

Oklee Precipitation
By Einar Kvasager

	Rain	Snow
June 2	0.06	
June 3	0.37	
June 4	Trace	
June 6	0.16	
Total in.	0.59	0.00

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...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

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Ms. Shelley Steva celebrated her retirement from RLCC High School with her family. (Left) Sara, Lee, Quinton, Ms. Shelley Steva, Erin, and Andy.

Sand Box Fill

The men's activity club is planning the summer sand box fill the evening of 6/15. Sign up at the bank cenex and grocery store.

Call 796-5679 or 218 -686-9640

Calendar of Events

Wed, June 13:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.

-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.

Thu, June 14:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.

Fri, June 15:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.

Sat, June 16:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!

Sun, June 17:
-Worship at the church of your choice.

Mon, June 18:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.

Tue, June 19:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards

Wed, June 20:
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-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.

-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.

Thu, June 21:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.

Fri, June 22:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.

Sat, June 23:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!

Sun, June 24:
-Worship at the church of your choice.

Mon, June 25:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.

Tue, June 26:
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards

Wed, June 27:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.

-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.

Thu, June 28:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.

Fri, June 29:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.

Sat, June 30:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!

Sun, July 1:
-Worship at the church of your choice.

Mon, July 2:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.

Tue, July 3:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards

Wed, July 4:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.

Plummer Memorial Day Service

Memorial Day 2018 was one of the nicest Memorial Days in recent memory. The sun shone beautifully and everyone was in shirt sleeves, wondering how to stay cool. The program handed out had a cover drawn by Treavor Van Dam, the 2018 Poppy Poster Winner. Plummer Post Commander Roy Holmes began the program. The color guard and rifle squad commanded by Chuck Simpson advanced the colors followed by the audience singing the National Anthem. Chaplain Les Hofstad gave the Invocation followed by Commander Holmes and Auxiliary member Alice Jobe placing the wreaths, a tribute to our fallen comrades in all our wars.

Sydney Melby and Jayden Fore each spoke of their experiences at Girls' State. Both mentioned that they learned so much about state government, about the Auxiliary, about honoring our veterans, and Americanism. What made Girls' State even more memorable were all the new friends they made that they still keep in touch. They were both a little scared at first, but that didn't last long as they had many activities both educational and fun to keep them busy. Jayden mentioned a very memorable experience for her was a service honoring all the Minnesota men and women who died in war. All the their names were read and a candle was carried across the stage. Both girls said Girls' State was an amazing opportunity that they'll never forget! Do apply if you get the chance!

Commander Holmes gave a short Memorial Day message honoring our soldiers. He mentioned the crosses near the platform. That started as an Eagle Scout Project 18 years

ago with then Boy Scout Matt Schmitz. They made a deal that whoever was left would carry on putting out the crosses. Little did he dream the Father Matt Schmitz would be the first to leave as duty to God relieved him of setting out the crosses.

Past Commander Clarence Gagner spoke about the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The Honor Guard marches 21 steps, equal to a 21 gun salute. The Guard is maintained 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year and has been continuous since 1931.

Next Chaplain Les Hofstad and Auxiliary member Alice Jobe read the names of the fallen comrades. Following the Benediction the Rifle Squad fired the 3 round Rifle Volley in honor of the departed. After retiring of the colors, the Honor Guard and audience regrouped by the river at the Creamery Bridge to pay tribute to those who died at sea. A lunch was served at the Legion Post following the program.



Plummer Legion Post Commander Roy Holmes, who presided over the program, gave the message for the day. "Let us remember not to forget." He also commended his fellow Legionnaires and Auxiliary members who put out over 250 flags on graves in five cemeteries.

RLCC Science Teacher Shelley Steva Retires

By Chris Longtin

Ms. Shelley Steva will be retiring from Red Lake County Central at the end of the 2018 season. She has been one of the science teachers at the high school in Oklee.

Ms. Steva attended the University of Iowa from 1970-1973, the University of Minnesota from 1973 to 1975 for her Bachelor of Science in Zoology, then to Bemidji State University from 1997-1998 for her Bachelor of Science degree in Science. She chose to teach because of her love for science and students.

She gained her student teaching experience at Oklee High School in 1998. Ms. Steva taught at Lincoln High School in Thief River Falls for one and a half years, then at the Plummer High School from 2000 to 2005, and finally at Red Lake County Central High School from 2005 to 2018. Altogether, Ms. Steva has taught for approximately 19.5 years in Life Science, Earth Science, Biology, Astronomy, Environmental Science, and Chemistry. She also has been River Watch advisor at RLCC for 14 years where students monitor the water of local rivers plus learn more about land use and watershed quality.

On what kept her in education all these years Ms. Steva responded, "The students, they are fun to be with."

Regarding Ms. Steva's highlights and memories of teaching she quoted hers as, "The enthusiasm of middle school students and when the 'light bulb' goes off and someone gets it."

She said she will miss the students and staff the most.

Her advice for upcoming teachers would be that classroom management is everything.

She commented that one thing that has changed the most within her years of teaching is the amount of cell phones and everyone wanting to use them.

Throughout her years as a teacher, she has been a member of RLCC Education Association, MEA, and NEA. During this time she was president of RLCCEA from 2015 to 2018 and building representative from 2010 to 2014.

