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RLCC Prom 2018 is April 28

By Derek Peterson
The Red Lake County Central 2018 Prom will be held Saturday, April 28th in the Oklee gym at the RLCC High School. The theme of this year's prom is "Winter Wonderland." Pictures will be taken at 6:30 pm before the Grand March. There will be a free will offering taken when coming to see the Grand March; a two dollar donation is asked.

At 7:30 pm the Grand March will be held. Photos can be taken after the Grand March before the floor is cleared. The public is asked to leave at 8:30 pm following the Grand March. The dance will begin at 9:00 pm and end at 12:00 am.

Calendar of Events

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!

Sun, Apr. 29:
-Worship at the church of your choice.

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

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

Wed, May 2:
-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 3:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.

Fri, May 4:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.

Sat, May 5:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!

Sun, May 6:
-Worship at the church of your choice.

Mon, May 7:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.

Tue, May 8:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards.

Wed, May 9:
-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 10:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.

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



Cast of *Something's Afoot*: Front row (l to r): Kara Longtin (Regina Rancour), Jade Person (Lady Grace Manley-Prowe), Sydney Melby (Hope Langdon), Hannah Kolstoe (Miss Tweed). Back row (l to r): Jeremiah Rathsack (Stage Manager), Danny Guillemette (Flint), Tom Nelson (Geoffrey), Nick Pahlen (Col. Gilweather), Lily Guillette (Lettie), David Clifton (Clive), Jayden Iverson (Dr. Grayburne), and Jonathan Roue (Special Effects).

“Something’s Afoot” a musical who-dun it

On Friday, Saturday and Sunday night, April 13 – 15th, Director Mike Swenson and the RLCC High School presented the musical, “Something’s Afoot.” This is the first musical in 35 years performed on the stage at RLCC High School. The musical was written by James McDonald, David Vos, Robert Gerlach, and Ed Linderman and was presented by special arrangement by Samuel French, Inc.

Mikayla Tabert was the accompanist for RLCC Theater’s production of “Something’s Afoot.” Mr. Swenson said that Mikayla worked so well with the actors and actresses to really do well in the songs. She would go over a song many times until the student felt comfortable with it.

During rehearsals for the last couple of weeks, Mikayla was here working through the music and during the last two hours of the day, she would work with individuals. She helped bring this musical to life. We could not have done this show without her talents. During the show she paced the music with the actors to make this a truly collaborative effort. It became such an awesome show. Mikayla Tabert skills are extraordinary. The cast of the musical “Something’s Afoot” included 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, Lilly Guillemette as Letty, Nick Pahlen as Col. Gilweather, Tom Nelson as Geoffrey, David Clifton as Clive, Danny Guillemette as Flint.

This murder/mystery comedy musical is based on Agatha Christie’s Ten Little Indians. The musical was 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 the caretaker who is rather lazy and Clive (David Clifton) is Lord Rancour’s butler who truly runs the mansion. Letty (Lilly Guillemette) is the 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 who have been invited 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 but instead finds bodies piling up, 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. And last but not least is our detective, Miss Tweed (Hannah Kolstoe), who is our artist.

All of these people expected nothing but fun but a terrible

storm hit and the bridge was washed out and everyone is stuck on the island till the storm passes. But the fun began 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?

As the evening comes and the guests are frantic with fear, newcomer Geoffrey (Tom Nelson) who was rowing with a group of college friends when the canoe capsized causing him to swim to the island. When he enters the mansion, Geoffrey is tied up and accuses of murder. But he finally convinces the groups of guests of his innocence.

The library becomes the

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. A torch drops down on one of the guests’ head, another get strangled with her own scarf when an axe hanging on the wall, pulls the scarf tight.

And love blossoms between Hope and Geoffrey as the bodies pile up around them.

In the final scene, only Hope and Geoffrey are left. Hope begins to believe that Geoffrey could be the killer, but when a record is found it explains that she is the heir of the estate and the Lord Rancour had caused all the deaths, including his own, leaving her everything.

In celebration Hope & Geoffrey pour themselves a drink as the record continues, informing them that the wine is poisoned and they should not drink it. Too late! Hope and Geoffrey collapse on the couch, falling

to the floor, reaching for each other as they also die.

It was a very well done musical play and all of the actors/actresses did a great job. And so did the stage hands who were running all the clever mechanisms. If you didn’t make it to Mike Swenson’s last play at RLCC High School, you missed a great finale.

There were five seniors that made this their finale along with their director Michael Swenson who is retiring this year. Sydney Melby, Jade Person, Hannah Kolstoe, Kara Longtin, Nick Pahlen, and David Clifton gave their all for the end of their high school career. Jade, Sydney and Jayden Fore had been doing theater since they were eight years old in the Oklee Community Summer Theater, one acts and three act plays.

Mr. Swenson said, “I love the theater and I love working with the students to make the script come alive.”



Clive (David Clifton), the head butler one of first victims to be murdered in the *Something’s Afoot* play.



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The “Something’s Afoot” cast watch as the last characters Tom Nelson (Geoffrey) and Sydney Melby (Hope) die while singing the final song “New Day.”



Danny and Lily Guillemette (Flint and Lettie) singing “My Tiny Little Dinghy” in the “Something’s Afoot” musical.

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH

Zion and Salem
Interim SAM Christy Klemz

Wed, April 25: 6:00 p.m.
Chime Choir. 7:00 p.m. Confirmation.

Sun, April 29: 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, May 2: 6:00 p.m.
Chime Choir. 7:00 p.m. Confirmation.

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OKLEE, GRYGLA & GOODRIDGE

Fr. Adam Hamness
Sun, April 29: 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 28: 5:30 p.m. RLF

Sun, April 29: 8:00 a.m.
Brooks. 10:00 a.m. RLF.

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA

Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun, April 29: 9:00 a.m.
Worship at Ebenezer. 9:15 a.m. Sunday School at Immanuel. 7:00 p.m. Worship at Immanuel.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA

Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Sun, April 29: 8:30 a.m.
Bethany. 9:45 a.m. Ekelund. 11:00 a.m. Faith.

Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial Update

A recent donation to the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial was received from Elmer Hanson, Brooks, in memory of Al Paquin, Oklee. Al is remembered as a very involved and active Oklee community member who was always willing to serve others.

Donations to the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial may be sent to Security State Bank, Box 69, Oklee, MN 56742, attn: Lori Melby. Please direct any questions to Mary Lynn Bachand at marylbachand@gmail.com.

Red Lake Falls Library News

Winners of Red Lake Falls bucks given away at the conclusion of National Library Week are Jason Gaudry, Mary Magnuson, and Nyssa Renner.

A wide variety of interesting new adult nonfiction continues to arrive on our shelves: "The Myth of the Nice Girl" by Fran Hauser: achieving a career you love without becoming a person you hate; "The Bee Friendly Garden" by Doug Purdie: easy ways to help the bees and make your garden grow; "Everyday Chic" by Molly Sims: my secrets for entertaining, organizing, and decorating at home; "How to Roast Everything" by the editors at America's Test Kitchen: a game-changing guide to building flavor in meat, vegetables, and much more; "I'll Never Change my Name" by Valentin Chmerkovskiy: an immigrant's American dream from Ukraine to the USA to Dancing with the Stars; and "Vegetables Love Flowers" by Lisa Mason Ziegler: companion planting for beauty and bounty.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH

Mt. Olive - Nazareth
Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth

Wed, April 25: 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday School/Confirmation.

