

Oklee Precipitation
By Einar Kvasager
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4-H Northern Regional Project Bowl Team (left to right) Brianne Ellison, Rylan Torstveit (Pennington County), Chad Torstveit, Project Bowl Team Coach, and Hailey Hanson (Red Lake County).

4-H Project Bowl Team

On March 16, 2019, the Pennington/Red Lake County 4-H Junior Poultry Project Bowl Team competed at the Northern Regional contest held in Deer River. The Junior Poultry team which consisted of Rylan Torstveit and Bri-



anne Ellison of Pennington County and Hailey Hanson of Red Lake County took first place. The Pennington/Red Lake Junior Poultry Team will now participate in the State contest held in Sauk Rapids on April 6th. Project Bowl is the second most

attended 4-H event of the year, second only to the State Fair! Patterned after the golden-olde television show College Bowl, 4-H Project Bowls challenge teams of 3-6 youth on their knowledge of these 4-H areas: Dairy, dog, general livestock (beef, swine, sheep, meat goat), horse, lama, poultry, rabbit and wildlife.

Joint Ditch billing approved

The commissioners meeting was held on March 12th with Commissioners Al Remick, Anthony Flage, Ron Weiss and John Dudycha present. Human Resources, Angie Lundeen was added to the agenda to discuss a step change for an employee and the 2017 audit changes are almost completed.

The main item was Polk & Pennington joint ditch billing which was brought to the board by Environmental Officer, Kurt Casavan. The 2018 Annual Ditch Billing is presented annually.

Pennington County State-

Ditch	RLC Share
JD#1	\$489.66.
JD#31	\$887.62.

Polk County Statement list-

Ditch	RLC Share
JD#3	\$416.04
JD#60:	\$593.38
JD# 64:	\$163.36
JD# 66:	\$1056.42
JD#71:	\$787.57

Motion was made by Dudycha, seconded by Flage to pay the joint ditch bills to Polk and Pennington counties.

Red Lake County Soil & Water Conservation District (RLC SWCD) is working with another organization that is checking/testing wells to find

the aquafer's height. Casavan and the commissioners are concerned about the tiling and irrigation systems that are going in and are not sure of the procedure the farmer has to do to get a permit. Some areas (not around here) have been using their irrigation systems to also chemically treat their crops, which is another concern with runoff going to the rivers. This could be a problem in the future. Discussion included what the DNR rules are for getting a permit to put in irrigation and more information will have to be gathered.

Expenditures were approved with a motion by Flage, seconded by Dudycha, carried.

Commissioner reports were next with Dudycha starting with the Fair Board meeting he attended. Dudycha would like to have the date of the fair moved back (August) because it is too early for crop and garden entries, the Fair Board doesn't want to. He was also concerned that there are more fair board members from other counties (Polk and Clearwater) than from Red Lake. And that there were very few at the meeting. The Rodeo doesn't make money, but the Baja does. The liquor license was another issue that is of concern.

Dudycha also attended

Northwest Regional Development meeting (NWRDC) where Homeland Security, First Responders were discussed. There is a class in Oklee for the firemen & 1st responders in March.

Area on Aging meeting was attended by Dudycha and Weiss and the budget was the main item discussed.

Corrections meeting was also attended by Dudycha and Weiss. Two positions are being consolidated to save money. There were 205 in jail, no juveniles. The average number of inmates at TCCC is 195.

Remick attended a RLC SWCD meeting. RLC SWCD District Manager, Tanya Hanson is looking forward to the new County Engineer that has been hired, and who will be helping with a few projects with the SWCD. Remick also asked about a class offered in Staples for commissioners and if he should go.

Flage had an AMC conference call and Dan Larson, leading the meeting was hard to hear. Enbridge was discussed and the permits. Wisconsin has completed their section of Line 3; Canada is done with their section of Line 3; North Dakota is almost done with their portion. Minnesota is the one holding up the project. 98% of landowners are on board, the

Year in Review....

December 5: December 13th is the day for fun with the Holiday Train coming to Plummer with musical show featuring The Trews and Willy Porter.

The American Legion Auxiliary met on November 27 at the Oklee Hall for their annual Christmas Potluck Luncheon and to bag candy for Santa Day. Shirley Dessellier made four nice lap robes and Oklee Quilting did the stitching. They will be presented to the Fargo VA hospital to be given to veterans who are patients there.

The 10th grade students of Red Lake County Central High School made biome projects for their biology class.

Many students from area schools in grades fifth through eighth were chosen to attend the annual Creativity Festival at Bemidji State University in Bemidji, MN

Red Lake County Central Student Council hosted the 2018 Northwest Division Fall Summit. This year 16 schools took part in the summit, consisting of 283 students and 23 advisors. Students took part in group discussions on the topics of fundraising, interacting with younger students, communication, homecoming, helping the community, returning to school from the summer, and suicide prevention in the roundtables.

It is colder than usual this year but the snow isn't that bad right now. Who knows what could happen yet before the holidays.

December 12: Red Lake County Central School Readiness classes from both Oklee and Plummer took a field trip to the Peatland Red Potato Company. It is a potato farm and wash plant located north of Gully. There was a lot to see and learn about potatoes. Each child brought home a "HUGE" potato from Peatland Reds.

The custom of burning the Yule Log goes back to, and before, medieval times. It was originally a Nordic tradition. Yule is the name of the old Winter Solstice festivals in Scandinavia and other parts of northern Europe, such as Germany.

