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A Final Curtain Call for Michael Swenson, RLCC's Theater Director

By: Aiydin Lancto
This year is Mr. Michael Swenson's last year teaching at Red Lake County Central High School and he recently put on his last play, "Something's Afoot." His first involvement in theater began when he was in 4-H. Swenson commented that he was "shanghaied to be in a skit for Share the Fun when I was in eighth grade." His only other experience was at Northland Community College in a play entitled "Rhinoceros" by Eugene Ionesco where he had seven lines.

Swenson became a theater director when he began teaching in Oklee when he was assigned the junior and senior class plays. He has been directing One-Act plays for 43 years, Three-Act plays for 38 years, Musicals for eight years, Adult Summer Theater for five years, and Sunday Christmas Programs for five years.

Swenson also directed Children's Theater for 35 years. "I remember when my son was in Prairie Theater. They had students do a play in a week. I knew there had to be a better way so I created the Oklee Community Children's Theater and the students were the stars. They created the character, helped in the sets, lighting, and special effects. They became the stars."

He stressed the pressure placed on actors when he said, "This is the only activity that you must totally depend on the other actors on stage. If someone misses a line, another can cover the line. There is no lonelier or scarier feeling than

being on stage with an audience looking at your every move and you have forgotten your line. Panic is a true understatement. One learns to use one's emotions for the performance."

To decide what play he will present, Swenson starts out by looking at who will be trying out and figuring out the chemistry between the actors. He then has to see who fits the characters role. When they begin rehearsals, sometimes they have to change the either the character's gender or someone has to play as the opposite gen-



Michael Swenson closed the curtains for the last time, ending his 43 year career as theater director at RLCC.

der. He has also had to rewrite parts or sections of the play to fit new situations.

Besides selecting a cast and practicing, the set design and costume selection process had to take place. The script gave some ideas "but the stage and my equipment, lumber, walls helps to create the imaginary world I ask people to enter. My students helped build, decorate, and design the sets. Their ideas are just as important as mine." RLCC shop classes have also helped build the sets.

Weeks go into designing the set, finding props, planning lighting, sound effects, and curtain cues. They then have to find costumes from Cahoots Costumes in Crookston and go through dress rehearsal and planning makeup. Once the play is over they have to take down the set, put everything away, and return the costumes.

Swenson also has to train other students to run special effects and back stage management. Advertising, and making posters and setting them up in different towns had to be done. He advertised by writing articles for the newspaper, radio stations, Facebook, and the school bulletin too.

Some years more students are interested in being in a play than there are parts. If it was children's theater, Swenson would have different people play the same roles in different parts. In One Act and Three Act there is already a limit on numbers, so Swenson finds the people that would best fit the parts. Swenson also has students be involved as assistant director or stage manager. If too few people sign up, he would have to "scrounge for people or

consolidate and rewrite parts."

Swenson has put on a variety of plays including "Something's Afoot," "Bye! Bye! Birdie," "Arsenic and Old Lace," "Beauty and the Beast," and dozens more. The most challenging production Swenson has put on has been "Something's Afoot" with the special effects, timing, and music along with how long it has taken to perfect it.

Different plays take different amounts of time to be ready to perform. Three Act and One Act plays each take 200 hours, children's plays take 125 hours, and for "Something's Afoot" they put in over 300 hours.

Swenson said, "The most exciting aspect of being involved in theater is the unknown, what happens when things go wrong on stage," including forgetting lines and when props don't work. "I had one production where the walls of the set were knocked down. When the curtain opens is when I am powerless. Whatever happens, will."

Another challenge of working with theater is dealing with the schedules of the actors. Swenson also commented that, "Sports and theater don't mix" because both use the gymnasium for practice. "I must have quiet to hear and direct the show and run dress rehearsal."

Swenson said his best memory was "My students this year had asked I do a musical. I have had this group since they were 7-8. Jade Person, Hannah Kolstoe, Sydney Melby, and Jayden Fore have been so involved in theater. My best memories have to be with this last show. But to take the written word and visualize a play end product and work to that goal has been so much fun. I always have told my students



Six RLCC seniors in their final play this year, a musical Something's Afoot included (back) David Clifton, Sydney Melby, Nick Pahlen, (front) Hannah Kolstoe, Jade Person, and Kara Longtin with their director Michael Swenson. Many of these seniors have been involved in theater for many years.

that words are alive, and their job was to bring the author's words and characters to life."

Theater benefits the students. "It has helped introverted students blossom into confident young men and women." Skills learned in theater can be used for the rest of their lives. These skills can be used in any job situation, and with these skills a person can use their fears for their benefit.

Swenson shared an example. He received a letter from a former student, Sheryl White, who made a presentation to hundreds of nurses and was

asked how she could have done so well. In her letter she said, "I remember my high school drama director that saw something in a shy eighth grader and convinced me that I had potential on stage. I tried it and I loved theater. I learned to use my fears for a presentation and how to control that fear of stage fright. Thank you, Mr. Swenson."

He commented, "Theater brings out the hidden talents possessed by everyone. I have told my students so often, if you try theater, there is a feeling that you get on stage that you

will not find anywhere else in life. That is why my students come back year after year."

Swenson's final remark was, "I love theater and I loved working with all of my actors. I truly will miss this. The frantic times, the pressure, the insanity, and the incredible fun and laughs. Goodbye."

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Swenson for providing the opportunity for hundreds of students to experience the joys of bringing stories to life while performing on the stage at RLCC.

Calendar of Events

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.
Sat, May 12:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!
Sun, May 13:
-Worship at the church of your choice.
Mon, May 14:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
Tue, May 15:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards
Wed, May 16:
-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 17:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
Fri, May 18:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
Sat, May 19:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!



The cast of Jack and the Magic Bean by Vera Morris - Children's Theater from 2005 which Mike Swenson directed. Front row: Amanda Paradis, Sydney Melby, Anya Eyman, Spencer Paradis, Elena Snigarev, Matthew Lundeen, Michelle Sundquist. Back row is Michelle Soto, Stephanie Smith, Marie Briggs, Andrew Lundeen, Jeannette Soto, Amy Paquin, Alexis Hanson, Becky Cote, Austin Parenteau.



