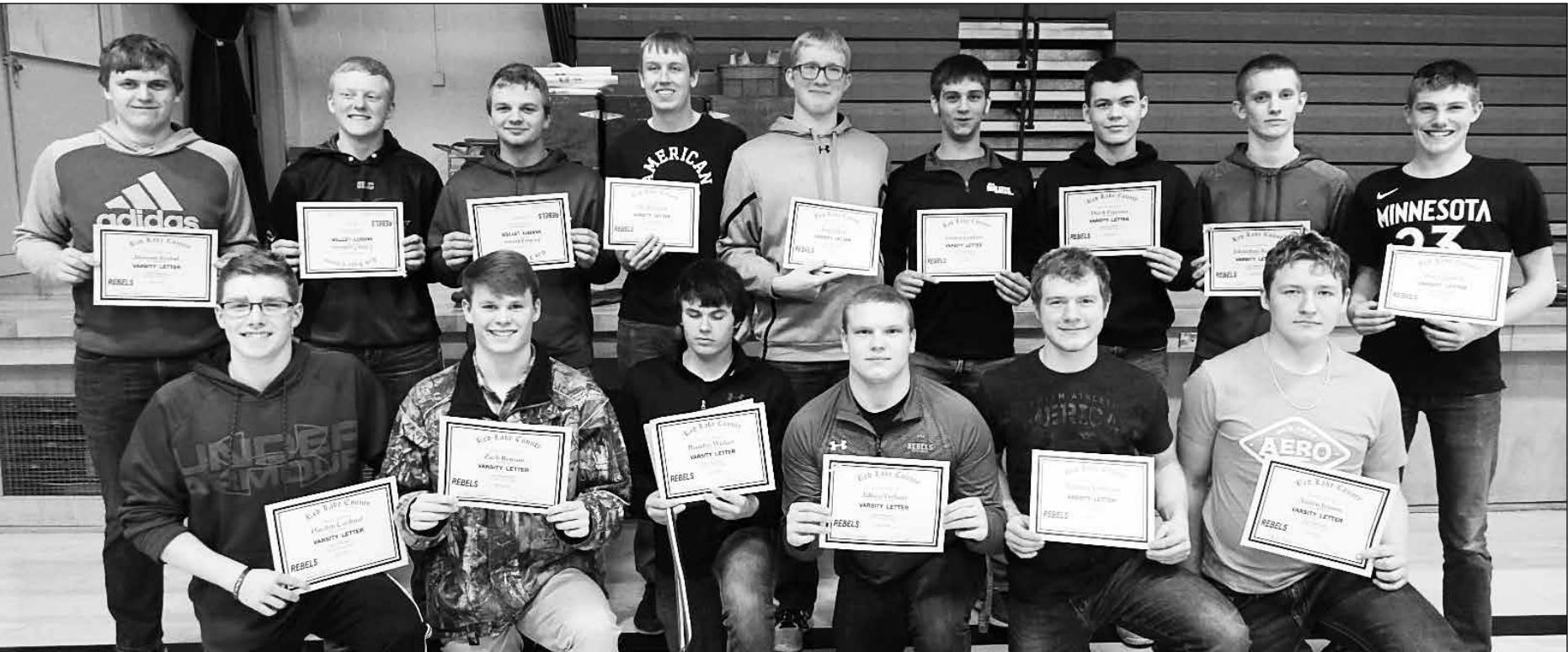


Hannah Kolstoe received the Academic All-State Award for having a GPA above 3.5 during her varsity basketball career.



RLCC Junior High Students who went to the Juniors High Honors Band and Choir Festival: (back) Thomas Benson, Peyton Fish, Jed Duden, Noah Hanson, Gunnar Sandeen, (front) Skylar Longtin, Lilly Hanson, and Taya Morinville.