Sat, April 28: 9:00 a.m.
Mt. Olive.

Sun, April 29: 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.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH

Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg,
Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com

Wed, April 25: 6:30 p.m.
Awana. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group. 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study.

Sun, April 29: 9:30 a.m.
Worship. 10:40 p.m. Sunday School.

Tue, May 1: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study. 10:30 a.m. Quilting. 6:30 p.m. Hebrews Bible Study.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH

Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson,
Lay Minister
Wed, April 25: No Confirmation.

Sun, April 29: 9:00 a.m.
SS at Sand Valley. 10:30 a.m. Joint Service at Sand Valley.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston

Seth Johnson,
Interim Pastor
Sun, April 29: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

April 30 - May 4

Call 796-5666 to order a meal.

If you are over the age of 60 and would like to eat with other seniors at the Senior Site, please call the Café at 796-5666 to reserve your meal. A \$4.00 per meal donation is suggested.

Monday: Goulash hotdish, corn, toast, and dessert.

Tuesday: Meatballs, mashed potatoes, mushroom gravy, carrots, and dessert.

Wednesday: 6 pc Shrimp, hash browns, mixed vegetables, and dessert.

Thursday: Taco on fried bread with all the trimmings, and dessert.

Friday: ½ hot hamburger sandwich, mashed potatoes, gravy, beets, and dessert.

City of Oklee Notice

Garbage will be picked up in the alley starting May 7th.



LEGAL

NOTICE TO GERVAIS TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

Beginning in the Fall 2018 all Primary and General Elections will be by "Mail Ballot." Each Registered voter will receive their ballot by mail with instructions for voting. If you are not registered to vote you will need to register by contacting the Red Lake County Auditor's office. Voted ballots must be received by 8:00 p.m. each Election Day at the Auditor's Office hand delivered or by mail. You can contact the Auditor's Office in Red Lake Falls at 218-253-2598. All Township Elections for Town board will remain in March of each year at the Town Hall Annual Meeting.

Dick Gervais
Clerk of Gervais Township
218-689-2465

O4-5C

Official City of Oklee Clean-up Order

Put a Little Spring In Your Yard

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*It's Our Community!
Let's Make Everyone Proud Of It!*

O4-5C

Events coming up at RLCC

By Holly Johnsrud
Upcoming events for April and May for the Red Lake County Central High School include the following:

Thursday, April 26 is Instrumental Solo and Ensembles Contest

Saturday, April 28 is Prom

Wednesday, May 2 is En-virothon

Wednesday, May 9 is Awards Day at 1:00 pm and Music Night at 7:00 pm

Wednesday and Thursday, May 16 and 17 - preschooler's last day

Wednesday, May 21 is Physics trip to Valley Fair

Wednesday May 23 is Senior High choir trip to Chanhassen

Wednesday and Thursday, May 23 and 24 - students have full days (due to the weather 1/11/18 and 3/5/18)

Friday, May 25 - students half day of school (due to the weather)

Friday, May 25 is Graduation at 5:30 pm

City of Oklee NOTICE

The City of Oklee will be flushing hydrants on May 2nd or 3rd.

O4-5C

NOTICE

A copy of the 2017 Consumer Confidence Report can be requested to be mailed or picked up at the City Clerk's office:

Oklee City Clerk
PO Box 190
Oklee, MN 56742
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Red Lake County Commissioners Minutes

RED LAKE COUNTY Regular Meeting Held February 27, 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 27, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. Chair Sorensen called the meeting to order. All members were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Flage and carried by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held on January 23, 2018 and minutes of the special board meeting held on January 30, 2018 as presented.

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

Vendor	Amount
Central Pension Fund	\$ 2,112.00
Garden Valley Telephone	3,067.54
20 Vendors less than \$2,000	7,633.89
TOTAL	\$ 12,813.43

The motion includes the following added bill: \$163.00 expenses and \$70.00 per diem to John Lerohl.

The following Commissioner/Committee reports were shared:

Commissioner Mtg/Report Simpson: None.

Weiss: Reported on a One Watershed/One Plan (1W1P) meeting discussing its organizational structure, budget, grant sources, and approved advertising for an Engineer Technician position. The RLWD in Thief River Falls will serve as the fiscal agent for the organization. The local SWCD will administer the 1W1P in Red Lake County.

Flage: NW Mental Health meeting and heard reports on Chemical Dependency, financials, strategic planning, and an Organization Bylaws update.

Lerohl: Attended various sessions at the AMC Futures meeting in St. Paul.

Sorensen: An Inter County Nursing Service meeting reviewing financials, a Smoking Policy on Client Services and a Policy on Internet Communications.

HR Director Lundeen mentioned that a few employees would like to purchase shirts with a county logo. Board members agreed to use a picture of the local courthouse.

Chairman Sorensen entertained discussion on the County Engineer

position that will be vacant in May due to the retirement of Engineer Klevan. Commissioners Weiss and Sorensen will have discussion with board members of another county when attending the next Corrections board meeting.

Commissioner Lerohl inquired if County Board members had any county issues or concerns to bring to attention of legislatures at the AMC Legislative Conference he is attending on February 28th and March 1st in St Paul.

Auditor Schmitz informed that the Office of State Auditor is requiring a new Federal Award Procurement Policy be adopted due to legislative changes enacted over the past couple years. A sample policy was presented for board members to review. Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Simpson and carried by unanimous vote to approve the Federal Award Procurement Policy as presented.

Office of State Auditor is also recommending an Electronic Funds Policy. Minnesota Statute 385.071 states that "the county board shall establish policies and procedures for investment and expenditure transactions via electronic funds transfer". The purpose of the policy is to ensure the safety of county funds through controlling the electronic flow of these funds. Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Lerohl and carried by unanimous vote to approve the Electronic Funds Transfer Policy as presented.

A copy of both adopted policies are available at the County Auditor's office.

Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Simpson and carried by unanimous vote to approve an additional salary increase of 2% to County Assessor Nancy Amberson, retroactive to January 1, 2018. The adjustment to Amberson is in addition to the 2018 cost of living of 3% granted to all county employees in January.

The board acknowledged correspondence from the Red River Watershed Management Board regarding a public meeting on March 20, 2018 in Moorhead, MN on a proposed change to its principal place of business to: 11 East 5th Avenue, Ada, MN.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned until March 13, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Attest:
Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

Dave Sorensen, Chair,
Board of Commissioners
OSC

NOTICE

Large Item Pick-up in Oklee

May 14, 2018 ... starting at 8:00 a.m.



No MICROWAVES, TV'S OR COMPUTER MONITORS.