Saturday, December 1, Mustang wrestlers attended the Alfred Olson Memorial Invitational in Fosston. The Mus-

tangs had four placing varsity wrestlers, each wrestling in four different classes.

The Red Lake County Rebels beat the Fisher-Climax Knights 74-64 in their first game of the year. In the first half the Rebels outscored the Knights 34-27, and in the second half the Rebels again outscored the Knights 40-37.

The weather has been super and promises to be nice all week. It is not hot by any means but above the donut is okay. The other shoe will drop eventually but this is a nice respite before the real cold sets in.

December 19: A retirement party for Red Lake County Commissioner's David Sorensen and John Lerohl was held December 11th. Both Commissioners served Red Lake County from 2007-2018.

Red Lake County Board Chairman, Dave Sorensen, recognizing employees at the December 11th board meeting for their years of service with Red Lake County. There were:

Mike LaCoursiere- 5 years, County Attorney; Kevin Brevik- 25 years, Deputy; Dave Sorensen and Angie Lundeen-5 years, Human Resources, Teddi-Ann Pray- 10 years, Social Worker; Penny Grove-25 years, Social Services, Holly Crandall-5 years, Chief Deputy Auditor, Kristi Nelson- 5 years, Social Services Director; Ben Largis- 10 years, Dispatch Leader; Kelly Brekke- 10 years, Deputy; and Mary Jo Schmitz- 15 years, Social Worker.

The Huot Hustlers 4-H club held their annual Christmas party with the residents of Sunview Center in Red Lake Falls on December 9th at 1:00 pm. There were five members, five guests, and five adults present. The residents and 4-H members decorated felt wreaths, stars, and Christmas stockings with various decorations including pom-poms, buttons, stickers, and bells. They also made pom-pom penguins.

Can you believe this weather? Keep it up Mother Nature. It has shortened the winter considerably. Yes we had some snow last week and also has melted a good share of it too. With the warmer temps though be very hesitant to go ice fishing right now. The ice is very iffy as to its strength and ability

protesters are the ones stopping it from moving forward. 2.6 billion dollars is what the project is expected to bring into the community.

A NWRDC TAC meeting was the other meeting Flage reported on. Discussion was on a Bike Path (Pennington & Polk), the Red River Corridor (boat landings) and the Border to Border Trail. Weigh restrictions will soon be announced for the spring.

The minutes were approved

Royale a major success

Michipicoten were close to healthy weights, but the females weighed between 50 and 60 pounds, far below what is considered healthy. The low female weights are due to the fact that the wolves on Michipicoten had run out of prey. Meanwhile, Isle Royale is populated by more than 1,600 moose, which is far above what biologists think is viable for the island to sustain. Too many moose on Isle Royale will lead to the overconsumption of vegetation, eventually causing severe damage to the island's ecosystem and raising concerns that the moose population may collapse.

By reintroducing wolves to

the island, the moose will again have a natural predator to keep their population at sustainable levels. Scientists expect the two populations to again manage themselves as they had done on the island for decades. These seven new wolves join eight that were already on the island, including six that have been reintroduced since September through other efforts.

"Now our focus will turn to following the researchers as they study the impact of these new wolves on Isle Royale," Schultz said. "As we move into the summer months, we look forward to working closely with the National Park Service and the Lake Superior National Parks Foundation to begin planning the next phase of wolf reintroduction efforts that are expected to occur this fall."

About 20 to 30 new gray wolves are expected to be introduced to Isle Royale National Park over the next three to five years.

The International Wolf Center, founded in 1985, is known worldwide as the premier source for wolf information and education. The mission of the Center is to advance the survival of wolf populations by teaching about wolves, their relationship to wildlands and the human role in their future. The Center educates through its website, its ambassador wolves, museum exhibits, educational outreach programs, International Wolf magazine, and a beautiful interpretive center in Ely, Minnesota.

to hold up under foot.

December 26: CP Railroad Holiday Train personnel presented a check for \$4500 to Catherine Johnson from Inter-County Community Council for local food shelves in the area. Also on stage was Plummer Mayor Jim DuChamp.

The Holiday Train was a huge turnout in town, 800-1000 people. The music was nice and lively. The people enjoyed eating at the Hall. Also many toured the Tri River Pioneer Museum. Eric Mickelson sang Christmas Carols and played the guitar. The many cars on the train were so pretty.

The Sharon Rosten family (Tracy, Catherine and Aaron along with their father Byron) donated their mother's children's books at the Holiday Train celebration.

Dave Person received a plaque for his 12 years of service to the Red Lake County Central Board of Education.

Jody Duden was recognized by the Minnesota School Board Association with a Leadership Development Certificate of Accomplishment for completing Phase I, II and III trainings.

RLCC Mustang, Kia Bachand, was named to the all-tournament team after the NCTC Girls' Basketball Tournament the week of December 10-15.

The Red Lake County Mustangs played the Fosston Greyhounds at Fosston on Monday, December 17th. The Mustangs won by a score of 52-44.

Yesterday was the first day of winter and the shortest day of the year. We are fortunate to have such nice weather lately. It will make the winter go faster. Today we woke up to snow falling down. Maybe the snow is welcome for the snowmobilers.

