

Oklee Precipitation
By Einar Kvasager

	Rain	Snow
April 13		1.00
April 17	0.03	
April 18	0.15	
Total in.	0.18	1.00

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...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

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Winners in the Security State Bank's EASTER COLORING CONTEST

Prize given were:

- 1st Place** in each category winning LARGE CHOCOLATE BUNNY and \$15.00
- 2nd Place** in each category winning Medium Chocolate Bunny and \$10.00
- 3rd Place** in each category winning Small Chocolate Bunny and \$5.00
- 0-3 year Old Category**
- 1st Place:** GWENYTH NELSON 3 ½ yrs - Parents Tyler & Kristina Nelson.
- 2nd Place:** NORA SYVERTSON 1 ½ yrs - Parents: John & Tanya Syvertson.
- 3rd Place:** TUCKER KRUCHOWSKI 4 yrs - Parents: Jacob & Nicole Kruchowski.
- 4 – 7 year Old Category**
- 1st Place:** MALAYA NELSON 6 yrs - Parents: Kim & Kyle Nelson.
- 2nd Place:** ELIZABETH DETERMAN 5 yrs - Parents Jess & Heidi Determan.
- 3rd Place:** ALEXIA OLSON 6 yrs - Matt & Sara Olson.
- 8- 12 year old Category**
- 1st Place:** JETT HANSON 10 yrs - Parents: Tammy & John Pendelton.
- 2nd Place:** MCKENZIE HAMM 10 yrs - Parents: Tracy & Ron Hamm.
- 3rd Place:** ALEXA CHERVESTAD 10 yrs - Parents: Jill & Aaron Chervestad.



State Speech Poetry Champion Jayden Iverson from RLCC with coaches Bobbi Aahkus and Jessie Hamrum.

Jayden Iverson, State Speech Champion

By: Isaiah Aquino
Red Lake County Central junior Jayden Iverson was honored to win the state championship in Poetry at the Minnesota State Speech Tournament held

April 12 at Wayzata High School. She is a member of the Red Lake County Speech Team. Iverson advanced to state by placing third at the Section 8A competition held in Fosston.

In the tournament there were eight sections that sent students to state. There were 13 categories and 24 students in each category, so roughly 300 students competed in the tour-

nament. It is very competitive.

When Iverson got back to school her speech coaches, Ms. Jessie Hamrum and Mrs. Bobbi Aahkus, told the story of Iverson's trip to state. Hamrum started telling about how they left early due to storms and bad weather. When the weather cleared they were able to go to a mall. At the hotel they had the chance to visit and play games with other schools' speech members that were also attending the State Speech Tournament. The next day they travelled to Wayzata High School to begin the tournament.

Speech competitors had to present their speech three times. Each time was for a different judge who rated each competitor in the category. After these three rounds, Iverson, Hamrum and Aahkus found out Iverson had advanced to the final eight when they watched the placing on the monitors in the lobby.

The coaches watched Iverson give her final round speech. They said it was the best speech she had ever given this year! During the announcing of the winners, those attending do not cheer when names are announced. When they found out Iverson won the Poetry category, they had to hold their excitement until everyone was able to cheer.

Iverson is the first state winner ever from the RLCC Speech Team (Oklee, Plummer, and Red Lake Falls.) Students and staff are excited for Jayden. Congratulations!

Calendar of Events

- 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.
- Fri, Apr. 26:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
- Sat, Apr. 27:**
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!
- Sun, Apr. 28:**
-Worship at the church of your choice.
- Mon. Apr. 29:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
- Tue, Apr. 30:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards
- Wed, May 1:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
- Thu, May 2:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
- Fri, May 3:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
- Sat, May 4:**
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!
- Sun, May 5:**
-Worship at the church of your choice.
- Mon, May 6:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
- Tue, May 7:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards
- Wed, May 8:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
- Thu, May 9:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
- Fri, May 10:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
- Sat, May 11:**
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!
- Sun, May 12:**
-Worship at the church of your choice.
- Mon, May 13:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
- Tue, May 14:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards

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	6.25
Total	51.88	76.125

A night of music at the RLCC High Spring Concert

By: Isaiah Aquino
The Red Lake County Central band and choir held their annual Spring Concert on April 4th at the RLCC High School Gym. The concert directed by Mrs. Patty Mickelson had an amazing turnout and the students did a great job with their performances.