Monitors, TV's or Microwaves

may be picked up for a nominal fee. Fees for monitors, TV's and Microwaves are \$5.00 each. Must be paid for before the pick up. Pay at the City Clerk's office. Please call the Oklee City Clerk's office the week before the clean-up if you have one of those items to be picked up. Tires will also be picked up for a fee: 17" and up \$3.00; 16" and down \$2.00. Also needs to be paid for before City will take.

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

O4-5C

April ECFE Events

By David Clifton
Red Lake County Central Early Childhood Family Education classes are for birth to five years old and their parents or other adult. Grandparents are also welcome. Classes will be held on Thursday evenings either at the Oklee site, the Plummer site, or the Brooks Community Center. Here are the April events:

Thursday, April 26th: Field Trip to the Headwaters Science Center in Bemidji for 3 ½-5 year olds from Red Lake Falls, Plummer and Oklee School Readiness and their parents at 4:30-9:30 pm. We will be eating at Giovanni's Pizza and then touring the Science Center. This is an awesome field trip!!! Check it out at: www.hscbemidji.org. Cost of tour at the Science Center is covered by a grant from Operation Round up. The supper at Giovanni's will be a free will offering collected on the bus. Bus will cost \$5.00 per family. Call in to register by Friday, April 20th. Red Lake Falls will be picked up at 4:30 pm. (Call 253-2161 ext. 229.) Plummer will be picked up at 4:45 pm. (Call 465-4222 ext. 140.) Oklee will be picked up at 5:10 pm. (Call 796-5136 ext. 140.)

Women of the ELCA Spring Gathering

Conference Two Women of the ELCA Spring Gathering will on Saturday, April 28, 2018 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Thief Lake, rural Middle River, Minnesota. Registration is from 8:30-9:00 a.m. With morning coffee. Program begins at 9:00 a.m.

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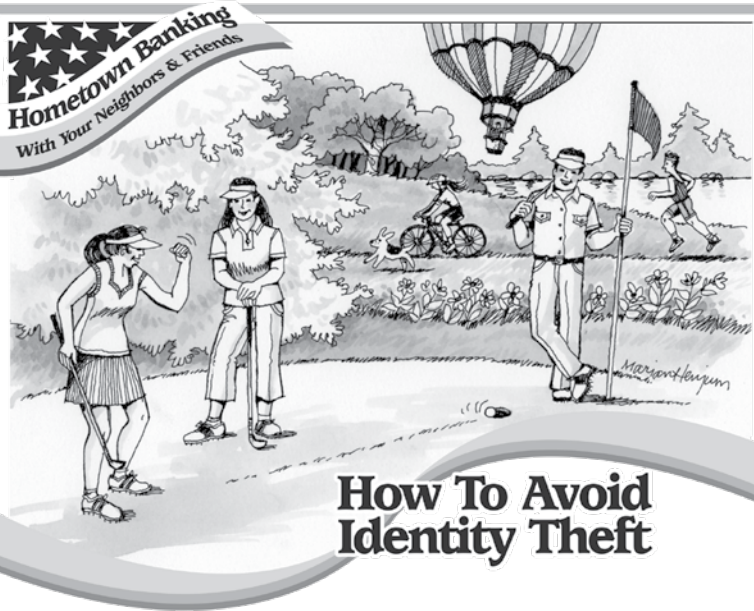
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MUSTANG STAMPED

Oklee Community Rummage Sale Day

By Jenna Pahlen
The Oklee Community Rummage Sale Day will be Saturday, May 12, 2018. Clean out garages, check closets and drawers, and reorganize storage areas to find unused items to put on your sale. If you want to be included on the Community Sale Map, contact Sandra Tougas at 796-5084 (home) or 796-5136 (school) by May 4. The hall will also have three free spaces. Please call to reserve your spot.

RLCC Menus

April 30 – May 4 Oklee

Monday: Breakfast: Bagels with cream cheese, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Hot dogs, or polish, baked beans, chips, fruit, and milk.
Tuesday: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Hamburger patty w/ bun, baked beans, potato salad, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Coffee cake, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, scalloped potatoes, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Quesadilla, lettuce salad, carrots & celery, cottage cheese, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Cold subs, fresh vegetables, chips, fruit, and milk.

Plummer

Monday: Breakfast: Egg wrap, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, tea roll, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Cooks Choice, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Popcorn shrimp, bake bakes, peas & carrots, fruit, biscuit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Egg omelet, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Turkey roast, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, dinner roll, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Coffee cake, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Hamburger w/bun, oven fries, veggies, dip, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Pizza, salad bar, garlic toast, fruit, and milk.

Red Lake County Rebels Track & Field Varsity

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

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.

Wednesday, April 25, 2018



Seniors who received medals at the RLCC Academic Banquet were (front) Hannah Kolstoe, Sydney Melby, (back) Katie Olson, Matthew Vettleson, and Kara Longtin.



Receiving RLCC Academic Awards from the junior class were Marie Johnson, Andrew Fish, Jarisa Bailey, and Zoe Russillo.



RLCC sophomores receiving Academic Awards were (Back) Abby Walton, Zach Benson, Derek Peterson, Chris Longtin Lily Guillemette, (Front) Calyssa Eskeli, Jayden Iverson, Sophia Linder, and AJ Jones.



Freshmen receiving Academic Medals were (front) Emily Kolstoe, Janae Olson, Katelyn Suchy, (back) Karena Melby, Danny Guillemette, and Kia Bachand. Not pictured: Adriel Bakken

Red Lake County Central Academic Banquet

By: Calyssa Eskeli

The 23rd annual Red Lake County Central High School Academic Awards Banquet was on April 9, 2018. The RLCC Academic Banquet is held annually during the fourth quarter. Students in grades 9-12 who have maintained a 3.5 GPA in core academic classes (English, Science, Math and Social Studies) during the first, second, and third quarters of the current school year are presented with medals recognizing their achievement.

The banquet began with the welcome and invocation given by Principal Randall Pederson. After the welcome and invocation, dinner was served.

The speaker of the 24th annual Academics Awards Banquet was Angie Lundeen. Lundeen was part of the Oklee High School Class of 1998 and is currently the Human Resources Director for Red Lake County.

Academic medals were then awarded to student attendees in grades 9-12. The ninth grade attendees were: Kia Bachand, Adriel Bakken, Daniel Guillemette, Emily Kolstoe, Karena Melby, Janae Olson, and Katelyn Suchy. Sophomore attendees were: Zachary Benson, Calyssa Eskeli, Lillyan Guillemette, Jayden Iverson, Adrienne Jones, Sophia Linder, Christopher Longtin, Derek Peterson, and Abigail Walton.

Junior attendees were: Jarisa Bailey, Andrew Fish, Marie Johnson, and Zoe Russillo. Senior attendees were: Hannah Kolstoe, Kara Longtin, Sydney Melby, Katie Olson, and Matthew Vettleson.

Next, senior awards were presented for each of the core classes. The winner of the Mathematics Award presented by math teacher Mr. Bryan Paskvan was Katie Olson. The Science Award presented

by science teacher Mr. Steven Strutz was awarded to Hannah Kolstoe.

