

Oklee Precipitation
By Einar Kvasager

	Rain	Snow
May 22	0.27	
May 23	0.36	
May 24	0.01	
Total in.	0.64	0.00

Oklee Herald

...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

OKLEE (RED LAKE COUNTY) MINN. 56742

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Red Lake County Central graduation Friday, May 24th



All of the Class of 2019 graduates sang “Country Roads, with fellow senior Tom Nelson accompanying them on guitar were (not in order) 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, Justin Nemec, Lacey Pendelton, Alex Peterson, Hannah Riendeau, Zoe Russillo, Dawson Rystad, Phillip Sorenson, and Adrien Verbout. Patty Mickelson directed.

Red Lake County Central Graduation was held Friday, May 24, 2019 at the High School in Oklee. The ceremony began at 5:30 p.m. Twenty-five seniors received their diplomas and now are following their path to their future.

The program opened with the Presentation of Colors were presented by the Oklee American Legion Post #159 (members Commander Rick Dulka, Chaplain Don Stenberg,

John Lessard, Einar Kvasager and Milo Sandeen.

Superintendent James Guetter welcomed everyone to the graduation ceremony.

Phillip Sorenson sang “Humble and Kind” which was followed by the two top seniors Andrew Fish and Marie Johnson.

Andrew Fish was the first to give an address to the audience and classmates. He started with the fact that he had not gone to school from Kindergarten to

12th grade like most of the class, but felt that he was accepted as one of RLCC own and will always have fond memories of Oklee and RLCC School.

Marie Johnson was next to address the audience and her classmates first talking about her experiences with her classmates, the fun times, the good times and sometimes the silly times. She thanked her classmates and wished them well and also thanked her parents.

Following the addresses, the senior class sang “Country Roads” with senior Tom Nelson playing guitar.

The senior class presented flowers to their parents and Principal Randall Pederson presented the Class of 2019 after the Class of 2019 Video.

After the graduation, due to the rainy weather, the graduates lined the hallway and personal congratulations were given to the graduates.



Supt. James Guetter



Senior Philip Sorenson sang “Humble and Kind.”



Andrew Fish giving his address at Graduation.



Marie Johnson giving her address to her fellow classmates and the audience.

Calendar of Events

- 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.
- Mon, June 3:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards
- Wed, June 5:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
- Thu, June 6:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
- Fri, June 7:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
- Sat, June 8:**
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!
- Sun, June 9:**
-Worship at the church of your choice.
- Mon, June 10:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards
-Senior Potluck 5 p.m. at Café.
- Wed, June 12:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
- Thu, June 13:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
- Fri, June 14:**
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
-Flag Day at Veterans Park in Oklee.
- Sat, June 15:**
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!

Farmers sampling for soybean cyst nematode (SCN) surprised by what they found

By Angie Peltier and Jared Goplen, Extension educators and Seth Naeve, Extension soybean agronomist

Sampling program results

Samples submitted through the Minnesota SCN sampling and education program originated from 28 Minnesota counties, with the majority of the 363 samples coming from the most newly infested northwest region (Figure 1). While 49.6% of samples had SCN population densities below the limit of detection of 50 eggs per 100 cubic cm of soil, the remaining 50.4% tested positive. One sample submitted through this survey included the first documented infestation in Beltrami County.

Among samples testing positive:

- 43% had egg densities high enough to cause some yield loss on SCN susceptible varieties.
- 38% had egg densities high enough to cause yield loss even on SCN resistant varieties.
- 7% had egg densities so high that soybean yields would be impacted enough that

planting soybeans would not be recommended (2).

Research has shown that when SCN is present at moderate densities, planting resistant soybean varieties can improve soybean yields by more than 40% (3-6). Using Minnesota's average yield of 50 bushels per acre and an average soybean price of \$9.10 per bushel, the value of SCN management after a detection could be as high as \$182 per acre, or \$29,120 on a 160-acre field.

What are participating farmers saying?

In a follow-up survey of those who submitted soil samples, only 8% of respondents had previously routinely submitted soil samples for SCN analysis and 44% had never. Twenty-six percent of respondents were not previously aware that their field(s) were infested with SCN and for 21% the SCN population density was much higher than anticipated. As a result of this SCN sampling program, 91% indicated that they were extremely likely or likely to continue to periodically collect SCN soil samples. As a result

of learning their sample's SCN egg counts, respondents plan to actively manage SCN with 47% planning to plant a soybean variety with SCN resistance and 29% planning to plant a crop that is not a host of SCN.

Why SCN is important to soybean

Soybean cyst nematode (SCN) is a microscopic root-infecting worm that is the most yield limiting pathogen of soybean, responsible for annual yield losses of more than 95 million bushels in the North Central US (1). Because above-ground symptoms tend to not be diagnostic or obvious, yield-damaging populations of SCN may be present long before producers are aware that a crop is at risk. While Extension personnel, agronomists and other agricultural professionals repeatedly stress the importance of monitoring and managing SCN to maximize soybean production, many producers remain unaware of the threat that SCN

poses or how essential monitoring population densities is to maintaining crop productivity.

