

Oklee Precipitation
By Einar Kvasager

	Rain	Snow
April 4	0.19	
April 5	0.01	
April 9	0.02	
Total in.	0.22	0.00

Oklee Herald

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Andrew Fish



Marie Johnson

Red Lake County Central Honors
2019 Graduates on May 24

By Jeremy Kruchowski

Red Lake County Central Graduation will be held Friday, May 24, 2019 at the High School in Oklee. The ceremony will begin at 5:30 p.m. Twenty-five seniors will receive their diplomas during the graduation ceremony.

Speakers will be the top two students of the Class of 2019. They include Andrew Fish, son of Darin Fish and Sally Thompson; and Marie Johnson, daughter of Jeff and Pam Johnson.

The Class of 2019 graduates are Jarisa Bailey**, Christian Baker, Julia Bernstein**, Jocelyn Castaneda*, Adam Cater*, Sarah Christensen, Isaac Eskeli, Andrew Fish**, Grace Gieseke*, Sydnie Gunderson**, Austin Jensen, Marie Johnson**, Daphney Koralewski,

Connor Lambert**, Nicholas Lill, Tasha Manning, Thomas Nelson, Justin Nemec*, Lacey Pendelton*, Alex Peterson*, Hannah Riendeau, Zoe Russillo**, Dawson Rystad*, Phillip Sorenson, and Adrien Verbout. (**High Honors, Cumulative GPA 3.5-4.0, Gold Cord; and *Honors, Cumulative GPA 3.0-3.49, Silver Cord)

The Class Motto of the 2019 seniors is "We'll get it done eventually." The Class Colors are silver and black, and the Class Flower is the purple tipped white carnation.

The Honor Guards from the junior class will be Calyssa Es-

keli and Derek Peterson. The ushers/usherettes will include Chris Longtin, Lillyan Guillemette, Jayden Iverson, and Sophia Linder.

The Colors will be presented by the American Legion. The Recessional and processional will be played on the piano by Peggy Miller. The senior class will be singing two songs. Principal Randall Pederson will be presenting the Class of 2019. Superintendent James Guetter and School Board Chairman Mr. Matt Kolstoe will present the diplomas.

Congratulations to RLCC's Class of 2019.

Alexandria (Alex) Nordlund
provides career counseling

RLCC's TRIO counselor, Alex Nordlund, on a TRIO trip last year with RLCC students.

By Kia Bachand

Alex Nordlund provides college and career counseling through TRIO (through the University of North Dakota) in Red Lake County Central High School. UND has been providing TRIO services for 50+ years and have been providing services for RLCC for about 15. When she is at RLCC she is connecting students with resources that they would need to achieve in high school and college and helping students make their dreams come true. Nordlund also assists in career explorations, ACT prep, college applications, scholarships, and more. She works with grades 6th-12th and visits about once a month to play games, do activities, and teach about school/life success strategies. Nordlund is at RLCC High School and Elementary on Thursdays. She also works with other schools including Red Lake Middle School and High School and Dakota Prairie in Petersburg, ND.

In grades 6-8th, Nordlund likes to focus on introducing careers and college and practice for future school success. In 9th-10th grade she focuses more on Career Exploration, and in 11th grade, Nordlund and the students focus on ACT Success Strategies as well as applying to colleges. Lastly, 12th graders apply to colleges, complete FAFSAs (financial aid forms), and work on scholarships. Both 11th and 12th graders have opportunities to visit colleges around the area.

Nordlund states that her favorite things about TRIO are, "Connecting with students! I love seeing the look on their faces when they 'get it', when they see things they like about themselves, and when they start to have hope in an area

that seemed hopeless. I love one-on-one connections with my students. I've also loved getting to know small town Minnesota life- I'm from a 'small' town of 8,000 near Atlanta, GA, so it's been fun for me to be welcomed in to the RLCC family and learn a new amazing culture." Nordlund likes to have her quirkiness shine in the classroom to help students to feel free to be themselves.

She loves being asked questions and helping where she is able. She also has three 11th grade interns that help her look for scholarships for seniors. She helps these students find their strengths and learn to use them in all areas of their life.

Nordlund previously worked at the University of Georgia Wesley Foundation in campus ministry for college students and has her Bachelor's degree in Religion. Nordlund was recently married to Nolan Nordlund who grew up in Clearbrook. She has three sisters and a niece and nephews that live in Fargo. She loves to be outside hiking or anything competitive. Nordlund also loves to sing in the car, classrooms, and whenever possible.

Her greatest passion is knowing and sharing her strong relationship with Jesus. She states, "He rocked my world when I was 18, and I've never been the same." She has been on mission trips to Jamaica, Israel, California, Montenegro, Germany, and Romania. She loves road trips and being able to share Jesus with others and experiencing new cultures.

Nordlund says it is a pleasure serving RLCC and likes the unique bond she has made with the RLCC students and staff.

By: Madison Carlson and
Danny Guillemette

The Red Lake County Central High School had its Awards Day on May 8, 2019 at Oklee. The students were presented awards for their achievements over the past year in high school. The awards are as follows:

The Attendance Awards and Academic Letter Awards were presented by Mr. Randall Peterson: Perfect Attendance Awards went to Peyton Fish and Andrew Fish; Absent One Day or Less awards were given to Shawna Majeres and Juan Clifton.

Academic Letter Awards went to students with 3.75 cumulative GPA or above including the following. Seniors 4th year: Marie Johnson, and 3rd Year: Andrew Fish. Juniors 3rd Year: Calyssa Eskeli, Christopher Longtin, and Derek Peterson; and 2nd Year: Lillyan Guillemette, and Jayden Iverson. Sophomores 2nd Year: Kia Bachand, Daniel Guillemette, Emily Kolstoe, Karena Melby, and Janae Olson; and 1st Year: Katelyn Suchy. Freshmen 1st Year: Cari Bachand, Zachary Cater, Taya Morinville, Kjerstin Nelson, Leah Peterson, Bailey Sherman, and Halie Thompson.