Snowfall Comparison

	2017-18	2018-19
Oct.	3.00	7.00
Nov.	9.25	7.575
Dec.	8.75	12.00
Jan.	6.375	9.30
Feb.	16.25	24.00
Mar.	5.75	10.00
Apr.	2.5	
Total	51.88	69.875

Calendar of Events

Wed, Mar. 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, Mar. 28:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
Fri, Mar. 29:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
Sat, Mar. 30:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!
Sun, Mar. 31:
-Worship at the church of your choice.
Mon, Apr. 1:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
Tue, Apr. 2:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards
Wed, Apr. 3:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
Thu, Apr. 4:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
Fri, Apr. 5:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
Sat, Apr. 6:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!
Sun, Apr. 7:
-Worship at the church of your choice.
Mon, Apr. 8:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
Tue, Apr. 9:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards.
Wed, Apr. 10:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
Thu, Apr. 11:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
Fri, Apr. 12:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
Sat, Apr. 13:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!



Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Wed, April 3: 6:15 p.m. Supper with 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service at Zion.
Sun, April 7: 9:00 a.m. Zion. 9:00 a.m. Salem SS. 10:15 a.m. Zion SS. 10:30 a.m. Salem.
Tue, April 9: 9:00 a.m. Quilting at Zion. 7:00 p.m. Salem Council.
Wed, April 10: 6:15 p.m. Supper with 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service at Salem.

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OKLEE, GRYGLA & GOODRIDGE
Fr. Adam Hamness
Sun, April 7: 7:30 a.m. Confessions 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Francis Xavier, Oklee; 10:15 a.m. St. Clement Parish, Grygla; 12:00 p.m. St. Ann Parish, Goodridge.

BROOKS - RED LAKE FALLS CATHOLIC PARISH
Fr. Bob Schreiner
Sat, April 6: 5:30 p.m. RLF
Sun, April 7: 8:00 a.m. Brooks. 10:00 a.m. RLF.

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Wed, April 3: 6:30 p.m. Soup & Sandwich - Immanuel. 7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship at Immanuel.
Sun, April 7: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Immanuel. 10:15 a.m. SS at Immanuel. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer.
Wed, April 10: 7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship at Ebenezer.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Wed, April 3: 4:00 p.m. Faith WELCA. Lenten at Faith: 6:00 p.m. Meal. 7:00 p.m. Service. 7:45 p.m. Breaking Free Bible Study.
Sun, April 7: 8:30 a.m. Ekelund Worship. 9:45 a.m. SS; 9:45 a.m. Faith Worship. 10:30 a.m. SS; 10:30 a.m. SS at Bethany, 11:00 a.m. Bethany Worship.
Wed, April 10: Lenten at Bethany: 6:00 p.m. Meal. 7:00 p.m. Service. 7:45 p.m. Confirmation.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

April 8 - 12
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: Cheeseburger w/ bun, hash browns, green beans, and dessert.

Tuesday: Fish, baked potato, carrots, and dessert.

Wednesday: Tator tot hotdish, coleslaw, toast, and dessert.

Thursday: Egg salad sandwich, hamburger soup, and dessert.

Friday: BBQ on bun, potato salad, corn, and dessert.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Wed, April 3: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 6:00 p.m. Soup & Sandwich at Oak Park. 7:00 p.m. at Oak Park.
Thu, April 4: 5:00 p.m. Lent Service at Mt. Olive.
Sat, April 6: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.
Sun, April 7: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri. 9:15 a.m. SS; 8:30 a.m. SS Oak Park, 9:45 a.m. Oak Park, Old Fashioned potluck, voters meeting. 10:00 a.m. SS at Nazareth, 11:00 a.m. Nazareth.
Tue, April 9: 6:30 p.m. Lent Service at St. Petri.
Wed, April 10: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 6:00 p.m. Soup & Sandwich at Nazareth. 7:00 p.m. at Nazareth.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, April 3: 6:30 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Thu, April 4: 12:00 p.m. Rotary meeting.
Fri, April 5: 8:30 a.m. Friday School.
Sun, April 7: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School. 6:00 p.m. Christ in the Passover...

Tue, April 9: 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer meeting. 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions. 10:00 a.m. Quilting. 6:30 p.m. Bible Study.
Wed, April 10: 6:30 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund Sand Valley Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Wed, April 3: No confirmation. Bethany: 6 p.m. Soup & Sandwich, 7:00 p.m. Service.
Sun, April 7: 9:00 a.m. Lund. 9:00 a.m. Sunday School at Sand Valley. 10:30 a.m.
Wed, April 10: 2:00 p.m. Lund WELCA. No confirmation. Sand Valley: 6 p.m. Soup & Sandwich, 7:00 p.m. Service.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston
Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor
Sun, April 7: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship.

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Sudoku Solution

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

American Legion Auxiliary meeting
 Legion Auxiliary meeting will be held on April 9th at 4 P.M. at the Oklee Sr. Site.

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Oklee Centennial Cookbook Recipe Corner - From page 315
Pie Lovers Delight Sharon (Lambert) Rhue

2 (9 oz) graham pie crusts
 1 (14 oz) condensed milk
 1 (8 oz) cream cheese
 1 (16 oz) Cool Whip
 1 (14 oz) coconut
 2 cups pecans or walnuts, chopped
 6 Tbsp butter or margarine
 1 (20 oz) caramel ice cream topping

Mix cream cheese and condensed milk until smooth, then fold in Cool Whip. Melt butter in large sauce pan. Add coconut and nuts. Mix and brown on medium heat. Stir so as not to burn coconut, just brown. In pie shells add the following in layers. Best to work both pies at the same time to equal layers.