Ms. Steva has two grown children, Erin who is 33 and Leland who is almost 30. Both are married, Erin is married to Andy and Lee's wife is Sara. Lee and Sara have one son Quinton who is one year old.

In her free time she likes to road travel, go bird watching, visit with friends and family, and scrapbook. Her retirement plans are to move closer to Lee and Sara who live in the southern suburbs of the Twin Cities.

"It has been wonderful working at Red Lake County Central! I will miss everyone!" said Ms. Steva.

The students and staff of RLCC wish Ms. Steva a happy retirement. We will miss your love for students, staff, and of course, your love of science.

Join Us for Flag Day!

Thursday, June 14th, the Oklee American Legion Post #159 will be hosting a potluck supper at 5:30 p.m. at the Oklee Area Veterans Park. After the potluck, at 7:00 p.m. a ceremony will be held to officially dispose of damaged American flags.

Our flag is a symbol of American endeavor and sacrifice. It is a standard for the beliefs and values Americans cherish.

The American flag is not just a bit of cloth and gold thread. It signifies everything we are and want to become. For more than two hundred years, the American flag has led troops into battle. Many men and women have died to preserve "Old Glory" and the

way of life it represents. And when they were brought home, the flag became their solemn shroud. To the families of our fallen heroes, the American flag is a badge of pride and symbol of our nation's gratitude.

Immigrants see our flag as a banner of freedom. It signifies their dream that they and their children can begin anew...and achieve their true potential...as citizens of a free nation.

Our flag flies proudly. It has been with us in every Great War...as the focal point of unity and support for our troops.

If you have a damaged flag please bring it to the ceremony at 7:00 p.m. to be disposed of properly.



Jayden Fore (left) and Sydney Melby (right), 2017 RLCC Girls' State Representatives, spoke of their time at Girls' State. They said that it was an amazing opportunity and they'll never forget it.



Memorial Day was a gorgeous day for services in the Plummer park. Roger Skjerven holds the flag during the program. In the background are the crosses Father Matt Schmitz made as an Eagle Scout 18 years ago. This year Commander Roy Holmes had to put them up without Father Matt's help as his duty to God relieved him of this task.



Chuck Simpson commands the Rifle Squad as they fire the Rifle Volley Salute in memory of the fallen. Riflemen are Barry Rewertz, Jeff Engesether, Richard Martell, David Eskeli, and Melvin Hesse.



Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Interim SAM Christy Klemz
Sun, June 17: 9:00 a.m.
Worship at Zion, 10:30 a.m.
Worship at Salem

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OKLEE, GRYGLA & GOODRIDGE
Fr. Adam Hamness
Sun, June 17: 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, June 16: 5:30 p.m. RLF
Sun, June 17: 8:00 a.m.
Brooks. 10:00 a.m. RLF.

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun, June 17: 9:00 a.m.
Worship at Immanuel. 7:00 p.m. Worship at Ebenezer.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Sun, June 17: 8:30 a.m.
Ekelund, 9:45 a.m. Faith, 11:00 a.m. Bethany.

Sudoku Solution

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

Oklee Senior Site Dining

June 18 - 22
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 with corn, toast and dessert.

Tuesday: Meatloaf, parsley buttered potatoes, carrots and dessert.

Wednesday: Baked chicken with hashbrowns, corn and dessert.

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

Friday: 1/2 Patty melt with mac salad, corn and dessert.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth
Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Sat, June 16: 9:00 a.m.
Mt. Olive.
Sun, June 17: 8:00 a.m.
St. Petri, Nazareth 9:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m. Oak Park.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Sun, June 17: 9:30 a.m. Worship.
Tue, June 19: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study. 10:30 a.m. Quilting. 6:30 p.m. Bible Study.
Wed, June 20: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, June 17: 9:00 a.m. Lund. 10:30 a.m. Bethany.
Wed, June 20: 2:00 p.m. Sand Valley WELCA, 8:00 p.m. Parish Board Meeting Sand Valley

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston
Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor
Sun, June 17: 10:00 a.m. Worship

Tri-Valley Public Transportation to the Local Fairs

T.H.E. Bus is offering rides to the Red Lake, Polk or Clearwater County Fairs. On Friday, June 22nd to Oklee 12 to 4, Friday, July 13th to Fertile 9 to 1 and Friday, August 3rd to Bagley 11 to 3. Pickups in Red Lake, Polk and Clearwater Counties. Cost is only \$10 round trip. You can call 1-800-201-3432 for more information.

Retirement Open House!

Vincent Lundeen
is retiring after 40 years
Please join us on Friday June 15th, 2018
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. for a BBQ
at the Oklee Elevator

If it rains, the party will be moved to the Oklee Hall.



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Red Lake Falls Library News

New adult nonfiction includes "Butterfly Gardening," the North American Butterfly Association Guide, by Jane Hurwitz, "Final Rights," reclaiming the American way of death, by Joshua Slocum and Lisa Carlson, and "A Tiger Among Us," a story of valor in Vietnam's A Shau Valley, by medal of honor recipient Bennie G. Adkins. And in new adult

fiction, "The Bishop's Pawn" by Steve Berry, "Family and Other Catastrophes" by Alexandra Borowitz, "The Which Way Tree" by Elizabeth Crook, "A Brush with Shadows" by Anna Lee Huber, and "Speakeasy" by Alisa Smith. Next big event of the Summer Reading Program is Dazzling Dave, yo-yo master, on Thursday, June 28 at 1:00 pm.