A check-off-sponsored SCN sampling program

This program began in 2018. With funding from the Minnesota Soybean Research & Promotion Council (MSRPC), University of Minnesota Extension personnel developed a Minnesota SCN sampling and education program. Its goal was to increase awareness regarding the threat that SCN infestations pose to soybean yield potential and encourage SCN sample collection. While farmers were responsible for sample collection and shipping, costs associated with sample analysis and education were covered by check-off funds.

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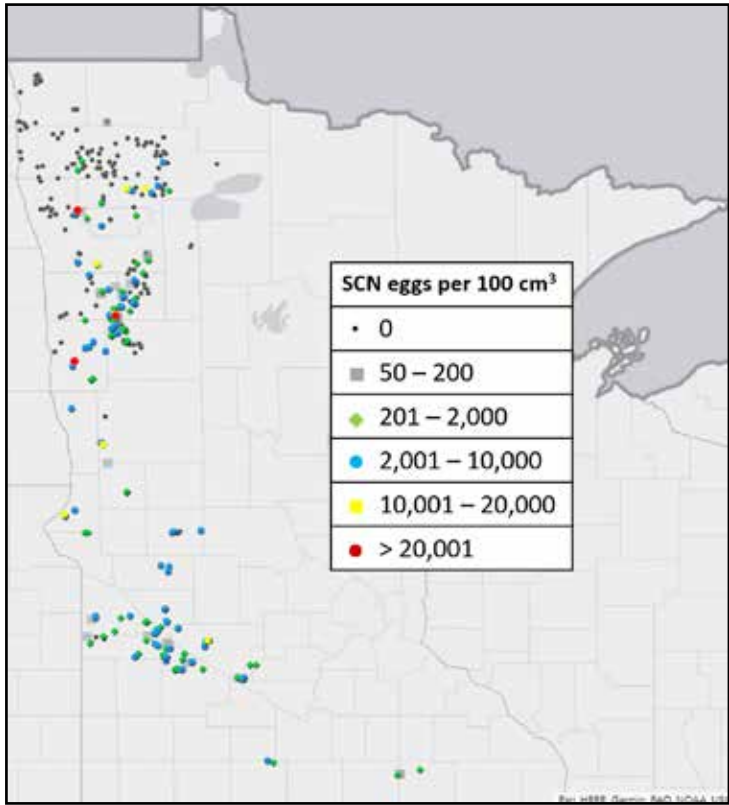


Figure 1. SCN population density estimates from soil samples analyzed on behalf of the MSRPC-sponsored 2018 sampling and education program.



Flowers were planted around Oklee this week including 420 red and white petunias at the Oklee Area Veterans Memorial! Volunteers with the Oklee Garden Club planted during a break in the weather. Pictured left to right, Barb Melby, Phyllis Melby and Linda McCloskey. Not pictured, but helping were Rose Skallet and Mary Lynn Bachand. Anyone interest in being a member of the Garden Club may contact Barb Melby.

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Sun, June 2: 9:00 a.m. Zion.
10:30 a.m. Salem.

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OKLEE, GRYGLA & GOODRIDGE
Fr. Adam Hamness
Sun, June 2: 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, June 1: 5:30 p.m. RLF
Sun, June 2: 8:00 a.m. Brooks. 10:00 a.m. RLF.

IMMANUEL–EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun, June 2: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Immanuel. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

June 3 - 7

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: Grilled chicken, hash browns, carrots, and dessert.

Tuesday: Cheeseburger w/ bun, fries, green beans, and dessert.

Wednesday: Roast pork, mashed potatoes, corn, bread, and dessert.

Thursday: Baked chicken, baked potato, peas, and dessert.

Friday: Grilled ham & cheese, chili, and dessert.

Red Lake Falls Library News

New adult nonfiction includes "Rough Magic: Riding the World's Loneliest Horse Race" by Lara Prior-Palmer; this debut memoir tells the author's story of how, "at the age of nineteen, Lara Prior-Palmer discovered a website devoted to 'the world's longest, toughest horse race,' an annual competition of endurance and skill that involves dozens of riders racing a series of twenty-five wild ponies across 1,000 kilometers of Mongolian grassland. On a whim, she decided to enter the race. She was utterly unprepared for what awaited her. Prior-Palmer had no formal training. She was driven by her own restlessness, stubbornness, and a lifelong love of horses. Rough Magic captures the extraordinary story of one young woman who forged ahead, against all odds, to become the first female winner of this breathtaking race."

June 1 starts the Summer Reading Program for readers up to age 18 (inclusive) with the theme "It's Showtime At Your Library." The kick-off event of Wild Things Zoo Attractions is Tuesday, June 4 at 2:00 pm. Kids can sign up anytime beginning June 1 and earn prizes throughout June & July by checking out books & reading for fun! Every Wednesday from 12:30 to 2:30 there will be guided craft activities, as well as popcorn & lemonade on both Tuesdays & Wednesdays. For more information stop in or call the library (253-2992) or visit the website (nwrilib.org) and check the RLF calendar of events.

June WIC Schedule

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

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

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

WIC Clinics for the month of June.

