

Oklee Precipitation  
By Einar Kvasager

|           | Rain  | Snow  |
|-----------|-------|-------|
| March 30  | Trace | Trace |
| April 1   |       | Trace |
| April 2   |       | Trace |
| April 3   |       | 0.25  |
| April 5   |       | Trace |
| Total in. | 0.00  | 0.25  |

# Oklee Herald

...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

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## RLCC presents “You Know the Old Slaying”



The RLCC High School presented “You Know the Old Slayings” on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 29, 30 & 31st. Cast included Luci Svendsen as “Flash” Burns, Lilly Hanson as Darleen Richards, Danny Guillemette as Brad Reese, Jonathan Roue was the Stage Hand/Assistant, Tom Nelson as Harcourt Rodale, Jayden Iverson as Lisa McFarland. In front is Remi Rathsack who played Mark Henshaw.

On Friday to Sunday night at RLCC High School the play, “You Know the Old Slaying” was presented by special arrangement with Brooklyn Publishers, LLC in association with Heuer Publishing, LLC. Tyrell Hamrum was the director and this is his first year taking over the RLCC plays. He

worked earlier in the year with the One Act Play competition and this was his first play to be presented to the public.

The storyline of the play is about a group of actors and their director who travel from town to town performing for the locals. Mark Henshaw (Remi Rathsack) is the male lead of the troupe and is quite arrogant, conceited and sarcastic. He is very good at annoying his fellow actors and is also the murder victim in this two-act play.

The lead female actress is Lisa McFarland (Jayden Iverson). In the past she was a former “big name” which the troupe loves as it brings in audiences to their performances. But she is a bit headstrong and is used to being the prima donna of the troupe.

Other characters in the troupe are the understudy for Henshaw, Brad Reese (Danny Guillemette). He is very enthusiastic, working hard to be as good as Henshaw one day, but is not as talented as he believes himself to be. And he seems to have a crush on Darleen Richards (Lilly Hanson) is young, sweet, kooky, and charmingly naive.

The stage manager of the troupe is “Flash” Burns (Luci Svendsen). She is a good stage manager who anticipates problems and corrects them without panicking. She has a strong

personality, and is not very talkative.

The director, Harcourt Rodale (Tom Nelson) is a friendly, warm person towards the entire crew with the exception of Mark. He enjoys talking about the “magic of theatre” and has been involved in theatre most of his life.

They recently were in Trail performing and now are in Oklee getting ready for their evening performance.

The cast is all gathered on the stage getting ready when Henshaw loudly complains that he will not go on if he doesn't get his favorite latte with a pinch of cinnamon before the performance. In his arrogant and sarcastic personality, he annoys the entire cast. No one wants to be the one to cater to him. Finally the stage manager Flash Burns brings him a latte setting on the table on stage.

Lisa McFarland does not like anything on the stage that is not supposed to be there but before she gets up to remove it from the stage, Harcourt Rodale is seen fiddling the cup, setting it down on the table again. Lisa then removes the cup and takes it off stage.

Henshaw still complaining that he hasn't had his latte, finally belittles Brad Reese into going to get him a latte. Brad returns with a cup which

is different from the first cup on stage, but when Henshaw drinks from it, he spits it out and says it is terrible and demands that he be brought the exact type of latte he wants.

After more sarcastic behavior from Henshaw, Darleen goes off stage returning with the cup of latte. Henshaw drinks and within minutes drops to the floor dead.

The rest of the troupe is initially surprised but soon they are all suspicious of each other and Harcourt takes control and has everyone recount what each of them did before Henshaw drank this latte trying to figure out which one is responsible and the who done it begins in earnest.

As the troupe go through their actions, questions are asked and answers sometimes lead to everyone being a possible suspect. Then the troupe ask Harcourt about his actions before the murder and he is now also a suspect.

Intermission is called by the Director and the cast visits with the audience. When intermission is over, since the troupe hasn't figured out who did it, they ask the audience for help in figuring out the clues.

The audience gets to ask questions of the troupe and one question leads to another. Some leads end in dead ends.

Flash had access to rat poison she uses to clear out rats & mice from the stage area, Brad had brought a cup to Henshaw

which could have been poisoned also, but he spit out the fowl tasting drink. Lisa had taken the cup off stage and had an opportunity to put poison in the cup also. Darleen had been the one that brought the cup back to the stage and the fiddling around the director did, consisted of putting a sleeping pill in the latte, he admitted.

After a period of questions and leads, the audience is asked to vote on who did it.

The vote on Friday night was the director did it. but in the end, Brad confessed. He just wanted to prove he could act just as good as Henshaw.

Now was the outcome of the vote the same every night at the play, I don't know.



Harcourt Rodale (Tom Nelson) starts out by welcoming everyone to the troupe's show.

## Statewide tornado drills are Thursday, April 11th

During the week, the Department of Public Safety and the National Weather Service will be promoting severe weather safety and emergency preparedness information in the media. In addition, statewide tornado drills will be held Thursday, April 11th at 1:45pm and 6:45pm.

### Calendar of Events

**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!

**Sun, Apr. 14:**  
-Worship at the church of your choice.

**Mon, Apr. 15:**  
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.

**Tue, Apr. 16:**  
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.  
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards.