Grant (Free) Money is available for replacing Failing Septic Systems

Red Lake County Environmental Services currently has grant money available for failing septic systems. This money is for residential/family homes, not businesses.

In the past, it was just available for strictly low income households. In Red Lake County we have a sliding scale system in use. For example: If you show earnings of \$10,000 on your 2017 taxes you would qualify for 90% of your septic system to be paid. Earnings of \$50,000 would qualify for 50% to be paid on the system. Earnings of \$90,000 would qualify for approximately 10% of the septic system to be paid. These are all examples to give you an idea of what you might expect to receive based on your income.

Examples of failing septic systems would be: Septic tank is not water tight such as cracked, block tank etc., dumping into a ditch, creek, river or any surface outlet not below ground, also signs of septage (liquid) coming to the ground surface.

Please call for more information. You are not required to give your name if you just want to call and ask questions. We currently have a large pot of money available. We require a copy of your most recent taxes, for most that would be 2017, to determine which bracket you fall into.

We encourage you to call us and use this grant money. Call Kurt @ (o) 253-4121 or (c) 218-791-5776.

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RED LAKE COUNTY SMALL BUSINESS AND POTENTIAL STARTUP ENTERPRISES

The Red Lake County Economic Development Corporation can help you start your own business or expand an existing one. We are here to assist with a five (5) year loan for an amount up to \$20,000 at 2% APR. The business must be located in Red Lake County.

For more information, contact the Red Lake County Economic Development home office at 1-218-253-2897.

Or call David Ste. Marie, Red Lake Falls, 218-698-4279; Mike Spurgin, Red Lake Falls, 218-465-4648 or Leo Olson, Oklee, 218-796-5656.

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Red Lake County Fair Demonstrations

The Red Lake County Fair will be holding demonstrations on Saturday, June 23 at the Oklee Community Hall from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be several items for sale and to make, it is fun for all ages! Cookies, bars, lemonade and coffee will be available.

* Polk County Barn Quilts with Louise Manecke Cullen.

* Succulent Boxes with Kelly and Joni.

* Pop Bottle Art with Pat Asselin.

* Model Train Demonstration with Steven Kerner; There will be a bigger model set up this year!

* Spinning Mixed Wool and Dog Hair with Aliza Olson.

* Card Making with Jessie and Natalie; Cards also for sale.

* Embroidered Towels, Crochet Hand Towels and Taggy Blankets with Shirley Strand; Several varieties for sale.

* Different Types of Rose-mailing Techniques Demonstrations with Lynn Sundrud.

* From 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Coaster Making with Tiles with Shirley Dessellier. Costs \$0.50.

* From 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Crock Pot Cooking with Shirley Dessellier.

FLAG DAY

When: June 14, 2018

Where: Oklee Area Veterans Park

What: Potluck at 5:30 p.m. and Flag burning to follow at 7:00 p.m. Public is welcome and encouraged to bring torn flags to burn.

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Tick Season Is Here!

Recognizing the symptoms of Lyme disease is important to your health.

If you have been bitten by a deer tick (Ixodes scapularis), there's a chance you'll contract Lyme disease. Though rarely life-threatening, the infection can cause health problems if left untreated.

Tick season generally lasts from April to September. Unfortunately, deer ticks (also known as black-legged ticks and bear ticks) can survive in cold temperatures, so you can't count on the first frost to protect you from Lyme disease.

Recognizing the symptoms of Lyme disease is crucial to your health. Here's what you need to know...

Lyme Disease can look like a lot of other diseases. Lyme disease and its symptoms can vary widely - or even be non-existent! After a bite, it may be weeks, months, or years before the first sign of infection occurs. Some people exhibit a rash after they're bitten. For other people, there's no external sign at all until they develop arthritis.

8 Common Symptoms That May Accompany a Lyme Disease Infection, Fever, Rash, Chills, Headache, Muscle aches, Joint pain, Fatigue, Swollen lymph nodes.

These are the same general symptoms of flu or chronic fatigue syndrome, which is why it's so easy to misdiagnose. Lyme disease can be cured if it's caught early enough. Patients will be given a course of antibiotics and usually recover quickly. Even in cases where the disease is caught later, there's still a good chance that it can be successfully treated.

You'll find deer ticks from coast to coast in the Northern

Half of the United States.

Only deer ticks spread Lyme disease, but that's not the only disease that ticks can spread. Ticks can transmit bacteria and even viruses to humans, including babesiosis, anaplasmosis, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever and tularemia.

Because ticks are climbers, it's important to check yourself thoroughly after walking in the woods or being outdoors.

If you catch a tick while it's still mid-bite, don't panic. Remove the tick as soon as possible. It's a good idea to keep the tick to bring with you to the doctor's office. That can help them to identify the type of tick and whether or not it carries Lyme disease.