Mr. Randy Huie presented the Social Studies Award to Matthew Vettleson. The final award presented was the English Award presented by Mr. Michael Swenson and awarded to Sydney Melby. After the presentation of the senior awards closing remarks were given by Mr. Pederson.

Students in the eighth grade who have also maintained a 3.5 GPA in the core classes during the first three quarters of the current school year were asked to serve as waitresses and waiters. These students for 2017-2018 school year were: Cari Bachand, Zach Cater, Jed Duden, Tyler Eskeli, Peyton Fish, Michael Lowell, Taya Morinville, Kjerstin Nelson, Leah Peterson, Jonathan Roue, Bailey Sherman, Steven Sogla, and Halie Thompson.

Angie Lundeen, Guest Speaker at Academic Banquet

By Derek Peterson

The Red Lake County Central High School held their 2018 Academic Banquet Monday, April 9th at the RLCC High School. The guest speaker for the Banquet was Angie (Chervestad) Lundeen. She attended Oklee High School and graduated with the class of 1998. Lundeen is married to Shannon Lundeen and they have two sons, Nolan and Parker. After high school, she attended the Gulf Coast Community College in Florida and graduated with her Associate of Arts degree in 2000. Then she attended the University of South Carolina in Aiken, S.C. and then was on to St. Cloud State University, where she graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in 2002.

Lundeen has been a Human Resources Director for the last 13 years. The past five years she has been the Human Resource Director for Red Lake County in Red Lake Falls. She has coached various volleyball teams in the Thief River Falls school district and now is the head coach for the RLCC Mustangs.

Starting off her speech, Lundeen talked about her time at college in Florida. Lundeen went to Florida to visit some relatives and ended up meeting the head volleyball coach at the Gulf Coast Community College and was offered a full scholarship. She had a tough decision to make, to attend college around home or venture off to Florida. It came to the point where she literally wrote down the pros and cons, and eventually she decided on going to Florida.

She mentioned a particular speech class she took, and how she learned a lot from it. During one of her speeches, she talked about tractors and farm life in Minnesota. Since all of her classmates were from cities, they were all very fascinated with her speech. "Knowledge comes from many different places. Be proud of your accomplishments, school, and community."

Also she shared about her life experiences in her elementary and high school years. Lundeen as a kindergartener wanted to be a bus driver. Then not too long after that she wanted to be a lawyer due to the show L.A. Law. Later in high school she wanted to be a physical therapist until she went on a job shadow. Finally, Lundeen attended college for a physics degree, and an advisor suggested human resources. She fell in love and that was the path she chose.

In first grade she was in a reading group of ten people and she correctly pronounced read as "red" for the past tense form. That was a huge confidence booster. As the years went by, she began to get bullied for her height. She and another girl were referred



Angie Lundeen was the guest speaker for the RLCC 2018 Academic Banquet.

to as the "twin towers." This lowered her self-confidence. In her math class, she received a compliment from a teacher who didn't often give compliments, which once again made her feel good.

In seventh grade Lundeen continued to grow taller. She was introduced to volleyball and basketball which she fell in love with. In the fall of 1994 she was moved up to Junior Varsity, then up to Varsity because of an injury. Her classmates weren't always happy for her.

In the same year, her life changed forever. On October 14th, the school had a homecoming parade. One of her classmates ran up to her and explained that her sister Adeline was run over by a float. She rode in the ambulance with her sister to the hospital. She would be the last to see her sister alive. She was overwhelmed by the support of her friends and family after the incident.

She focused very hard on school after that, being on Honor Society, helping with 4-H and her church group, and was in athletics as well. She continued on in her life positively.

One of the key points and recommendations Lundeen gave to the students was "find what you excel at and use that to your advantage." She really encouraged staying close to your family and staying in the rural community. "Life may take you on a journey you may never expect."

Lundeen ended the night by saying, "Life is what you make of it, focus at what you excel at, build confidence in yourself, and don't forget where you came from."

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Guillemette Advances to State Speech Competition

By David Clifton

Lily Guillemette who is tenth grader at Red Lake County Central will be competing at the State Speech Tournament which will be held April 20th in the Cities. She won first place at the Speech Section Tournament which was held April 10th in Fosston. This is her second time competing at state. Good luck to Lily as she advances to the State Speech Competition!

At the Section Speech Tournament, three other students from the RLC speech team made finals and placed at sections. They were Jayden Iverson who got sixth place in Poetry, Sydney Melby got fifth place in Great Speeches, and Jayden Fore got fifth place in Creative Expression.



Four Red Lake County speech team members placed at sections. (Front row) Lily Guillemette and Jayden Fore. (Back Row) Jayden Iverson and Sydney Melby. Guillemette placed first and advanced to the State Speech Competition.



Sydney Melby was the winner of the RLCC Senior English Award given by Mr. Mike Swenson (left). Also pictured are her parents Marcella and Isaac Melby.



Some of the cast: Jade Person (Lady Grace), Lily Guillemette (Lettie), Hannah Kolstoe (Ms. Tweed) and Sydney Melby (Hope) with spears during "Carry On"



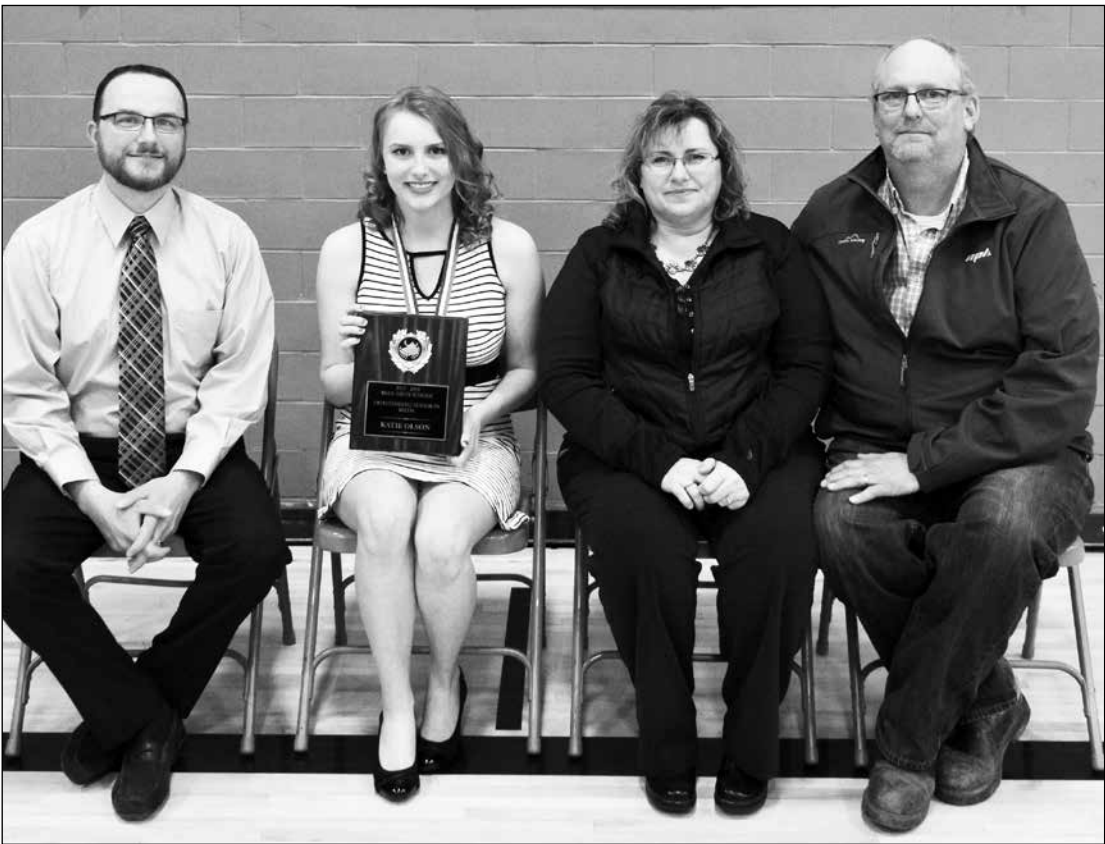
An uninvited guest, Tom Nelson (Geoffrey) shows up and is captured by the others Danny Guillemette (Clive), Jade Person (Lady Grace Manley-Prowe), Hannah Kolstoe (Miss Tweed), and Sydney Melby (Hope Langdon). Thinking they have found the murder, they soon realize he is innocent and is released.