**Wed, Apr. 17:**  
-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. 18:**  
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.  
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.

**Fri, Apr. 19:**  
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.  
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.

**Sat, Apr. 20:**  
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!

**Sun, Apr. 21:**  
-Worship at the church of your choice.

**Mon, Apr. 22:**  
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.

**Tue, Apr. 23:**  
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.  
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards.

**Wed, Apr. 24:**  
-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. 25:**  
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.  
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.

### 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     | 0.25    |
| Total | 51.88   | 70.125  |

## Insects and the Polar Vortex: How will soybean aphid fare in 2019 after the cold winter?

This article, written by Extension post-doctoral researcher Anthony Hanson and Extension entomologist Robert Koch, was originally posted in Minnesota Crop News.

On January 31, 2019, most of Minnesota had morning lows near or below -30°F (Figure 1). Cold winters help prevent many potential pest insects from establishing here or requires species that cannot survive our winters like potato leaf hopper or black cutworm to migrate up from southern states. Extreme cold can also knock back species that are established here.

### Insect cold tolerance

For the most part, insects match the temperature of their surrounding environment, making them “cold-blooded.” Wind chill doesn't really affect them, but air temperature does. Even so, many insects can survive temperatures well-below freezing due to their own antifreeze compounds like glycerol.

Similar to weather forecasting, insect forecasting can give us a general idea of future insect populations. The minimum winter temperature can help forecast freeze mortality.

Where insects overwinter also affects mortality. Some insects, like corn rootworm, overwinter in leaf litter or soil, where they are protected from temperature extremes, especially when there is heavy snow cover. Most areas of Minnesota had between one to two feet of snow cover during the coldest parts of this winter. Pests directly exposed to air temperature, like soybean aphid, would be most affected by the cold snap.

### Soybean aphid

Because soybean aphid overwinters as eggs on buckthorn buds, there is little protection from cold exposure, unless they are under insulating snow cover. Eggs will freeze between -25 and -35 degrees F1, temperatures that were widely seen

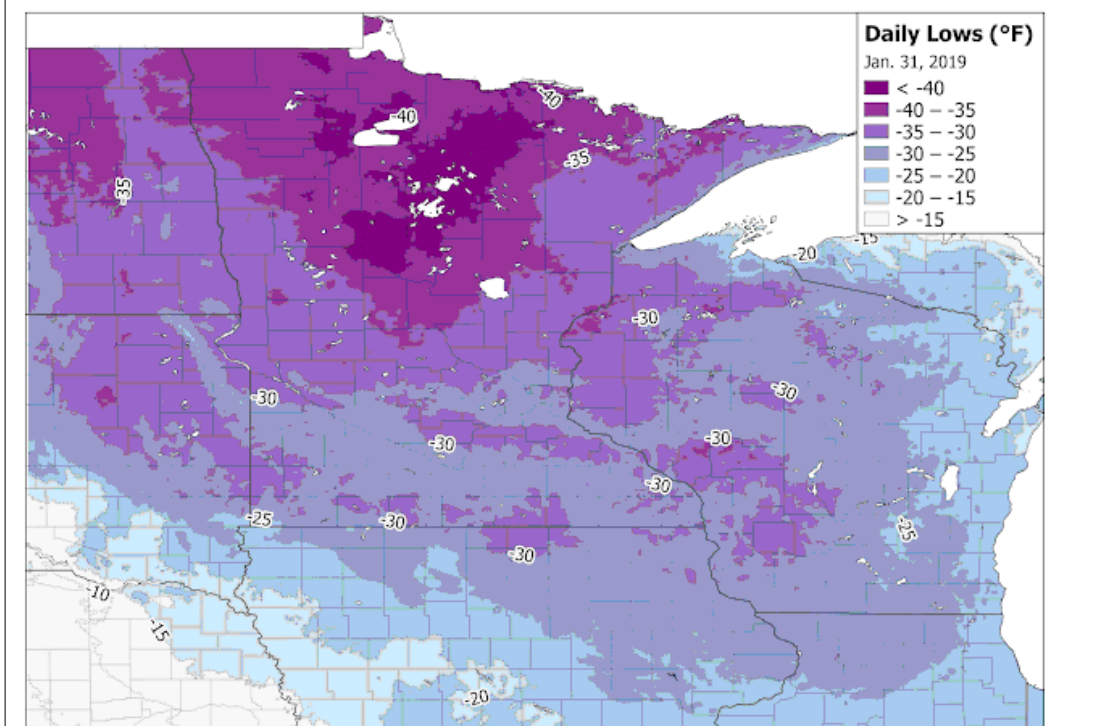


Figure 1. Morning lows on Jan. 31, 2019; U.S. National Phenology Network: [www.usanpn.org](http://www.usanpn.org).