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Centennial Recipe Corner

Rhubarb Cobbler Shirley Dessellier

1/2 cup margarine
1 cup flour
1/2 cup sugar
2 tsp baking powder
1/2 cup milk
2 cups rhubarb, cut up
1 cup hot water
1 cup sugar



Melt margarine in an eight inch square pan. Make batter of flour, sugar, baking powder, and milk. Spoon batter over margarine in pan. Put rhubarb over batter. Stir hot water and sugar together until sugar dissolves. Pour over rhubarb. Bake at 350 degrees for about 45 minutes. Serve with Cool Whip.

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Summer Rec

**RLCC Oklee Summer Rec
Schedule for June 18 - 22
Monday, June 18**

1:00 – 2:00 Basketball for all ages in Oklee gym.
2:00 – 3:30 Softball/Baseball practice. Cadets & Softball practice at softball fields, Pee-Wees behind the school.

3:30 – 4:30 Elementary Basketball Skills in Oklee gym.
6:00 – 7:00 T-Ball Practice for ages 3-6 behind Oklee School.

Tuesday, June 19

10:00 PeeWee tournament at Red Lake Falls. Leave Oklee 9:00, Brook at 9:10, and Plummer at 9:20.

1:00 – 2:00 Mites Baseball practice for ages 7-8 behind Oklee School.

1:00 – 2:00 Kickball in Oklee gym.

2:00 – 3:30 Cadet and Softball practice.

3:30 – 4:30 Elementary Basketball Skills.

Wednesday, June 20

Kloster League at Clearbrook. Leave Plummer at 7:45, Brooks at 8:00, Oklee at 8:15.

Thursday, June 21

10:00 Cadet Baseball, site to be determined.

10:00 Girls Softball at Foston. Leave Plummer at 7:45, Brooks at 8:00, Oklee at 8:15.

No Afternoon Activities due to the fair.

Friday, June 22

No Afternoon Activities due to the fair.

Oklee Quilting Summer Rec Activities every Tuesday and Thursday from 1:00 - 3:00 in the months of June and August. A fee of \$10 - \$15 per project will cover materials needed. Call Oklee Quilting at 796-5151 with questions and to register.

RLCC-Oklee Site

Summer Hours:

Summer hours at the high school site will be from 7:00 AM-3:30 PM Monday-Thursday. If you are needing anything call ahead to make sure someone is in the office.

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RLCC High School 4th Qtr. Honor Roll

7th Grade: “A” Honor

Roll: Damon Ferguson, Caleb Fougner, Natalie Lindemoen, Shawna Majeres, Aurora Mitzner, Cael Nelson, Caleb Nymann, Aurimy Olson, Paige Olson, Marin Peterson, Payton Rystad, Gunnar Sandeen, Iziah Stordahl, Lucille Svendsen, Natalie Vettleson. **“B” Honor Roll:** Oscar Duden, MiReya Gibbs, Orin Hofstad, Aaron Jarvie, Carson Lambert, Clowie Magnell, Gerald Melin, Tyler Parsley, Kaleb Roussy, Arielle Rude, Molly Smith, Carlee Whalen, Nickita Whalen.

8th Grade: “A” Honor

Roll: Cari Bachand, Zachary Cater, Tyler Eskeli, Peyton Fish, Lillian Hanson, Michael , owell, Taya Morinville, Kjerstin Nelson, Leah Peterson, Jonathan Roue, Bailey Sherman, Steven Sogla, Halie Thompson. **“B” Honor Roll:** Jedidiah Duden, Madeline Inda-Valdez, Lauren Jones, Skylar Longtin, Issabella Plante, Jeremiah Rath sack, Marissa Schiebe, Shyla Styles, Erin Sundquist, Leilah VanDam.

9th Grade: “A” Honor

Roll: Kia Bachand, Adriel Bakken, Daniel Guillemette, Emily Kolstoe, Karena Melby, Janae Olson, Isabella Russillo, Katelyn Suchy. **“B” Honor Roll:** Bailey Culkins, George

Duden, Tristyn Ferguson, Eric Gieseke, Bryan Meyer, Elijah Rath sack.

10th Grade: “A” Honor

Roll: Zachary Benson, Calyssa Eskeli, Lillyan Guillemette, Jayden Iverson, Adrianne Jones, Aiydin Lanco, Sophia Linder, Christopher Longtin, Derek Peterson. **“B” Honor Roll:** Allison Aakhus, Madison Carlson, Brandie DeHate, Rickey Hackett-Ulrich, Jacob Olson, Sidney Olson, Jenna Pahlen, Courtney Rude, Tanisha Srnsky, Gunner Thompson, Abigail Walton.

11th Grade: “A” Honor

Roll: Jarisa Bailey, Andrew Fish, Marie Johnson, Connor Lambert. **“B” Honor Roll:** Christian Baker, Julia Bernstein, Jocelyn Castaneda, Adam Cater, Sarah Christensen, Isaac Eskeli, Grace Gieseke, Sydnie Gunderson, Daphney Koralewski, Tasha Manning, Thomas Nelson, Justin Nemec, Alex Peterson, Hannah Riendeau, Zoe Russillo, Dawson Rystad.