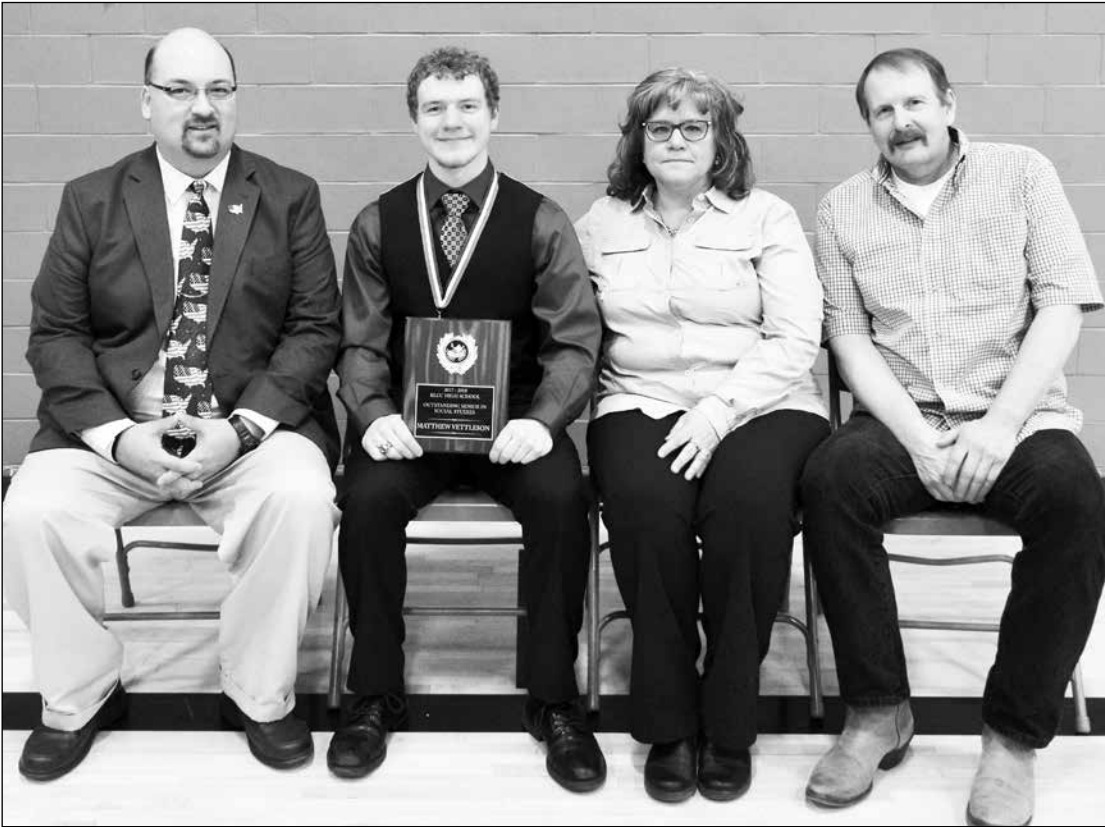
Another of the guests is killed and the tension is raised in the the play Something's Afoot. Hannah (Miss Tweed) and Nathan Pahlen (Col. Gilweather) examine the latest victim Jayden Iverson (Dr. Grayburne).



Sydney Melby (Hope Langdon) and Tom Nelson (Geoffrey) singing "I Don't Know Why I Trust You" in RLCC's musical.



Mr. Bryan Paskvan presented the RLCC Senior Math Award to Katie Olson who is pictured with her parents Karen and Steven Olson.



The recipient of the Senior History Award from Mr. Randy Huie (left) was Matthew Vettleson sitting next to his parents Chris and Alan Vettleson.



Mr. Steven Strutz presented the Senior Science Award to Hannah Kolstoe pictured along with her parents Lisa and Matt Kolstoe.

Breastfeeding-Friendly Skills Training Held



Left to Right: Alison Lacina, Connie Hagen, Jami Nunn, Katie Holthusen, Darcy Wakefield, Sue Johnson, Alicia Huston, and Tammy Conn.

RLCC Seniors



Name: Chase T. Wahlen
Family Members: Terry Whalen and Sarah Whalen
Favorite Movie: Saving Private Ryan
Favorite song/band: Finally Friday – George Jones
Favorite Class: Lunch
Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Trap
Favorite Teacher: Mr. Il-lies
Most important person(s) in your life: My grandparents
Life has rules. What is your personal rule you plan on following in your life: Just send it.
Best memory from school: None.
Your plans for the Future: Pay bills and die.



Name: Tyler Jensen
Family Members: Jason & Carrie Jensen, Austin, Brandi and Peyton.
Favorite Movie: Super Trooper
Favorite song/band: Whatever
Favorite Class: Shop
Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Football
Favorite Teacher: Aaron Nelson
Most important person(s) in your life: Robert Bernier
Life has rules. What is your personal rule you plan on following in your life: To be old and wise you must first have to be young and stupid.
Best memory from school: None.
Your plans for the Future: Doing under water weld-ing or construction.



Name: Gunner Anderson

Family Members: Kristy Stoneouse, Jeff Anderson, Matthew Anderson
Favorite Movie: Dazed and Confused
Favorite song/band: Green Day
Favorite Class: Gym
Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Basketball
Favorite Teacher: Mr. Il-lies
Most important person(s) in your life: Lily Guillemette
Life has rules. What is your personal rule you plan

Pollinators in Your Garden
Red Lake County SWCD

Each year, wild and domesticated bees pollinate around 30 percent of crops in the United States. These pollination services are worth approximately \$23 billion. Bees also pollinate around 70 to 80 percent of native flowering plants in the Midwest, allowing the plants to produce seed and survive.