Layer of cream cheese and Cool Whip mixture
 Layer of coconut and nut mixture
 Swirls of caramel topping, not a solid layer

Repeat above layers 3 times.

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Easter Coloring Contest
 We're on the Hunt for Eggcellent Artists!
 RLCC Elementary School will be handing out pictures to be colored or stop in to the bank and pick one up!
 Winners will be announced Wednesday April 17th at noon
 Contact Becky Olson for more information
 Prizes for the top three winners in each section will be given.
 Ages 0-3 Ages 4-6 Ages 7-12
 Entries must be received by April 15th

Pickleball Instructional Class
APRIL 7TH, 2019 - 7:00 P.M.
RLCC GYMNASIUM - OKLEE
 Adults Only - Tennis shoes required
 For more information contact Dave Olson at 701-261-7605

Zion Lutheran WELCA
Palm Sunday Brunch
April 14th 2019
 Serving from 10 a.m. to 12 noon
 FREE Will Offering
 Menu: Egg Bake, Muffins, Coffee & Fruit, Rolls, Juice

Red Lake Falls Library News

New adult nonfiction: "The Organic Painter: Explore Unusual Materials and Playful Techniques to Expand your Creative Practice" by Carne Griffiths; "Outer Order, Inner Calm: Declutter and Organize to Make More Room for Happiness" by Gretchen Rubin; and "Grateful American: a journey from self to service" by Gary Sinise (audiobook.)
 New DVD movies include

Bonny's Bits...

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The snow is melting nicely and even though we got a few flurries on Sunday, I'm not going to complain. I hear that the weather next week is expected to get into the 40's & 50's, but I won't promise anything. Neither can the weathermen. They try hard to be accurate, but I wouldn't want that job.
 There will be no potluck this April at the Senior Site. I think they will start up again in May. The seniors are waiting for nicer weather and for the snowbirds that attend to come back home.

Here is more tidbits I found:
 In 2018 Dancing Sky Area Agency On Aging supported over 37,313 older adults wanting to continue living at home in their community and the

Valle Cemetery Associate Meeting
 Meeting on April 7th 2 p.m. at Jeff Johnson's home. Will be accepting bids for mowing both cemetery lots. Deb Vettleson, Secretary

caregives that support them. They serve 21 counties.
 Services received:
 7,223 older Adults received 208,454 Congregate meals.
 2667 older Adults received 186,602 Home Delivered meals.
 227 older Adults received 961 hours of Chore & Home-maker Services.
Dancing Sky makes a Difference for Older Adults.

OKLEE COMMUNITY RuMmAge Sale DAY
Sat. May 11th 2019
 Reorganize your storage areas, clean out your garage, check your closets and drawers ...
THEN
 Contact Sandra Tougas @ 796-5084 (home) or 796-5136 (school) by May 4th to list your sale and be included on the Community Sale Map. The hall will also have 3 free spaces - call to reserve your spot.

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T.H.E. Bus is available for anyone. There are no age or income guidelines. However, children under the age of four must be accompanied by an adult and children under the age of one must be secured in an infant seat.

Curb-to-curb services is available, allowing those with special needs with more convenient method of transportation. All buses are handicapped accessible and lift-equipped and drivers certified.

To reserve a seat, please call one business day prior to the scheduled trip - 1-800-201-3432.

For Polk, Red Lake and Clearwater county stops:

Every Monday - Grand Forks.
 Every 2nd Tuesday - Mahanomen.
 Every 4th Tuesday - Thief River Falls
 Every 1st, 3rd, & 5th Wednesday - Fargo/Moorhead.
 Every 2nd & 4th Friday - Bemidji.

Deadline: Friday's at noon!

WIC Schedule

The Women, Infants and Children's Supplemental Nutrition Education Program (WIC) is being held the month of April 2019.

Infants, children up to the age of 5, and women who are pregnant or breastfeeding may be eligible for the program. We are very interested in enrolling pregnant women in the program. We feel that the prenatal nutrition is a vital part of producing a healthy baby. Therefore, it is important to apply for WIC early in your pregnancy. We need no proof of pregnancy.

All potential clients must contact the WIC Program to schedule an appointment.

The following is the schedule of WIC Clinics for the month of April.

Thursday, April 4 Red Lake Falls Community Center (City Bldg)
 Monday, April 8 Thief River Falls Redeemer Lutheran Church
 Tuesday, April 9 Thief River Falls Redeemer Lutheran Church
 Wednesday, April 10 Thief River Falls Redeemer Lutheran Church
 Thursday, April 11 Thief River Falls Redeemer Lutheran Church
 Friday, April 12 Thief River Falls Redeemer Lutheran Church
 Tuesday, April 23 Oklee Inter-County Community Council Building
 For further information

Oklee Historical Society needs your pop cans!

The Oklee Historical Society is raising funds by collecting aluminum cans. Please bring them to the recycling bin set up near the ice skating rink and fair buildings in Oklee. The money raised will be used for supplies needed to build displays not only on the main floor of City Hall, but to expand the museum area to the upstairs so that full room displays can be set up.

Carpeting is now needed to finish the transformation of a museum area upstairs. All the laminate flooring has been installed and it is beautiful. Thank you to all who donate their pop cans.

10 percent off all money raised by the Historical Society is being set aside in the hopes of raising enough funds for an elevator to be installed so that everyone will have access to the museum.

Your continued support in the aluminum can drive is greatly appreciated by the Oklee Historical Society.