12th Grade: “A” Honor

Roll: Hannah Kolstoe, Sydney Melby, Katie Olson, Matthew Vettleson. **“B” Honor Roll:** Holly Johnsrud, Nicholas Pahlen, Jade Person, Sara Simon, Megan Smith.



Pictured above are some of the RLC Track and Field letter winners. Starting in the back from left to right; Shayla Lallier, Chris Longtin, Megan LaCrosse, Connor Lambert, AJ Jones, Carter Williams, and Brock Tvedt. Front left to right; Madison Derosier, Kjerstin Nelson, and Zoe Russillo.

RLC Rebels Track And Field Recognize Athletes At Banquet

Red Lake County Rebels Track and Field Team honored its athletes with recognition on June 6th in Plummer.

Fourteen athletes and one manager received letter awards and twenty five athletes and three managers were recognized with participation certificates. The following were the letter winners Madison Derosier, Megan LaCrosse, Shayla Lallier, Julia Bernstein, Zoe Russillo, MaKenzie Williams, Connor Lambert, AJ Jones, Chris Longtin, Clara Girdler, Hollie Knott, Brock Tvedt, Carter Williams, Kjerstin Nelson, and Trent Goulet (Manager). The following were the participation certificate recipients Jaron Bernier, Abby Walton, Lane Renner, Rylee Ellefsen, George Duden, Andrew Gryskiewicz, Jordan Kasprowicz, Brody Moen, Isiah Olson, Katelyn Dufault, Serenity May, Marissa Schiebe, Jed Duden, Nolan Magnell, Blane

Schmitz, Steven Sogla, Aurimy Olson, Arielle Rude, Oscar Duden, Damon Ferguson, Jackson Hoefler, Carson Lambert, Gerald Melin, Mathew Renner, Gunnar Sandeen, Tasha Manning (Manager), Janae Olson (Manager), and Molly Smith (Manager).

The Team also recognized individuals with Team awards. The Most Valuable Track Athlete went to Megan LaCrosse and Connor Lambert. The Most Valuable Field Athlete went to Megan LaCrosse. The Rookie of the Year went to Serenity May, Carter Williams, and Blane Schmitz. The Most Improved went to Madison Derosier and Isiah Olson. The RLC Award went to Hollie Knott and Brock Tvedt. The Will to Win Athlete went to AJ Jones, Julia Bernstein, MaKenzie Williams, Zoe Russillo, and Carter Williams.

Two team records were broke this season in the girls

100 hurdles with a time of 16.19 and Long Jump with a jump of 15'11 ½" by Megan LaCrosse.

Four athletes achieved Minnesota Individual Academic All-State Award. Megan LaCrosse, Zoe Russillo, MaKenzie Williams, and AJ Jones. This award requires a cumulative GPA of 3.6 to 4.0 and meet one of the following performance standards. Earn All-Conference honors by placing 1st in their event at the Conference Meet, qualify for the current year's State Track and Field Meet, or have equaled the State Honor Roll standard of time or distance in the current season.

As coaches we are very proud of this group of athletes. We say good bye to three dedicated seniors Madison Derosier, Megan LaCrosse, and Shayla Lallier, but look forward to our returning athletes for next season.



The Plummer American Legion Color Guard advanced the colors and remained at attention during the singing of the National Anthem. On the left with the rifle is Barry Rewertz. Saluting is Chuck Simpson, Color Guard Commander.

Writers & Writing by Michael Tidemann

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The Annie Year

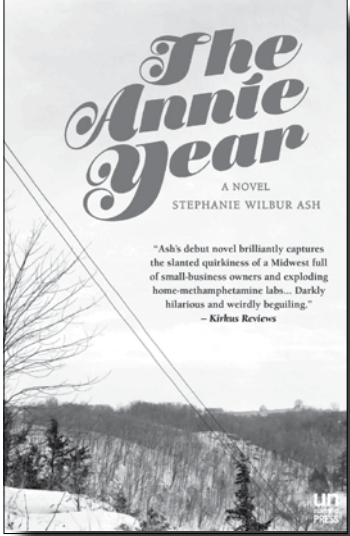
The Annie Year shows hope amid chaos

When I first started reading The Annie Year by Stephanie Wilbur Ash, a novel about a disenchanting CPA whose main friends are disgruntled old men in a rural Iowa town of exploding meth labs, teenagers running amok, and affairs the only entertainment in town, my first thought was that this book just can't be real.

This novel is not just real. It strikes the heart of many of the problems of rural America.

Tandy Caide, the hapless heroine who's a charter member of the appropriately named Pessimist's Club, observes that hers is a town where the beautiful people leave, only to leave those remaining stewing in the juices of their own pessimism. "We uphold Murphy's Law, and we embrace the slow, sad, inevitable decay of all things. The only things we can be sure of are death and taxes," the Pessimists Club states.

Tandy's main friends are Doc, who smokes like a train, and Huff, a lawyer who drinks like a fish. Tandy remains estranged from her friend Barbie, Huff's daughter, whom Huff kept Tandy from seeing after Barbie had her daughter, ironically named Hope, as a



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single mother. Tandy's only solace is in awkward encounters with her obese husband in the backyard hot tub and with a man tall enough to touch both sides of her office walls with his hands and feet.

That all changes, though, when Kenny Tischer, the vo-ag teacher enters.