Thu, June 6: Red Lake Falls Community Center (City Bldg)

Mon, June 10 - Fri, June 14: Thief River Falls Redeemer

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Sun, June 2: 8:30 a.m. Faith. 9:45 a.m. Bethany. 11:00 a.m. Ekelund. Council following service.
Wed, June 5: 7:00 p.m. Evening Service at Ekelund. 7:45 p.m. Women's Bible Study at Ekelund.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive – Nazareth
Oak Park – St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Sat, June 1: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.
Sun, June 2: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri. 9:45 a.m. Oak Park.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, May 29: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Sun, June 2: 9:30 a.m. Worship.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, June 2: 9:00 a.m. Lund. 10:30 p.m. Sand Valley.
Mon, June 3: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Sand Valley Annual Church Clean-up.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY
Fosston
Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor
Sun, June 2: 10:00 a.m. Worship.



In Loving Memory of Robert Torkelson

Two years missing the sound of your voice and foot steps, but cherish the memories and keep them tucked in our hearts always! O10C



Humbleberry Farm News

Humbleberry Farm is located between Oklee and Brooks on Hwy 92. This summer they will be holding a monthly free event for children.

Their first event is June 2nd is a Children's Folk School workshop and planting festival! The class starts at 3:00 p.m.

Master gardener Beattie Mickelson will be teaching how to make chia pets and Mod Podge newspaper pots. Super fun things planned.

Registration necessary. Call Tiffany at 218-688-3203 to register. Starts at 3pm.

Retirement

Please join us to celebrate
Bonnie Borene's
retirement from Northland Grain
June 7th
2-4 pm
at the Oklee Hall

Party

O10C

Lutheran Church

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

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CITY OF PLUMMER COUNTY OF RED LAKE STATE OF MINNESOTA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON VACATION OF PORTION OF AN ALLEY PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTE §412.851

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a hearing will be held before the City Council on the 11th day of June, 2019, in the City Hall located at 170 Central Ave at 7:00 pm to consider a proposed vacation of a portion of an alley located between lots 13, 14, 15 and lots 5 & 6 of Block 3

The alley between lots 13,14, the west 10 ft South of Lot 15and lots 5& 6 Block 3

Dated this 23rd day of May 2019.
SIGNED BY:
Margaret Peterson
City Clerk/Treasurer O10-11C



Tri-Valley Public Transportation

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

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

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

For Polk, Red Lake and Clearwater county stops:

Every Monday – Grand Forks.

Every 2nd Tuesday – Mahnomon.

Every 4th Tuesday – Thief River Falls

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

Every 2nd & 4th Friday – Bemidji.

Deadline:
Friday's at noon!

Red Lake County Residents Invited to Attend Flood Map Information Open House

Members of the public can drop in to review new preliminary floodplain maps and learn about flood risks in their community.

RED LAKE FALLS, MINNESOTA – Representatives from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will host a Flood Map Information Open House for Red Lake County on June 11. The Open House will provide county residents with an opportunity to review a recently completed preliminary Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and its accompanying preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMS).

The FIS and the FIRMS provide base flood (also known as the one percent annual chance event) information, designate areas that are subject to significant flood hazards within the county and offer information that public officials may use when permitting development in the floodplain.

The Open House will be staffed with representatives from various local, state, and federal agencies who will provide the most current information about flood risk, flood insurance, floodplain development regulations, and the process for floodplain mapping within Red Lake County. The newly prepared preliminary floodplain maps will be on display. Once the maps become effective they will be used as the basis for flood insurance as well as local flood protection regulations adopted under the National Flood Insurance Program. FEMA also intends that they be used to assist planning processes and outreach efforts to increase resiliency in response to flood and storm events. Details for the Red Lake County meeting are as follow:

WHAT: Red Lake County Flood Map Information Open House

WHEN: June 11, 2019 from 5:30pm-7:30pm

WHERE: Red Lake Falls City Hall – South Entrance
108 2nd St SW | Red Lake Falls, MN 56750

Property owners, realtors, lenders, and insurance agents are urged to attend and take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about flood risk and hazard mitigation within their community. Digital files of the Preliminary FIRMS and FIS report can be downloaded at: www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata

Paper copies of the FIRMS and FIS are available to view at the Red Lake County Courthouse.

For more information, contact Mark Peterson, FEMA's Director of External Affairs at (312) 408-4455.

Red Lake County Commissioners Minutes

RED LAKE COUNTY Regular Meeting Held April 23, 2019

Pursuant to adjournment of its regular meeting the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners shall met in regular session at the courthouse in Red Lake Falls, MN on April 23, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Remick was absent. Chairman Weiss called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Simpson moved to approve the agenda to add County Treasurer. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dudycha and carried unanimously.

County Sheriff Bernstein was present to provide an update on spring flood damages. Bernstein informed that damages throughout the state exceeded the 7 million dollar threshold and will now qualify all counties for 100% federal reimbursement for damages incurred. Flood damage occurred at the Huot Park in Louisville Township, Red Lake Falls Riverside Park, Plummer City Park, and several county and township roads. Bernstein stated that the Schirrick Dam in Wylie Township was re-opened on April 22nd.

County Treasurer Knott met with the board to present the quarterly interest earnings report and update on the county investment portfolio.