Ms. Jessie Hamrum presented letter certificates and pins to Speech participants from RLCC: Lacey Pendelton, Phillip Sorenson, Jayden Iverson, Danny Guillemette, and Lilly Hanson. Those from Red Lake Falls earning letters and pins are Sage Hartman, Autumn Houghtaling, and Mariah Peterson. Jayden Iverson was given State Speech Participation Certificate.

Music Awards were presented by Mrs. Patty Mickelson. Six Year Choir member was Phillip Sorenson, and Six Year Band members were Adrien Verbout, Lacey Pendleton, Marie Johnson, and Tom Nelson. Those lettering in choir included Bella Russillo, Bailey Culkins, Katelyn Suchy, Janae Olson, Adriel Bakken, Kia Bachand, Emily Kolstoe, Kjerstin Nelson,

and Thomas Benson. Five choir members received bars: Phillip Sorenson, Adrienne Jones, Abby Walton, Sidney Olson, and Jayden Iverson.

Lettering in band were Marie Johnson, Janae Olson, Emily Kolstoe, Jayden Iverson, Tristyn Ferguson, Brock Tvedt, Katelyn Suchy, and Thomas Benson. Jayden Iverson, Karena Melby, and Katelyn Suchy received bars for band.

Students in band and choir voted to select MVP, someone who provided leadership and improves the sound of the whole group. Senior High Band MVP was Tom Nelson. Adrienne Jones and Abby Walton both were selected as Senior High Choir MVP. Jamie Flatgard was voted as Junior High Band MVP, and Clancy Hanson as Junior High Choir MVP.

The Outstanding Senior Social Studies Award and Student Senate Awards were presented by Mr. Randy Huie. The Outstanding Senior Social Studies Award went to Marie Johnson. He also recognized the Student Senate officers and senators: President Calyssa Eskeli, Vice President Lily Guillemette, Secretary Jenna Pahlen, and Treasurer Karena Melby; Senators: Dawson Rystad, Adrien Verbout, Daphney Koralewski, Allison Aakhus, AJ Jones, Sophia Linder, Isaiah Aquino, Kia Bachand, Janae Olson, Cari Bachand, Taya Morinville, Bailey Sherman, Shawna Majeres, Molly Smith, Natalie Vetteson, Sydney Fougner, Ella Moen, and Maverick Nelson.

Austin Jensen received the Outstanding Technology Award from Mr. Michael Illies. Mr. Randall Pederson presented the Outstanding Senior English Award to Sydnie Gunderson.

Mr. Bryan Paskvan presented the Outstanding Senior Math Award to Andrew Fish. The Knowledge Bowl Awards were presented to Seniors: Sydnie Gunderson, Andrew Fish, Connor Lambert, Dawson Rystad, Phil Sorenson, Marie Johnson, and Julia Bernstein; Juniors: Derek Peterson, Calyssa Eskeli, Sophia Linder,

Jayden Iverson, Chris Longtin, Lily Guillemette, and Zach Benson; and Sophomores: Kia Bachand, Emily Kolstoe, Karena Melby, Elijah Rathsack, Brody Moen, Tristyn Ferguson, Danny Guillemette, and Janae Olson.

The Drama Awards were presented by Mr. Tyrell Hamrum. One Act Play participation medals went to cast members Tom Nelson, Jayden Iverson, Abigail Walton, Emily Kolstoe, Karena Melby, Danny Guillemette, Lilly Hanson, Remi Rathsack, Jonathan Roue, and Luci Svendsen. Three Act Participation Medals were also given to Tom Nelson, Jayden Iverson, Danny Guillemette, Lilly Hanson, Remi Rathsack, Jonathan Roue, and Luci Svendsen.

Receiving the Gold Award for excellence in Public Presentation of River Watch science data and activities were Tanisha Srnsky, Kaitlyn Morris, and Sidney Olson which were presented by Mrs. Kathryn Tran.

Mr. Steve Strutz presented the Outstanding Senior Science Award to Connor Lambert. The Six Year Math and Science Awards were given to Jarisa Bailey, Connor Lambert, Christian Baker, Julia Bernstein, Dawson Rystad, and Sydnie Gunderson. The Envirothon Team Award went to Calyssa Eskeli, Derek Peterson, Christopher Longtin, Jenna Pahlen, and Sophia Linder. Jayden Iverson, Lily Guillemette, Sydney Olson, Tanisha Srnsky, and Bailey Sherman were recognized for the First Place Regional Envirothon Oral Presentation. Anthony Whalen received the Anatomy Award. The Senior Countdown Award was presented to Tasha Manning.

Adrien Verbout received the Senior Tri-Athlete Award for football, basketball, and baseball. This was presented by Mr. Aaron Nelson.

Congratulations to those who received an award or recognition.

ATV riders can explore Minnesota
trails for free June 7-9

Minnesotans with an all-terrain vehicle registered for private or agricultural use won't need to pay the additional registration fee (\$53.50 for three years) to ride the state's public ATV trails, Friday through Sunday, June 7-9. Out-of-state riders can explore Minnesota ATV trails that weekend as well, without the need for a nonresident trail pass (\$21 annually).

"We see this weekend as a great opportunity to showcase the wide variety of state and grant-in-aid trails across Minnesota," said Erika Rivers, DNR Parks and Trails Division director. "There are many privately registered ATVs across the state that, during this weekend, can give the public trails a try for free."