"I had never been more attracted to anyone in my entire life. It was like he bowled

directly into my ovaries."

Kenny's long hair, earthy philosophy and hippy Volkswagen contrast starkly with the typical men of Tandy's rural Iowa town. Their affair heats up until it seems like it could explode just like one of the small town's meth labs.

However, beneath Tandy's affair with the vo-ag teacher lies a deeper pessimism.

When one of the students, Dolphine Beth, said, "People make meth out of anhydrous. You just need lithium from batteries and a whole lot of cold medicine," Hope's response is, "I live here. I know."

Life in this small town is not what it seems, though. People she thinks she can count on abandon her and people she never thought she could get close to get closer.

And yet, Tandy has hope for the youth of the town as she tells people in big cities, "Wherever you are, they are coming. And they are strong."

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Oklee hosted a blood drive with United Blood Services on Tuesday, May 22 at the Oklee Community Hall which helped collect a total of 35 units of blood for patients in need.

Twenty-eight individuals volunteered to donate blood and 27 individuals were able to donate at the United Blood Services blood drive. A total of nine donors also came forward to donate Power Red Cells (2RBC), which collects two units of red blood cells while returning platelets, plasma and saline solution back to the donor. Eleven people volunteered for the first time.

United Blood Services expressed its gratitude to Randy Huie, who coordinated the drive, as well as others who assisted the day of the drive: Julia Bernstein, Jenna Dahlen, Gerald Melin, Calyssa Eskeli, Karena Melby, Jayden Fore, Dawson Rystad, Taya Morinville, Aurimy Olson, Cari Bachand, Kia Bachand, Sydney Melby, and Jade Person.

UBS strives to keep a five-



In the picture above is Daphney Koralewski donating blood at the blood drive that RLCC hosted on May 22nd.

day supply of every blood type on the shelf at all times to be able to meet the needs of patients across the region. Donations from O-negative donors, the universal blood type, are especially important this time of year due to increased accidents and trauma cases.

UBS is the only blood pro-

vider to nearly 70 hospitals across the region. The blood supply is dependent on selfless donations from volunteer donors to ensure the lifesaving needs of the region are met.

About 30 percent of UBS' blood supply goes to cancer patients across the region and one in seven people entering the hospital will need blood. Those relying on blood in the region receive that lifesaving blood from UBS.

Donors can make an appointment to give blood at www.bloodhero.com or by calling 1-877-827-4376. With each donation, donors receive a free total cholesterol test and earn points in UBS' Hero in Me rewards program.

Blood donation takes about an hour from check-in to refreshments. Donors can save about 20minutes by completing their Fast Track Health History the day they donate on www.unitedbloodservices.org.

Kelsie Sirjord, left, also took time out of her busy schedule to donate blood to United Blood Service at the local blood drive in Oklee.

Oklee Herald Early Files

Seventy Years Ago June 10, 1948

Digging of trenches for extension of the water and sewer lines here started. Contractors of the project were Griffith Engineering and Construction Co. of Mora, Minn.

A freak four-legged chick was hatched by a mother hen who apparently wasn't paying attention to her work out on the Ralph Rahler farm.

The St. Louis Cardinals were having a tryout camp in Erskine. Any one that was interested from the ages 17-23 were welcome to show their stuff. All you had to do was furnish your own shoes, glove, and a uniform, if you owned one.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen O'Neill celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with their relatives.

A birthday party was held for Mrs. Mary Nelson at the Nelson home. She was 81 years old.

Sixty Years Ago June 12, 1958

Gerald Breivold of Oklee, was a member of the Concordia College choir which went to Europe for a concert tour. The choir had 28 concerts scheduled in Norway as well as Holland, Germany and Austria.

Army Specialist, Third Class, Budd R. Burthwick participated in an Honest John Rocket firing demonstration held in Italy for NATO officers.

"Boom Town," starring Clark Gable, Spencer Tracy, Claudette Colbert and Hedy Lamarr had gone down in Hollywood history as one of the most exciting action dramas ever filmed.

In the stores, Folger's Coffee was only \$0.79/pound, Peanut Butter was \$0.35 for a 12-oz jar, and 10 pounds of sugar was \$1.09.

A double baptismal service was held at St. Joseph's church by Rev. Father Carriere. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Genereux were sponsors for Jeffery Manuel Guerrero and Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Genereux were sponsors for Mark Edward Genereux.

Fifty Years Ago June 13, 1968

Eight people were hospitalized following a two-car head-on collision about two miles north of Oklee. Most seriously injured was John Phillip (Jackie) Radniecki, 9, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Radniecki of Trail.

Others included in the crash were Phillip's sister Rebecca (14), Alvin Fore, Randy Radniecki (11), Charles Radniecki (8), Bonnie Cullen (7), and Sister Mary Vincent.

Ronald Hegge returned home after completing four years of service with the Air Force. He worked as an airplane mechanic and was stationed at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma and also served in Japan.

Nearly 400 people were served noon lunch at the grand opening of the new elevator in Brooks.

Miss Colleen Tinkham was the honored guest when a number of ladies gathered at the Brooks-Plummer Presbyterian church in Plummer and tended her a bridal shower.