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concerning the WIC program, call or write WIC Quin, PO Box 248, Newfolden, MN 56738, phone 874-7845 (Newfolden, Viking, Middle River, Holt or Thief River Falls residents) or 1-800-223-1591, or e-mail at quinchins@wiktel.com.

North Valley Home Health will offer immunizations, dental varnishing & blood lead testing at the Newfolden and Warren clinics from 9 to 11 am. Arrangements should be made prior to clinics by contacting North Valley Public Health. For more information contact North Valley Public Health at 218-745-5154 or 1-800-950-6986.

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RLCC Spring Concert is April 4

By: Isaiah Aquino
Red Lake County Central is hosting the annual Spring Concert performed by the senior and junior high band and choir students. Anyone is welcome to come. The concert will be held on Thursday, April 4th at 7:00 PM in the High School Gym. There will also be a one dollar donation at the door.

The band and choir students have been busy practicing and preparing for the concert. Senior high band and choir, junior high band and choir, and combined bands and choirs will perform. There will also be many different people featured including drum solo, piano duet, ensembles, soloists, and drums and guitar played during some choir pieces.

Come and support the students' hard work and dedication and enjoy the wonderful vocals and instruments.

RLCC Menus

April 8 - 12 Oklee

Monday: Breakfast: Egg, sausage & cheese biscuit, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Orange chicken, fried rice, egg roll, fortune cookie, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Hamburger patty, baked beans, chips, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Bagel, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, cheesy potatoes, vegetable, fruit, Gold Fish, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Corn dogs, macaroni & cheese, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Lasagna rollup, bread sticks, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Plummer

Monday: Breakfast: Waffles, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, tea roll, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Egg patty, sausage, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** K-2: ham patty w/bun; 3-6: Subs w/sliced cheese, French fries, baked beans, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Pepperoni Calzone, salad, garlic bread sticks, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Apple turnover, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Lasagna, peas & carrots, garlic toast, fruit snack, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Popcorn fish, macaroni & cheese, green beans, PB sandwich, fruit, and milk.

Five Speech Performances from RLC Advance to Sections

By: Danny Guillemette
The Red Lake County Speech Team competed at Sub-Sections at the Red Lake County Central High School on Saturday, March 23. The top four performers in each category go on to sections.

Six students from RLC are advancing to Sections. They are Jayden Iverson-first place Poetry; Autumn Houghtaling-second place Extemporaneous Reading; Danny Guillemette-second place Poetry; Philip Sorenson- fourth place Discussion; Mariah Peterson and Sage Hartman-fourth place Duo. Performers in fifth and sixth place are alternates to Sections. They are: Lilly Hanson and Lacey Pendleton-fifth place Duo.

The RLC Speech Team placed fourth overall at the meet. The Section 8A Speech Meet is in Fosston on Friday, April 5.



Red Lake County Central February Students of the Month. Annika Senum was nominated by Mr. Randy Huie and Madeline Inda-Valdez was nominated by Ms. Jeri McDonald.

RLCC Students of the Month

By: Jeremy Kruchowski and Eric Gieseke

The Red Lake County Central High School recognized two students who were selected as the Students of the Month for February. They were Annika Senum and Maddie Inda-Valdez.

The February Senior High Student of the Month was nominated by Mr. Randy Huie. He nominated Annika Senum for working hard and being great at her four squares and essays in his American History class. Huie commented, "She is very polite and a respectful student and she has excelled in her first year at RLCC H.S. as a transfer student." Kristie Olson one of

the para's said, "Annika thanks her for cleaning up the lunch room area after lunch which is much appreciated."

Senum is in 10th grade and is 15 years old. She is the daughter of Heidi Fehlhaber and Richard Fehlhaber and her five siblings are Andrew Senum, Lisa Senum, Linnea Senum, Mary Ellen Senum, and Logan Ellingson. Senum is involved in golf and drama in Thief River Falls. She enjoys reading, texting and Facetimeing her boyfriend.

Madeline Inda-Valdez received the February Junior High Student of the Month. Inda-Valdez is a 15 year old ninth grader and is the daughter of

Maria Valdez and Eduardo Inda-Lopez. She has two siblings, Hector Inda-Valdez and Edwin Inda-Valdez. She is involved in basketball and her favorite thing to do in her free time is going on walks and seeing her cows and cats.

Inda-Valdez was selected by Ms. Jeri McDonald. McDonald commented, "Maddie is someone who brings a great energy to class. She always manages to put a smile on everyone's face with her charisma and stories. She treats her classmates and teacher with respect, and always works hard in class."

Congratulations, Annika and Maddie.



The RLCC River Watch team wearing their waders in a huge culvert off one road. Pictured are: Mrs. Katie Tran, Tanisha Srnsky, Kaitlyn Morris, and Sidney Olson.

River Watch Makes a Difference in our Rivers

By: Danny Guillemette

For the second year in a row, Kaitlyn Morris, Sidney Olson and Tanisha Srnsky have been involved in River Watch at Red Lake County Central. Their advisor, Katie Tran who is one of the science teachers at RLCC, had never been involved with River Watch before this year. However, they were able to take first place with their presentation at the River Watch Forum on February 27.

Morris decided to join two years ago because her sister was in it years prior, and her parents also encouraged her to give it a shot. Her favorite parts about River Watch this year were going to the forum and winning first for their presentation, and going into the water and sampling.

Olson joined because she wanted to expand her horizons and get involved in more activities. Her favorite parts about River Watch this year were being able to learn new things, getting into the water to sample, and spending time with the rest of the team.