Rebels Boys' Basketball Banquet



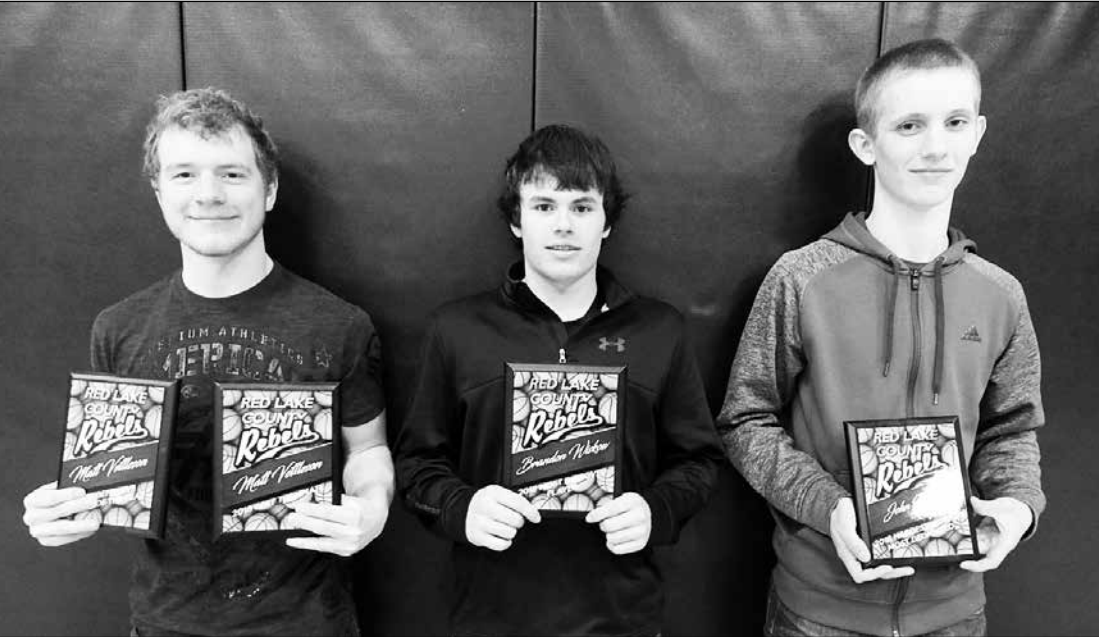
RLC Rebel letter winners for basketball: (Back) Dawson Rystad, Ethan Vettleson, Jordan Johnson, Alex Peterson, Isiah Olson, Connor Lambert, Derek Peterson, John Renner, Ben Cardinal. (Front) Hayden Cardinal, Zach Benson, Brandon Wiskow, Adrien Verbout, Matt Vettleson, Austen Jensen.



The Rebels Junior Varsity team was North Tri-County Conference co-champions with Goodridge-Grygla. RLC's JV team included (back) Dawson Rystad, Christopher Longtin, Bailey Hince, Alex Peterson, Isiah Olson, Tyler Hanson, Jordan Johnson, Hayden Cardinal, Adrien Verbout, (front) Trent Goulet, Zach Benson, Eric Gieseke, Brady Leuthner, Carter Williams, Brock Tvedt, Jake Duden, and Austin Jensen.



Captains for Rebels boys' basketball were seniors Jordan Johnson, Ethan Vettleson, Matt Vettleson, and John Renner. Each senior received a blanket.



RLC basketball special team awards were given to Matt Vettleson, Brandon Wiskow, and John Renner.



Rebels' basketball coaches Kory Baril, Randy Huie, and Steve Phillion.

By Derek Peterson

The Red Lake County Rebels Boys' Basketball Awards Banquet was held Monday, April 2nd in Plummer. The banquet was at 6:30 p.m. and the coaches talked about the season following the meal.

First Coach Kory Baril talked about the ninth grade team. He mentioned their 13-5 record and how they improved as athletes. Next Coach Randy Huie spoke about the Junior Varsity team. He talked about the slow start and how they turned things around to end the season on a 12-10 record, and 5-1 in the conference. Finally Head Coach Steve Phillion talked about the Varsity team. He was very happy with the team's improvement and was very thankful for the boys' hard work and respect. The Varsity finished with a record of 10-18.