Boilerman Third Class Clifford E. Asselin, USN, was serving aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Valley Forge operating with the Seventh Fleet in the Western Pacific.

Forty Years Ago June 8, 1978

Rick Nelson was named Recreation Director for the city of Oklee. He gained experience working for the city in the capacity of Assistant Maintenance Man the previous summer and we was also a baseball coach.

The Tennis Court had been constructed and consisted of regulations such as: The Tennis Courts have been constructed by the City of Oklee and The Oklee School District No. 627, for the use of their patrons without charge, and Dogs, cats, pets, bicycles or play equipment are not allowed inside the fences of the courts.

Gust Iverson was interviewed by The Oklee Herald about his life. He was born in 1893 in Iowa and moved to Northern MN in 1897 then to his farm in 1919. He raised cows, pigs, chickens.. "Basically everything". Even at 85 he said he felt like a 16 year old physically. He concluded his interview stating that one of the best things in his life at that point was his great grandson, Nathan Gust Allen Kriel.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Larson were proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Lori Ann to Dean Hartel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orvin Hartel of McIntosh.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Han-

son were the parents of a baby boy born at the Northwestern Hospital in Thief River Falls.

Thirty Years Ago June 8, 1988

A birthday supper was held at the home of Lloyd and Wavell Sorenson to celebrate the third birthday of Cassandra Sorenson, daughter of Karl and Rita Sorenson of Wannaska.

Brian Lundeen, age 10 ½, caught a Northern weighing 14 lbs. at Lake of the Woods and Kyle Nelson, age 9, caught a 2 ½ lb. bass at the pit.

"Go for St. Joeers" fought through high temps when they lined up at the start of the ninth annual fund raiser for St. Joseph's Parish, Brooks. The bikers started first, followed by runners, walkers, and joggers on the 10 kilometer course for which sponsors had pledged a per kilometer amount of money.

Matt George of Oklee had been named the winner of the 1988 Army Reserve National Scholar Athlete Award. He was chosen by faculty and school administrators for his outstanding achievements in both academics and athletics.

Twenty Years Ago June 10, 1998

The Oklee Quilting Supply Co. hosted its 10th year anniversary. The owners were Loretta and Irvin Flatgard and the employees were LeAnn Bruski, Irene Rosten, Donna Kvasager, Tuni Knutson and Cheryl O'Neill.

Frances Hilgeman had been awarded a \$4,000 Honor Scholarship from Jamestown College. The Honor Scholarship was established to be awarded to approximately 25 freshman at Jamestown College. The scholarship recognized scholastic achievement and community involvement.

Michael Lindquist, son of Robert and Mary Kay Lindquist, formerly of Oklee, had the unique experience of being part of the first NASA training mission to include high school students. Michael was an honor student and senior at Clearbrook High School, along with three other students were selected for their achievements in math and science, were the first four high school students to fly in the KC-135A.

The Clearwater Lutheran Church of rural Oklee received a \$1,000 grant from Aid Association for Lutherans to help the congregation celebrate its 100th anniversary.

Ten Years Ago June 4, 2008

Mayor Clay Haugen signed a proclamation in recognition of Red Lake County's superior fundraising accomplishments. Organizers of the Relay For Life in Red Lake County were Mary Lynn Bachand and Barb Melby.

The Red Lake County Rebels Golfers competed in the North Subsection 8A Golf tournament at the Oakcrest Golf Course in Roseau. Six golfers advanced to the section meet at Bemidji, Nicole Schindler, Holly Schindler, Liz Casavan, Keith Herberg, Andrew Jahnke and John Murphy.

Nearly 20,300 checks, totaling more than \$2.6 million, were issued to Garden Valley Telephone Company members who had service with the cooperative I 1997, 1998, and/or 2007, including over \$192,000 for members with Oklee, Brooks, Gully, and Plummer addresses.

Ruth Wilkens celebrated her 85th birthday at Lil' Joe's Café with a dinner enjoyed by 15 ladies.

The employees at Security State Bank started a fund raiser. If you dressed in jeans and casual on Fridays you put a dollar into the fund which later was given to a charitable group. It went to Beth's Buddies, Relay For Life team, in 2008.

Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

It's a beautiful day with the sun shining. Thursday night we had lots of weather reports coming over the TV. Oklee did get almost an inch of rain with thundering and some wind. We needed rain as it was getting quite dry.

This week will be busy. On Thursday is Flag Day which will be celebrated at the Veteran's Park in Oklee. Members of the American Legion will have a short program honoring the flag followed by a potluck meal afterwards. If you want to bring food for the potluck, you can share in the food and visit with friends and neighbors.

Friday at the Site is Birthday Meal. Sign up at the Site and some lucky June B.D. person will have their name drawn to receive a free meal.

Father's Day is Sunday the

17th so don't forget to honor your father.

Dates to Remember
June 14 - Flag Day; Fly your flag
June 15 - Birthday Meal
June 17 - Father's Day
June 21 - First Day of Summer

Words of Wisdom
Don't forget a kindness
Withhold a compliment
and two people lose.

Joke Time
Out driving with his wife, a man sped along a country lane in an increasingly reckless fashion. "Can't you slow down when you're turning corners?" She complained. "You're scaring the life out of me." , "Do

what I do," he replied. "Shut your eyes."