This is the fourth year that Minnesota is providing ATV riders with free access to more than 3,000 miles of state forest and grant-in-aid (GIA) trails during "No Registration Weekend." The event falls on the second weekend in June each year.

Some places to explore include: The Iron Range Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) State Recreation Area. This 1,200-acre OHV park in Gilbert has 36 miles of scenic trails for riders of all abilities.

The 100-mile trail system in Nemadji State Forest in Pine County, which connects to the Matthew Lourey State Trail and the Gandy Dancer Trail for more riding opportunities. Gafvert Campground offers first-come, first-served camping.

The 29-mile Spider Lake trail system in Foot Hills State Forest, Cass County, where riders will curve around lakes and ponds, go up and down a variety of hills, and view overlooks from the ridges throughout the forest.

The 200-mile Northwoods

for every citizen.

The American flag is not just a bit of cloth and gold thread. It signifies everything we are and want to become. For more than two hundred years, the American flag has led troops into battle. Many men and women have died to preserve "Old Glory" and the way of life it represents. And when they were brought home, the flag became their solemn shroud. To the families of our fallen heroes,

Regional Trail System in Aitkin and Itasca counties, where riders will use the Soo Line Trail to connect to great communities and trail loops.

For more information about these and many other trails, check out www.mndnr.gov/ohv.

Always put safety first when out on the trails. Safety training is recommended for everyone who operates an ATV. It is required for ATV riders born after July 1, 1987. Anyone under age 18 must wear a DOT certified helmet while driving or riding an ATV.

Kids 16 and under must fit the ATV they are operating and be able to properly reach and control the handlebars and reach the foot pegs while sitting upright on the ATV.

Trail maps, updates on trail conditions, Youth ATV Safety training, full OHV regulations, and other OHV information can be found online at www.mndnr.gov/ohv.

Sign up for Basic Photography Class

What will you learn in this class? According to Melin, "I have teamed up with Oklee Community Ed to hold a three hour class on getting you out of the 'auto' mode and get you into 'manual' mode with your DSLR camera! We will also cover some photography knowledge, tips and techniques and discuss the action shots when it comes to sports pictures!"

During the class, Melin plans to go outside, work with light placement, and allow participants time to practice taking

photos along with her guidance.

Participants should bring their DSLR camera to the class making sure batteries are fully charged and the sd card has plenty of free space. She also recommends bringing your manual along if you have one.

Space is limited so reserve your spot early. Contact Kelly Melin at 316-737-6231 or Hickory Backroads on Facebook to sign up or for more information. The class must be paid in full to reserve a spot.

When to Fly Old Glory



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

for every citizen. The American flag is not just a bit of cloth and gold thread. It signifies everything we are and want to become. For more than two hundred years, the American flag has led troops into battle. Many men and women have died to preserve "Old Glory" and the way of life it represents. And when they were brought home, the flag became their solemn shroud. To the families of our fallen heroes,

the American flag is a badge of pride and symbol of our nation's gratitude.

Days to fly your flag: Mother's Day, Armed Forces Day, and Memorial Day (observed) on Monday, May 27, 2019. Remember the Flag is half-staffed until noon on Memorial Day. We have Flag Day, Father's Day. In July we have Independence Day, July 4th, National Korean Veteran's Armistice Day.

Calendar of Events

Wed, May 15:
-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 16:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.

Fri, May 17:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.

-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.

Sat, May 18:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!

Sun, May 19:
-Worship at the church of your choice.

Mon, May 20:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.

Tue, May 21:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards.

Wed, May 22:
-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 23:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.

Fri, May 24:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.

Sat, May 25:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!

Sun, May 26:
-Worship at the church of your choice.

Mon, May 27:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.

Tue, May 28:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards

Wed, May 29:
-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 30:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.

Fri, May 31:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.

Sat, June 1:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!

Sun, June 2:
-Worship at the church of your choice.

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Sun, May 19: 9:00 a.m.
Zion. Graduation reception after service. 10:30 a.m. Salem.
Salem: Grad/Conf reception after service.
Tue, May 21: 7:00 p.m.
Mutual Ministry meeting.

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OKLEE, GRYGLA & GOODRIDGE
Fr. Adam Hamness
Sun, May 19: 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, May 18: 5:30 p.m. RLF
Sun, May 19: 8:00 a.m. Brooks. 10:00 a.m. RLF.

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun, May 19: 9:00 a.m.
Worship at Immanuel. 7:00 p.m. Worship at Ebenezer.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Wed, May 15: 7:30 p.m.
Baccalaureate at Goodridge.
Sun, May 19: 8:30 a.m.
Bethany. 9:45 a.m. Ekelund. 11:00 a.m. Faith.
Wed, May 22: 7:00 p.m.
Breaking Free Bible Study.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

May 20 - 24

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, vegetable, and dessert.

Tuesday: Grilled ham & cheese, potato soup, and dessert.

Wednesday: French toast, 2 pc. bacon, 1 egg, and dessert.

Thursday: ½ Chef salad, cottage cheese, toast, and dessert.

Friday: Country fried steak, mashed potato, cream gravy, corn, and dessert.

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/rllf.htm at any time, where they can create their own patron accounts to browse, request and renew materials all from their home computers.

It was great to see all those who attended last week's Legacy program featuring Minnesota guitarist/singer Dennis Warner. His music CDs and children's book & CD are available in the Red Lake Falls and other branches of Northwest Regional Library.

The next Legacy-sponsored event will be the Summer Reading Program kick-off on June 4 at 2:00 when Wild Things

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth
Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Wed, May 15: 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday School.
Sat, May 18: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.
Sun, May 19: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri. 9:45 a.m. Oak Park - Conf. Dinner to follow. 11:00 a.m. Nazareth.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, May 15: 6:30 p.m.
Youth Group.
Thu, May 16: 12:00 p.m.
Rotary Meeting.