More than 4,000 native bee species call North America home, but many of their numbers are declining, along with many types of butterflies and other insects. At the same time, colonies of European honey bees have also suffered significant annual losses. Habitat loss, pesticide use, and a variety of other factors contribute to the declines of these insects.

Using seed mixes can be an economical and effective choice, but it is important to select species that will support native pollinator species and protect native plant communities. Only plant the contents of seed packets in home gardens and not in public natural areas.

Pollinator seed mixes provide a whole season of varying colors as the different plants will bloom at different times throughout the growing season.

Pollinator habitat can be planted in unused portions of yards, traditional perennial or annual beds, and even planters. Avoid pesticide use in areas where pollinator seeds are planted. Here are some keys to successful native plant establishment:

- Control weeds before establishing pollinator habitat; this is especially important for perennial weeds.
- Pollinator seed mixes are often planted in late fall as many wildflower seeds benefit from exposure to winter conditions to help break seed dormancy. You can also plant seeds in April through June.
- Spread seeds on top of the soil surface and lightly rake them into the soil to achieve good soil contact. Be careful not to bury the tiny seeds very deep.
- Lightly pack the soil surface after you have spread the seed.
- Generally, you do not need to provide native plant seedlings with supplemental watering as long as they receive about one inch of rainfall a week. Do not fertilize, as these plants are well-adapted to poor soils.

The Red Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District has pollinator seed packets available for residents of Red Lake County. To pick up your seed packet, stop into the Red Lake County SWCD Office (Suite 103) at 2602 Wheat Drive in Red Lake Falls. There are limited quantities available and will be given away on a first come, first served basis. O5-6C

on following in your life: It's impossible to live without failing sometimes, unless you live so cautiously that you might as well not have lived at all – in which case you failed.

Best memory from school: When Nick, Tyler, Cameron and I were messing around in the wrestling room and Tyler jumped from the matt to the monkey bars and failed hard.

Your plans for the Future: Hopefully get a decent job and if I feel like going to school, I'll head out and get a career in something I like.

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The seventh and eighth grade servers at the RLCC Academic Banquet were (back) Jonathan Roue, Zach Cater, Michael Lowell, Steven Sogla, Payton Fish, Jed Duden, (front) Tyler Eskeli, Bailey Sherman, Kjerstin Nelson, Leah Peterson, Cari Bachand, and Halie Thompson.

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

Research continues to validate the importance of breastfeeding. One of the goals of the Quin County CHS Breastfeeding Coalition is to provide support to breastfeeding women and families with consistent, accurate and current information. One way to provide this is to educate area professionals on skills to support breastfeeding families.

In March, nearly 30 area professionals attended a Breastfeeding-Friendly Skills Training designed increase to knowledge of breastfeeding issues, skills and competence for professionals working with mothers and infants during the prenatal, perinatal, or postnatal period.

Sessions included: skin to skin, latch and positioning, hand expression, supplementation of the breastfed infant, breast pumps and positive messaging.

The trainings were led by highly qualified, credentialed Certified Lactation Counselors (CLC) or International Certified Lactation Consultants (IBCLC)'s. Connie Hagen, RN, IBCLC, speaking as a leader of the Quin County CHS Breastfeeding Coalition, stated "How wonderful it was that so many organizations, including Life-Care Medical Center in Roseau, Sanford Hospital in Thief River Falls, Polk County WIC, Quin

County CHS WIC, Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc. of Crookston and Inter-County Nursing Service of Thief River Falls, stepped up to allow their employees to be trainers for this event. This shows we do have many organizations dedicated to breastfeeding families in NW Minnesota."

Comments from experienced professionals attending the training were overwhelmingly positive. Pam Hockstedler, RN, from North Valley Public Health of Warren, stated, "This was wonderful, I learned something new at each of the stations."

Now, many local breastfeeding resources will be utilizing the skills taught in the North Dakota Breastfeeding-Friendly Skills Training curriculum. Our NW Minnesota breastfeeding families will feel even more confident using our local resources knowing consistent current breastfeeding information is being provided for help with their questions.

The Quin County CHS Breastfeeding coalition is supported by the Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP) grant. For more information please contact Connie Hagen, RN, Inter-County Nursing Service, 218-681-0876 or Sue Johnson, SHIP Coordinator, at Quin County CHS, 218-874-7845.

Red Lake County
Commissioners Minutes

RED LAKE COUNTY
Regular Meeting Held
March 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 March 13, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. Chair Sorensen called the meeting to order. All members were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Lerohl and carried by unanimous vote to approve the agenda.

County Sheriff Bernstein was present to request that the County Board approve a resolution for a Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement. Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Simpson and carried unanimously to approve **Resolution No 03-01-18 "Mutual Aid Agreement"** listed as follows:

Whereas, the Red Lake County Sheriff accepted the plan to a mutual aid agreement with the law enforcement agencies in northern Minnesota-the intent of which is to make equipment, personnel and other resources available to political subdivisions from other political subdivisions for law enforcement purposes.

Whereas; this agreement is consistent with statute MS. 12.331 Local Assistance to Political Subdivisions.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved; that Red Lake County enters into a Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement with other law enforcement agencies for the mutual benefit of the public safety of all citizens in the state of Minnesota.

Auditor Schmitz was authorized to sign on the county's behalf. A complete document is available at the County Sheriff's office.

Environmental Officer Kurt Casavan met with the board to provide an update on the revision to the 10-year Solid Waste Plan. The state MCPA has scheduled a preliminary review of the plan and once the initial review is complete there will be a 30-day comment period. The MCPA will complete a final review before making a decision.

The board members expressed their concerns that there has been no effort by the County Engineer to formalize plans for repair to the roof at the County Highway Department main office building and shop building. Recent rain and snow melt has damaged some of the interior ceilings and office equipment. The board discussed forming a committee to proceed with a plan/options to complete repairs. Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Simpson and carried unanimously to appoint Commissioners Sorensen and Weiss, and Engineering Techs Jeremy Johnson and Jeff Kelly to the committee. The group is scheduled to meet on Thursday March 15th to make initial plans, etc.

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

Vendor	Amount
Computer Professionals Unlimited	\$2,191.00
Insight Technologies	3,072.00
MN Public Employees Insurance Program	25,160.90
Ottertail Power Co.	4,318.40
Red Lake County	
Co-op	4,691.54
42 Vendors less than \$2,000	<u>12,859.03</u>
TOTAL	\$52,292.87
The motion includes the following added bill: \$596.10 to Fischer, Rust, & Stock PLLC; \$140.00 per diem and \$604.77 expenses to John Lerohl.	
Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Simpson and carried by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the regular board meetings held on February 13, 2018 and February 27, 2018.	
The following Commissioner/Committee reports were shared: <u>Commissioner Meeting/Report</u> Simpson: County Fair Board re: 2018 county fair events.	
Weiss: Tri County Corrections: reviewed Juvenile Center report and a Facility Inspection report; toured the Jail and Dispatch Center. Attended a NW Regional Development board meeting.	
Lerohl: Reported on several sessions attended at the AMC Leg-	

islative Conference in St Paul. NW Regional Development: presentations on the Border to Border Trail, Dementia information, and the 5-Year Assessment Plan.