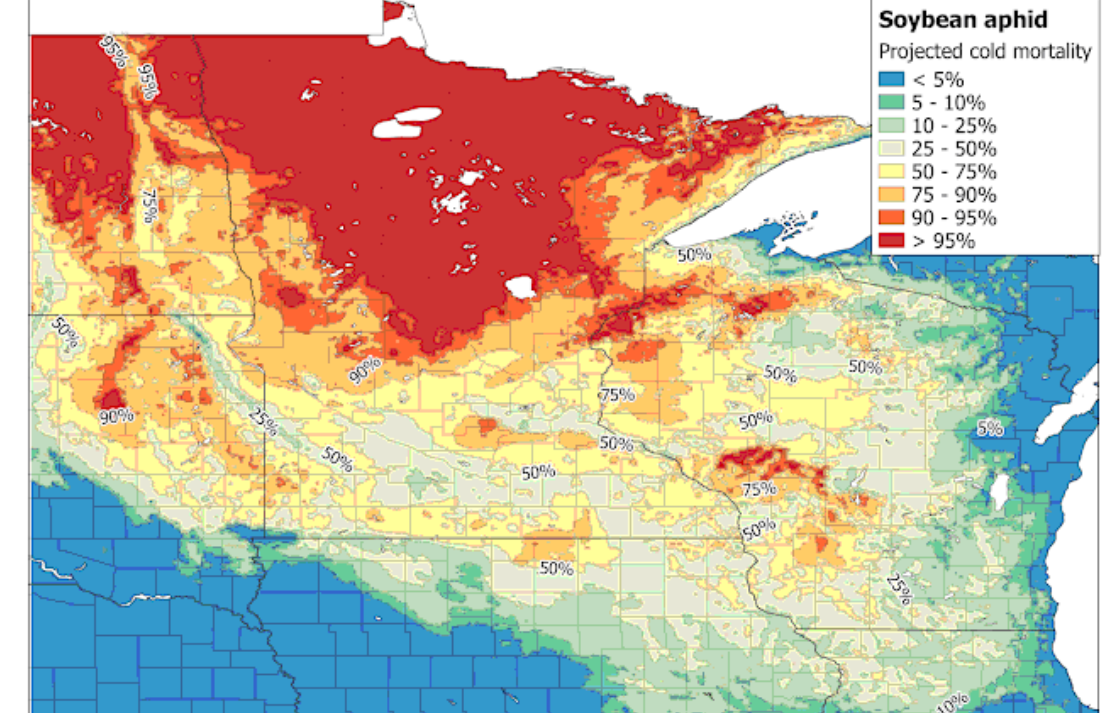


Figure 2. Predicted soybean aphid cold-exposure mortality on Jan. 31, 2019 based on average freezing point of overwintering eggs at -29 degrees F (std. dev.: 3.4) and minimum air temperature.

across Minnesota on January 31. Some egg mortality can also occur above freezing, due to dehydration and late-fall cold snaps.

### Outlook for 2019

Cold temperature mortality may be high in parts of Minnesota (Figure 2). In addition, sustained low temperatures just above lethal temperatures can cause more mortality than what is projected on the map (e.g. two nights in a row near -30 degrees F). The late January cold snap won't eliminate soybean aphid from Minnesota, but it could reduce early-season populations in some areas.

Winter mortality is only one piece of the puzzle when forecasting if an insect pest will be a problem. In the case of soybean aphid, winged aphids are very mobile and can colonize new areas by field-to-field flight or long distance travel on air currents. Wintering populations are present over large parts of the Upper Midwest where temperatures were not as lethal.

Many insect populations can grow quickly, so even a small percent of the surviving population can still cause problems for soybean growers under the right conditions.

Start scouting early in the year so you can stay on top of soybean aphid populations. For more information, visit Extension's Soybean aphid website.

## Spring Bake

The Clearwater County Historical Society will have a **spring bake & book sale** on Saturday April 20 at the Bagley Senior Center.

Sale starts at 9:00 a.m. Closes at 2:00 or when everything is gone!

Pulled Pork Sandwich lunch served 11:00- gone - Free Will Offering. Baked goodies needed:

They can be brought to the museum on Friday April 19 before 3:00 p.m. or Saturday morning to the sale site after 8:00 a.m.

See you there!

## Church news

**OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH**  
**Zion and Salem**  
**Pastor Linda Molitor**  
**Wed, April 10:** 6:15 p.m. Supper with 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service at Salem.  
**Sun, April 14:** 9:00 a.m. Zion. Brunch after service. 9:00 a.m. Salem SS. 10:15 a.m. Zion SS. 10:30 a.m. Salem.  
**Tue, April 16:** 7:00 p.m. Mutual Ministry meeting.  
**Thu, April 18:** 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday at Salem.

**CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OKLEE, GRYGLA & GOODRIDGE**  
**Fr. Adam Hamness**  
**Sun, April 14:** 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 13:** 5:30 p.m. RLF  
**Sun, April 14:** 8:00 a.m. Brooks. 10:00 a.m. RLF.

**IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA**  
**Pastor Jonathan Dodson**  
**Wed, April 10:** 7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship at Ebenezer.  
**Sun, April 14:** 9:00 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer. 9:15 a.m. SS at Immanuel. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Immanuel. 11:30 a.m. Joint Council at Immanuel.  
**Thu, April 18:** 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship at Immanuel.

**GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA**  
**Bethany-Ekelund-Faith Pastor Kristen Ostercamp**  
**Wed, April 10:** Lenten at Bethany: 6:00 p.m. Meal, 7:00 p.m. Service. 7:45 p.m. Confirmation.  
**Sun, April 14:** Combined Service at Bethany at 10:00 a.m. Bethany, Ekelund & Faith SS singing.  
**Mon, April 15:** 7:00 p.m. Parish Board meeting.  
**Thu, April 18:** Maundy Thursday at Eklund: 6:00 p.m. Meal - 7:00 p.m. Worship.

**Oklee Senior Site Dining**

**April 15 - 19**  
 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:** Cold meatloaf sandwich, broccoli cheese soup, and dessert.

**Tuesday:** Chicken strip, tossed salad, cottage cheese, toast, and dessert.

**Wednesday:** Grilled chicken breast, American fries w/ onions, carrots, and dessert.

**Thursday:** Liver & onions, boiled potatoes, corn, bread, and dessert.

**Friday: Birthday meal:** Shrimp, hash browns, peas, toast, and dessert.

**CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH**  
**Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri Pastor Jeff Merseth**  
**Wed, April 10:** 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 6:00 p.m. Soup & Sandwich at Nazareth. 7:00 p.m. at Nazareth.  
**Thu, April 11:** 5:00 p.m. Lent Service at Mt. Olive.  
**Sat, April 13:** 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.  
**Sun, April 14:** 8:00 a.m. St. Petri, 9:15 a.m. SS; 8:30 a.m. SS Oak Park, 9:45 a.m. Oak Park, 10:00 a.m. SS at Nazareth, 11:00 a.m. Nazareth.  
**Wed, April 17:** No Wednesday School. 7:00 p.m. Oak Park Ladies Aid.  
**Thu, April 18:** Maundy Thursday - 5 p.m. Mt. Olive, 7 p.m. Nazareth.

**NEW JOURNEY CHURCH**  
**Josiah Hoagland, Pastor**  
**Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor**  
**www.newjourneyfosston.com**  
**Wed, April 10:** 6:30 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.  
**Fri, April 12:** 8:30 a.m. Friday School.  
**Sun, April 14:** 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.

**Tue, April 16:** 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 17:** 6:30 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

**Thu, April 18:** 6 p.m. & 8 p.m. Living Last Supper at Calvary Lutheran Church.

**GULLY-TRAIL PARISH**  
**Bethany \* Lund Sand Valley Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister**  
**Wed, April 10:** 2:00 p.m. Lund WELCA. Sand Valley: 6 p.m. Soup & Sandwich, 7 p.m. Lent Service.

**Sun, April 14:** 9:00 a.m. Lund. 9:00 a.m. SS at Sand Valley. 10:30 a.m. Bethany. 1:30 p.m. 7 & 8 grade Confirmation at Lund. 3:00 p.m. 5th grade First Communion class at Lund.

**Wed, April 17:** 2:00 p.m. Sand Valley WELCA. No Confirmation.

**Thu, April 18:** Maundy Thursday: Lund - 6 p.m. Soup & Sandwich, 7:00 p.m. Service\*. 7 & 8 Grade narrative, 5th grade First Communion.

**BETHEL ASSEMBLY**  
**Fosston**  
**Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor**  
**Sun, April 14:** 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship.

### Sudoku Solution

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

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## Oklee Centennial Cookbook Recipe Corner - From page 338

**Banana Cupcakes**  
**Margaret (Bachand) Wiebenman**  
**Mae Bachand**

2/3 cup shortening  
 2 tsp vanilla  
 1-1/3 cup sugar  
 2 eggs (or 3 egg whites)  
 2-2/3 cups sifted flour  
 2 tsp baking powder  
 1 tsp soda  
 1 tsp salt  
 1 tsp cinnamon  
 1 tsp nutmeg  
 1/4 tsp cloves  
 1-1/2 cups mashed bananas



Cream shortening with vanilla. Beat in sugar gradually until mixture is light. Add eggs, beat well. Sift dry ingredients together and add to creamed mixture alternately with bananas. Blend well. Fill greased muffin pan or cupcake papers half full. Bake at 375 degrees for 15-20 minutes.

**RED LAKE COUNTY BASEBALL**  
**20th Annual Walleye Fish Fry**  
**Saturday, April 13, 2019**  
 Serving from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.  
**Red Lake Falls American Legion Post #22**  
**Silent Auction**  
**MEAL:** Fish, Corn, Baked Potato, and Salad Bar  
**PREPAID:** 1 fillet \$13 2 fillets \$16  
**AT THE DOOR:** 1 fillet \$14 2 fillets \$17  
 PROCEEDS BENEFIT EQUIPMENT NEEDS OF THE PROGRAM.

**Zion Lutheran WELCA = Oklee**  
**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

**HAROLD's 90!**  
 Please join us for an Open House at his home **Saturday, April 13th from 3-6 pm**

**A MESSAGE OF THANKS**  
 Thank you to everyone who participated in anyway for the funeral of Marlin Barsness.  
 God bless you all Irene Rosten and Family

**90th Birthday Party FOR Donna Bergeron**  
**SATURDAY APRIL 13TH 1-4PM**  
**AT THE OKLEE INN.**  
 Lunch will be served. No gifts requested.