Sun, May 19: 9:30 a.m.
Worship. 11 a.m. Potluck. 6:00 p.m. Baccalaureate at Bethel Assembly.
Tue, May 21: 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, May 22: 9:30 a.m.
Christian Women's Club. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Wed, May 15: 2:00 p.m.
Sand Valley WELCA.
Sun, May 19: 9:00 a.m.
Lund. 10:30 p.m. Sand Valley.
Wed, May 22: 6:30 p.m.
Bethany Cemetery Clean-up / Rain Date 24th.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston
Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor
Sun, May 19: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School. 10:30 a.m.
Worship.



Cornerstone Veterinary Service will be offering Spring Vaccinations for your Dog and Cat in Oklee at the Fire Hall on **May 15, 2018** from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. Please bring your pet on a leash or in a kennel and bring any records you may have. Bravecto, Nexgard and Heartgard will be available at a much reduced price.

Zoo Attractions will bring their assortment of unusual and interesting animals for kids & families to see, touch and enjoy. More information about this year's Summer Reading Program will be distributed in flyer form to all students of Red Lake Falls and Plummer elementary schools, as well as some made available to high school students.

New adult nonfiction includes "The CBD Oil Solution," by Dr. Rachna Patel; "treat chronic pain, anxiety, insomnia, and more - without the high;" "The Metabolism Reset Diet" by Alan Christianson, NMD; "repair your liver, stop storing fat, and lose weight naturally;" and "The Organic Painter" by Carne Griffiths; "learn to paint with tea, coffee, embroidery, flame and more; explore unusual materials and playful techniques to expand your creative practice."

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COUNTY PROJECT - BIDS CLOSE

Tuesday, May 28th, 2019
RED LAKE COUNTY
RED LAKE FALLS, MN 56750

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS - Bids will be received until 11:00 AM, Tuesday, May 28th, 2019, by Robert Schmitz, County Auditor, at the Auditor's Office in the Red Lake County Court House, 124 Langevin Ave, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750, for the construction of the project listed below. Bids will be opened publicly by Erik Hove, County Engineer, or a designated representative, on behalf of the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners.

S.A.P. 063-612-008 - Culvert replacement on CSAH # 12

The Major quantities of work include COMMON EXCAVATION CY 1150; AGGREGATE BASE CLASS 5 CY 300; TYPE SP 9.5 WEARING COURSE MIXTURE (2.B) TON 75; GRANULAR BACKFILL (CV) CY 730; 138" SPAN RC PIPE-ARCH CULVERT CL.IIA LF 128; 138" SPAN RC PIPE-ARCH APRON EACH 2; RANDOM RIPRAP CLASS III CY 210; EROSION CONTROL BLANKET CATEGORY 3 SY 500.

Plans and proposals may be procured by purchase from the Red Lake County Highway Department, 204 7th Street Southeast, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750.

Complete Plans, Bid Proposals and Specifications:
Counter Price: \$50.00 (includes tax)
Mailed: \$58.00 (includes tax)

Bids must be accompanied by a cashier's check or bidder's bond made payable to the Red Lake County Treasurer in the amount of at least 5% of the total bid.

The Red Lake County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept any bid or reject any or all bids, waive irregularities, and award the contract in the best interest of Red Lake County.

Robert Schmitz - Red Lake County Auditor



This proud young man, Eli Magnell, age 11, shot his first turkey on May 5th hunting with his dad Isaac in East Polk County.

RLCC School Legal

ISD 2906 Red Lake County Central
Minutes-April, 2019

The ISD 2906 Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at RLCC High School in Oklee.

Duden, Hamrum, Kolstoe, Majeres, Paradis, Vettleson were present.

Recognize Visitors: Mrs. Tiffany

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Motions were carried to approve: March minutes, Financials, Mr. Gueter as the Identified Official with Authority to authorize user access to MDE secure websites, the resignation of Alex Carlson, Elementary Teacher, a bus purchase from North Central, A Blue Bird, gas, letter of notice to negotiate from Ed Minnesota-RLCC.

(Complete minutes may be seen in the district office at 260 Minnesota Street, Plummer, MN or on our school website at www.rlcc2906.org.)

Jody Duden
ISD 2906 School Board Clerk
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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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The Red Lake County Highway Department is holding a Public Information Meeting on May 21, 2019, from 5-7 p.m., at the Red Lake County Highway Department facility at 204 7th Street Southeast, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750

This public information meeting is being held to allow for comments to be heard concerning the Highway Departments road improvement plans on CSAH 13, 7.5 miles west of Red Lake Falls. This project is being brought forth by the Highway Department to improve sight distance and achieve proper state aid design standards for bridge 63501 (located in the dip south of Schirrick Impoundment). Red Lake County purposes to replace the current bridge with Box culverts and complete necessary grading to tie the roadway in with the new structure. We are asking all whom have comments or concerns to attend to further discuss with Highway Department staff. Plans will be available to review at the meeting. The Highway Department is looking to gather any information that may be of benefit to the project.

Comments concerning the above-mentioned project can be brought forth at the Public Information Meeting on May 21st, or can be mailed to Red Lake County Highway Department for further review.

Erik Hove - Red Lake County Engineer

O7-8C

-Red Lake County, MN-

The 2015 Buffer Law that was passed with bipartisan support is still in effect. However, the deadline for installation of a buffer along public waterways and ditch systems has now passed. This state law requires a 50 foot buffer along public waterways and a 16.5 foot buffer along public drainage ditches.

There are still several options available for landowners looking to come into compliance before Administrative Penalty Orders start being distributed. Producers can contact the Red Lake County SWCD to go through their available options and develop a plan for reaching compliance.