Any Number Can Die was one of the other plays Mike Swenson directed. The cast included - Back row: Alex Hamrum, Andy Swenson (Mike's son), ?????, Chris Hamm, and Corey Olson. Front row: Andrea Paquin, Angela Paquin, Kayla Hamm, ????, ????, Riley Hemly and Becky Cote

Plummer Area Sportsman's Club held a Fish Fry



Pictured are back row, Rod Duden, Jim DuChamp, Charles Simpson, Brent Hemly, front Tom Braaten, Tony Gerardy, Jodie Duden, Rep Collin Peterson.

The Plummer Area Sportsman's Club recently held a fish fry at their club house. Representative Collin Peterson was on hand to take a photo with the board of directors.

About 70 members attended. Upcoming events include on 4-28: PTC Class, on May 5th, Youth Fire Arm Safety Class and Sporting Clays on May 6th.



Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH

Zion and Salem
Interim SAM Christy Klemz

Wed, May 2: 6:00 p.m.
Chime Choir. 7:00 p.m. Confirmation.

Sun, May 6: Joint Service at Salem – potluck to follow.

Tue, May 8: 7:00 p.m. Parish Board meeting at Zion.

Wed, May 9: 7:00 p.m. WELCA Bible Study.

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OKLEE, GRYGLA & GOODRIDGE

Fr. Adam Hammess

Sun, May 6: 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, May 5: 5:30 p.m. RLF
Sun, May 6: 8:00 a.m. Brooks. 10:00 a.m. RLF.

IMMANUEL–EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA

Pastor Jonathan Dodson

Sun, May 6: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Immanuel. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA

Bethany–Ekelund–Faith

Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Wed, May 2: 6:00 p.m. Faith WELCA.

Sun, May 6: 8:00 a.m. Faith Council meeting. 8:30 a.m. Faith, 8:45 a.m. Bethany, 11:00 p.m. Ekelund. Noon – Ekelund Council meeting.

Mon, May 7: 1:30 p.m. Ekelund Ladies at Greenwood Terrace.

Tue, May 8: 6:00 p.m. Shalom Circle.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

May 7 - 11

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: Hamburger on a bun, broccoli cheese soup, and dessert.

Tuesday: Baked ham, parsley buttered potatoes, carrots, and dessert.

Wednesday: Cordon blue, hash browns, medley vegetables, and dessert.

Thursday: BBQ on bun, tater tots, mixed vegetables, and dessert.

Friday: Baked chicken, macaroni salad, peas & toast, and dessert.

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:

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)

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH

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

Wed, May 2: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School/Confirmation. 7:00 p.m. LYS meeting.

Sat, May 5: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.

Sun, May 6: 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. Honor Graduates – meal after service.

Wed, May 9: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School/Confirmation.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH

Josiah Hoagland, Pastor

Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor

www.newjourneyfosston.com

Wed, May 2: 6:30 p.m. Awana. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

Sun, May 6: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:40 p.m. Sunday School.

Tue, May 8: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study. 10:30 a.m. Quilting. 6:30 p.m. Bible Study.

Wed, May 9: 6:30 p.m. Awana. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH

Bethany * Lund

Sand Valley

Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister

Wed, May 2: 5:00 p.m. Parish Board meeting at Lund. 6:15 p.m. 7th & 8th Grade confirmation.

Sun, May 6: 9:00 p.m. Lund. 10:30 a.m. Bethany.

Wed, May 9: 2:00 p.m. Lund WELCA. 6:15 p.m. 7th & 8th grade confirmation at Lund..

BETHEL ASSEMBLY

Fosston

Seth Johnson,

Interim Pastor

Sun, May 6: 9:30 a.m. SS. 10:30 a.m. Worship.



Cornerstone Veterinary Service will be offering Spring Vaccinations for your Dog and Cat in Oklee at the Fire Hall on May 9, 2018 from 6:00pm to 7:00pm.

Please bring your pet on a leash or in a kennel and bring any records you may have. Bravecto, Nexgard, Frontline and Heartgard will be available at a much reduced price.

Once more the City of Oklee will be offering Free Pet Licenses to City residents who take advantage of Cornerstone Veterinary Services.

We want our pets Healthy

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City of Oklee Notice

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

05-6C



Thank You

I would like to thank you all who attended my party.

It was wonderful to see you all. Thanks also for all the great cards and gifts. Special thanks to my family that put on this wonderful party for me.

Wallace Nelson 06P

Am. Legion Auxiliary Meeting May 8th

The American Legion Auxiliary Frank Lund Unit 159 will meet for their annual luncheon and election of officers on Tuesday, May 8 at 11:30 am at the Oklee Cafe.



4-H State Project Bowl Team (left to right) Hailey Hanson (Red Lake County), Brianne Ellison (Pennington County), Blaine Torstveit (Pennington County), and Rylan Torstveit (Pennington County).

4-H Project Bowl Team

On April 7th the Pennington/Red Lake County 4-H Poultry Project Bowl Team competed at the State contest held in Sauk Rapids. The Junior Poultry team which consisted of Blaine Torstveit, Rylan Torstveit and Brianne Ellison of Pennington County and Hailey Hanson of Red Lake County took second place. The Pennington/Red Lake junior team lost their third match of the day in overtime against the eventual Champions Wright County. The Pennington/Red Lake team came out of the loser bracket and defeated Wright County, so each team then had

one loss which forced a second match in the championship round. Pennington/Red Lake lost the second match against Wright County.



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.

Throughout the month of May the Red Lake Falls Library will display spring-themed quilts made by members of the Snip 'N Stich quilting group. Included in this show are several quilts designed by the ECFE/School Readiness kids and assembled by Snip 'N Stich, and which will be given away by raffle drawing on May 15 as part of ECFE Family Night at the library. Stop in during May to see the beautiful quilts, and do an informal "vote" for your favorite!

Plans are underway for the summer reading program which begins on June 1 and has as its theme "Reading Takes You Everywhere." Young readers through age 18 are invited to participate; students in RLF and Plummer elementary schools will receive informational flyers in mid-May with program details.

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. 05-6C

Sports Booster Donations

By: Aiydin Lancto
Red Lake County Central Sports Boosters have made generous contributions to help purchase or defray the costs of additional items at the elementary in Plummer and high school in Oklee. The contributions totaled \$6718.20.