**April 20th EASTER EGG HUNT 9-10:30 a.m**  
**Oklee Community Hall**  
 Pictures with the Easter bunny from 9-9:30 (bring your own camera)  
 Egg Hunt from 9:30-10:30.  
 Crafts & prizes for all participating kids!  
 Funded by Oklee Community Club & Oklee Community Ed.

**NOTICE**  
**The City of Oklee will be flushing hydrants on April 24 & 25**



**ATTENTION**  
**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 Commissioners Minutes

### RED LAKE COUNTY Regular Meeting Held March 12, 2019

Pursuant to adjournment of its regular meeting the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners duly met in regular session at the courthouse in Red Lake Falls, MN on March 12, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. Commissioners present: Dudycha, Flage, Simpson and Weiss. Absent: Commissioner Simpson. Chairman Weiss called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Remick moved to approve the agenda with the addition of the HR Director. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dudycha and carried unanimously.

HR Director Lundeen met with the board regarding approval of her annual step increase. Commissioner Dudycha moved, seconded by Flage and carried unanimously to approve a step increase for Angie Lundeen from Grade 35-step 6 (\$30.85 hourly) to Grade 35-step 7 (\$31.37 hourly) effective March 13, 2019.

E.O Officer Curt Casavan met with the board to explain Joint Ditch billings received from both Pennington and Polk counties for maintenance of shared drainage systems. Casavan recommends payment. Commissioner Dudycha moved, seconded by Flage and carried by unanimous vote to approve payment of \$1,377.28 to Pennington County and \$3,016.77 to Polk County pursuant to MN Statutes 103E.711, Subd. 1.

Casavan provided an update on his meeting with MPCA officials regarding the two county demolition landfills. The state informed of the need for monitoring wells at the Red Lake Falls location. Casavan informed MPCA representatives that funding to cover the estimated \$40,000 plus cost is currently being budgeted at \$10,000 annually (beginning in 2019) for completion within the next four to five years. The MPCA is also suggesting that the Oklee site be closed and future demolition be transferred to the Red Lake Falls site. Casavan is not in agreement with MPCA and relayed his concerns to the state officials.

Casavan commented on the Well Inventory Project and the importance of water and possible effects of irrigation on aquifers.

Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held on February 26, 2019 as presented.

Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried unanimously to approve the following expenditures for the period:

| Vendor                            | Amount              |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Bjorklund Compensation Consulting | \$4,625.00          |
| Cardmember Service                | 3,163.94            |
| Counties Providing Technology     | 3,676.00            |
| Knife River Materials             | 36,395.63           |
| Midstates Equipment & Supply      | 46,480.40           |
| Powerplan                         | 3,690.66            |
| Red Lake County Cooperative       | 7,874.06            |
| 41 Vendors less than \$2,000      | 17,196.75           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                      | <b>\$123,102.44</b> |

The motion includes the following additional bills: \$3,072.00 to Read Tech; \$95.12 expenses to John Dudycha; \$3.48 expenses to

Allen Remick; \$34.80 expenses and \$70.00 per diem to Ron Weiss.

The following Commissioner/Committee reports were shared:  
**Commissioner Meeting/Report**  
 Flage: MRC: participated in a conference call meeting discussing the Enbridge Line 63 Replacement Project-98% of landowners have signed agreement with a proposed start date of November 2020, and heard a legislative update from Lobbyist Dan Larson. NWRDC Transportation Advisory Committee: discussed the Pedestrian Bike Plan, Red Lake River Corridor, and the Border to Border Touring Route.

Remick: SWCD: discussed utilizing County Engineer services for designing several of the erosion control projects.

Dudycha: Attended a Tri County Corrections meeting with Commissioner Weiss. Fair Board: discussed future direction and plans of the organization. NWRDC: heard a Dementia presentation and a report on homeland security along the border.

Weiss: NWRDC: discussed the Ag Producer Grant, reviewed the budget, Area Aging statistics, and a report on Land of Dancing Sky. Corrections: reviewed the Juvenile Center report, inmate numbers, and monthly jail space rental income.

Auditor Schmitz mentioned that the County Extension Committee met recently. There are currently openings for two members and the Committee recommends Jeff Lytle and Leif Kolstoe for appointment. Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried unanimously to appoint Jeff Lytle and Leif Kolstoe for 3-year terms to the County Extension Committee, retroactive to January 1, 2019.

Auditor Schmitz informed that Gravel Tax collections were \$27,454.00 for the 2018 calendar year, and reported on current legislation regarding reimbursement to the eight (8) counties for costs incurred to re-audit the 2015 financial records by the Office of State Auditor.

The board acknowledged correspondence of the MN Red River Valley Development Association 81st Annual Honor Banquet on March 30, 2019 at UMC Bede Ballroom in Crookston.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at March 26, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Attest:  
 Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

Ron Weiss, Chair,  
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Jayden Iverson advances to the Section 8A in Speech. She advances in the category of Poetry.



The Red Lake County Central Speech team competed in the Sub-Section Speech Meet in Oklee. Pictured are (Back): Phil Sorenson, Danny Guillemette, Jayden Iverson, Shelby Baird, Autumn Houghtaling, and Sage Hartman. (Front) Lacey Pendleton, Mariah Peterson, Madelyn Yde, Mykayla Peterson, and Juliana Armentrout.