Over lunch in a fast-food restaurant, a woman was telling her friend about a recent accident to which a teenage boy had driven into the back of her car. "The boy blamed me and called me every rude, dirty name in the book!" Two small boys had been listening at the next table and one turned to the other and said wide-eyed: "There's a book?"

Joe was the type who loved to talk about the good old days. At a movie he told the girl who handed him his five-dollar ticket, "I can remember when a movie ticket was only fifteen cents." "You're really going to enjoy this movie then, sir" said the ticket girl. "We have sound now."

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

Rain this morning. It is good to see rain though it is rather dark on these days. My kitchen in particular is dark, because the ballast in my light went out and I am now waiting for a new one. Hubby went to get one so I will have lights fairly soon. Just one of those glitches that seem to test our resilience.

Perry Morinville celebrated his birthday this past week. Happy birthday Perry.

The community was saddened to see that James Jarvey succumbed to a debilitating muscle disease this past week. The family will have a service at Johnson Funeral Home on Friday. James loved to fish and was a friendly guy. He liked to visit and to get out though the disease took its toll the past many months. James will be missed by the community and his family and friends. God rest his soul in peace.

Dianne and Clarence Gagner attended a graduation party in University Park in Grand Forks for Hunter Wil-

de the son of Corey Wilde on Sunday.

On Friday Tim Gagner and his friend Jim Christoferson both of Fergus Falls, came to visit with Dianne and Clarence Gagner on their way to the hunting cabin to clean and get ready for their stay next weekend.

Cindy and Del Determan went to the cities to join in celebrating the retirement of Del's brother Tony who retired from the Air National Guard. There was a special acknowledgement of his service at the Minnesota Twins Game citing his 8,000 hours of flying in action in the Middle East and elsewhere. The family was there to help him celebrate in a suite at the game between the Twins and the Angels. The Twins lost with the final score being 4 to 2. Brianna and Kyle Wanner of Bismarck also attended the celebration driving all the way from Bismarck, North Dakota.

Jess and Heidi Determan

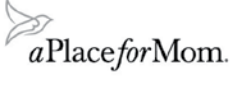
went to Rainy River this past week for a few days to get away for a while and to enjoy the beauty of the river. Cindy took care of the kids while they had a brief respite.

We hope your week was fruitful and that this one will be a great time to get things done. Father's Day will be on Sunday so make sure you honor your Father and husband for all the work he puts in to keep your life on an even keel. Flag Day is also on the 14th. Put your flag out and honor our country. I also wish to send Happy Birthday greetings out to my son Tim whose birthday is on Wednesday.

A young couple came to church on Sunday morning and I thought they looked familiar. Well they were. They were our cousins who live in Red Lake Falls. She is the assistant Veterinarian at Red Lake Falls. Welcome to you Mike and Samantha Novak. They are settling into their new home at Red Lake Falls.

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Who's Dat?

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This weeks photo is of two sisters who live in Oklee and attended school here. Their father helped start the volunteer fire department and served on the village council of Oklee.

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

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Wednesday, June 13, 2018

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe

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On Sunday afternoon, two guys from California came by to tour the museum. The one, Steve Rice, said his great grandparents had lived here in the 20s and had a hotel. He did find pictures of them. The hotel was the Rice Hotel. No picture found of the hotel. In the early years there may have been three to four hotels around. The group really enjoyed the museum and also went out to the farm before they left.

Steve Rice was from Carlsbad, California and his buddy Ernie was from Escondido. They had been in Canada before coming to Minnesota. They also had stopped at Clearwater Cemetery. Steve said his great grandparents were Norwegian but had changed their name to Rice.

Monday morning I went past Stoney Skjerven's former farm and two Amish men were working on the farm. They were

dressed in bib overalls and long sleeved shirts and wore straw hats. Much has been done on the barn. The cupolas have the names of John, Alice, and Skjerven on them. It looks very nice so far.

Tri River members met on Monday at 8 p.m. There was discussion about building on to the barn or have a separate building made to provide more room for everything. Kyle and Jolene Qualley became new members of Tri River Pioneers that night. Welcome!

Becky and Dave Opatz of Kinsey, Montana, came Thursday to Karen Tvedt's. Dave left later and went back to Montana. Becky stayed for another week to spend time with family.

Wednesday night, Karen Tvedt and Becky Opatz came to play bingo at the Legion joining Bunny DuChamp, Alice Jobe and Anna DeHate. It was

an enjoyable evening. Becky was quite entertaining.

On June 2, 1953, was Queen Elizabeth's Coronation. She is the longest reigning royalty in the world. I was in 3rd grade that year and remember the Coronation was on the radio news.

June 1 was Doughnut Day. During World War I, the Salvation Army sent doughnuts to the soldiers to remind them of home.

Alice Jobe visited Jean Carpenter, on Thursday, at the Greenleaf Apartment. Ann Turner Cook was the original Gerber baby. She is 92 now. She got to meet the latest Gerber winner, who is a boy with Downs Syndrome, they had their picture taken together. It was just so sweet!

It is a bit dry; the fields are growing but slowly. Hope you all have a great week! Fair time is coming soon!