One item they helped fund was the upgrade from metal folding chairs to black metal padded chairs including the Mustang/Rebel logos. These chairs are used for home games in Plummer as well as other special occasions.

The Sports Booster also contributed toward the cost of track plaques. A \$1000 donation will go toward a new multipurpose press that will replace the old universal machine, a new hip sled, and

flooring to complete the flooring in the weight room in Oklee. Another \$1000 is designated to the purchase of basketball shooting machines in both Plummer and Oklee.

The theater department usually puts on a three act play in the spring, but this year they chose to put on a musical which is more costly. The Sports Boosters' \$1000 donation went to help defray the cost of the theater's musical "Something's Afoot" that was held on April 13, 14, and 15.

RLCC is very appreciative of the Sports Boosters support of the schools and would like to thank them for the upgrade of the wrestling room and the chairs along with the support of the theater group and the sports teams.

RLCC ECFE Upcoming Events

By Sophia Linder

The Red Lake County Central Early Childhood Family Education program has a few upcoming events in May at the Plummer or Oklee sites. Family classes are for children from birth to 5 years old and their parents or other adult. Grandparents are also welcome. Classes usually are held on Thursday evenings either at the Oklee site preschool, the Plummer site preschool or the Brooks Community Center.

Thursday, May 3rd the Infant and Toddler class will be at Oklee from 6-7 pm. The class will be Class #7 "Water Play." Soup and bread will be served before the kids start. They will be having fun with bubbles, squirt bottles, and more.

Kindergarten Round Up will be Monday, May 7th from 6:30-7:30 pm in Plummer. Kindergarten Round Up will be for

all kids starting Kindergarten in the fall of 2018. That evening children and parents will be given a chance to see the school and meet with the Kindergarten teachers. Kids will have some time to work with the teachers. Parents will meet with Mr. Fougner and other teachers. If the weather is nice they will spend some time on the playground. Reading Corps will provide books to be given away at this evening class.

Big Wheels Night will be from 6-7 pm Thursday, May 17th in Oklee. Come and join the fun for the last ECFE class for the year. They are planning on having a lot of BIG items for you to come and explore like a floater, tractor, fire truck, police car, ambulance, and many more. Bring your whole family.

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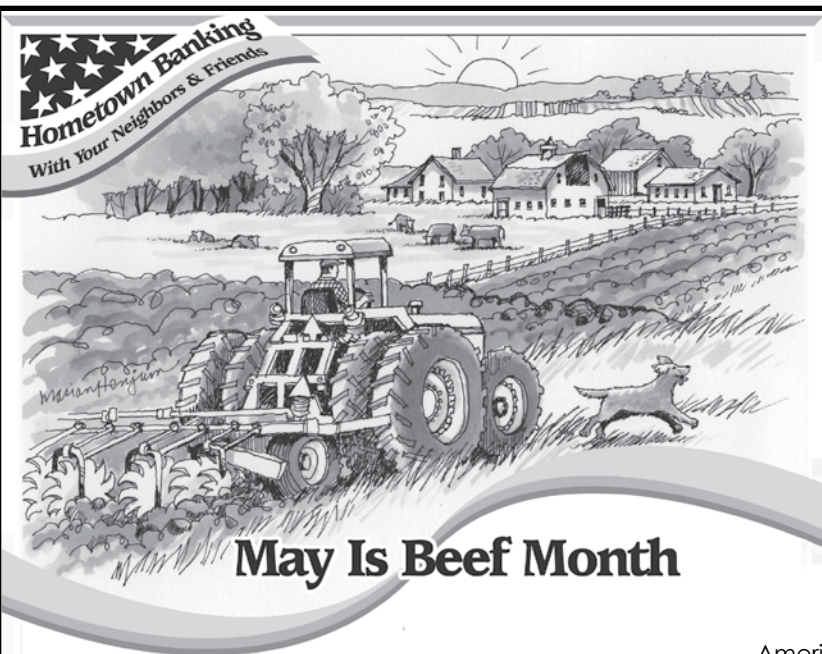
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2018 Awards Day is May 9

By Sophia Linder

The Red Lake County Central High School Awards Day will be held on Wednesday, May 9th in the gym. It will start at 1 p.m. and the public is invited to attend. Seniors will be introduced along with their future plans, and recipients of local scholarships will be announced. It will also include perfect attendance awards, academic letters, Student Senate, speech, drama, Knowledge Bowl, music, and more.

RLCC Menus

May 7 - 11 Oklee

Monday: Breakfast: Ham & cheese croissant, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Pulled pork or BBQ chicken, baked beans, chips, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Muffins, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** corn dogs, macaroni & cheese, vegetable, fruit, and milk.

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

Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Taco in a bag or soft shell, refried beans, Spanish rice, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken hotdish, breadsticks, spring cheese, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Plummer

Monday: Breakfast: Muffins, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, baked potato, broccoli Normandy, fruit, bread, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Cook's Choice, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Lasagna, salad, fruit, cornbread, Go-Gurt, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Breakfast Scramble pizza, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, vegetable, tea roll, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Yogurt parfaits, Nutri-grain bar, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Corndog, salad bar, fruit, PB sandwich, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Pork riblet w/bun, Sun Chips, baked beans, fruit, and milk.



RLC Rebels Track & Field Varsity

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, 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, May 2, 2018



RLCC Student Senate at the Student Senate State Conference: Erin Jones, Jayden Fore, Sydney Melby, Kathryn Kruta from Thief River Falls, Advisor Mr. Randy Huie, Jenna Pahlen, Calyssa Eskeli, and Lily Guillemette.

Student Senate State Conference

By Jenna Pahlen
Six members of the Red Lake County Central Student Senate attended the State Conference April 7-9 at Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City Public School in Grove City. Advisor Mr. Randy Huie, Sydney Melby, Erin Jones, Jayden Fore, Jenna Pahlen, Calyssa Eskeli, and Lily Guillemette attended the conference. The

group left Saturday morning from Oklee at 7:00 a.m. They arrived at ACGC at 11:00 a.m. They started off their meeting with guest speaker, Keith Hawkins. Hawkins got students involved with others right away. He mainly talked about leadership, roles leaders have, and ways students are able to help out others.