The concert started out with the senior high trumpet ensemble

ble as they performed "God of our Fathers" by George W. Warren. Following that performance was junior high band who played three numbers including "Night Hawk" which featured the trumpets. Senior high band played three songs and senior Tom Nelson played a drum solo. The combined bands played "Centuries." Taya Morinville and Peggy Miller also

performed a piano duet.

After the duet the Junior High Choir performed songs including a solo group featuring Jamie Flatgard, Lily Hager, Nakeisha McGraw, and Bella Morinville. During "Lion Sleeps Tonight," Kya Morinville and Aurora Mitzner played hand drums.

Next was the Senior High Choir singing several songs

and some groups also sang. Ensemble members Adriel Bakken, Brody Moen, Kia Bachand, Brock Tvedt, Emily Kolstoe, Karena Melby, Janae Olson, Taya Morinville, Cari Bachand, Katelyn Suchy, Bailey Culkins, and Bella Russillo sang "California Dreamin'." Adrienne Jones and Abby Walton performed a duet "Till the Stars Fall from the Sky." Juniors Kaitlyn Morris,

Madison Carlson, Abby Walton, Allison Aahkus, Sidney Olson, Tanisha Srnsky, Adrienne Jones, Lily Guillemette, Calyssa Eskeli, and Jayden Iverson sang "One Moment in Time."

To wrap up the concert, the combined choirs sang "A Million Dreams." It featured soloist Phillip Sorenson and was accompanied by guitarists Adriel Bakken and Taya Morinville.



The combined bands directed by Mrs. Patty Mickelson playing "Centuries" at the RLCC Spring Concert.



Adriel Bakken and Kya Morinville on the guitar along with soloist Phillip Sorenson as the combined choirs sang "A Million Dreams."



Junior High Band performed the song "Night Hawk," featuring the Junior High trumpets. They include Gavin Booth, Peyton O'Neil, Orin Hofstad, Carson Lambert, Lily Hager, Jamie Flatgard, and Gunnar Sandeen.



The junior high choir singing "Lion Sleeps Tonight" while Aurora Mitzner and Kya Morinville play the hand drums.

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Wed, April 24: 7:00 p.m. Confirmation.
Sun, April 28: 9:00 a.m. Zion. 9:00 a.m. SS at Salem. 10:15 a.m. SS at Zion. 10:30 a.m. Salem.
Wed, May 1: 7:00 p.m. Confirmation.

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OKLEE, GRYGLA & GOODRIDGE
Fr. Adam Hamness
Sun, April 28: 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 27: 5:30 p.m. RLF
Sun, April 28: 8:00 a.m. Brooks. 10:00 a.m. RLF.

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun, April 28: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer. 9:15 a.m. SS at Immanuel. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Immanuel.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Sun, April 28: 8:30 a.m. Ekelund, 9:45 a.m. SS; 9:45 a.m. Faith, 11:00 a.m. SS; 11 a.m. Bethany, 9:45 a.m. SS.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

April 29 - May 3
Call 796-5666 to order a meal.

If you are over the age of 60 and would like to eat with other seniors at the Senior Site, please call the Café at 796-5666 to reserve your meal. A \$4.00 per meal donation is suggested.
Monday: Hamburger patty, hash browns, green beans, toast, and dessert.
Tuesday: Baked ham, boiled potatoes, corn, bread, and dessert.

Wednesday: Teriyaki chicken breast, hash browns, peas, toast, and dessert.
Thursday: Grilled ham & cheese, chili, and dessert.
Friday: Meatloaf, parsley buttered potatoes, beets, bread, and dessert.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Wed, April 24: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School.
Sat, April 27: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.

Sun, April 28: 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, May 1: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
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Wed, April 24: 6:30 p.m. AWANA Award night. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

Fri, April 26: 8:30 a.m. Friday School.

Sun, April 28: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.

Tue, April 30: 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.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Wed, April 24: 6:15 p.m. 7 & 8 grade confirmation at Lund.
Sun, April 28: 9:00 a.m. Lund. 10:30 p.m. Bethany.
Wed, May 1: 6:15 p.m. 7 & 8 grade confirmation at Lund.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY
Fosston
Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor
Sun, April 28: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship.