Sorensen: Tri County Corrections: reported on revenue from rental of jail space. NW Regional Development TAC meeting: heard presentation on the proposed Border to Border Trail and a MN Dot construction project for the Roseau and Warroad area.

Flage: None.

County Engineer Kleven and MN Dot State Aid Engineer Lou Tasa met with the board to discuss several topics. Tasa informed that the City of Red Lake Falls is planning a 10-ton industrial truck route and in addition street, sewer and water upgrades along the area of the designated route. The city is receiving Local Road Improvement Funds from MnDOT along with grants, bonding, etc. to fund the \$7.5 million project. Tasa commented on the "Towards Zero Death Program". A workshop is scheduled for May 23rd in Thief River Falls. Kleven and Tasa updated on the Trunk Highway 222 road turnover from the state to the county. Tasa informed that the state has not completed its study nor makes any recommendation at this time. Kleven commented that the county should be cautious before making any decision as he is concerned about possible contamination at the former gas station sites along the road. Tasa reviewed the 2018 and 2019 proposed construction projects for MnDOT District 2. District 2 covers the NW area of the state.

Kleven provided comment on the Border to Border Trail route being proposed through several northern counties. The MN DNR is responsible for the planning the route.

Tasa inquired on the county's plans to replace the County Engineer due to Kleven's retirement in May 2018, the end of his 4-year appointment. Kleven informed the County Board earlier in the year that he is retiring and not interested in being re-appointed. Tasa explained that state CSAH funds cover approximately 50% of a County Engineers salary as long as plans, designs, inspections to roads and bridges are being done annually. Chairman Sorensen informed that the county is going to advertise for the position and in the interim a neighboring County Engineer will be providing services.

HR Director informed that she is eligible for a salary step increase. Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Flage and carried by unanimous vote to approve a salary step increase from (Step 5) \$29.60 hourly to (Step 6) \$30.10 hourly.

Chairman Sorensen reported that the County Attorney Mike Lacoursiere has some concerns about the location of the County Attorney's Office and compliance with ADA. Lacoursiere was not present for discussion. Chairman Sorensen asked that the HR Director inform Lacoursiere to be present at the next County Board meeting to address his concerns.

Auditor Schmitz informed that the county submitted a Voting Equipment Grant Application (VEGA) and has been awarded \$33,500.00 from the state. There was \$7 million available in the state grant fund. The funds must be used for the purchase of electronic voting equipment. Any funds not used by August 31, 2019 must be returned to the state. A local county match is required. Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Weiss and carried unanimously to approve the grant agreement as presented. Chair Sorensen and Auditor Schmitz are authorized to sign the agreement.

The board acknowledged correspondence from the MN DNR informing of the spring Grant-in-Aid Trails meeting in McIntosh on April 7, 2018 and a trails monitoring form for the Riverland East trail maintained by the Oklee Moonlighters Snowmobile Club.

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

Attest:
Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

Dave Sorensen, Chair,
Board of Commissioners o5c

Oklee Herald Early Files

Seventy Years Ago April 22, 1948

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin A. Johnson were pleasantly surprised Sunday, April 18, when relatives gathered at their home in Oklee to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary.

Local gunmen who would like to take part in a real old-fashioned wolf hunt are offered just such an opportunity by the Gully Sportsman's Club.

The senior class of Plummer High School will present their class play, "Don't Darken My Door."

A Saturday morning fire completely destroyed the dwelling house and caused considerable damage to the farm own by Virgil Nelson.

A son was born Tuesday, April 13 to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Waldal of Plummer in the Thief River Falls hospital.

Sixty Years Ago April 24, 1958

Construction of a new frame, story & a half rectory is being planned in St. Francis Xavier's parish here, Father Paul A. Cardin announced this week.

Arnold Schjeldrup celebrated his 10th birthday at the home of his parents with many guests in attendance.

Mrs. Lloyd Bruggeman was the honored guest at a Pink & Blue Shower held at her home on Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Larson are the parents of a baby boy born Friday, April 8. He weighed eight pounds, 14 ½ ounces.

Fifty Years Ago April 25, 1968

Parents of children who will be starting first grade in the Oklee school this coming September, and all others interested in pre-school pro-

grams are invited to a "Head Start" meeting.

Stock car racing drivers and fans from a four-county area are invited to take part in a meeting in Oklee on April 26th. Membership in the new association are to operate as a non-profit race track on a 40 acre tract of land outside of Oklee.

A neighborhood bridal shower was held last Tuesday evening in honor of Arlene Lundeen and Richard Froiland at the home of Mrs. Gordon Hofius.

Debbie Rea, 11, Cindy Lea, 9, and Lloyd Lyle, 5, children of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle C. Williams of Oklee were pictured in the Citizens of Tomorrow column.

Forty Years Ago April 27, 1978

A Dance-A-Thon for Cystic Fibrosis will be held at the Oklee High School Gym on May 18th.

Jerry Gerardy and Jerry Freitag are both running as incumbents for the Plummer School Board. Also on the ballot this year are Vern Cote and James Joke.

Plummer Public Schools will be holding its annual "Spring Round Up this Tuesday for all children who will be five on or before August 31st.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Larson attended a birthday party held in honor of Mrs. Olga Rose Sunday afternoon at Hillcrest Nursing Home in Red Lake Falls.

Named to the NDSU Winter Dean's List was David Vigstol of Plummer.

Thirty Years Ago April 27, 1988

Earl and Bergit Swenson will be celebrating their 35 years in business this week and have planned an open house.

Connie Dugstad, Oklee's sixth grade teacher, has been selected as Oklee's Teacher of the Year and is now eligible to be considered for the 1988 Minnesota's Teacher of the Year.

Wallace Nelson was pleasantly surprised on Sunday the 17th to help him celebrate his birthday, with a potluck supper.

The Hollyhocks Homemaker Club is celebrating its 40th year anniversary this year as being a part of the Red Lake County Homemakers.

Twenty Years Ago April 22, 1998

Representing Boys State for Pershing High School in Plummer is Steve McMullen of rural Plummer and Michael Mages of Red Lake Falls, has been selected as alternate.

Red Lake County Soil & Water Conservation District held their annual banquet and Greg and Deb Wahlen from Oklee were awarded Red Lake County's Outstanding Conservationist this year.

Wavell Sorenson had a surprise phone call on Friday afternoon from a childhood friend who now lives in Minneapolis.

Ten Years Ago April 23, 2008

The Plummer Lions Club presented Red Lake County Central Elementary School with a check for \$7,000 for a new RLCC Elementary/Community basketball court.

Corey Olson, a junior at Concordia College, Moorhead was a member of the cast "The Night of the Iguana", a Tennessee Williams play.

Lifetime membership plaques were given to Jean Matt and Howard LaFayette at the annual Tri River Pioneer meeting.

Arlen Brekke Retires From Red Lake County Central High School

By Erin Jones

April 19, 2018 was Arlen Brekke's last day unlocking the school doors, sweeping and mopping, and checking the boiler room plus his many other custodial duties at Red Lake County Central High School in Oklee.