If you are unsure whether your property requires a buffer, the Minnesota DNR has released a public "buffer protection map" that is available at www.dnr.state.mn.us/buffers. This map identifies areas that require either the 16.5' buffer along public ditches or the 50' buffer needed along public waterways. This information can also be obtained at the Red Lake SWCD office.

It is the intention of the Red Lake County SWCD to assist you with technical guidance and field inquiries about best practices and alternative practices to help all landowners to come into compliance with the Buffer Law. If you have established a buffer on your own, Would like documents verifying that your buffer meets standards under state statute, or have any questions pertaining to the Buffer Law, please contact our office at 218-253-2593.

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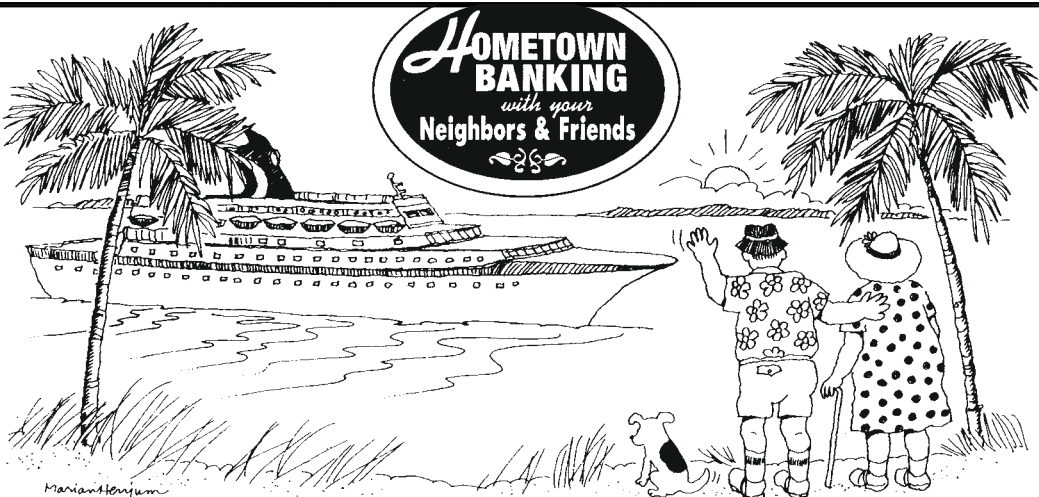
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RLCC Menus

May 20 - 24

Oklee

Monday: Breakfast: Egg, cheese, & sausage biscuit, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Pizza, lettuce salad, carrots & celery sticks, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: S'mores, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken burger, cheesy potatoes, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

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

Thursday: Breakfast: Bagels w/cream cheese, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Ham-burger patty, potato wedges, vegetable, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Cheesy bread w/pizza sauce, lettuce, cottage cheese, carrots & celery, fruit, and milk.

Plummer

Monday: Breakfast: Egg patty, biscuit, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Ham patty on bun, sliced cheese, curly friends, veggies & ranch, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Muffin, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** K-2: Meatloaf, 3-6: Meatballs; mashed potatoes, green beans, corn bread, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Egg omelet, yogurt, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Cook's Choice, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Variety, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Breakfast for lunch, - French toast sticks, sausage, juice cup, applesauce, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Roll, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Pizza, salad, cinnamon churro, fruit, and milk.

RLC defeats

Barnesville

By: Isaiah Aquino

Red Lake County Rebels traveled to Crookston on Saturday, May 4th to face the Trojans of Barnesville. Rebels defeated the Trojans ten runs to zero.

RLC started the game out with three runs in the first inning and then six more runs in the second inning and finally one more run in the third inning. Barnesville was scoreless but had two hits to the Rebels eight hits.

The winning pitcher was Derek Peterson for the Rebels; the losing pitcher was Sam Askegaard for the Trojans. Highlights for the game were Ben Cardinal hitting 2-3 with three runs and Peterson also going 2-3 with two runs batted in.

Mustang Softball

Red Lake County Central Mustang softball team has been busy with games in the past week. Cass Lake-Bena came to town Monday, May 6 and was defeated 16-1 by the Mustangs. Calyssa Eskeli, Marissa Thomas and Carlee Whalen were 2-for-3 at bat. Eskeli, Sidney Olson, and Paige Olson all drove in two RBIs with Thomas, Whalen, Serenity May, Leah Peterson, and Lacey Pendelton each having one. S. Olson had a double. Eskeli pitched all four innings. Tehya Losh was the pitcher for the Panthers. Rachel Leuth was 1-for-2 with one RBI.

The girls were on the road the following day, May 7, when they played the Norman County East/Ulen-Hitterahl Titans in Twin Valley. The Mustangs were shut out 10-0 in six innings. Eskeli again pitched for the Mustangs with Ryah Opsahl being the winning pitcher for the Titans. Both Opsahl and Amber Eken hit 2-for-3 with Opsahl bringing in three RBIs.

The team was back home Thursday, May 9 and faced the Red Lake Falls Eagles. The Eagles had two strong innings: the first where they scored eight runs and the fourth inning with six runs. They defeated the Mustangs 16-2. For RLCC, Thomas hit 2-for-2 with two RBIs and a double. S. Olson pitched for the Mustangs. Gabby Casavan, the starting pitcher for the Eagles, was 3-for-3 with a home run and three RBIs. Shelby Breiland brought in six RBIs while hitting 2-for-4. Also hitting 2-for-4 was Mya Seeger with three RBIs. The Eagles' closing pitcher was Shawna Larson.

Wednesday, May 15, 2019



RLCC Wrestlers that achieved a 3.0 GPA or higher received a Spotlight on Scholarship Certificate: (Back) Gunnar Sandeen, Zoe Russillo, (Front) George Duden, Damon Ferguson, and Tristyn Ferguson.