The Northwest Division

met to learn the Division chant and talk about upcoming events. They met back in the Theater with the other divisions and split again for Round Tables. Each Round Table had their own topic to talk about. After Round Tables, the students loaded back on buses to eat dinner at the Atwater Community Center. They returned back

to the ACGC School where they played knockerball ball and attended a dance. At 9:00 p.m. they joined in the division tournaments. They played skiing and dodgeball, and NWD took fourth place! After returning to the hotels in Willmar at 10:30 p.m., they swam and slept.

The RLCC students returned to the ACGC School the

next morning. They were met by guest speaker Jerrid Sebesta. He talked about financial advice. He informed the students about financial care and said, "It's good to give."

Next, the group listened to the candidates who were running for state positions: president, vice president, and secretary. The entire group then worked on their State Service Project: Food For Kidz. All the divisions packed a total of 45,000 meals for kids worldwide. RLCC Student Senate took one box home for the Backpack Program in Plummer. Their final guest speaker was Scott Kulstad from Fairview Hospital who talked about the opioid problem in the U.S. This helped bring debate between students and sharing of ideas and thoughts about the opioid problem.

All students attended the final Big Idea session of the conference. They picked a topic they wanted to be better informed on and learned from it. Students returned back to their hotels in Willmar to get ready for the State Conference Banquet. They voted for president, vice president, and secretary. They also had a great meal and joined in another dance. At 10:00 p.m. they returned to the hotel where they ordered Dominos and slept.

The next and final morning, they returned to the ACGC School to reveal the winning officer and meet the new state board. They also watched a highlight video of the conference and a video of next year's state hosts. They left for home at 11:00 a.m.

March Students of the Month

By Chris Nelson, Adrienne Jones and Sophia Linder

Every month at Red Lake County Central two students are rewarded with the Student of the Month Award. These students work hard in the classroom and even help others. The award is given to a junior high student and a senior high student. For March, the junior high Student of the Month was Janae Olson nominated by Mr. Michael Swenson. The senior high Student of the Month was Phillip Sorenson nominated by Mrs. Bobbi Aakhus.

The Senior High Student of the Month for March was Phillip Sorenson. One of the teachers, Mrs. Aakhus, was proud to award Sorenson with this honor, not forgetting to mention all of the sports that Sorenson is in including football and baseball. His participation in speech made him known as the "bodyguard of speech," and his multimedia broadcasting was a big help during the winter sports season.

Sorenson is in 11th grade and is 17. His parents are Marlan and Lisa Sorenson, and his siblings are Brendon, Michaela, and Wyatt Casavan. In school, he's involved in football, speech, broadcasting, choir, baseball, and Knowledge Bowl. Sorenson has a variety of things that he enjoys doing, depending on his free time.

The RLCC Junior High Student of the Month for March was Janae Olson. She was nominated by Mr. Michael Swenson who said, "Janae is an excellent student who does her very best in everything that she does. She has an excellent voice when she sings for the choir and the ensemble contest." Olson, a ninth grader, is involved in volleyball, band, choir, and she is the secretary of the freshman class. Her parents are Dale and Sarah Olson. She enjoys hanging out with friends in her free time.



RLCC March Students of the Month Janae Olson and Phillip Sorenson (Center) were nominated by (Left) Mr. Mike Swenson (Right) Mrs. Bobbi Aakhus.

SADDs Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Fundraiser



Mrs. Penni Nelson's second grade class was the winner of the SADDs Pennies for Patients contest and will receive a pizza party prize!

By Adrienne Jones

The Red Lake County Central High School SADDs group sponsored a contest at the RLCC Elementary School that ended on Tuesday, April 10. The fundraiser, Pennies for Patients, was put on to raise

money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society kids and teens.

Over 12,000 children will be diagnosed with cancer in 2017, and while progress has been made over many years, there is still room for improvement.

Promoting awareness will aid in investing into cancer research to find cures. Students can benefit from fundraising for Pennies for Patients in several ways, some being the firsthand involvements that

make a difference in others' lives, and learning service to others, leadership, and building character.

The contest ran from April 3-9th, and the students from second grade in Mrs. Penni

Nelson's class raised the most money, \$141.71, and earned a pizza party for their accomplishments. In total, K-6 grade raised \$955.10, and all of the proceeds went out to help those with leukemia or lymphoma.

Lily Guillemette places fourth at the State Speech Contest



Lily Guillemette outside the State Speech Tournament, competed with her suicide awareness piece in poetry.

By Holly Johnsrud

Lily Guillemette from Red Lake County Central placed fourth place at the State Speech Tournament in the poetry category. It was held on Saturday, April 21 starting at 10:30 am at Apple Valley. She made it into the finals. She was fourth out of 24 competitors in poetry. The name of her piece “For Yvette” was composed of two poems, “The Nutritionist” by Andrea Gibson and “The Future” by Neil Hilburn.

This is her second year going to State Speech Competition. Last year in the poetry category, Guillemette placed 10th. RLC’s speech coaches are Ms. Jessie Hamrum and Mrs. Bobbi Aakhus.

Congratulations, Lily!



RLC speech team member Lily Guillemette with her fourth place medal in poetry from the State Speech Tournament.

Mustangs lose to Gators

By Derek Peterson

The Red Lake County Central Mustangs traveled to Greenbush to take on the Badger-Greenbush-Middle River Gators in softball on Thursday, April 19th. They lost by a score of 1-15.

For the Mustangs, Sidney Olson went 1-for-2 with one RBI and Calyssa Eskeli went 1-for-1. Pitching for the Mustangs, Calyssa Eskeli threw 102 pitches in four innings pitched. She allowed 15 runs and struck out three batters.

The Gators highlights included Carly Mekash going 3-for-4 with four RBIs, Erika Howell went 4-for-4 with three RBIs and #35 was 2-for-3 and batted in two runners.

Oklee Community Education Swimming Lessons Offered

Swimming lessons will be offered through Community Education for children in the Oklee School District. There will be one session of 15 lessons offered at the Fosston School beginning June 4 and continues each weekday through June 22. Students will swim from 10:15 am to 12:00 pm. Busses will be leaving at 9:30 am from the school and will be back by 12:45 pm. This bus will pick up at Nelson and Mandy’s daycare in town.