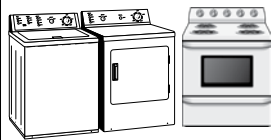
City of Oklee Notice

Garbage will be picked up in the alley starting May 6th.



NOTICE Large Item Pick-up in Oklee

May 9th, 2019 ... starting at 8:00 a.m.



No MICROWAVES, TV'S OR COMPUTER MONITORS.

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

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

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CITY OF OKLEE STREET CLEANING

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Please Remove Vehicles from Streets

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Official City of Oklee Clean-up Order

Put a little Spring in your yard!

lots in the City are responsible for the appearance of their lots. Vacant lots that are not maintained will be mowed by the City and a fee will be charged to the lot owner.

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

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

Red Lake County has a landfill site just north of Oklee. It will open on May 1st and is open on the 2nd & 4th Saturday mornings and Wednesday evenings. This is where you bring items not picked up by regular garbage services. For more information on the Red Lake County Landfills, go to: <http://www.co.red-lake.mn.us/>, click on the Services Tab, then Public Health & Services; and finally on Environmental Services.

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

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

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

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Red Lake Falls Library News

The library is open on Tuesday from Noon until 7:00 pm, Wednesday from Noon until 7:00 pm, Thursday from Noon to 5:00 p.m.; Friday from Noon until 5:00 pm, and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Online patrons are reminded that they can visit www.nwrlib.org/rlf.htm at any time, where they can create their own patron accounts to browse, request and renew materials all from their home computers.

Winners of the National Library Week gift baskets & door prizes were William Ingraham,

Esme Pearson, Mark Smith and Bonnie Tydlacka. Thank you to them and all who stopped by the RLF Library last week.

New adult nonfiction includes "Dementia Reimagined: Building a Life of Joy and Dignity from Beginning to End" by Tia Powell, M. D., director of the Montefiore Einstein Center for Bioethics; "The Sun is a Compass: A 4,000-Mile Journey into the Alaskan Wilds" by Caroline Van Hemert; "The Trial of Lizzie Borden: A True Story" by Cara Robertson, and "Viral Parenting: A Guide to

Red Lake County Commissioners Minutes

RED LAKE COUNTY Regular Meeting Held March 26, 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 26, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. Commissioners present: Dudycha, Flage, Remick, Simpson and Weiss. Chairman Weiss called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Flage moved to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dudycha and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Remick and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held on March 12, 2019 as presented.

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

Vendor	Amount
Bjorklund Compensation Consulting	\$4,500.00
Computer Information Systems, Inc	7,144.00
Five Star Flooring & Tile	9,172.95
Truenorth Steel	37,000.24
University of North Dakota	2,367.63
25 Vendors less than \$2,000.	9,198.87
TOTAL	\$69,383.69

The motion includes the following additional bills: \$27.84 expenses and \$70.00 per diem to John Dudycha.

The following Commissioner/Committee reports were shared:

Commissioner	Meeting/Report
Simpson:	None.
Flage:	Information from the Nursing Service that a new Director was hired to replace Anita Cardinal.

Dudycha: Inter County Community Council: review the budget and heard program reports.
Remick: None.
Weiss: Land of Dancing Sky thru NWRDC: discussed issues with bylaws covering the 21 counties that are now combined into 3 regions. A committee was formed with representatives from the 3 regions to review the issue.

Auditor Schmitz presented the Audit Engagement Letter from Hoff-

man, Philipp, & Knutson for the 2018 financial audit for the county. Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Flage and carried by unanimous vote to approve the 2018 Audit Engagement Letter as presented.

Auditor Schmitz informed that the annual Safety Training is scheduled for March 27, 2019 at Red Lake Falls City Hall and of the Township Officers meeting at the Plummer Hall on March 26th. Schmitz updated the board of the water damage at the Social Services building and the Courthouse due to the ice buildup on the roofs, squad damage due to a deer collision, current year tax statements have been mailed, delinquent tax list published, and that Eric Hove will assume his duties as County Engineer on Monday, April 8, 2019.