After the coaches spoke, awards were handed out. The letter winners for the Rebels were Matt Vettleson, Ethan Vettleson, Jordan Johnson, John Renner, Austin Jensen, Adrien Verbout, Dawson Rystad, Alex Peterson, Connor Lambert, Brandon Wiskow, Ben Cardinal, Derek Peterson, Zach Benson, Hayden Cardinal, and Isiah Olson. Perfect Attendance award recipients were Matt Vettleson, Alex Peterson, Brandon Wiskow, Hayden Cardinal, Derek Peterson, Jake Duden, Bailey Hince, Carter Williams, and Eric Gieseke.

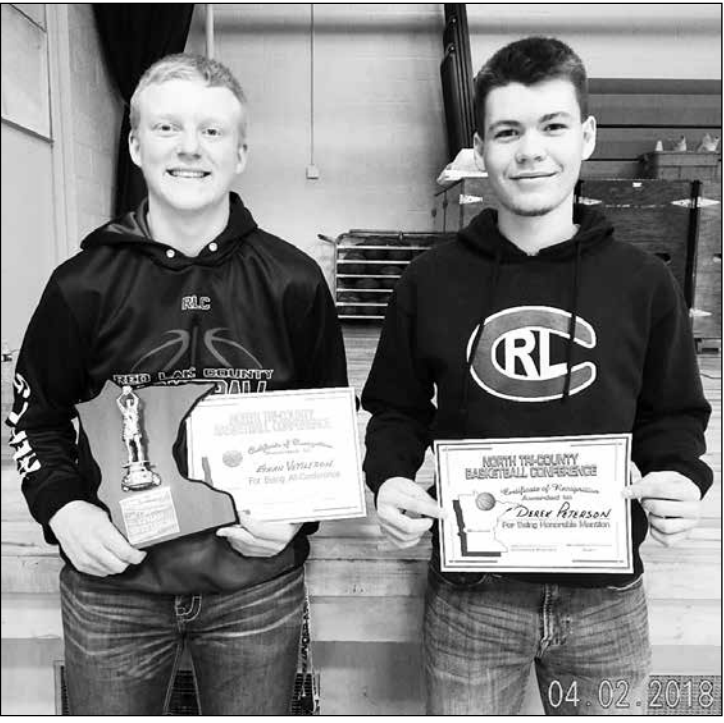
The only All-Conference player on the team was Ethan Vettleson. Derek Peterson was Honorable Mention for All-Conference and was also on the Northland All-Tournament Team. Isiah Olson earned a new team record with 18 rebounds in a game.

For the special team awards, Matt Vettleson received the Best Teammate and Defensive Player of the Year awards. The Most Improved Player was Brandon Wiskow and the Most Dedicated/Hardest Worker was John Renner. The Captains for the Rebels were seniors Jordan Johnson, John Renner, Matt Vettleson, and Ethan Vettleson.

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Photo left: Rebel boys' basketball players Ethan Vettleson with his All Conference award and Derek Peterson with Honorable Mention.



RLCC Students of the Month



Mrs. Bobbi Aahkus (left) standing with the February Junior High Student of the Month Serenity May and Ms. Shelley Steva (right) standing next to the Senior High Student of the Month Sidney Olson.

By: Aiydin Lancto and Chris Longtin

February's Students of the Month at Red Lake County Central were Serenity May and Sidney Olson. May was nominated by Mrs. Bobbi Aahkus and Olson nominated by Ms. Shelly Steva.

Serenity May was nominated by Mrs. Aahkus for Junior High Student of the Month for February, because she has matured exceedingly in the past two years and has not given in to "eighth grade drama". She is involved in Volleyball, Basketball, Softball, and Track. In her free time, she likes to play sports and Fortnite. May, a 14 year old in the eighth grade, is the daughter of Clinton and Michelle May. She also has three siblings: Daniel, Austin, and Andrew. Aahkus commented that May is "calm, mature, and kind to those who need a smile."