Phillip Sorenson advanced to sections in the Discussion category and explained his discussion at the Speech Public Presentation Night. Sorenson was also the MC at Presentation Night.

## RLCC Menus

April 15 - 19  
Oklee

**Monday: Breakfast:** Tornadoes, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Hot subs, chips, fresh vegetables, fruit, and milk.

**Tuesday: Breakfast:** Waffles w/syrup, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken penne hotdish, breadsticks, vegetables, string cheese or yogurt, fruit, and milk.

**Wednesday: Breakfast:** Cereal, toast, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** BBQ's, potato salad, baked beans, fruit, and milk.

**Thursday: Breakfast:** Bakery roll, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Country fried steak, mashed potatoes w/ butter, vegetable, dinner roll, fruit, and milk.

**Friday: No School.**

### Plummer

**Monday: Breakfast:** French toast sticks, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Pork fritter, scalloped potatoes, peas & carrots, buttered bread, fruit, and milk.

**Tuesday: Breakfast:** Egg patty, sausage, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Tator tot hotdish, broccoli & cauliflower w/ranch, PB or buttered bread, jello, fruit, and milk.

**Wednesday: Breakfast:** Muffins, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Super nachos (hamburger, lettuce, cheese, tomatoes), hash browns, yogurt, fruit, and milk.

**Thursday: Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Diced chicken & gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, dinner roll, fruit, and milk.

**Friday: No School.**



The Red Lake County Speech Team's seniors and their parents: Lacey Pendleton, daughter of Tammy and John Pendleton; Grace Gieseke, daughter of Pam and Randy Gieseke; and Phil Sorenson, son of Lisa and Marlan Sorenson.



Sage Hartman and Mariah Peterson performing their Duo for RLC Speech Presentation Night. They will compete in Sections on April 5<sup>th</sup>.

## RLCC ECFE April Events

**Tue, April 16<sup>th</sup>** 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 snake.

**Thu, April 25<sup>th</sup>** 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](http://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.



Lacy Pendleton and Lilly Hanson presenting their Duo for speech. They are alternates for sections.

## Red Lake Falls Library News

This week, April 7-13, is National Library Week. This year's theme is "Libraries = Strong Communities."

Make a special effort to visit your local library and utilize its wonderful array of materials, resources, equipment and programs. During this week, enjoy treats and register for door prizes at the Red Lake Falls branch of NWRL. Northwest Regional Library is one of twelve regional library systems in the state of Minnesota,

and its boundaries encompass Kittson, Marshall, Pennington, Red Lake and Roseau counties. Any individual residing or owning property within the region is entitled to have a library card (account) at no cost which allows borrowing of materials from anywhere within the entire state. Visit [nwrlib.org](http://nwrlib.org) to have a look at the digital catalog, see events calendars for all branches and to get much more information about Northwest Regional Library.

## RLCC Speech performed for public

By Madison Carlson

Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup> was Public Performance Night for those in speech from Red Lake County. There were ten performances. Phillip Sorenson's speech was in the Discussion category, Grace Gieseke's speech was under the Prose category, Mykayla Peterson's speech was in Humor, Lilly Hanson and Lacey Pendleton did a Duo, Luci Svendsen's speech was under the Humor category, Bryn Vettleson's speech was in Humor, Remi Rathsack's speech was under the Original Oratory category, Sage Hartman and Mariah Peterson did a Duo, Shelby Baird's speech was under the Humor category, and Jayden Iverson's speech was in Poetry.

Others who are members of the speech team but did not present that night include: Autumn Houghtaling in the Exempt Reading category, Madelyn Yde in the Prose category, Danny Guillemette in the Poetry category, and Juliana Armentrout in Prose.

The following are those who made it to sections: Phillip Sorenson, Autumn Houghtaling, Danny Guillemette, Sage Hartman, Mariah Peterson, and Jayden Iverson. Sections were in Fosston on April 5<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Jessie Hamrum and Mrs. Bobbi Aakhus are the 2019 speech coaches.

## Oklee Community Ed offering four events

By: Isaiah Aquino

Oklee Community Ed is sponsoring events in the next three months. They include Pickleball, Painted Barn Quilt Class, Oklee Community Rummage Sale and Oklee Swimming Lessons.

**Pickleball** instruction classes began on April 7th but will continue for many Sundays to follow. Classes will begin at 7:00 pm. and will be held in the RLCC Oklee Gym. Tennis shoes are required. Adults only. Contact David Olson at 701-261-7605 with any questions.

**Painted Barn Quilt Class** will be held Saturday, May 4th at the Oklee Hall at 9 am and will go until your project is done. All supplies will be provided. The cost will be \$25 for a 2 ft. X 2 ft. board or \$50 for a 4 ft. X 4 ft. board. Call Oklee Quilting to register name and board size at 796-5151.

**Oklee Community Rummage Sale** will be held Saturday, May 11th starting at 8 am. There will be many sales around town and at the community hall. Maps will be available at the rummage sales and area businesses.

**Oklee Swimming Lessons** will begin June 3rd and go until June 21st from 10:15 am - 12:45 pm at Fosston pool for Oklee School District children kindergarten and up. Cost will be \$35 per person or \$90 per family. Sign up at the Oklee site office. For any questions contact Sandra Tougas at 796-5136.