County Engineer Erik Hove met with the board to request approval of an AMC resolution in support of increased transportation funding. Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Simpson and carried unanimously to approve **Resolution No. 04-02-19** "Transportation Funding" as follows:

WHEREAS: Minnesota Counties maintain 30,742 miles of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) roads and 14,141 miles of county roads, totaling over 30% of the state's roadways; and

WHEREAS: the total annual need is \$1.084 billion over the next 25 years just to maintain the current CSAH and county road system, not including expansion; and

WHEREAS: the annual funding gap for counties has resulted in deferring basic maintenance, delaying expansion projects with resulting safety concerns, mounting congestion, and missed economic growth for businesses and commuters; and

WHEREAS: a comprehensive and sustainable transportation solution should include robust funding for roads, bridges, and transit, and address the varying needs in different parts of the state; and

WHEREAS: increased funding for Minnesota's Highway User Tax Distribution Fund would provide additional, stable funds for MnDOT, all 87 counties, all cities with a population of 5,000 or more, and townships across the state;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners encourages the Minnesota Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, a bill that brings adequate funding to Minnesota's statewide transportation system.

The Board Chairman and County Auditor are authorized to sign the resolution. The complete document is available at the County Auditor's Office.

Hove discussed a culvert replacement project on CSAH 12 in Terrebonne Township (SAP 063-612-008) and requested permission to advertise for bids. The project will involve replacing two metal culverts with one arch concrete culvert. Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Flage and carried by unanimous vote to approve the request as presented.

Meeting with the County Board was Colleen Hoffman with the auditing firm of Hoffman, Phillip & Knutson (HPK) to present the 2016 county financial audit. Hoffman also addressed some of the issues and concerns generated by the State Auditor about the 2015 audit. Hoffman presented a letter from Abdo, Eick & Meyers, Certified Public Accountants, indicating that random

tested audits completed by HPK had passed peer review and been accepted. Hoffman felt that several of the issues by the State Auditor were insignificant. HPK is presently compiling information for the 2017 county audit.

HR Director Lundeen met with the board to present the results of the compensation study conducted by Bjorklund Compensation Consulting. Lundeen explained the process involved in completing the study, noting that job descriptions were reviewed by Department Heads, and in addition job descriptions were created for all Elected Officials. Information was utilized from area counties and from the Association of MN Counties when setting the salary range. The year 2019 will reflect a 1.37% increase to gross salaries reflecting an approximate \$44,000.00 increase with benefits.

Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Flage and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on April 9, 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	\$2,000.00
Brooks Auto	5,430.44
Election Systems & Software, Inc	2,400.00
GCR Tire Center	3,555.25
29 Vendors less than \$2,000	9,805.14
TOTAL	\$23,190.83

The motion includes the following additional bills: \$28.00 to Marco; \$104.94 to Quill.

The following Commissioner/Committee reports were shared:

Commissioner Meeting/Report
Simpson: Attended a County Fair Board meeting with Commissioner Dudycha.

Flage: Participated in an MRC ITV conference discussing Enbridge, medical hemp, buffer strips, broadband funding, gas tax and the transportation bonding bill.

Dudycha: Social Service Board meeting.

Weiss: Participated in a Landfill teleconference with Environmental Officer Kurt Casavan. Attended a Quin County CHS meeting.

Auditor Schmitz presented a tax abatement request from the County Assessor for payable year 2019. Information provided from Assessor Amberson indicated that due to a clerical error a duplicate tax parcel was created in the property tax system. Commissioner Dudycha moved, seconded by Flage to approve the tax abatement as recommended by Assessor Amberson for payable 2019 in the amount of \$64.00 for Parcel No. 15-2523-010 located in City of Oklee. Motion carried unanimously.

Auditor Schmitz informed of two court ordered tax abatements for payable year 2019 for TransCanada (Great Lakes Gas). The affected parcels in the county are: PIN #03-5200-000 in amount of \$15,036.00 tax reduction, and PIN #04-5300-000 in amount of \$730.00 tax reduction. The abatements are result of a valuation appeal filed by TransCanada with the Minnesota Department of Revenue. Schmitz noted that the pipeline valuation changes are a result of errors made by the State of Minnesota, and are the first in a series of abatements and refunds that counties can expect.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned to May 14, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Attest:
Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

Ron Weiss, Chair,
Board of Commissioners O10C

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Wednesday, May 29, 2019



MUSTANG STAMPED



Twenty-one of Mrs. Patty Mickelson's music students who had competed at vocal or instrumental contests during this school year gave a special performance at RLCC's Music Night: (Front) Jayden Iverson, Leilah VanDam, Izzy Plante, Lilly Hanson, Emily Kolstoe, (Row 2) Noah Hanson, George Duden, Taya Morinville, AJ Jones, Bella Russillo, Katelyn Suchy, Phillip Sorenson, Karena Melby, Janae Olson, (Row 3) Adriel Bakken, Marie Johnson, Thomas Benson, (Back) Brody Moen, Brock Tvedt, Sidney Olson, and Abby Walton.