Sidney Olson was selected as the Senior High Student of the Month for February. Her parents are Conway and Kim Olson and she has one sister, Paige. Olson is in tenth grade and is 16 years old. She plays volleyball, basketball, and softball. When having free time, she enjoys photography and gardening.

She was nominated by Ms. Shelley Steva who commented on Olson's class work and involvement with the RLCC's Riverwatch group. Steva stated, "This student is very pleasant, respectful, and conscientious." Olson helped a lot with the Riverwatch team by taking the lead on building the kiosk and organizing pictures and the video making process. Ms. Steva stated, "It was due to her efforts that our Riverwatch team placed top five out of 30 on our video presentation."

Oklee Herald Early Files

Seventy Years Ago April 8, 1948

Miss Hazel Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nap L. Miller of Oklee, and Edward Hart were united in marriage at St. John's Catholic Church in South Milwaukee.

Mrs. Albert Johnson returned home Friday, April 2, after being confined to a hospital for 8 weeks.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Torstveit of Oklee on April 1st at a hospital in Thief River Falls.

A special planning committee will meet here tonight to study the proposed building of a new creamery in Oklee.

Sixty Years Ago April 10, 1958

During the past week the Oklee Fire Department was called to the rural area to fight grass fires in two places, on Tuesday the Louis Linder farm and Wednesday the Sig Grothe farm.

The Junior Class of Plummer will present "We Shook the Family Tree," a three act play on April 11th. Ramona Good had a very enjoyable third birthday with many friends and relatives helping her enjoy her party.

Penny Marie Flateland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ordean Flateland, was baptized on Sunday. Sponsors were Mr. and Mrs. Mel Bergerson.

Wanda Lundeen was named valedictorian and Sharon Tasa salutatorian for the Oklee Class of 1958.

Fifty Years Ago April 11, 1968

Over 700 were in attendance at the 30th annual meeting of

the Red Lake Cooperative in Thief River Falls on April 3rd.

The question of whether the high school pupils in the Brooks school district will attend school in Plummer or Oklee will be decided in a special election Tuesday.

Subsoil moisture continues to be short in most areas this week despite a .48 inch rainfall recorded here Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. Lloyd Robidoux entertained Monday afternoon in honor of her daughter Echo's seventh birthday.

Forty Years Ago April 13, 1978

The Oklee Recreation Center had a great turnout for its 10 years in business celebration last Friday.

Mrs. Julian Gunderson entertained on Thursday in honor of Jamie's 5th birthday.

Mrs. Gunder Hegland and Mrs. Leo Klasen visited with Mrs. Knute Rolandson on Monday, it was Mrs. Rolandson's birthday.

A new shop has been opened in the city of Oklee. It is located conveniently on Main Street in the Oklee Recreation Center and is called "Whopper Tackle Shop." Co-proprietors are Bennet Larson and Dick Hagen.

Thirty Years Ago April 13, 1988

Between 250-300 people came to offer congratulation to Leona Sletto and Virginia& Bennet Larson, owners of the Oklee Recreation for the past 20 years.

The Brad Nelson's celebrated 8th birthday on Thursday and he had classmates over to

help him celebrate.

Eric Mickelson of Oklee graduated from Bemidji State University with a bachelor of science degree in elementary education at the conclusion of winter quarter.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Halvorson, Katie, Megan, Betsy and Sarah and Evonne Halvorson, Mrs. Danny Finseth, Kristi and Bethany were Easter Sunday dinner guests at the Edwin Halvorson home.

Twenty Years Ago April 8, 1998

Duane Bachand is "Papa" to 46 children at an orphanage in Mexico, where he had been the director of the orphanage.

Kim Rupprecht and Conway Olson announced their engagement and forthcoming marriage. The parents are Roger and Bev Rupprecht of Thief River Falls and Rick and Debbie Sherman of Oklee.

Seniors highlighted in the paper this week are Carmen Rystad, and Wyatt Vettleson.

Ten Years Ago April 9, 2008

The Plummer & Oklee ECFE and Inter County Head Start collaborated to host a "Family Health Fair Night" for all children and families from birth to age five at the Oklee Multi-purpose room.