Srnsky joined because she thought it would help with Envirothon, and also because she liked River Watch's previous advisor, Shelly Steva. Srnsky's favorite part about River Watch this year was getting first at the forum.

As the group's advisor, Tran worked very closely with Ashley Hitt of The Red Lake Water Shed District. Tran's favorite parts about River Watch this year were going to the International Water Institute and speaking with the Red Lake County Environmental Services for their project.

The River Watch team monitors the Clearwater, Lost, Hill, and Poplar Rivers once to twice a month in the fall season. They do a lot of testing; they test the temperatures, water level and flow, turbidity, oxygen levels, phosphorous levels, nitrogen levels, and many other components. They test the rivers because they want to maintain good health and quality for the rivers.

They found the idea for their project when they were

macroinvertebrate sampling and found a discharge coming out from the side of the road which was making a cloudy muck on the side of the stream. They looked into it further and there was an old pipe that had

RLCC ECFE April Events

By Abigail Walton

Red Lake County Central has three family events for preschoolers planned for April. The Early Childhood Education Family Fun Nights are for children birth to five years old and their parents and/or special adult. Grandparents and other adult family members are always welcome.

Thu, April 4th is the Infant/Toddler Class #4: "Footprint Butterfly Flower Pot" at 6-7 PM at the Oklee site. ECFE will provide all the materials needed to make this a fun keepsake! In this class, they will be planting marigolds in the flower pots after they put on a footprint.

Tue, April 16th is the RLCC ECFE (0-5 year olds) Grandparents' Night featuring "Butterflies". Meet at the Brooks Community Center from 6:00-7:00 PM for an evening of activities centered on time with Grandma and/or Grandpa. Parents are welcome to attended too. They will be making caterpillar necklaces, binoculars, coffee filter butterflies, playing a Very Hungry Caterpillar board game, and making a celery snack.

Thu, April 25th is the field trip to the Headwaters Science Center in Bemidji for 3 ½ to

five year olds class. It is for Red Lake Falls, Plummer, and Oklee School Readiness children and their parents from 4:30-9:30 PM. The trip will consist of eating at Giovanni's Pizza and then touring the Science Center. Look at trip details at www.hsbemidji.org. Cost of the tour at the Science Center is covered by a grant from Operation Round-Up. The supper at Giovanni's will be a free-will offering collected at the bus. Bus cost will be \$5.00 per family. Call in to register by April 23. Red Lake Falls is picked up at 4:30 PM; call 253-2161 ext. 229. Plummer is picked up at 4:45 PM; call 465-4222 ext. 218. Oklee will be picked up at 5:10 PM; call 796-5136 ext. 140.

Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) is a program for all Minnesota families with children between the ages of birth up to kindergarten. The program is offered through Minnesota public school districts. ECFE builds and supports the skills and confidence of parents and strengthens families with children birth to kindergarten. It helps to build community by connecting parents of infants, toddlers, and preschoolers.

"Lace 'Em Up" Basketball Camp Registration

By Kia Bachand

The annual "Lace 'Em Up" Basketball Camp will be held in the Red Lake Falls High School from June 3rd-7th, 2019. It is open to boys and girls who are currently in grades K-11. From 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. will be for grades 6th-11th, and 12:00 to 3:30 p.m. will be for grades K-6th. (If requested, sixth graders may come in the morning, afternoon, or both for one price).

The cost of the camp is \$60 with a maximum of \$100 per family. If registered before May 25th, you will also receive a camp T-shirt. After May 25th, all single registration fees will be \$70 and the maximum cost per family will be \$120.

Return registration forms to Steve Phillon:

518 Champagne Ave, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750
(218-253-2499) or Email: sphillon@rlfedu.org

a lot of stuff backed up to it. So they made the presentation and spoke to the Red Lake Watershed and proposed their plan, which will be put into action hopefully this coming spring.

At the Forum, they went into breakout sessions and also gave their presentation, then played games with the other schools. Lastly, there was the awards ceremony where they were

awarded first place for their presentation on their project.

The River Watch Team will be inviting those that want to join River Watch next year to participate in April and May as they work on the kiosks that they made last year in People's Park in Plummer. They will be open for new students in grades 9-12 to join. They really encourage new kids to join River Watch next year.



The RLCC River Watch team macroinvertebrate sampling on Hill River.



The RLCC River Watch team giving their presentation at the Alerus Center in Grand Forks.



Oklee Herald Early Files

Seventy Years Ago March 31, 1949

Sherly Louise, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Rahier was baptized at the Oklee Lutheran parsonage Sunday with the Rev. J.M. Runestad officiating.

A bridal shower was held in honor of Mrs. Wendell Ellefson (nee Eunice Fore) of Grand Forks in the basement of Zion Lutheran Church here Sunday afternoon.

Lorraine Rolandson, a junior at Oklee High School was elected by the members of her class as candidate to attend "Girls State" in Minneapolis in June. Ella Davis is alternate.

Eunice Jaeger has been picked by the Plummer unit of the American Legion Auxiliary to attend Minnesota's Girls State this summer.

Mrs. Owen O'Neill was guest of honor at a surprise birthday party at her home Saturday evening.

Sixty Years Ago April 2, 1959

A hand carved birch dish made in Norway 1100 years ago bids well for the honor of being the oldest relic around these parts. It is owned by T.O. Lien of Garnes who received it from his son, Oliver, now on duty in Germany. The relic was given to Oliver in Norway by his uncle, Hallvard Lien, a brother of T.O. Lien.