Tim Williamson, DNR Acquisition & Development Specialist from Bemidji, MN was present to provide an update on the Border to Border Touring Route being proposed by the Minnesota 4-Wheel Drive Association. Williamson informed that the route was authorized by the Minnesota legislature back in 2016 and is designed as a scenic by-way touring route through the state used by highway licensed vehicles. The touring route is 850 miles running from Grand Marais, MN to St Vincent in northern Kittson County. Williamson provided a map of the tour route and explained that the DNR took public input from meeting in designing the route. The project has a lot of support in northwest Minnesota. There is an environmental review and an internal DNR review yet to complete before the project is implemented. Signage will be provided by the DNR to counties along the route. Williamson commented that there could be a significant infusion of tourism dollars for communities in the route area. Commissioner Dudycha mentioned that some of the townships are concerned over damages to the township roads. Chair Weiss asked that Williamson attend the Township Officers meeting later that evening in Plummer to review the project and address any concerns. Williamson informed that DNR Area Supervisor Jack Pellinen is scheduled to attend. Williamson will provide additional updates as the project advances.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned to April 9, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Attest:
Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

Ron Weiss, Chair,
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The City of Oklee requests all homes in Oklee to make sure their sump pumps are pumping into the street or yard and not into the waste water system. If you are pumping into the waste water system, you are putting a lot of strain on the system and causing harm to the settling ponds.

If you have any question on sump pumps, call 796-5183

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RLCC Menus

April 29 – May 3
Oklee

Monday: Breakfast: Pizza, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Chef salad, bread stick, fresh vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Pancakes w/syrup, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Taco in a Bag or soft shell taco, refried beans, Spanish rice, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Pulled pork, baked beans, chips, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Muffins, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken strips, scalloped potatoes, vegetables, Uncrustables, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Quesadillas, lettuce salad, carrot & celery, cottage cheese, fruit, and milk.

Plummer

Monday: Breakfast: French toast sticks, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, baked potato, broccoli Normandy, tea roll, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Pancake on a stick, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Spaghetti, mini corn cobs, garlic bread, pudding, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Fish, macaroni & cheese, green beans, buttered bread, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Egg wrap, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** BBQ on bun, potato salad, baked beans, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Roll, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Italian dunkers, dipping sauce, salad bar, cookie, fruit, and milk.

Athletic Trainer comes weekly to RLCC

By Eric Gieseke

Red Lake County Central High School has a wonderful opportunity to have an Athletic Trainer to help students with injuries. Chad Tabatt works with Sanford Health and was originally from a small town, and wanted to push to have athletic trainers available for smaller schools.

Tabatt has a Master's degree in Physical Therapy, is a certified athletic trainer, and has a degree in Fitness and Sports Science. He comes to RLCC once a week on Wednesdays and usually has about a 10 minute session with each injured athlete. When working at the Sanford Clinic, each session is around 30 minutes.

The most common injuries Tabatt tends to see are ankle

Academic Banquet Speaker Brittany Hagen Speaks About Change



Brittany Hagen was the guest speaker at the Red Lake County Central Academic Banquet.

By: Danny Guillemette

Brittany (Berberich) Hagen spoke to the attendees of the Academic Banquet at Red Lake County Central High School on April 8th about "Change." She encouraged people to constantly strive to learn new things, to make differences and adapt, and to always be ready for change.

She mentioned how she always loved school and knew that she always wanted to teach, and related this to the audience by saying, "Find things that you are passionate about." Hagen then mentioned that change is certain, and that we can count on it to happen.

Hagen encouraged the audience to prepare for change, and equip themselves with the education needed to change. She

added that this may be challenging, but with hard work and dedication, they would be able to "be the change." Lastly, Hagen emphasized the importance of open-mindedness, having the knowledge needed to make change, and being the change they wish to see in the world.

Hagen commented that she has spent 30 of her 34 years in school. "Many years ago," Hagen's educational career began in Plummer where she attended kindergarten through eleventh grade. In her senior year, Hagen was part of the first class to graduate from RLCC High School in Oklee in 2003. After high school, she went to college at Mayville State University where she earned a B.S.Ed. in Elementary Education. Following her education at Mayville, she pursued her masters in Elementary Education and her doctorate in Teaching and Learning at the University of North Dakota. Once Hagen graduated, she worked as an elementary school teacher in East Grand Forks and Grand Forks, teaching second, third, and fifth grade.

Hagen has spent the past five years as an Assistant Professor of Education at Mayville State University, where she educates pre-service teachers. Hagen currently lives in Buxton, North Dakota with her husband Jason, four year old daughter Gabby, and six week old son Jackson.