The Red Hats from Red Lake Falls, Oklee, Brooks, Plummer and Terrebonne met at the Lil' Joe's café in March and afterwards went to tour the Tri River Pioneer Museum.

TB was a hot topic among are farmers/ranchers who attended a informational meeting in Oklee.



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Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

Today is the warmest day for awhile, at least my temperature is showing a little over 35. It is also nice to see the sun shining.

The funeral of Allen Paquin took place on Saturday. The church was full to capacity. It's very sad to see someone so young pass away. On Thursday of this week, there will be another funeral in town. Joey Johnson had been ill for some time and her funeral will be on Thursday.

With all the funerals lately, it reminds me of the fact that many memories are lost over the years. Now is the time to consult with your parents and friends for information about someone from the past. Knowing your heritage can't be obtained once someone has passed away. Now is the time to begin to get all the information about your family from someone older than you. I have

a book about my family which I began several years ago. I was able to find lots of pictures and information. I have spent much time on this but it is worth the time. My book was started because our "home farm" was 100 years old. Over the time, I was able to obtain letters from many years of the family. One of the many grandfathers, I found letters from way back to the 1700's. I have given copeis of the book to most of my close relatives.

The Oklee Ambulance Party and Meal was a big hit. The meal was delicious and they had so many items donated for sale. They were taking changes on winning dozens packages of donuts. I wasn't one of the luck winners.

Dates to Remember

April 17: 10 a.m. Senior Site Council meeting.

April 18: Birthday Meal.

Words of Wisdom

Never give an ironing board, or a vacuum cleaner, or bathroom scales as a anniversary gift.

A restless curiosity is always a good traveling companion.

Joke Time

A particularly deaf elder was bragging about his new hearing aid. "It's great" he said. "I now can hear the birds singing and the crickets chirping. I can hear a conversation a full block away."

"You don't say," said his friend. "What kind is it?"

The proud owner consulted his wristwatch and said, "Twenty minutes after two."

Getting old isn't so bad...it you have the time for it.

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

This past week kept people busy at visitations and funerals of loved members of the community. Personally I attended three of them, one of a family member in Crookston, and two other close friends in our area. It is a sad time that we live in seeing so many people dying before their time. I guess the lesson we should take from this is to live life to the fullest and remember to spend time with our family as often as we can.

Red Hats in Gentilly at the Sno Sled Inn is on tap for this Wednesday the 11th. Bring a friend or someone who needs to get out. No age limits, we

are an open group. Be there about 11:30.

Yvonne Kush of Aurora came home to Brooks to visit her brother and attend the funeral of her nephew, Wayne Delage. It was good to see her again. She reports that Dick Delage is getting better and has improved in the past week. We wish Dick the very best and are anxious to see him out and about soon.

Congratulations to Carol Chapat who retired on Friday from Cenex last Friday. From what I heard she had a wonderful party, and many people shared cake and goodies with her at Cenex. We will be looking forward to seeing her about town now that she is free to roam during the day.

Dianne Gagner celebrated a birthday last week. She is a beautiful lady who is (oops) can't tell. Anyway wish her the best when you see her.

Nancy and Matt Ellenson, Ian, Phillip, Daphne, and Margaret surprised Jerome and Barb Novak on Friday

evening. They came to stay overnight and spend the day with the Novak's and to attend the funeral of Al Paquin. It was so good to have those young people around who have so much energy it makes you wish you were young again. They had fun trying to beat grandpa at cards, and played a game or two of Family Feud the 60's edition. It is fun to see what has changed in all that time.

News of the death of a cousin to the Novak family came on Saturday. Sue Vanyo battled cancer and her life will be celebrated on Tuesday of this week.

This is a busy time of the year and so be careful not to overdo. Also watch for ice. I have heard and seen so many who have fallen with broken bones and terrible bruises. Please be careful on the icy walks and roads. The snow has turned to ice now and it is so slippery. I sure wish spring would indeed spring.

Have a great week.