RLCC competes at Envirothon



(Back) Maddie Inda-Valdez, Leilah VanDam, Peyton Fish, (Front) Brody Moen, and Danny Guillemette from RLCC at the aquatic/wetland station during Envirothon.

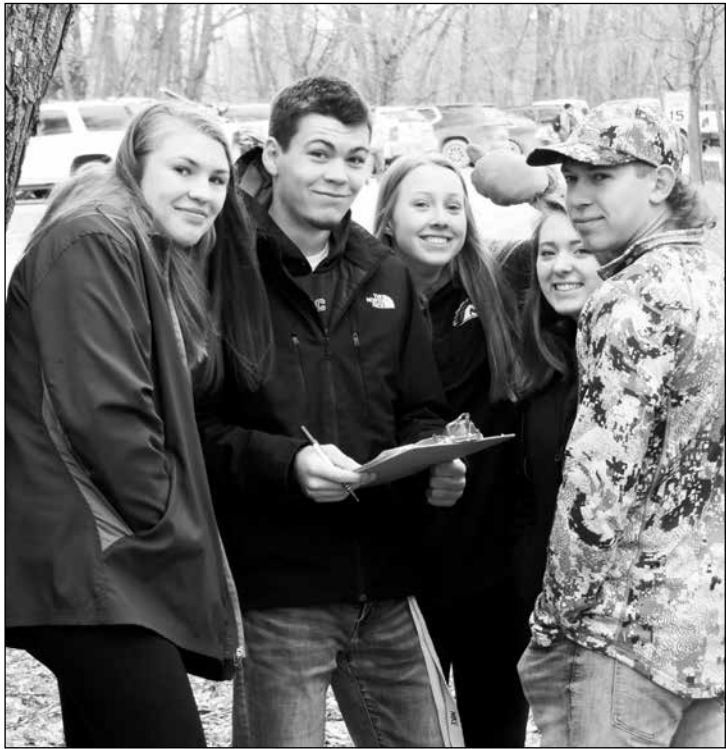
By Eric Gieseke and Isaiah Aquino

Red Lake County Central participated in Envirothon at Rydell National Wildlife Refuge in Erskine on Wednesday, May 1. RLCC sent six teams with five students on each team. Each team participates in six stations throughout the day consisting of Aquatics, Forestry, Wildlife, Soils, Current Events and Oral Presentation. There are multiple regions throughout the state and the top three scoring teams from each region advance to move on to State Envirothon.

The students had to face a challenge and make an oral presentation about which irrigation would best fit the Oliver Kelley Farm. Each

presentation was scored out of 30 points.

The students who attended Envirothon were Isaiah Aquino, Cari Bachand, Kia Bachand, Zach Benson, Calyssa Eskeli, Tyler Eskeli, Tristyn Ferguson, Peyton Fish, Eric Gieseke, Danny Guillemette, Lily Guillemette, Madeline Inda-Valdez, Jayden Iverson, Emily Kolstoe, Sophia Linder, Chris Longtin, Karena Melby, Brody Moen, Taya Morinville, Kjerstin Nelson, Janae Olson, Sidney Olson, Jenna Pahlen, Derek Peterson, Leah Peterson, Marissa Schiebe, Bailey Sherman, Tanisha Srnsky, Brock Tvedt and Leilah VanDam. The students were accompanied by science teacher Mr. Steven Strutz.



This RLCC junior group was at the current issue station during the Envirothon competition: (from left to right) Jenna Pahlen, Derek Peterson, Calyssa Eskeli, Sophia Linder, and Chris Longtin.

Photo below:

30 students from Red Lake County Central went to the Rydell Wildlife Refuge for Envirothon on May 1st.



Boys' basketball players achieving a 3.0 or higher GPA were presented Spotlight on Scholarship certificates: (Front) Derek Peterson, Dawson Rystad, Adrien Verbout, Alex Peterson, Zach Benson, (Back) Eric Gieseke, Brock Tvedt, Wakely Bryl, and Tyler Eskeli.



The Spotlight on Scholarship awards for RLCC girls basketball were awarded to: (top) Kia Bachand, Cari Bachand, Bailey Sherman, Leah Peterson, (middle) Erin Sundquist, Shawna Majeres, Jenna Pahlen, Tanisha Srnsky, Bella Russillo, Katelyn Suchy, (bottom) Sidney Olson, Marie Johnson, Calyssa Eskeli, Kjerstin Nelson, and Madeline Inda-Valdez.



Vocal Contest Spotlight on Scholarship certificates went to (Back) Adriel Bakken, Janae Olson, Brock Tvedt, Peyton Fish, Madeline Inda-Valdez, Isabella Russillo, Katelyn Suchy, (Middle) Leilah VanDam, Lillian Hanson, Karena Melby, Kia Bachand, Cari Bachand, Kjerstin Nelson, Bailey Sherman, (Front) Tyler Eskeli, Emily Kolstoe, Marissa Schiebe, Lauren Jones, Taya Morinville, and Bailey Culkins. Missing from photo: Abigail Walton, Adrianne Jones, Thomas Benson, Issabella Plante, Shyla Styles, and Brody Moen.



One Act Play members of the 2018-2019 year who earned the Spotlight on Scholarship certificates for having a B grade average or higher. (Back) Jeremiah Rathack, Jayden Iverson, Tom Nelson, Abigail Walton and Danny Guillemette. (Front) Emily Kolstoe, Luci Svendsen, Jonathan Roue, Karena Melby and Lilly Hanson.