RLCC Prom is April 27

By Eric Gieseke

The public is invited to the Grand March during the Red Lake County Central Prom in Oklee on Saturday, April 27. The RLCC Juniors chose "Gold All Over the Ground" for their theme.

People may arrive at 6:45 p.m. and wait but no picture taking at that time or on the floor. Early arrival for handicapped individuals is recommended. There will be a free will donation taken when coming to see the Grand March. It starts at 7:30 p.m. and visitors are allowed to take photos after. Visitors must leave by 8:30 p.m.

The dance starts at 9 p.m. and ends at 12 a.m. Post prom will follow at the Oklee Hall until 4 am.



RLCC math teacher Mr. Bryan Paskvan presented the Senior Math Award to Andrew Fish pictured with Darin Fish and Megan Halvorson.



The Senior Science Award was given by Mr. Steven Strutz to Connor Lambert. Also pictured are his parents Shannon and Scott Lambert.

Academic Awards Banquet

By: Phillip Sorenson

Red Lake County Central High School had their 25th Annual Academic Awards Banquet on April 8, 2019. The senior high students that attend have maintained a 3.5 GPA in their core classes, which are English, Science, Math, and Social Studies. They needed to maintain this GPA throughout the first three quarters of the current school year. They were presented with medals recognizing their achievement.

The Academic Honorees from each class were: Seniors: Jarisa Bailey, Julia Bernstein, Jocelyn Castaneda, Andrew Fish, Sydnie Gunderson, Marie Johnson, and Connor Lambert.

Juniors: Zachary Benson, Calyssa Eskeli, Lily Guillemette, Chris Longtin, Jenna Pahlen, Derek Peterson, and Abby Walton.

Sophomores: Kia Bachand, Adriel Bakken, Daniel Guillemette, Emily Kolstoe, Karena Melby, Janae Olson, Annika Senum, and Kate-lynn Suchy.

Freshmen: Cari Bachand, Zachary Cater, Tyler Eskeli, Peyton Fish, Taya Morinville, Kjerstin Nelson, Leah Peterson, Jonathan Roue, Bailey Sherman, Steven Sogla, and Halie Thompson.

Students in the eighth grade that have also maintained a 3.5 GPA in the core classes during the first three quarters were asked to serve at the event. The waiters and waitresses were Damon Ferguson, Carson Lambert, Natalie Lindemoen, Shawna Majeres, Aurora Mitzner,



The 2019 RLCC Senior English Award was presented to Sydnie Gunderson, daughter of Suzie and Jamey Gunderson.

Aurimy Olson, Marin Peterson, Gunnar Sandeen, Lucille Svendsen, and Natalie Vettleson.

Senior Awards were handed out for Math, Science, Social Studies, and English. The winner for the Math award was Andrew Fish. The winner for the Science was Connor Lambert. The winner for Social Studies was Marie Johnson. The winner for English was Sydnie Gunderson.



Marie Johnson was honored with the Senior Social Studies Award at RLCC Academic Banquet. She is pictured with history teacher Mr. Randy Huie and Pam and Jeff Johnson.



RLCC seniors receiving medals at the Academic Banquet were (top) Marie Johnson, Andrew Fish, Connor Lambert, Julia Bernstein, (bottom) Jocelyn Castaneda, Jarisa Bailey, and Sydnie Gunderson.

Meet the Class of 2019



Name: Tasha Manning
Family members: Tawnya Manning (mother), Jason Manning (father), Austen Manning & Dylan Manning (brothers)
Favorite movie: The Mask
Favorite song/band: "I Wish I Never Met You" by Domo Wilson

Favorite class: Robotics
Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Volleyball

Favorite teacher/coach: Mrs. Aakhus or Mr. Illies

Most important person in your life: My mother, Tawnya Manning

Life has rules. What is your personal rule you plan on following in your life: Give the love you hope to receive to the world

Best memory from school: Decorating for Prom

Your plans for the Future: No idea.