Children who have completed Kindergarten are eligible to participate. If your child has had a bad experience with water or swimming please advise the school when you sign them up. The swimming instructors would like to be aware of these or any other problems your child may have during swimming lessons.

Lessons will cost \$35 per child with a \$90 family maximum. No child will be refused from this program because of financial difficulties. If you cannot afford the registration fee, contact Sandra Tougas at the Oklee site to make arrangements.

Please sign up at the Oklee site office and pay for your child’s swimming lessons by May 19 so bus assignments can be made.

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Red Lake County Central at Bagley

By Chris Longtin

The Red Lake County Central Mustangs softball team took on the Bagley Flyers on Tuesday, April 24. The Flyers came out strong to end the first inning 10-2. The Mustangs lost with an ending score of 20 runs to 9 runs.

Team highlights for the Mustangs: Billie Gryskiewicz was 3-for-3 batting with two runs and a RBI, Sidney Olson had two runs and a RBI, Jenna Pahlen had two hits with one run, a RBI and three steals, and Jayden Iverson also had one run and two steals.

For the Flyers: Faith Broten was 3-for-3 batting with three runs and five RBIs, McKinzie Halverson had three runs and two RBIs, Breanna Nelson with one run and two RBIs, Emiley Iverson had two runs and three RBIs, and Kara Bowman was 2-for-2 batting with four runs and three RBIs. Bowman also had two second base hits and Faith Broten had one.

Pitching for the Mustangs: Olson pitched two innings and threw five strikeouts. Calyssa Eskeli pitched two innings and threw two strikeouts.

Pitching for the Flyers: Cory Bonik pitched three innings and threw four strikeouts. Faith Broten pitched two innings and threw two strikeouts.



The Oklee Tuesday/Thursday preschool class celebrated Earth Day by cleaning up the school yard.



Oklee preschoolers also read stories on keeping our Earth clean, made recycled art projects, and planted flowers in their classroom!

RLCC Music

Night is May 9

Red Lake County Central High School will be hosting Music Night Wednesday, May 9th at 7:00 pm. It will be held in the Music Room in Oklee.

Music students who competed in this year’s vocal or instrumental competitions will be performing their selections. Music teacher Mrs. Patty Mickelson will be handing out music awards including medals and certificates that evening as well.

The public is invited to come and enjoy this evening of musical entertainment and awards.

Red Lake County falls to Ada

By Jenna Pahlen

The Red Lake County Rebels boys’ baseball team played Ada-Borup Cougars Monday, April 23 at Ada. The first inning, Ada scored two runs and Rebels scored none. The Rebels scored one run in innings two and three. The Rebels didn’t score again until the sixth inning with two runs. Ada scored three runs in the fourth, one in the fifth, and four in the sixth inning. The final score was 4-10 loss for Rebels.

The winning pitcher of the game was Miguel Garcia from Ada. Brandon Wiskow was the losing pitcher of the game from RLC.

Team highlights for the Rebels were Ben Cardinal batting 2-for-2 including a double and Adrien Verbout 2-for-3 also including a double. Highlights for Ada-Bourp were Drake Solseng batting 2-for-4 with three RBIs and a double; Miguel Garcia was 2-for-4 and two RBIs; and Luke Nelson 2-for-2.

RLC Baseball lose to BGMR

By: Hannah Riendeau

Red Lake County boys’ baseball team lost to Badger-Greenbush-Middle River on Tuesday, April 24 in Red Lake Falls. In the first inning the Rebels scored zero runs and Gator scored one run. In

the second inning RLC scored two runs and BGMR scored six runs. RLC and BGMR both scored one run in the third inning. The sixth inning Red Lake County scored two runs and Badger-Greenbush-Middle River scored one run. The Rebels lost 5-9.

For the Rebels Brandon Wiskow was two for four at bat. Nate Hofstad was three for four at bat.

For BGMR, Keegen Rustad was two for four at bat. Tyler Isane was two for four at bat and had two RBIs. Logan Anderson had three runs.

The winning pitcher was Kamrin Weets from BGMR. The losing pitcher was Ben Cardinal from RLC.

RLC Track and Field attend Quentin Jones Invitational Meet

By: David Clifton

The Red Lake County Rebels Track and Field Team competed at the Quentin Jones Invitational Meet on Monday, April 23rd. The girls’ team finished in fifth place and the boys’ team finished in seventh place.

Individual and relay results for the RLC girls’ team include the following:

- 100 Hurdles- 2nd place: MaKenzie Williams 17.67, and 3rd place: Megan LaCrosse 17.60
- 100 Meter- 3rd place: Zoe Russillo 13.23
- 4x200 Meter Relay- 6th place: Madison Derosier, Clara Girdler, Kjerstin Nelson, and Hollie Knott 2:03.01
- 4x100 Meter Relay- 2nd place: AJ Jones, Julia Bernstein, MaKenzie Williams, and Zoe Russillo 53.60
- 300 Hurdles- 2nd place: Megan LaCrosse 52.51, and 4th place: Madison Derosier 54.87
- 800 Meter- 6th place: Kjerstin Nelson 2:44.93
- 200 Meter- 6th place: Zoe Russillo 28.87
- High Jump- 2nd place: MaKenzie Williams 4’8”, and 6th place: Julia Bernstein 4’4”
- Long Jump- 6th place: Megan LaCrosse 13’8 ½”, and 8th place: Zoe Russillo 13’6”
- Triple Jump- 4th place: Megan LaCrosse 31’3”, and 7th

place: MaKenzie Williams 29’11”

Discus- 6th place: Madison Derosier 85’5”

Results for the boys’ team including the following individual and relay places:

- 110 Hurdles- 2nd place: Connor Lambert 18.05
- 300 Hurdles- 2nd place: Connor Lambert 46.93
- 800 Meter- 7th place: Blane Schmitz 2:28.30
- 3200 Meter- 7th place: Brock Tvedt 12:20.28
- 4x400 Meter Relay- 6th place: Jordan Kasproicz, Isiah Olson, Blane Schmitz, and Connor Lambert 4:18.42

RLC baseball hosts Northern Freeze

By Erin Jones

The Red Lake County varsity baseball team battled against the Northern Freeze in Red Lake Falls Thursday, April 26. RLC won the game with eight runs to the Freeze’s six runs. The Freeze gained the first run in the first inning. In the

second, they scored two runs. The third inning, both teams brought in one run. In the fifth inning, RLC scored four runs, taking the lead towards the end of the game. In the sixth inning, both teams brought in three runs each followed by no runs for the Freeze in the seventh inning.