Another preliminary step looking toward eventual improvement of the Lost River Channel was taken at a meeting in Oklee. Test borings of Lost River area are being planned.

SP/r Roger Skjerven, who has been stationed in Germany but has been in Fort Sheridan a short time, has been discharged.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Darrow Lundeen on the arrival of a baby boy born last Friday. The little fellow weighed in at four pounds, 10 ounces.

Fifty Years Ago April 3, 1969

The Oklee School was host to a sub-district speech contest. Oklee entrants who received A's were Tom Sweno and Patty Radniecki. Becky Radniecki

and Joanne Lambert received B ratings.

Spec. Clyde Peterson of Fort Ben Harrison, Ind., is here spending his furlough with relatives in TRF. Clyde will be leaving soon for Vietnam.

Shelly Reck spent several days last week with Carolyn Gagner while her mother, Mrs. Dick Reck was on jury duty.

Mrs. Selma Johnson visited at the James Votava home from Saturday until Tuesday. While there she attended the West King Homemakers Club in McIntosh.

The Minnesota Conservation Department this week urged boys and girls from 11 to 16 years of age to register soon for firearms training classes if they intend to hunt next fall.

Forty Years Ago March 29, 1979

The Oklee Community Club has set the date for its annual Community Auction Sale. It will be on April 20th. This is a consignment sale. Items will be sold with a small percentage of the price going to the Oklee Community Club.

Nathan Kit Walter, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lambert was baptized at St. Frances Xavier Catholic Church. Rev. Keough Patnode officiated at the ceremony.

Meet the Seniors featured Colleen Longtin, Anita Hanson and Dennis Nelson.

Winners at the State VICA Skill Olympics from the Pine To Prairie Cooperative Center included Deb Lizotte (RLF), 1st place in Child Care and Kathy Capp (Oklee), 2nd place in Prepared Speech.

The Plummer American Legion Auxiliary chose it's Girl Stater – Lorie Skjerven, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Skjerven.

Thirty Years Ago March 29, 1989

Three file for two seats to be filled on the Oklee School Board. Those filing were Errol Rustan, Jim Reinhold, and John Lerohl. The election will be May 16th.

Chosen by the Plummer American Legion Auxiliary as Girls Stater is Heather Paradis. Alternate is Shari Rustan.

The Oklee Wrestlers traveled to Bemidji on Saturday for a tournament. The kids were grouped in 8-man brackets according to age and weight.

Twenty Years Ago March 31, 1999

This year's three act play is "The Quiet Summer" directed by Michael Swenson. Cast members are Casey Jo Wilde, Dusty Knutson, Mickey Tougas, Mitch Rystad, Paul Beau-doin, Talia Bishop, Julaine Sparley, Leif Kolstoe, Cynthia Raiter, Jessi Dessellier, Rachel Schue, Jennifer Olson, Kristina Olson, Lindsay Hegge, Doug Cote, Tim Wahlen, Lindsay Bergeson, Craig Arveson, Skip Bergeson, and Crystle Moody.

On Sunday there was a birthday party for Virginia Weber, held at her home in Trail.

Delores Longtin returned home last Monday after visiting her sister, Dorothy Farden of Virginia, MN. While there they flew down to Naples, FL for a fun week where they were guests of Dorothy's son, Scott and family at the Registry Resort.

Ryan Voeltz of Oklee placed 2nd in his pre-school wrestling bracket.

Ten Years Ago April 1, 2009

The weather has been all sunshine and melting, but with that came flooding to low lying areas. Flooding has started to happen in Red Lake County. Folks that live along rivers or streams have been watching the water rise and those not living near a river, have experienced overland flooding as melting snow has filled fields and it is looking for an escape.

RLCC Plummer recently received a \$1000 art grant and has purchased a kiln for firing clay at the Elementary school.

Larry Skallet was honored at a retirement party held at the Security State Bank & Agency on Friday, March 27th. His daughters and grandchildren came to help him celebrate.

Ashley Longtin, age 10, has cut off 11 inches of her hair to donate to the Locks of Love program. This is the second time she has donated.

Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

Joke Time

To celebrate their silver anniversary, a couple went to Niagara Falls and asked a motel clerk for a room. "We only have the honeymoon suite available," she said.

"My wife and I've been married for 25 years," the man said. "We don't need the honeymoon suite."

"Look buddy," replied the clerk. "I might rent you Yankee Stadium, but you don't have to play baseball in it."

An American couple visiting in a German village stepped into a small shop to look for souvenirs. The woman sneezed. "Gesundheit!" said the clerk.

"Charles," said the woman to her husband, "we're in luck. There is somebody here that speaks English."

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

The weather so far has been holding for a perfect melt. We can wish for hotter weather but why would you want flooding? I can see a lot of progress with the snow melt and how it is going down faster than I thought it would, but the puddles are not as great as I thought they would be. With a little luck we may have the perfect spring. Another thing this does, is it is soaking down into the ground as it thaws. We need that moisture after the lack of moisture we had last year.

The Red Hats will be meeting on April 10th at the Cozy Bar and Grill in Brooks. With Easter coming up this will free all from doubling up on work and busyness around the Easter Holiday. So come to enjoy

and be ready to order at 11:30.

Clarence and Dianne Gagner went to the Cities last weekend, and watched their grand daughter, Ashton Gagner, daughter of Dan and Alicia Gagner, compete in gymnastics at the Convention Center. She did very well and qualified to compete in Regionals in Iowa sometime in April in Iowa. Congratulations to Ashton. Good Luck in your next meet.