Name: Nicolas Lill
Family members: Robby Lill, Pam Lill, Meronia Lill, Kerstin Lill

Favorite movie: Lawless & Funny videos

Favorite song/band: Risen & Burning Man by Dierks Bentley

Favorite class: Shop
Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Trap

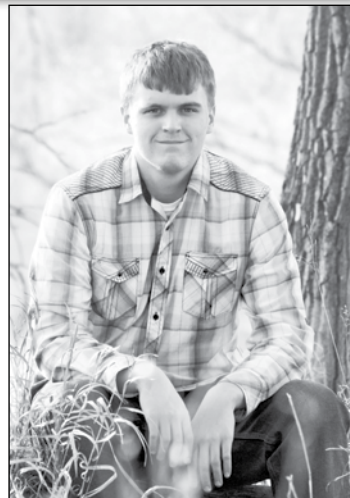
Favorite teacher/coach: Mr. Illies

Most important person in your life: Natalia Whalen, my parents and friends

Life has rules. What is your personal rule you plan on following in your life: "You can lead a horse to water, but can't force it to drink."

Best memory from school: Shop room shenanigans

Your plans for the Future: Go to school for DNR officer or Fish & Wildlife management



Name: Dawson Rystad
Family members: Parents: Justin & Cindy Rystad. Sister: Payton Rystad

Favorite movie: The Hitman's Bodyguard

Favorite song/band: "Long Black Train" by Josh Turner

Favorite class: American History

Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Knowledge Bowl and Basketball

Favorite teacher/coach: Coach Phillion

Most important person in your life: My grandma Phyllis

Life has rules. What is your personal rule you plan on following in your life: Procrastination is key

Best memory from school: Our giant class gatherings in the library during lunch.

Your plans for the Future: Finish by generals at NCTC then go to a 4 year college and pursue a teaching and coaching career.

Oklee Herald Early Files

Eighty Years Ago April 20, 1939

An organized crow hunt is being arranged for Sunday and anyone interested is asked to leave his name at the Oklee Café. Two teams will be formed by drawing names of those register, and the losers will have to stand treat.

Miss Bernice Rendal, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Rendal of Oklee and Donald Wisheart of Trail were married at Cass Lake on Saturday, April 15th. Attendants were Miss Helga Krostue and Kenneth Krogue.

Fined for Drunkenness – Lloyd W. was hauled before Justice Court, Tuesday afternoon of this week on a charge of being drunk and disorderly. He was fined \$10 and given a severe lecture.

After a few days of warm weather the first of the month, cold and snow descended on us again, and last weekend saw additional snow.

Seventy Years Ago April 24, 1949

Joe Nistler of Oklee, junior student in electrical engineering at the University of Minnesota, was recently elected to membership on the board of publications, a student body which governs student publications at the University.

Oklee High School seniors will present their class play, "Watch Out For Spooks," in the community hall in Oklee on Wednesday.

The Plummer Red Sox baseball club at a meeting recently elected Lloyd Jorgenson president; Harry Craft, vice president; H. L. Matt, secretary; and Arnold Newstrom, treasurer.

A daughter was born Friday, April 15, to Mr. and Mrs. T.E. Umhoefer of Oklee at a Crookston hospital.

Sixty Years Ago April 23, 1959

Mrs. Marvin Bronken directed the performance of the grade school operetta, "The Land of Dreams Come True." Marvin Grover left Tuesday for Fort Slocum, NY after completing his basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO.

A new mail schedule from the Oklee Post Office will become effective Monday as a result of a switch from rail to truck transportation. The railroad cited expenses far exceeding income from the passenger and mail service as its prime reason for discontinuing the run.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hince of Oklee announce the engage-

ment of their daughter Sherry, to Mr. David G. Kankel of Red Lake Falls. A September wedding is planned.

Winners of the bowling tournament at the Oklee Recreation were the Rolandson Implement team of the Minnie League. Team members were Marv Bronken, Harris Zakrisson, Roy Hokkanen, Arlo Rolandson, Kenny Rolandson and Vern Cyr.

Lowell and Lyle Mandt celebrated their birthdays April 14th at the Louis Mandt home with many guests present.

Fifty Years Ago April 24, 1969

Plummer High School has named Patricia Moreau and Michael Hanson Valedictorian and Salutatorian of the 1969 graduating class.

Ten acts participated in the annual Red Lake County 4-H Club "Share the Fun" contests held at the Oklee School.

Charles S. Simpson, son of Mr. and Mrs. William M Simpson, Plummer, was recently promoted to Army specialist four at Ft. Buckner, Okinawa, where he is serving with the 44th Transportation Company.

The Federal Uniform Time Act requires that all clocks be sent ahead one hour at 2 a.m. on the last Sunday in April.