The winning pitcher was Ben Cardinal, and the losing pitcher was Jared Haraldson. For the Reels, Derek Peterson pitched four innings, gave up three runs, and struck out seven batters. Ben Cardinal struck out four batters, gave up three runs, and pitched three innings.

From RLC, Ben Cardinal batted two for three. Nate Hofstad also hit two for three including a double and three RBIs. As for Hunter Schmitz, he went two for four including a double.

The Freeze’s Haraldson hit two for four with two RBIs. Jaacks Spild hit three for four. Walker Dembiczak batted two for three including two RBIs.



Senior’s Becky Cote, Jarren Magnell, and Ayla Erickson from “Arsenic and Old Lace” in 2009 standing with Director Mike Swenson.

RLCC Seniors



Name: Rosalie Christianson
Family Members: Sally Lundeen, Perry Lundeen, Hunter, Lillie, Hope, Harlen, Hogan, Haven Lundeen.
Favorite Movie: None.
Favorite song/band: Set it off.
Favorite Class: Art.
Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: None.
Favorite Teacher: Mrs. Aakhus.
Most important person(s) in your life: My friends.
Life has rules. What is your personal rule you plan on following in your life: To be savage or not to be savage.
Best memory from school: Being in class with my friends.
Your plans for the Future: Not sure.



Name: Bryce Bergerson
Family Members: Patti & Kent, Matthew
Favorite Movie: Walking Dead
Favorite song/band: Hood Go Crazy
Favorite Class: Math class because we are with Andrea
Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Wrestling
Favorite Teacher: Mr. Nelson
Most important person(s) in your life: Noah
Life has rules. What is your personal rule you plan on following in your life: My rule is there is no rules.
Best memory from school: Having fun in math class with Andrea.
Your plans for the Future: Graduate.



Name: Josh Kelley
Family Members: Mom, Dad and Sister
Favorite Movie: Twister.
Favorite song/band: This is my House.
Favorite Class: Gym.
Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Football.
Favorite Teacher: Mr. Huie.
Most important person(s) in your life: My parents.
Life has rules. What is your personal rule you plan on following in your life: Do things yourself.
Best memory from school: Getting Student of the Month.
Your plans for the Future: Being a NFL broadcaster and NFL analyst.



Name: Billie Jo Gryskiewicz
Family Members: Ryan Gryskiewicz, Angie Klasen, Andrew Gryskiewicz, Taylor Klasen.
Favorite Movie: The Minion movie.
Favorite song/band: The Weekend.
Favorite Class: Chemistry.
Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Softball.
Favorite Teacher: Mr. Strutz.
Most important person(s) in your life: Daphney Koralewski.
Life has rules. What is your personal rule you plan on following in your life: Keep moving forward, YOLO.
Best memory from school: Homecoming week.
Your plans for the Future: Workforce.



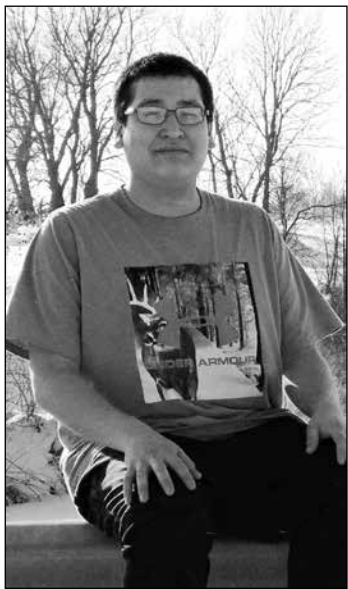
Name: Holly Johnsrud
Family Members: Roger Johnsrud, Denise Johnsrud, Jason Johnsrud, Brandon Johnsrud, Matt Johnsrud, and Shelly (Johnsrud) Kruchowski.
Favorite Movie: Pitch Perfect
Favorite song/band: Miranda Lambert
Favorite Class: Gym/PE
Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Basketball
Favorite Teacher: Mrs. Aakhus
Most important person(s) in your life: My best friend Rosie.
Life has rules. What is your personal rule you plan on following in your life: I have no rules.
Best memory from school: My friend David and I got married when we were little.
Your plans for the Future: Getting a job at Digi-Key or Walmart.



Name: David Clifton
Family Members: Linette (mom) and Jeff (dad).
Favorite Movie: Finding Dora
Favorite song/band: Meghan Trainor
Favorite Class: Yearbook.
Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Speech.
Favorite Teacher: Miss Hamrum.
Most important person(s) in your life: My cat.
Life has rules. What is your personal rule you plan on following in your life: Do your best and be your best.
Best memory from school: None.
Your plans for the Future: Go to NCTC for college.



Name: Erin Samantha Jones
Family Members: Nanette & Troy Austad, Meridian Broussard, Adrianne Jones, Lauren Jones.
Favorite Movie: Anything by Studio Ghibli
Favorite song/band: Anything that sounds chill
Favorite Class: Anything fun in my OCHS class.
Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Talent Show
Favorite Teacher: Mrs. Aahus.
Most important person(s) in your life: My mom.
Life has rules. What is your personal rule you plan on following in your life: Keep my head down, do my work, and don't let anyone tell me that I can't because I will.
Best memory from school: During the choir trip to the Chanhassen, when Phillip Sorenson kept threatening to use the bathroom on the bus.
Your plans for the Future: Work in the art field. I'm still deciding, but I might want to become a graphic designer. I would like to attend Northland or another college to receive my bachelors in the arts.



Name: Andrew May
Family Members: Austin May, Serenity May, Daniel May, Clinton May, Michelle May.
Favorite Movie: Shooter, Full Metal Jacket.
Favorite song/band: Red Hot Chili Peppers.
Favorite Class: Science of design.
Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Basketball, baseball.
Favorite Teacher: Mr. Nelson.
Most important person(s) in your life: Family.
Life has rules. What is your personal rule you plan on following in your life: Don't live by the rules.
Best memory from school: Playing basketball with the boys.
Your plans for the Future: Go to Alaska.