Seventy Years Ago  
April 7, 1949

Quick action on the part of the Oklee Volunteer Fire Department Friday held a fire at the Kenny Ellis Implement Building down to a small loss. The blaze broke through the roof around the chimney at the rear of the building and the firemen quenched the flames in a matter of minutes.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Solheim of Trail on March 29<sup>th</sup> at a Thief River Falls hospital.

12 freshmen listed on school honor roll: A honor roll: Merlin Norberg, Muriel Magnell, Elaine Green, Irene Dufault, Janet Christopherson, Romaine Anderson and Ramona Anderson. B honor roll: Donald Stenberg, Cecella Nistler, John Gjernes, Joyce Fore, and Phyllis Bergeron.

Sixty Years Ago  
April 9, 1959

When the ice went out of Lost River last week, local boat owners were quick to take advantage of the opportunity to ply its waters while it was deep enough to navigate. The Ben Shetterly family, plus Clifton and Tommy Melby took a cruise from Oklee to as far east as the O'Neill bridge.

Paul Nistler of Alaska was in Oklee visiting. Nistler is co-owner of Alaska Motor Coaches operating a transportation business out of Fairbanks.

The Mount Olive Church at Trail got their pews and altar before Easter Sunday. The altar was given by Mrs. Anne Peterson and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Strand in memory of J.G. Peterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Nels Vigstol had their baby daughter, Maribeth Rose, baptized Sunday, April 5, in Immanuel Lutheran church.

Fifty Years Ago  
April 10, 1969

Sgt. Tim Radniecki returned home last week after 32 months in the Marine Corps, 13 months of which were spent in Vietnam. He served as an electrician with a medical battalion in the Third Marine Division.

The price support rate for the 1969 crop oats in Red Lake County will be 55 cents per bushel. This is the same rate that was in effect for the 1968 oats crop.

Knute Flateland and Annette motored to Brainerd Saturday to get Allen and Olin Flateland who will spend their Easter vacation with their parents.

Mrs. Lloyd Sorenson entertained at her home last Tuesday after school in honor of Russell's 10<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Romona Good celebrated her birthday on Monday night with a slumber party. Debbie Mostrom, Gwen and Vicki Hanson and fifteen more classmates were guests.

Forty Years Ago  
April 5, 1979

Oil prices are going up – much has been said and discussed recently concerning the energy situation. The OPEC nations have had a meeting and determined a price raise again.

Alvin and Alan Jensen read tributes to sons and fathers at Zion's Father-Son Banquet last week. Alvin was awarded the prize for having the most sons present the banquet.

Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Hyde attended the confirmation reception for Bernice Jensen at the Dwain Jensen home at Erskine last Sunday.

Clarence Gagner, Oklee Postmaster, has recently returned from a reciprocal winter operations training program held from February 21<sup>st</sup> to March 9<sup>th</sup> at the Norwegian Home Guard School in Torpomoen, Norway.

Thirty Years Ago  
April 5, 1989

CO-2 Metric car races were held and winning cars were: Steve Westlund in 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Jeremy Bergeson in 3<sup>rd</sup> place and Eric Jensen in 1<sup>st</sup> place.

Senator Rudy Boschwitz today said Red Lake County needs 4.8 inches of rain to reach normal moisture levels, according to information compiled by the NOAA and said farmers

should consider enrolling for federal crop insurance before the April 15<sup>th</sup> deadline.

Oklee Junior Bowling League ends season and the 1<sup>st</sup> place team consisted of Erin Melby, Garth Lason and Liz Munt. Second place team was Erica Vettleson, Francis Hilgeman and Ross Hegge. Special award winners were Jenny Svaren, Paul Melby and Amber Hartel.

Twenty Years Ago  
April 7, 1999

The Red Lake County Central Mustang Winter Sports Banquet was held on Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> with basketball, wrestling and cheerleading members and families gathered together for a delicious potluck meal and presentation of the athletes and special awards.

Seniors featured in the Oklee Herald this week were Stephanie Olson, Jennifer Olson, Sarah O'Neill, Nick Morinville, and Matthew Bjerklie.

Named as "Fans of the Red Lake County Central Mustang Winter Season 1998-99 were Pam and Bob O'Neill.

Ten Years Ago  
April 8, 2009

Plummer American Legion honored two members in recognition of 50 years of membership in the American Legion: Vern Schindler and Bjarne Kvasager.

Sub-section Speech winners were Matthew Lundeen, Ashley Bierman, Keven Bray, Becky Cote, Jarren Magnell, Emily Riendeau, and Trisha Braaten. They are moving on to Sections.

4-H members from Red Lake County went ice fishing at Long Point Resort at Lake of the woods on March 21<sup>st</sup>.

The weather did not keep folks away from Ag Day in Red Lake Falls on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. This is an annual event and draws folks from around the area.

Brian Olson of Gully was selected as the recipient of the Robert E. Bollesen Endowment Scholarship. He received a \$650 scholarship to cover his spring tuition at NCTC where he plans to take Farm Business Management program.

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

Our floods scare is now dissipated in our yard. The west ditch opened up on Saturday night. Praise God. The water went down considerably over night and is now running where it is supposed to go. Praise God for melting and opening up the ditch. For others there is still some danger in other places so we still need prayer for the water to go where it is supposed to go. Prayer for them now.