Brekke started working at Oklee High School as a custodian during the spring of 1993. He also had worked part-time in 1992. He took some time off for a few months for another job. Brekke couldn't remember when he came back to the school, but he remembered over ten of the custodians he had worked with in the past. This included Elmer Hanson, Ambrose Bergeron, LeRoy Hruby, Gin Berns, Ivy Hahn, Carol Bright, Joyce Paquin, Selmer Christianson, Jeff Matson, Lori Voeltz, Patty Hallock, Bruce Landmann, and some students that had worked during the summer.

In 1996, Brekke had taken over the role of head custodian. Some of the work that he is required to do includes maintenance custodial work and engineering for the high school's boiler room. Brekke then mentioned that since he was the only one in the school that had a license to work with the school's boiler, only he could work on those jobs.

Brekke arrived at the school every day at 5:30 a.m. After a full day's work, he left the school at 2:30 p.m. Brekke had previously worked evenings, and the latest time that Brekke and another janitor had left the school was 3:00 in the morning, only to come back to work a couple of hours later.

When he was asked about how the heating system had changed over the years, he said that there wasn't much of a change. As for other changes that have occurred at the school, Brekke mentioned that



Arlen Brekke was recognized at his retirement party for his many years as a custodian at RLCC High School.

he watched the students grow up and the staff come and go.

Even though Brekke has worked at RLCC for many years, he has said that there weren't really any problems that he dealt with, "just normal stuff." However, he joked that Marlin should quit dropping kids off at school! In addition, Brekke also said that one of tasks he wouldn't miss was shoveling snow.

One of the highlights of working at the school was working with the staff. One of humorous happenings that Brekke was a part of was a prank that he pulled on April

Fool's Day last year. He had switched the handle of staff refrigerator from one side to the other. That same day, the staff reached for the handle, only to find that it was on the opposite side of the fridge door.

After retirement, Brekke plans to "wake up with nothing to do and take all day to do it."

Brekke enjoys playing instruments such as the fiddle, hunting and fishing, small grain farming with his sons and tending to his cattle.

Happy Retirement, Arlen, and many thanks from everyone at RLCC for all your work and dedication to the RLCC School!

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

I have so much to be thankful for. I can see ground in my yard once again. Oh, there are a few piles of dirt snow but generally the snow is pretty much gone. The dirt snow will take a while because the sun can penetrate only so far down into the dirt before it melts the snow. The tulips are coming up, a little late this year but so is everything else. They are not anywhere near blooming yet though. I remember last year they just barely opened then dried out really fast because they were so thirsty. It was too dry last year, and looks to be that way again now.

Last week I held back the Red Hats gathering we had at the Sno-Sled Inn at Gentilly. We had a few guests along this time and it was refreshing to see them. Joyce Rock (the mother of our Red Hat group) came too and she had a grand old time enjoying the girls. Renae Fallon, Bunny DuChamp, Anna DeHate, Wilma Arlt, Alice Jobe, Mary Schindler, Barb Novak, Karen Tvedt, Joyce Rock, Anne Traxler, Arlene Froiland, Jeanine Pahlen,

Mickey Duden all joined in eating the Wednesday Tacos and different types of tacos. As well as Pig Wings, which were delicious by the way. The quarter pot was won by Karen Tvedt, and the door prize was won by Alice Jobe. The next meeting will be held at Biffs Kitchen on Wednesday May 9th, and I was able to let Jean Carpenter know so she can attend with all of us once again.

On Saturday Cindy and Del Determan went to the wedding of Miranda Lill and Luke Dillman. The wedding was held at St. Joseph in Brooks, and the reception was held at the Brooks Community center. Miranda's uncle presided at the wedding. Congratulations to the happy couple.

One great Daddy in Brooks took his daughters out to watch the meteor shower on Saturday. Now how do you do that? Well, you get blankets and quilts and pillows and lay on the ground to watch the stars. Everybody lays on the blankets and looks for meteors

to fall. Jess Determan took Emma, Elizabeth and Mikayla out for this treat. He reports that it was not really a shower, more like a few fallen stars. But great memories of kids and Dad time.

Dianne Gagner Cindy Determan, and Pam Paradis went to the recital of Pearl LaCoursierre, that was held in Thief River Falls on Sunday afternoon. Once again Pearl was the star of the show and she displayed great talent on the piano. The ladies were all impressed by her musical knowledge and aplomb. Congratulations to you, Pearl.

Jerome and Barb Novak went to Warroad on Friday, to see their grand daughter Daphne at her Ballet recital in Roseau. They were able to visit shortly with Becky who also came to the recital, and to help Daphne celebrate her birthday.

Take a bit of time off for family and for the kids. Memories of family are the stuffing of life. So important. See you next week.



Arlen Brekke with his family at his retirement party. Deb and Arlen with their four sons: Kelly, Kevin, Alex and Troy; plus granddaughter and daughter-in-law Patti.

Plummer News

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JayLee Gagner celebrated her 4th birthday on Saturday at the waterpark. She is the daughter of Derek and Racheal Gagner of Plummer.

Joyce Morinville celebrated her 60th birthday on Friday the 13th at the Cozy in Brooks. Jerry Freitag and Chuch Simpson were there.

The school Dance Recital was held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at RLCC Elementary in Plummer. There was a great turnout.

Last weekend Jean Carpenter's granddaughter, Andrea and husband Rod Aders of Idaho Falls, Idaho came for a visit. They visited Jean at Thief River. Then on Monday, they had lunch at Judy and Jim Kelley's. Russ Carpenter also came. It had been several years since Andrea had been here.

On Tuesday, the 19th, Roger and Lynn Gallant went to Killdeer, ND to visit Jenny and Logan Wallace and children.

Also, on Thursday, Plummer Senior Citizens met at the community Hall. Vi Bruggeman was a guest. They had a delicious potluck lunch. RSVP Wellness sheets were passed out by Glenyce. They voted on a Scholarship. There were thirteen applications. Board of Aging will put on a program for Senior Day at the fair in Oklee.

Bunny and Clayton won the \$2.00 drawings.

The weather is getting just beautiful. Wednesday it was 60 degrees.

On Monday I saw the robins for the first time. They picked a good time to come back. The grass is greening up nice and the last of the snow is going. Tuesday I saw either sand hill cranes or swans fly on over Plummer. I was inside so couldn't hear them calling. They were white anyways.

Anytime, one could start yard work. Sticks to pick up.

And other junk that has blown in. It'll be a while before we cut.

We were sure lucky we missed the storm southern Minnesota, Iowa, and Wisconsin got. One town near the Iowa border had the power off for 809 hours. That's a long time.

Just remember a news item. The D & K Corner Bar had a new roof put on. It's steel and is sort of brick rusty red look. It looks really nice. It's being done by Anderson Construction.

I hope you all have a good week.

Who's Dat?



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This weeks photo is of one of Oklee High Schools graduation classes. Do you know which one?

Last weeks photo was of Trini (Lambert) Cyr and Brian Cyr on their prom date in 1987.

Everyone has a photo or two that would be great for this column. Please share them with our readers as it is one of most popular columns of the Oklee Herald.

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