Red Lake County Central Music Night

By Eric Gieseke
Red Lake County Central held a Music Night on Wednesday, May 15 in the Music Room at the High School in Oklee. The night featured those in choir and band who performed at various contests. Mrs. Patty Mickelson has been working with her students throughout the year on their pieces getting ready for contests. The follow-

ing music students performed their contest pieces. For band, Katelyn Suchy on the trumpet performed "Up and Down and Round About" and Jayden Iverson on the saxophone performed "Poco Waltz". Thomas Benson and Suchy played "Two Pals" on the trumpet, Janae Olson and Emily Kolstoe on the clarinet played "Blue Tail

Fly," and Iverson and Karena Melby on the saxophone played "Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2". Marie Johnson, Brock Tvedt, Tristyn Ferguson, Katelyn Suchy, Thomas Benson, Noah Hanson and George Duden played "God of our Fathers" on the trumpets. There were various solos performed at the contest by choir students. Thomas Ben-

son sang "Follow the Drinking Gourd," Adrienne Jones performed "I'm Not That Girl." Jayden Iverson sang "Caro Mio Ben," Sidney Olson sang "I Have a Dream," and Phillip Sorenson performed "Close Every Door." Isabella Plante, Lillian Hanson and Leilah VanDam sang "You are the Music in Me." Cari Bachand, Kia Bachand, Bailey Culkins, Adriel Bakken, Bella

Russillo, Katelyn Suchy, Emily Kolstoe, Janae Olson, Karena Melby, Taya Morinville, Brody Moen and Brock Tvedt performed "California Dreamin'." Abigail Walton and Adrienne Jones sang "Till the Stars Fall from the Sky". Music awards from the contest were also handed out at Music Night. Mickelson also said, "Thank

you students for setting your goals high in music. Your hard work is greatly appreciated! Thank you families for all of your encouragement and support! A huge thank you to Mrs. Peggy Miller who makes this night possible. Your offering of talent and time are truly a gift to RLCC!"



Band and choir director Patty Mickelson with the senior music students: Marie Johnson, Tom Nelson, Mrs. Mickelson, Phil Sorenson, Lacey Pendleton, and Adrien Verbout.

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From the April 24th news: At the RLCC High School concert the senior high trumpet players Noah Hanson, George Duden, Thomas Benson, Katelyn Suchy, Brock Tvedt, Tristyn Ferguson, Adrien Verbout, and Marie Johnson played their ensemble piece, "God of our Fathers".

Mustangs play in triangular

By Madison Carlson and Jeremy Kruchowski

A softball triangular was played in Oklee on Thursday, May 16. Teams included Red Lake County Central Mustangs, East Polk/Northstars, and Crookston Pirates.

In the first game of the triangular, Red Lake County Central Mustangs lost to the East Polk/Northstars 3 to 14. The Mustangs had one run in the fourth inning and two runs in the fifth inning. The Northstars had four runs in the second inning, nine runs in the third inning, and one run in the fourth inning.

For the Mustangs, Marissa Thomas hit two for three with one RBI. The starting pitcher for the Mustangs was Calyssa Eskeli who had two strikeouts. The closing pitcher for the Mustangs was Sidney Olson who had one strikeout.

For the Northstars, Carlie Sander hit one for two with one RBI, and Felicity Andres hit one for two with two RBIs. The pitcher for the Northstars was Carlie Sanders who had five strikeouts.

RLCC played the final game and lost to the Crookston Pirates 12-23. Crookston came out strong scoring five in the first inning, one in the second, and five in the third before the Mustangs got on the board with five in the third. Crookston added one run in the fourth and the Mustangs scored three. Crookston ended strong scoring five in the fifth and six in the sixth with the Mustang scoring three in the fifth and one in the sixth.

For the Mustangs, Shawna Majeres hit two for three with two RBIs and a triple. Calyssa Eskeli hit four for four with four RBIs and two doubles. Marissa Thomas hit two for four with two RBIs and a double. Jayden Iverson hit two for four with one RBI. Lacey Pendelton hit two for four with one RBI and a triple. Leah Peterson hit one for two with one RBI.

Sidney Olson pitched five innings throwing 161 pitches giving up 22 runs and throwing four strikeouts. Calyssa Eskeli pitched one inning and threw 11 pitches giving up one run and having two strikeouts.

For the Pirates, Madison Saletine hit three for five with three RBIs and three doubles. Jasmin Hanson hit three for five with three RBIs and three triples. Amber Cymbaluk hit three for three with two RBIs and three triples. Kasey Cwikla hit one for two with three RBIs.

Jenna Coaquette pitched six innings throwing 119 pitches giving up 12 runs and throwing six strikeouts.

RLC Tops Fosston

By: Isaiah Aquino

Red Lake County Rebels played the Fosston Greyhounds in Red Lake Falls on Wednesday, May 15th. Rebels defeated the Greyhounds three runs to two.

Rebels started the game off by scoring three runs in the first inning. There were only two more runs scored after that and they were both by Fosston, one in the third inning and one in the fifth inning.

The winning pitcher for the Rebels was Austin Jensen and the losing pitcher for Fosston was Treydon Boushee. Highlights from the game were Adrien Verbout batting 3-3 and Jensen and Derek Peterson both batting 2-3.

RLC Falls to F-B

By: Isaiah Aquino

Red Lake County Rebels faced off against Fertile Beltrami Falcons Friday, May 17th in Fertile. Rebels lost a close one, four runs to three runs.

Fertile scored one run in the first inning, one more in the third then scored two in the fifth inning. RLC scored one run in the third, fifth, and sixth innings.