Name: Jayden Fore
Family Members: Leif & Dawn Fore – parents; Ezra Fore – brother.
Favorite Movie: 89 Blocks
Favorite song/band: "Everybody Wants to Rule the World" by Tears for Fears.
Favorite Class: 11th grade anatomy.
Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Softball – Speech.
Favorite Teacher: Teacher: Mr. Strutz – Coach: Kate or Wish.
Most important person(s) in your life: I don't pick favorites but the most important thing someone has told me is, "Jayden, if I were any closer to University Drive, my lips would be on the pavement!" – my mom.
Life has rules. What is your personal rule you plan on following in your life: Don't give people what they give you, give people what you need.
Best memory from school: When Mr. Huie's smart board would silently play Days of Our Lives while he was teaching.
Your plans for the Future: Attend North Dakota State University and major in Journalism.



Winnie the Pooh, was another of Mike Swenson's Children plays. Cast- Front row: Becky Cote, Michelle Soto, Amy Paquin, Nick Olson, Mcaulli Berns. Front: Matt Lundeen (laying), Andrew Lundeen, Amanda Paradis, Alexis Hanson, Maisie Lundeen, Stephanie Smith, Spencer Paradis.



Connor Lambert came in second with a time of 46.93 in the 300m Hurdles at the Quentin Jones Relays at the MEC in Thief River Falls on Monday, April 23. First was Gabe Gracza of Roseau with a time of 44.78 and Weston Bring, BFMR/Freeze, was third with a time of 48.74. Submitted by Alice Hofstad.



Derek Peterson gets caught in a rundown between First and Second. The ball ended up in center field and Derek stopped at third base, eventually scoring one of the Rebel's two runs. Submitted by Alice Hofstad.



Matt Vettleson dives back to first base as the Prowler's #11 Hunter Tabbatt waits for the pick-off throw. Submitted by Alice Hofstad.



Rebel baseball players line the dugout railing as their teammates take their turn at the plate. Rebels lost to the Prowlers 12-2 on April 27. Submitted by Alice Hofstad.

Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

I returned from my trip to California on Wednesday. Needless to say I had a very good time. The weather was beautiful with temperatures in the 70's. We were able to sit outside on the deck every day. Marisa and Medtodi and baby, Madeline Sophia came on Thursday and stayed until Monday so I had a great time getting to know the baby. The Torres family came on Friday, so it was a family reunion with Don coming on Sunday. Sophia was my grandmother's name.

It was great to come home and find the snow drifts had melted in front and back of my house. Maybe if I had gone earlier, we would have had better weather back here. It was very pleasant to see bare ground.

I did get to see Ariel when I arrived home. She left for Virginia the next morning. She had gone through a difficult time during the funeral.

I did a little raking on my lawn on Thursday. I had planned to continue on Friday, but the wind prevented getting much done. I did get the front yard half done.

This afternoon I attended the Senior Voice Recital of Sydney Melby at the Lutheran Church. It was an outstanding recital and she is an outstanding performer. There was a large crowd attending and everyone was treated to coffee and goodies after the performance. It was almost like being at a large City performance. You were outstanding, Sydney and

thank you for the recital.

Dates to Remember

May 13: Mother's Day
May 17: Sr. Site Council meets at 10:00 a.m. Bingo at 12:30 p.m.
May 18: Birthday Meal.

Words of Wisdom

Save your best for your spouse, no one deserve it more .

With a loved one's hand to hold, you can make it through a thicket of troubles.

Joke Time

Kenny, in his late fifties, noticed that senior citizens get free coffee at the local cafe. He asked, "How old do you have to be to be a senior citizen?"

The waiter looked at him for a few seconds and without saying a word, poured him a cup of coffee.

Mary said:

I'm never lonely because I have four men in my life...

I get up in the morning with Charlie Horse.

I spent the day with Arthur It is.

I dine with Will Power.

I go to bed every night with Ben Gay.



Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

Wind, wind go away. It seems that the wind gets worse every year. Once again I am trying to figure out how to tied stuff in my yard down so it doesn't blow away. I guess I will just have to keep chasing chairs and cat dishes.

Sadly we lost a neighbor this past week. Ron Freyholtz a neighbor and friend of everyone in the area died this past week. His funeral was on Saturday. Ronnie could be seen at benefits, and gatherings that were celebrations, fund raisers, and many other gatherings. He was known for his smile and happy disposition. Our sympathy goes out to the family and friends of Ron Freyholtz.

Joyce Morinville spent the weekend going to hockey tournaments for her grandchildren. Carter Huotari made two goals for the 4 to 2 win for his team on Saturday. She also attended on Sunday but the score was not in to me for publication. Congratulations to the kids playing in the tournament.

Pam Paradis had company over the weekend. Her sister and brother-in-law Peggy and Bob Orrock came to spend time with her and Pam's mother. They took Joyce Rock out for dinner in an early Mother's Day treat. Joyce Rock lives in Crookston at the Villa and enjoys going out to dinner whenever she can.

Lawrence Knott died last week and his funeral was on Tuesday. Jerome Novak went to the wake on Monday evening, and Barb Novak at-

tended the funeral. Lawrence was a member of the Pioneers Historical group in Plummer and was an attendee at St. Joseph's Church every Sunday. He enjoyed talking and his humor was well know for his hearty laugh. His absence at coffee and rolls after Mass leaves a big hole in the day for all of us. Our Sympathy to Sherry and his children in their great loss.

Visitors at the Clarence and Dianne Gagner home this weekend were Deb and Steve Stephan of Coon Rapids. They came to the Brooks area to visit with family and stayed at Clarence and Dianne's home on Saturday and Sunday nights. On Sunday evening Clarence and Dianne hosted dinner for Rolland and Nancy Gagner, Poncho and Char Gagner, and Steve and Deb Stephans. On Monday Deb and Steve went to Thief River Falls to visit with Catherine Hovet another aunt of the couple. Deb is the daughter of Angela Gagner Stone.