Oklee Herald Early Files

Eighty Years Ago May 11, 1939

Large hatches of grasshoppers are being reported to John Dysart, County Agent. This is a very serious situation and one which it is necessary to prepare to meet.

Miss Ann Boucher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Xavier Boucher of town of Lambert and Adelard Morrisette of Argyle were married Monday morning of this week in St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church.

Red Lake County's allotment from state aid funds from the gasoline tax and one-mill tax revenues will be \$59,250.

Mr. and Mrs. Orrin T. Melby are the proud parents of a baby boy, born Sunday, May 7th, 1939.

Because of the increased interest and growing demand to see the new Model H tractor at work, Rolandson Implement Co. have decided to demonstrate this tractor on as many farms as possible throughout the territory to show these farmers outstanding feats with the new tractor.

Seventy Years Ago May 12, 1949

Scholastic averages of three Oklee High School senior girls were so nearly the same that the 1949 graduation class will have the unusual combination of three valedictorians and no salutatorians. The three are Norman Distad, Fern Qualey and Bette Dufault.

The 1948 rainfall summary as recorded by O.C. Soine, weather observer and agronomist at Northwest School and Station Crookston shows a total of 23.82 inches of rain. This amount is below the 1947 high figure of 27.44 inches, but is still 4 inches above the long-time average.

Minnesota counties were given their share of the road funds and Red Lake County gets \$81,850 this year.

Pfc. George Dessellier left Monday for Chanute Field, Ill, after spending a 10 day furlough here.

Sixty Years Ago May 14, 1959

Elmer Hanson, Standard oil bulk agent at Oklee was designated as All American Agent by the Standard Oil Company, it was announced this week by A.K. Reed, district manager for Standard at Duluth.

Twenty herds with 428 cows were tested in the Red Lake-Pennington DHIA during April. Top herd for April was that of Art Stenberg of Thief River Falls with an average milk production per cow of 1309 pounds, 51 pounds of butter fat.

Herb Schultz of Fosston has been hired as the manager at the Farmers Union Elevator here. The Schultz family plan to move here as soon as school is out.

Mrs. Emil Malwitz and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Greenwald spent Monday afternoon at Mrs. Gust Westerlund's home celebrating her birthday. She is also a daughter of the Greenwalds.

A surprise birthday party was held at the home of Mrs. Malvina Dessellier of Brooks on her 89th birthday, May 10, which was also Mother's Day.

Fifty Years Ago May 15, 1969

An "A" Rating is a state-level music contest at Thief River

Falls May 2nd was won by a girls saxophone quintet from Oklee High School. In the group were Virginia Stenberg, Holly Bronken, Carol Groven, Sherry Swenson, and Beth Bronken.

Wally Groberg, president of the Oklee Manufacturing Company, advised the Herald at press time that new contracts for 20,000 seat cushions for Arctic Cat and 5,000 windbreaker jackets have been negotiated for delivery in the next 90 days. OMC presently has 41 employees and is planning on a year around work force of 55 to 60.

Master Sergeant Orlando J. Hofstad, son of Mrs. Osmund Hofstad of Oklee, is on duty at Da Nag, Vietnam. Sergeant Hofstad, an air-craft engine technician, is a member of the Pacific Air Forces.

A special election in Brooks, Thursday, May 22, will be held to determine whether or not ISD No. 627 Oklee will combine with parts of ISD No. Brooks.

Forty Years Ago May 10, 1979

Klondike Kalamity is the play being presented by the Plummer School. The play is directed by Carole Berg and the cast members are John Lundy, Virginia Cote, Marvin Tvedt, Linda Hesse, Bryan Delage, Allen Genereux, Melanie Skjerven, David Haugen, and Brian Fossell.

Oklee Jaycee Women suspend charter at their April meeting. They donated the proceeds from the sale of their cotton candy machine and supplies to the newest Minnesota Jaycee Women's priority, the Burn Center in St. Paul, MN.

On Sunday, Tina Lambert, daughter of Reinold and Linda Lambert was baptized at St. Frances Xavier Catholic Church, in Oklee with Father Patnode officiating.

Mrs. John Larson and infant son, Jacob were honored at a baby shower on Thursday evening. Lunch was served by hostesses Clea Ralph, Vickey Berberich and Jean Peterson.

Prices at Melby's: Miracle Whip, 32 oz. jar, \$1.09; Keebler Honey Grahams, 2lb. pkg., \$1.49; Fancy, Frozen Oven Ready Young Turkeys (10 to 14 lbs) .89 a pound.

Thirty Years Ago May 10, 1989

Oklee School Board candidates were Jim Reinbold, Errol Rustan (incumbent) and John Lerohl.

Mark Bagaason will be running an offensive skills camp at the Oklee High School Gym and will follow the same format as other area camps.

The Plummer Saddle Club met April 27th at Emdardville Hall. The annual 4th of July horse show will be held July 2nd.

A 1949 Oklee High School graduate has been named the winner of the 1989 Teaching Excellence Award by the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges. Dr. Cornell Runestad, who has been on the Wayne State College faculty since 1970 received the award on April 13th.

Twenty Years Ago May 12, 1999

The bell and its tower on top of the St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Oklee is no longer part of the majestic church building. It was taken down on Thursday, May 6,

1989. It is planned that the cast iron bell will become a monument on the grounds beside the church.

Judging for the 1999 Red Lake County Dairy Princess was held on April 28th at Third Base in Brooks. Committee members were Carol Gerardy, Lucille Weiss, Deb Vettleson, Sheila Gerardy, Diane Kols-toe, Deb DuChamp and Dee-Ann Leines, County Extension Agent. Met with Tricia Willett, the only contestant.

Marueen Munt (7th grade) and Sylvia Hilgeman (junior) were April Students of the Month at Oklee.