The winning pitcher for F-B was Hunter Bjerk and the losing pitcher for RLC was Brandon Wiskow. Highlights for the Rebels were Wiskow batting 3-4 with two doubles and Adrien Verbout batting 2-3 with a double. A highlight for the Falcons was Drew Larson batting 2-3 including a double and an RBI.

RLC loses to EGF

By Eric Gieseke

The Red Lake County Rebels hosted the East Grand Forks Green Wave Thursday, May 16 in Red Lake Falls. The Rebels lost 1-5 and the losing pitcher was Zak Kennett, and the winning pitcher for the Green Wave was Victor Sauce-do. The Green Wave scored one run in the first inning and the Rebels added one in the second inning. EGF scored one in the fifth and three in the seventh.

Derek Peterson pitched three innings and gave up one run while striking out two batters. Kennett pitched four innings and gave up four runs while striking out two batters.

For RLC, Ben Cardinal and Brandon Wiskow were each two for four at bat, and Eric Gieseke was three for three with a double.

Carter Beck from EGF was two for four and Jake Hjellev was two for four with a homerun and two runs batted in.

RLC Rebels at Ada Borup West Invitational Track Meet

By Abigail Walton

The Ada Borup West Invitational Track and Field Meet was held Thursday, May 16th. Here are the results from the Red Lake County Rebels.

The Girls' team finished in seventh place. The results for their events follow:

4x800 Meter Relay- 6th place: Aurimy Olson, Maisy Hoefer, Clara Girdler, and Kjerstin Nelson 12:23.03

100 Hurdles- 2nd place: MaKenzie Williams 16.80

400 Meter- 6th place: Hollie Knott 1:07.23

4x100 Meter Relay- 4th place: AJ Jones, Kia Bachand, MaKenzie Williams, and Hollie Knott 54.96

4x200 Meter Relay- 5th place: AJ Jones, Savanna Nelson, Kia Bachand, and Hollie Knott 1:59.28

4x400 Meter Relay- 7th place: Kia Bachand, Savanna Nelson, Marissa Schiebe, and Kjerstin Nelson 4:37.51

Triple Jump- 4th place: MaKenzie Williams 29'10 ½"

High Jump- 8th place: MaKenzie Williams 4'8"

Discus- 3rd place: Sienna Olson 92'6"

Shot Put- 7th place: Sienna Olson 30'2"

Boys' team tied for 13th place. The individual and relay results for the boys' events include the following:

4x800 Meter Relay- 4th place: Blane Schmitz, Brody Moen, Brock Tvedt, and Brenden Larson 9:41.47

110 Hurdles- 4th place: Carter Williams 17.30 and 8th place: Marcus Paradis 19.24

300 Hurdles- 8th place: Marcus Paradis 46.06

4x400 Meter Relay- 8th place: Blane Schmitz, Carter Williams, Damon Ferguson, and Marcus Paradis 4:07.61

Triple Jump- 5th place: Marcus Paradis 33'9 ¼"

High Jump- 3rd place: Gerald Melin 5'5"

Rebels' Junior High Track and Field

By: Kia Bachand

The Red Lake County Rebels Junior High Track and Field participated in the Mahnomens/Waubun Junior High Met. It was held in Mahnomen on Monday, May 13th. The Girls A Division finished in second place and the Girls B Division finished in third place. The Boys A Division finished in

second place and the Boys B Division finished in fourth place. Here are the individual and relay results for the meet:

The Girls A Division results: 200 Meter- 3rd place: Savanna Nelson 29.89 and 5th place: Marissa Schiebe 30.71

400 Meter- 2nd place: Savanna Nelson 1:10.05

800 Meter- 2nd place: Kjerstin Nelson 2:55.48, 3rd place: Brooklyn Cardinal 3:07.41, and 5th place: Aurimy Olson 3:12.31

1600 Meter- 2nd place: Kjerstin Nelson 6:28.39

100 Hurdles- 1st place: Marissa Schiebe 18.24, 2nd place: Kiara Sauve 21.13, and 3rd place: Aurimy Olson 22.10

800 Meter Medley Relay- 3rd place: Kiara Sauve, Brooklyn Cardinal, Marissa Schiebe, and Kjerstin Nelson 2:17.24

Long Jump- 2nd place: Kiara Sauve 12'9", 5th place: Savanna Nelson 12'0" and 7th place: Brooklyn Cardinal 11'7"

Discus- 5th place: Marissa Schiebe 59'4"

The Girls B Division results: 100 Meter- 5th place: Kya Morinville 15.28

200 Meter- 1st place: Sydney Fougner 30.40 and 5th place: Ella Moen 33.31

400 Meter- 3rd place: Jamie Flatgard 1:15.80, 4th place: Sydney Fougner 1:15.97, and 5th place: Ella Moen 1:18.28

800 Meter- 2nd place: Kya Morinville 3:11.98

100 Hurdles- 3rd place: Kya Morinville 21.67 and 4th place: Jamie Flatgard 21.71

4x200 Meter Relay- 1st place: Jamie Flatgard, Jennifer Johnson, Ella Moen, and Sydney Fougner 2:11.60

High Jump- 5th place: Jamie Flatgard 4'00"

Long Jump- 2nd place: Sydney Fougner 13'1 ½"

The Boys A Division results:

100 Meter- 5th place: Steven Sogla 15.01

200 Meter- 1st place: Gerald Melin 28.32, 2nd place: Steven Sogla 29.46, and 4th place: Oscar Duden 31.70

800 Meter- 1st place: Blane Schmitz 2:31.76

110 Hurdles- 1st place: Carson Lambert 17.53 and 4th place: Steven Sogla 19.77

4x100 Meter Relay- 4th place: Gerald Melin, Carson Lambert, Blane Schmitz, and Damon Ferguson 51.84

800 Meter Medley Relay- 2nd place: Damon Ferguson, Gerald Melin, Carson Lambert, and Blane Schmitz 1:55.85

High Jump- tied for 6th place: Carson Lambert 15'2", and 8th place: Steven Sogla 12'7"

Shot Put- 1st place: Damon Ferguson 34'8" and 5th place: Oscar Duden 29'1"

Discus- 3rd place: Oscar Duden 79'10"

The Boys B Division results: 100 Meter- 5th place: Gavin Booth 14.75

100 Hurdles- 1st place: Gavin Booth 18.44, 2nd place: Keyan Derosier 19.91, and 6th place: Dylan Gerardy 22.23

4x200 Meter Relay- 3rd place: Keyan Derosier, Dylan Gerardy, Caden Lee, and Gavin Booth 2:14.88

Long Jump- 3rd place: Gavin Booth 13'9" and 7th place: Caden Lee 10'7"

Discus- 5th place: Dylan Gerardy 48'6"

RLC Mustangs Play Ada-Borup Cougars

By Madison Carlson

The Red Lake County Central Mustangs lost to the Ada-Borup Cougars for the first round of playoffs in Ada on Tuesday, May 21st. They were tied after the fourth inning, but lost 10 to 20.

For the Mustangs, Calyssa Eskeli hit three for four including a three run homerun, and had three RBIs. Jayden Iverson hit three for four with two RBIs, Carlee Whalen hit two for three with one RBI, and Serenity May hit two for four and had one RBI. The starting pitcher for the Mustangs was Calyssa Eskeli who had five strikeouts. The closing pitcher for the Mustangs was Sidney Olson who had one strikeout.

For the Cougars, Kora Kritzerberger hit three for four including two homeruns and two grand slams, and had ten RBIs. Emily Sip hit two for four with two RBIs, and Kaisa Jones hit two for four, hit a home run, and had three RBIs. The pitcher for the Cougars was Ariel Johnson who had three strikeouts.

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May 2019 Public Health Points

Lyme disease

Lyme disease is one of many tickborne diseases in Minnesota. It is the most common tickborne disease in Minnesota and the United States. It is called Lyme disease because it was discovered in the Lyme, Connecticut area in 1975.

People can get Lyme disease through the bite of a blacklegged tick (deer tick) that is infected with Borrelia burgdorferi bacteria. Not all blacklegged ticks carry these bacteria and not all people bitten by a blacklegged tick will get sick. The tick must be attached to a person for at least 24-48 hours before it can spread Lyme disease bacteria.

Blacklegged ticks are small; adults are about the size of a sesame seed and nymphs (young ticks) are about the size of a poppy seed. Due to their small size, a person may not know they have been bitten by a tick.

Symptoms of Lyme disease

Early symptoms of Lyme disease usually appear within 30 days of a tick bite. It is common to have a red and sometimes itchy spot, up to the size of a quarter, right after being bitten by a tick. This is due to irritation from the tick's saliva and is not a symptom of Lyme disease. However, contact your doctor if you notice any of the following symptoms:

- Rash -May look like a bull's-eye, or a red ring with a clear center that may grow to several inches in width. The rash may not be itchy or painful and not everyone gets or sees a rash and not all rashes look like a bull's-eye
- Fever or chills
- Muscle or joint pain
- Headache
- Tiredness or weakness

If a person suspects Lyme disease, they should contact a doctor as soon as possible for diagnosis and treatment.

Treatment

Lyme disease is treated with antibiotics. Treatment works best early in the disease. Lyme disease detected later is also treatable with antibiotics but symptoms may take longer to go away, even after the antibiotics have killed the Lyme disease bacteria.

There is currently no human

vaccine available for Lyme disease. Reducing exposure to ticks is the best defense against tickborne diseases.

How can I reduce my risk?

Blacklegged ticks live on the ground in areas that are wooded or have lots of brush. The ticks search for hosts at or near ground level and grab onto a person or animal as they walk by. Ticks do not jump, fly, or fall from trees.

In Minnesota, the months of April through July and September through October are the greatest risk for being bitten by a blacklegged tick. Risk peaks in June or July every year.

Protect yourself from tick bites:

- Use a safe and effective tick repellent. Follow the product label and reapply as directed.
- Use DEET-based repellents (up to 30%) on skin or clothing. Do not use DEET on infants under two months of age.
- Pre-treat clothing and gear with permethrin-based repellents to protect against tick bites for at least two weeks without reapplication. Do not apply permethrin to your skin.
- Wear light-colored clothing to help you spot ticks more easily. Wear long-sleeved shirts and pants to cover exposed skin.
- Tumble dry clothing and gear on high heat for at least 60 minutes after spending time in areas where ticks live.
- Talk with your veterinarian about safe and effective products you can use to protect your pet.