While they were in the area, Clarence and Dianne took a side trip to Faribault to take in a soccer game that Ayden played in on Friday. On Saturday they went to Fergus Falls to visit with Tim and Brenda and stayed overnight. And on Sunday they visited with Rolland and Nancy Gagner on Lake Sarah before they came

home.

This past Saturday Clarence and Dianne Gagner went to the American Legion Auxiliary supper in Plummer. Karen and Dick Delage accompanied them to the dinner.

On Sunday Jerome and Barb Novak went to the Immanuel Lutheran Church Dinner at the Community Hall in Plummer. They visited with Jan Johnson and Wes Myhre, and with Dawn Johnson. A wonderful Ham Dinner was served with dressing, roll, vegetable, potatoes, gravy, and dessert. The ham was generous and the company was great.

We hope you have a great week and that you don't overdo in the rush to clean up for spring.

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

Randy and Dianne Eskeli and daughter Gina of Elk Grove Village, Illinois came for Fern Eskeli's funeral which was Friday, March 22nd at Immanuel

Lutheran Church in Plummer. Also attending were Darlynn Eskeli of Fredericksburg, Maryland and her friend Terry from Grand Forks. A lunch was served by the ladies following the funeral. Several of the Red Hat ladies attended also as well as friends and family.

On Feb. 21st, Mike Fossum left to visit his brother Jim Fossum and wife Chris at Harvest, Alabama. He stayed there days and went to the Gulf of Mexico. He also visited a cousin at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. Though he was in New Orleans, he didn't stay for the Mardi Gras parade. It was raining hard and too many people. But, he saw a parade at Orange Beach, Alabama. They have their own version of the Mardi Gras parade in different cities. He saw one other parade besides. He stopped and ate seafood at various restaurants. After a long drive he got back home on March 7th.

The robins have been around; I saw quite few the previous Saturday. Also geese this morning, Thursday. That was exciting.

Alice Jobe went to Badger on Sunday for her brother, Jack's 59th birthday. They had cake, ice cream and coffee around

10:30 a.m. Then left for the community hall to look at various art displays such as painting, photography, tile ceramics art and a few others. Then you could vote for your favorite. Sister-in-law Sherri had a couple of big displays entered. Some of the family then went to the community center for a benefit breakfast of pancakes, ham, ice cream, strawberries and coffee put on by the Lions. It was good to see the snow disappearing in the fields. My nephew Mike said on Sunday he had 60 calves so far.

The Globetrotters were at the Mall of America lately and while on the roller coaster, one made a basket. They showed it on TV. They have been around 93 years now.

Dianna Ross celebrated her 75th birthday on March 26th. She and the Supremes were very popular.

My Sis, Phyllis Unruh of Warroad left today, Thursday for Phoenix to visit her daughter Stacy and granddaughters. Lucky her! She'll be there eight days.

Be sure to get out and enjoy the spring weather. I've worked on my culverts to try to get them flowing. Have a good week!

MEET THE KINDERGARTEN OF RED LAKE COUNTY CENTRAL



Name: Avery Grove
Parent(s): Jeremy & Rachel
What do your parent(s) do for a living? Dad: help people make houses. Mom: golf & curling
Sibling(s): Eli
Pet(s): 2 cats: Cheetoe and Fluffy
Favorite movie: Elsa (Frozen)
Favorite food: Peanut butter sandwich
Favorite school activity: Play games
Favorite school lunch: Pizza
Favorite color: Pink & Purple
Favorite toy: Barbies



Name: Silas Busse
Parent(s): Jazzmine & Nik
What do your parent(s) do for a living? Dad: Drinks coffee at work. Mom: Works at Subway
Sibling(s): Zoey, Violet & Madden
Pet(s): Dog: "Spiral in the Sky" and cats "Archie & Jughead"
Favorite movie: Ralph Breaks the Internet
Favorite food: SpaghettiO's
Favorite school activity: Write stuff
Favorite school lunch: Peanut butter sandwich
Favorite color: A Rainbow
Favorite toy: Pikachu



Name: Ava Kolstoe
Parent(s): Leif & Jill
What do your parent(s) do for a living? Dad: Farms. Mom: Makes food.
Sibling(s): none
Pet(s): Outside cats: Whiskers, Willow, Willa, Wisk & Kitch.
Favorite movie: Sing
Favorite food: Chicken nuggets & pizza
Favorite school activity: Art - Painting
Favorite school lunch: Pizza & Smiles potatoes
Favorite color: Pink & purple
Favorite toy: Sophia doll



Name: Merrick Frizzle
Parent(s): Meckenzie Malwitz & Marcellous Frizzle
What do your parent(s) do for a living? Dad: Plays video games and works in Brooks. Mom: Goes to Brooks and gets Cornuts.
Sibling(s): McKaelyn
Pet(s): A dog named Duke
Favorite movie: Inside Out
Favorite food: Pizza – I love pizza
Favorite school activity: Play video games
Favorite school lunch: Ce-real
Favorite color: A Rainbow
Favorite toy: A big red truck

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Who's Dat?



Who's Dat

This week's photo is of two people, one from the Plummer area and one from the Oklee area.

Last week's was of Ed Nelson and Fritz Thorpe.

Everyone has a photo or two that would be great for this column. Please share them with our readers as it

is one of most popular columns of the Oklee Herald.

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