Friday, April 30, 1999 was the last day that Bob Solien sat behind his desk at the Red Lake County Co-op Main office in Brooks. It was the last day of a 37 years career with the same company.

Seth Vettleson, a senior at Goodridge High School has signed a letter of intent to attend Northland Community and Technical College in Thief River Falls and play football for the college.

Ten Years Ago May 13, 2009

Red Lake County Sheriff Mitch Bernstein, representing the Oklee-Brooks-Plummer Ambulance Service presented a check for \$1000 to Ernie Kolling, Mayor of Brooks, for the purchase of a defibrillator for the Brooks Community Center.

Meet the Kindergarten featured: Brady Moen, Megan Korinta, Tristyn Ferguson and Faith Hanson.

A story was reprinted with permission from the Grand Forks Herald, "Minnesota's Wayra Dairy trims the fat to keep the milk flowing" featuring the dairy farm owned by Wayne and Deb Vettleson, from Trail.

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Every 4th Tuesday – Thief River Falls

Every 1st, 3rd, & 5th Wednesday – Fargo/Moorhead.

Every 2nd & 4th Friday – Bemidji.

Who's Dat?



Who's Dat

This week's photo is of two people from the area. It was given no hints on the year for this photo but both should be familiar.

Last week's photo was of Lance Mandt, a young man from the Deer Park area.

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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Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

Mother's Day, I had a nice day. Donald and Julian took me for a nice meal and afterwards we visited several areas around the area. We stopped to visit at several homes. I also had many phone calls from my relatives in California. A surprise for me was when Julian came out with flowers in a pot for me. I'm sure it will last in the pot for a long time.

There are some things taking place at the Senior Site this week. Tuesday there was a potluck at the Cafe. All seniors are welcome and the next one will be June 11th at 5:00 p.m. Mark it on your calendar and bring a dish to share.

The Senior Site Council meeting is Thursday, May 16th

at 10:00 a.m. Also the Birthday Meal is this Friday. Come and sign up. If your birthday is in May, you may win the free meal.

Dates to Remember

May 15: American Legion Auxiliary meeting. Meet for dinner at 11:30 a.m. and meeting will take place after the meal.

May 16: Senior Site Council meeting at 10:00 a.m.

May 17: Birthday meal at 11:30 a.m.

Words of Wisdom

Remember, you don't have to feel good to do good.

It's impossible to be happier

than your spouse and children.

Joke Time

An inexperienced real estate salesman asked his boss if he could refund the deposit to an angry customer who had discovered that the lot he had bought was under water.

"What kind of salesman are you?" the boss scolded. "Get out there and sell him a boat."

"I hear the boys are gonna strike," one worker told another.

"What for?" asked the friend. "Shorter hours."

"Good for them. I always did think 60 minutes was too long for an hour."

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

We went to St. George, Utah for a visit to our daughter's home and to attend our Grandson's graduation. The trip was a good one, the airport walking was interminable. But somehow I made it. I find I am not a walker anymore. The weather there was like early summer here. Pleasant and warm. It got really hot only one day but the sun really is way hotter there than here. Hot is also not my better choice. We took in some museums and learned about the area and who settled there. Those pioneers were really hard working people.

We also took in a ghost town and an old graveyard from the early 1800's. We came home to cold temps and needed jackets to keep warm. I noticed that Marc Parenteau has come back from his winter sojourn in the south. Welcome back Marc. I just hope he brought back some of that warm weather that he has been basking in all winter.

Yvonne Hoeger also has come back from the winter climes in the south. We are counting on visiting and hearing about how wonderful winter was in the south. We hope you brought back the warmth from the south. Welcome back Yvonne.

Jerome and Barb Novak and daughter Becky Novak went to St George Utah on May 2nd and returned on May 9th. They went to visit and attend the graduation of Jeffrey Chandler, Jerome and Barb's grandson. He took college classes while attending high school and graduated with

a 4.0 GPA in High School, and an AA Degree with a 4.0 GPA from the college as well. This was a special accelerated program and it worked for him to be able to get his studies done earlier so he can finish a degree in ecology earlier. He plans to be a National Park Ranger in the future.

While at the airport to come home we encountered a surprise. Jerome's brother Leonard and his wife Marilyn of Warren were coming home on the same plane we were coming home on. They were in Vegas celebrating her daughter's 50th birthday. Funny what you see in an airport when you haven't thought of seeing anyone you know.

Have a great week. I am still exhausted from all that walking.

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

A surprise name.

In Arkansas, twin men, George and James celebrated their 100th birthday. They looked really good.

Tuesday was Awards Day at RLCC High School in Oklee. Alice Jobe presented a certificate to Sarah Christiansen on behalf of the Plummer Senior Citizens for a \$100 scholarship. Kristie Hess, President of the Plummer American Legion Auxiliary presented a scholarship to Sydnie Gunderson for \$350.00 and a \$100 Citizen Award to Sarah Christiansen. Also President Kristie Hess presented for the American Legion Post #623 a scholarship for \$350 to Isaac Eskeli and \$100 to Dawson Rystad. Congratulations to them!

Debbie DuChamp presented on behalf of the Lions Too a scholarship of \$200 each to

Sarah Christiansen and Justin Nemec.

Winners of for the Girls Stater were Callista Eskeli and Jayden Larson. Congratulations girls!

Tri River Pioneers met Monday evening. Deb DuChamp presented Tri Rivers with a check for \$6,000 from the Board of the Directors from the Plummer Creamery as a legacy. They discussed 4th of July plans, gun raffle, and building plans.

The 145th Kentucky Derby was last weekend. The Louisville Marching Band performed my "Old Kentucky Home." The First: Maximum Security came in but had bumped Country House and Country House won. It is being disputed. This has never happened before.

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