A group of relatives and friends gathered at the Sunset Rest Home Sunday afternoon in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lund on their 50th wedding anniversary.

Forty Years Ago April 19, 1979

Liniment in large doses will be the call for some hearty local residents when "Bob" Crosby brings his real live donkeys to town for a Donkey Basketball Show.

The Oklee High School all school musical is in rehearsal and will be presented to the public on April 27 – 29. This year's production is the Loggers Lament.

Share the Fun Blue Ribbons went to the Lost River Ramblers, Brooks Busters, Garnes Go Getters, and the Busy Bees 4-H Clubs.

Kevin Koraleswki of Brooks has been accepted as a student at the University of Minnesota Technical College –Crookston. Brenda Olson and Pam Parenteau will compete at the regional speech contest on April 24th.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Gunderson, Brad & Jamey and Tim Bergerson enjoyed a trip by Amtrak for several weeks

visiting Shirley's brother and family.

Thirty Years Ago April 19, 1989

An open meeting regarding the pond waste water system was held April 12th.

Meeting the Oklee Seniors featured Sheila Sebenaler and Kim Bachand.

Catherine Cyr recently traveled to London, England with a study group from the University of Minnesota, Mortuary Science Department.

Charlotte Leining celebrated her 80th birthday with her family and friends at the Immanuel Lutheran Church on Sunday, April 2nd.

The Brooks Senior Citizen Birthday Club met Thursday afternoon in the St. Joseph Church parlors with fourteen members answering the call.

Twenty Years Ago April 21, 1999

Delores Haugen retires from teaching 21 years at Oklee Public School. She has loved teaching and will miss it very much her interview stated.

The fourth grade students participated in a poster contest sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary and the winners were Crystal Magnell, Courtney Halvorson and Scott Bergeson.

Tammy Berberich, a senior at Oklee High School, has signed a letter of intent to attend Northland Community and Technical College in Thief River Falls and will play volleyball for the college.

Ten Years Ago April 22, 2009

On April 4th, a basketball tournament made up of alumni from Oklee Bobcats, RLCC Mustangs, and RLC Rebels took to the floor of the RLCC High School gym for an afternoon of fun and games.

The Plummer Lions and Lions Too sponsored a Easter Egg Hunt at the Plummer School on Saturday. Over 100 children attended the event.

Meet the Kindergarten featured Andrew Gyskiewicz, Tristyn Ferguson, Issabella Plante, and Dayron Phillips.

The Senior Site Birthday meal was held on Friday, April 17th and two ladies celebrated, Lillian Cantwell and Carol Haugen. The winner of the free meal was Carol.

On April 5th, there was an Easter Egg Hunt at the Community Hall and many children attended and had a blast digging through the Easter grass for eggs filled with treats.

that problem.

Guests to the Jerome and Barb Novak home over the weekend were Nancy and Matt Ellenson, Margaret, Ian, and Daphne of Warroad. It is fun when the grandkids come and everyone pitches in to help with the dinner and table setting. They arrived on Friday and left for Warroad on Saturday late afternoon for their feast with the Ellenson Family on Sunday.

Rebecca Novak of Mankato came to the Jerome and Barb Novak home on Thursday to help celebrate Easter with the family. She left on Sunday to

Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

Sunday was a beautiful day for Easter Sunday. The temperatures were in the 60's, but it was a bit overcast at times with sprinkles of rain once in a while.

Dates to Remember

May 1: May Day
May 12: Mother's Day
May 16: Senior Site Council meeting at 10:00 a.m.
May 17: Birthday Meal
May 24: RLCC Graduation
May 27: Memorial Day

Easter Trivia

Sunday was Easter, so here's a little bit of trivia for you...

- The name Easter derived its name from the Anglo-Saxon goddess Eastre, which symbolizes hare and egg.
- Easter always falls between March 22 and April 25.
- Easter is however now celebrated (in the words of the Book of Common Prayer) on the first Sunday after the full moon, which happens on, or after March 21, the Spring Equinox.
- Since time immemorial, egg has been considered as the symbol of rebirth.

- The first Easter baskets were designed as such so as to give it an appearance of a bird's nests.

- The custom of giving eggs at Easter time has been traced back from Egyptians, Gaul, Persians, Greeks and Romans, to whom the egg was a symbol of life.