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe
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Mike and Sandy Greenwald went Easter Sunday to Patti and Dave Glennon's and family in Casselton, ND. Also, Sheena and Adam Buckhouse and family of Aberdeen, SD came. They drove on icy roads for quite awhile.

Alice Jobe visited Jean Carpenter at Greenleaf Apts on Good Friday. Also, visited Fern Eskeli at Oakland Park Nursing Home.

The Lions Too had their Easter Egg Hunt and games at the Plummer Hall on Saturday for the kids. They had a good turnout.

Tri River Pioneers met at the museum Monday evening at 8 p.m. The class of '58 will have a reunion July 1st at the museum. Officers were re-elected. President Eric Mickelson reported they had the tractor

coloring contest at school. No cleaner as yet for the museum.

Amanda and Sean Roff and children of Delano, MN were weekend Easter guests of Arnie and Barb Schmitz. Ashley and Pake Sorvig and Dawson also came. Father Matt Schmitz also came for dinner.

Alice Jobe went to her brother Jack Kukowski's for dinner. His fiancé, Sherri made the dinner. Also Phyllis and Joe Unruh of Warroad came.

Loren, Mike Kukowski and niece Kari and sons, Wren and Noah came. Lots of good food! And fun visiting.

Bernie, Jill, Blake, Brandie and Paul DeHate left Wednesday afternoon and stayed at Diane DeHate's in Coon Rapids. Then, Thursday they went to Rochester where Paul was in the wrestling tournament.

Easter weekend, they had the 140th Easter Egg Roll at the White House. President Hayes started it. President Trump and First Lady Melania seemed to enjoy the time with the kids.

The weather sure grew remarkably colder for this time of year. At least we didn't get as much snow as North Dakota or other parts of Minnesota. Though more snow is in the forecast for Sunday, however it may go south.

Farmers will be seeding late and gardens planted later, especially those who usually plant extra early.

Some farm facts: Texas has the most farms: 248,809. Alaska has the least with only 700! Pigs can run 11 mph, faster than a six minute mile.

The Holy Week masses and Good Friday services were very special at Red Lake Falls. Also we were lucky to have Jim Schmitz play trumpet at the 8 a.m. mass in Brooks. He does such a wonderful job. We had a lot of visitors. Hope you all had a great Easter Sunday with family.

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Last weeks photo was of Eddie Larson and his grandmother.

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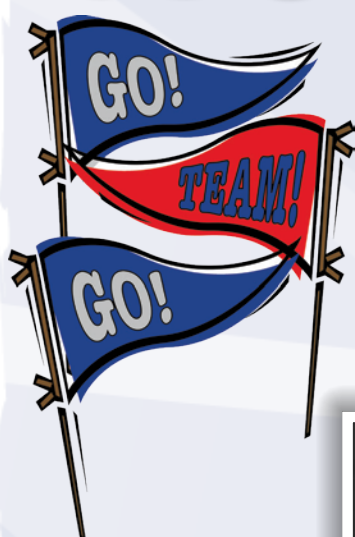
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Dawson Rystad, Alex Peterson, Chris Longtin, Zach Benson, Tyler Hanson, Jordan Kasperzick, Coach Randy Huie, and Coach Steve Pillion



WRESTLING

Front Row: Oscar Duden, Damen Ferguson, Gunnar Sandeen, and Paul DeHate. **Back Row:** Bryce Bergerson, Coach Travis Larson, George Duden, Nick Pahlen, Tristyn Ferguson, and Coach Kyle Dudycha.



GIRLS BASKETBALL

Front Row: Bella Rusillo, Brandie DeHate, Hannah Kolstoe, Cari Bachand, Billie Jo Gryskiewicz, and Katelyn Suchy. **Middle Row:** Tanisha Srnsky, Marie Johnson, Sarah Christensen, Sydney Olson, and Zoe Rusillo. **Back Row:** Coach Mark Bagaason, Kia Bachand, Jayden Iverson, Jenna Pahlen, Calyssa Eskeli, Coach Mitch Bernstein, and Julia Bernstein.

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