On Saturday evening Karen and Dick Delage and Dianne Gagner went to the retirement party of Julie and Tony Derosier. Julie retired from Garden Valley Telephone Co. and Tony retired from Paradis Trucking. They decided to retire at the same time so the party was held at the Deuce in Erskine. Congratulations to Julie and Tony on your retirement.

I notice some farmers are getting into the field and working soil. Some are even planting wheat now. It is dry right now so strike while the iron is hot. When it starts raining we could be deluged like many areas in the country already have experienced. Just saying.

Have a great week.

Official City of Oklee Minutes

City of Oklee Regular Council Meeting March 12th, 2018

Oklee Cafe - 6:00pm

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm
Roll Call: Mayor Burthwick, Melby, Genova and Munt, also present
Cross, Tougas, Sherriff Bernstein, Schmitz

February meeting minutes: Motion to accept by Munt and seconded by Melby, motion carried.

February Financials: Motion to accept February financials by Melby and seconded by Munt, motion carried.

February Bills: Motion to accept by Melby and seconded by Cyr, motion carried.

Gale Schmitz's charges have increased to \$700 per month for the next 2 years. Also mentioned, we need to have 10991s for both Shawn Erickson and John Klasen.

Sherriff's Report: Sherriff Bernstein reported that Bishops dogs had caused a problem, a citation had been handed out regarding the dogs, also a report on Skunk sightings. Disturbance at the bar, it is being dealt with. Other than that, pretty quiet.

Sanitary Services: Cal Eckstein informed the Council that the contract for trash/garbage is up for renewal, he will be adding, for one bag 25c per pickup, this will add 50 cents to the two bag pickups and 75 cents to three bag pick up. Dumpster charges will raise also to 13.50 a yard. The delivery charge for dumpsters will be \$25 for the first dumpster.

There was a discussion on the timing of renewing the contract, the Council have asked Eckstein and he has agreed, to do the garbage Contract in September, this would then enable us to work with the new figures at budget time, we pointed out that the City will have to soak up these raises as out budget is already set for this year.

Motion to accept the new Garbage contract by Melby and second-

ed by Cyr, motion carried.

Maintenance report: Tougas reported we had been hauling snow. Possible sewer pump problems in the future as moisture was found in the oil of one of the sewer pumps, this came to light when a new power cord was fitted to one of the pumps.

Look into cost of renewing the pump, maybe look into having a replacement pump on the shelf. Our pump servicing crew do usually have a spare ready to go if we needed one. Look into maybe placing pump replacement in the budget this year.

Melby mentioned that we should look into having an automatic door opener for the double doors on the east end of the City Buildings, get quotes to see how much it would cost.

Water tower quotes we are awaiting on.

Some concern on street lights pushing up out of the ground, investigate, LED inquiry with other Cities, speak with Kathy Schmitz in red lake falls on the new LED lights they have had installed.

Speak with WSN on tarring.

Curb stop problems at the bank has been fixed, we are investigating if insurance will cover the cost of the repair, and possible frost caused the problem.

Discussion on the Monthly Electric Bill and what we can possibly do to reduce it, it was decided to make sure the heating is turned down in the hall and to look at turning down or off the electric heater upstairs.

We had freezer failure in the Cafe, New freezer was purchased and is up and running. Genova asked if we had three quotes, Cross did say we had looked at numerous ones and went for slightly more powerful one in the hope it will last longer.

Motion to close the meeting by Cyr and seconded by Genova, motion carried.

Meeting closed at 7:10pm

Derek Cross

Mayor Burthwick

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

Rick and Arlene Froiland celebrated their 50th anniversary on Saturday, the 21st, at the Legion in the evening.

Many attended the funeral for Lawrence Knott of Red Lake Falls on Tuesday morning. The music was very nice and the mass was too. The church was packed. They served a very delicious lunch afterwards.

Queen Elizabeth celebrated her 92nd birthday last Saturday.

On April 23rd, Monday, Duchess Kate had their third child, a boy. Charlotte is three and George is almost five. No name for the baby yet as of Thursday.

On May 19th, Meghan Markle and Prince Harry will marry in London.

Earlier in the news a couple from Michigan had their 14th boy and was given the name Finley Sheboygan. Sheboygan is the city north of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Isn't that something?

There is a nightclub in Tokyo, Japan called "Little Texas". For \$20, you can drink, eat Tex-mex food. They also have a country band and you can line dance. It's very popular there. The couple that owned it spoke

exciting. The grass is slowly turning green, unless you've used fertilizer. There's plenty yard work to do.

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very good English. It was very interesting. Little Texas is also the name of a country band in the U.S.

By the time this gets in the paper it will be nice temperatures. It's only in the low 40's with a cold north wind. Last year on the 26th of April it snowed three and a half inches.

Have a good week!

Bonny's Bits...

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I have such a bad spring cold that I have been working from home most of last week. Sorry if you have been looking for me. Hopefully this week will be better for me and my health. I am so tired of being sick with sinus and chest congestion.

Love seeing the warmer temperatures coming to the area and I see rain is in the forecast for a couple of days. We do need the rain, just not a deluge. With a little rain the leaves on the trees will burst open, and everything will get a good wash down from the spring showers.

Mother Nature cleaning her home. Yeah!

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Who's Dat?



Who's Dat

This weeks photo is of a cute young lady celebrating her birthday.

Last weeks photo was of the graduating class 70 years ago. The Class of 1948. Top row (l to r): James Bachand, Vearl Nelson, Joe Baker, James Distad, Francis Bakken, Stanley Hofstad.

2nd row (l to r): Violet Rustan, Donald Tousignant, Wayne Stamm, Supt. Quist, Ken Opsahl, Alice Jensen.

3rd row (l to r): Edna Distad, Maryann Nistler.

4th row (l to r): Gerald Gibeau, Ambrose Miller, Percy Opsahl, Larry O'Neill, Arlo Rolandson, Beverly Birkeland.



OHS Class of '48

We've had great reunions, Our've had great reunions, cue;

Memories as sharp as ever,

No one has said WHO ARE YOU?

We reminisced together About the passing years; And for the dearly departed.

We shed our heartfelt tears.

For that last Grand Reunion

At a much later date, St. Peter will be waiting For the Class of '48.

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