- During the medieval times, a festival of egg throwing was held in church, during which the priest would throw a hard-boiled egg to one of

the choirboys. It would then be tossed from one choirboy to the next and whoever held the egg when the clock struck 12 was surely the winner and will retained the egg.

- When it comes to eating of chocolate bunnies, the ears are preferred to be eaten first by 76% of people.

- Kids' favorite Easter food-stuff comprises of the Red jellybeans.

Hope you had a Happy Easter!

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Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

The previous Friday, Lynn Gallant, Nancy Bray, Suzy Zimpel went to Killdeer, ND to Jenny Wallace's home. They went to help plant flowers for her new greenhouse. Jenny is Lynn and Roger Gallant's daughter.

Anne Traxler, Anna DeHate, Roger Gallant and Steve Pahlen went to the Smelt Fry at Grygla last Saturday night.

Senior Citizens met on Thursday. They had the business meeting and enjoyed potluck lunch. They voted for a scholarship winner for \$100. Sarah Christopherson won it. It was good to see Inga and enjoy herself.

On Wednesday evening Bunny DuChamp, Shirley Vettleson of TRF, Jim and Debbie

Vettleson enjoyed eating supper at the Legion's "Bite Me Grill". They celebrated Debbie's birthday which was Friday.

Friday morning, Roger and Lynn Gallant, Anna DeHate left for Des Moines, Iowa to visit their brother Nick "Sonny" Gallant and his wife over Easter.

It was a rainy day Tuesday. We got 7/10's of an inch. It could have been worse. Thursday the sun was out to warm and hopefully dry it up around town and the country. It got up to 50°. Nice.

The Lions and Lions Too had an Easter Egg Hunt planned for Saturday at the Community Hall before Easter.

I forgot to mention at Senior Citizens, we had a special

treat from Sandy Greenwald. She brought Jello Easter eggs each with a design on them in grape, red, yellow. They were so cute and colorful. We older kids enjoyed them.

This is a busy week for Easter – Holy Week. Church Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Lent went by so fast.

Soon there will be lots of yard work. I have lakes north of the house and it's rather muddy. Many leaves blew earlier when we had high winds. Daylilies are up a couple of inches. And I suppose crocus' are up too.

I hope you had a blessed and joyful Easter with your families.

Hopefully, I'll have more news next time.

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

Yes, we had a tough winter even up to two weeks ago. The weather for Easter weekend though was absolutely lovely. The kids got to go outside and find Easter eggs, and got to play in the sunshine. What a blessing to all of us. Thank God. It was a sunny and warmer weekend than we have had for several months.

By the way, there is a call out for census takers for our area. This job pays pretty well and it is easy to do. You knock

on the door and ask a few questions and go. No money is exchanged and it is crucial when the government gives money or grants to our area for disasters and other things. It is the count of the population in the area and the more people in the area the more money can be released for things that need funding. Apply online to 2020census.gov/jobs, or call 1-855-job-2020. I know many people say they can't find a job and this could be an answer to

Who's Dat?



Who's Dat

This week's photo is of some born and raised in the area and still has a love of motorcycles.

Last week's photo was of Audrey (Gunderson) Bergerson and Eileen (Johnson) Votava.

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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Oklee Centennial Cookbook

Recipe Corner - From page 373

Coconut Cream Brownies Lavonne Radniecki

3 eggs
1 cup butter, melted
1-1/2 tsp vanilla
2 cups sugar
1-1/4 cup flour
1/2 cup cocoa
1/2 tsp baking powder
1/4 tsp salt
1 cup chocolate chips

Filling:

2 (8 oz) pkg cream cheese
2 tsp coconut extract
1/4 cup sugar
1 egg
2 Tbsp milk
3/4 cup Watkins coconut dessert mix

In a large mixing bowl, combine eggs, butter and vanilla. Combine dry ingredients; add to egg mixture and mix well. Stir in chocolate chips. Set aside half for topping. Put half the batter in a greased 9 x 13 pan. In a small bowl, beat the cream cheese, coconut extract and sugar until smooth. Add egg, milk and dessert mix, beating just until combined. Carefully spread filling over the batter. Drop reserved batter by spoonfuls atop the filling. Cut through batter with a knife to swirl if desired. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 – 40 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean. Cool on a wire rack. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Makes 3 dozen.



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