Today (Monday) the Sorlie bridge in East Grand Forks is going to be closed by noon. There is so much water this year. It takes a couple of weeks to clear the flood water so we need to be patient.

Friday noon Dianne Gagner was invited to Carolina Gervais home for a birthday lunch. Dianne turned mumble, mumble years old this past weekend and she was treated with a plethora of good wishes. On Friday evening Dianne and Clarence and Dick and Karen Delage, Carol and Jim Chaput went to Mahnomen to see the concert put on by Starship (formerly known as Jefferson Starship) who were playing at the Casino venue. She said they played all the hits of years past and put on a great show.

On Saturday Clarence and Dianne went on a road trip to the Wadena area to a farm auction for Randy Windels and later visited with Ron and Carol Windels. Later they met Tim and Brenda Gagner of Fergus Falls and a friend Jim

Plummer

News

By Alice Jobe  
218-465-4402

The Plummer News didn't reach the Oklee Herald office on time this week. It was mailed on Friday, instead of Thursday and Monday it wasn't here yet.

So look forward to the Plummer News next week, twice as full of local events.

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This week's photo of a area country school.

Last week's was of Carol Sorenson and Korydon Chervestad on a All States Camp trip in 1963. They later married and just recently celebrated their 50th anniversary.

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

Congratulations to Josie and Randy Myhre who were chosen by the University of Minnesota as the Ag couple and leaders of the year. They farm in the Terrebonne area and are active in government and are really good neighbors. Young couples like these are hard to come by these days. Congratulations again.

Happy Birthday to Easton Morinville who celebrated his 8th birthday this past Saturday. He looked good with a beautiful cake. We hope your birthday was a very happy day for you.

This week will be a waiting period for the ground to dry up somewhat after the water goes down. So it is time to get other things done before going out to clean up after winter. Enjoy the spring wonders. Robins, flowers (tulips are up about three inches) and the different kinds of birds flying over and through the yard are all things that we should keep aware of. It is a beautiful time of the year.

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Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

Iona Berry is gone for a few days and took the weekly column off this week.

Things happening at the Senior Site:

Dates to Remember

April 18: Site Council meeting at 10 a.m. Everyone welcome.

April 19: Birthday Meal - If your birthday is in April sign up for the Birthday meal. You may be the winner of a meal in the Birthday drawing.

April 21: Easter!

May 1: May Day!

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Words of Wisdom

It is far more impressive when others discover your good qualities without your help.

A friend is someone who knows all about you and still loves you.

Good manners are just a way of showing other people that we have respect for them. \*\*\*\*\*

Joke Time

Tourists at a natural history museum are marveling at some dinosaur bones. One of them asks a guard, "Can you tell me how old the dinosaur bones are?"

The guard replies, "They are 65,000,0011 years old."

That's an awfully exact number," says the tourist. "How do you know their age so precisely?"

The guard answers, "Well, the dinosaur bones were 65,000,000 years old when I started working here and that was 11 years ago."

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LOOKING GOOD

My face in the mirror isn't wrinkled or drawn.

My house isn't dirty. The cobwebs are gone.

My garden looks lovely and so does my lawn.

I think I might never put my glasses back on.

MEET THE KINDERGARTEN  
OF RED LAKE COUNTY CENTRAL



Name: Tylah Crego

Parent(s):

What do your parent(s) do for a living? Mom: Works at Digi-Key. Dad Stays at home with my brother & sister.

Sibling(s): Khris

Pet(s): Cats named "Bugs-ley, Jenny & Camouflage"

Favorite movie: Shimmer & Shine

Favorite food: Chicken

Favorite school activity: Cubby games in classroom

Favorite school lunch: Spaghetti

Favorite color: Purple

Favorite toy: Mermaid



Name: Aiden Anderson

Parent(s): Jason & Sarah

What do your parent(s) do for a living? Dad: Works with cows. Mom: Digi-Key.

Sibling(s): Misty

Pet(s): 2 Cats named Monkey and Spooka

Favorite movie: Chipmunks

Favorite food: Spaghetti

Favorite school activity: Play games

Favorite school lunch: Chicken nuggets

Favorite color: Orange

Favorite toy: Truck



Name: Walker Bergeson

Parent(s): Scott & Jenna

What do your parent(s) do for a living? Dad: Welder - Stays home in winter with baby sister. Mom: Teacheas in this school with me.

Sibling(s): Kenzee

Pet(s): Dog named Gracie

Favorite movie: Croods

Favorite food: Blueberries

Favorite school activity: Rotations

Favorite school lunch: Home lunch from Mom

Favorite color: Orange

Favorite toy: Transformer toys



Name: Kinsley Halvorson

Parent(s): Brent & Katie

What do your parent(s) do for a living? Mom: Works with patients & babies. Dad: He does paperwork.

Sibling(s): Kennedy

Pet(s): Cats: Lola, Turkey and Runt

Favorite movie: Barbie & the Dream House

Favorite food: Macaroni

Favorite school activity: Play with toys

Favorite school lunch: Salad

Favorite color: Purple

Favorite toy: Barbie