Check for ticks at least once a day after spending time in areas where ticks live:

- Inspect your entire body closely with a mirror, especially hard-to-see areas such as the groin.
- Remove ticks as soon as you find one.
- Use tweezers or your fingers to grasp the tick close to its mouth. Pull the tick outward slowly and gently. Clean the area with soap and water.
- Examine your gear and pets for ticks.

Manage areas where ticks live:

- Mow lawns and trails

frequently.

- Remove leaves and brush.
- Create a barrier of wood chips or rocks between mowed lawns and woods.

Minnesota Department of Health Vectorborne Diseases Unit fact sheet

FDA Alert: Some E-cigarette Users Are Having Seizures

FDA has become aware that some people who use e-cigarettes have experienced seizures, with most reports involving youth or young adult users. Seizures or convulsions are known potential side effects of nicotine toxicity and have been reported in the scientific literature in relation to intentional or accidental swallowing of e-liquid. However, a recent uptick in voluntary reports of adverse experiences with tobacco products that mentioned seizures

occurring with e-cigarette use (e.g., vaping) signal a potential emerging safety issue.

From the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

Parenting Tips

FEELING FIT AND FINE

Your child will have fun and get prizes while learning healthy behaviors

Inter-County Nursing Service is sponsoring a summer fun project to promote healthy eating and physical activity for kids ages 3 to 12 years.

It will start June 3rd and run through August 2nd. Use the score card your child brings home from school or pick up a card from Inter-County Nursing Service in either Pennington or Red Lake Counties. Once their scorecard is full, just bring it in to choose a prize from the treasure chest!

The scorecard will be entered into a weekly drawing for a larger prize and a grand prize drawing will also be held in each of the counties at the end.

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Writers & Writing by Michael Tidemann

Tidemann started his journalism career at the Bismarck Tribune in 1978 and began college teaching career as a graduate teaching assistant at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion in 1977. He has worked at newspapers in Iowa and the Dakotas and his work has appeared in Overdrive, Writer's Journal, the San Diego Union-Tribune and Snowmobile.

Ragged Anthem as homage to nature

Anyone who thinks poetry is just for sissies hasn't had the pleasure of reading Chris Dombrowski's Ragged Anthem released this spring from Wayne State University Press. Dombrowski, a Michigan native who taught at Interlochen Arts Academy and Center for the Arts, has served as the William Kittredge Visiting Writer-in-Residence at the University of Montana and directs the Beargrass Writing Workshops.

Ragged Anthem is appropriately titled. Dombrowski's poems speak to the hard, sometimes brutal but always enduring spirit of nature and America.

In "Bull Elk in October River", Dombrowski evokes with almost surrealistic detail the image of an elk in fall.

The elk was a boulder the Blackfoot flowed around, spooked granite with tines and nostrils, musk the water swept away.

Nature is at the heart of Dombrowski's poetry. In "The Hunt", he takes us along on his spiritual journey embedded with fall, mountains, rivers and total solitude.

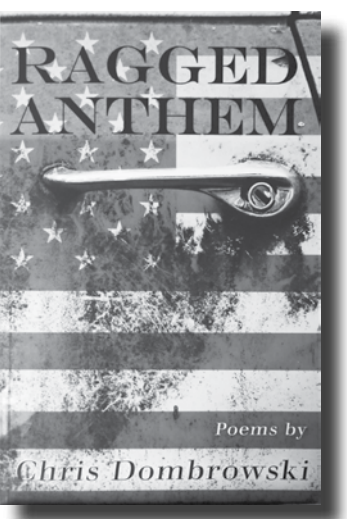
The toothless milkmaid I'd mistakenly called sir, upon whose land I'd asked to trespass, said her acres were mine. Hoarfrost quiet, The Missions hidden

in a long lake deep cloud. The Flathead's blue binding with a sense of ownership through the valley.

Dombrowski's gift for entendre evokes images few of us could have imagined in "Cottonwoods".

A long time ago when God was reading the earth the angels interrupted, pleading for another galaxy.

He made this stand his bookmark. Some frigid nights you can almost hear the dusty spine unfolding.



Ragged Anthem
Chris Dombrowski
Wayne State
University Press
ISBN 978-0-8143-4653-2
\$16.99

As an adjunct college instructor myself, I can thoroughly relate to "Dept. Meeting". The abbreviation for department in the title speaks to the meaningless drills of academia.

Listening to the speaker - disclosure, she said, consequence -

he could literally hear his soul withering - sound of a swallowtail smashed midflight frying in the semitruck's chrome grill.

Dombrowski shows how the most mundane events bring him from his poetic reveries in "Midwesterly".

I followed a braid of cabbage whites

past seas of east-facing swaying sunflowers to reach the hardwood stand in Minnesota just west of the Owl Café and Travel Plaza

inside which the mayo bottle's flatulence rescued me momentarily from my penchant for the pastoral.

If you like poetry, Ragged Anthem should most certainly make your summer reading list. If you didn't think you liked poetry, this book could change your mind.

Michael Tidemann writes from Estherville, Iowa. His author page is amazon.com/author/michaeltidemann.



The annual 3rd through 6th grade flag football season wrapped up May 22nd. Sixty future Rebels participated this year. Teams were split into 7 members and each day they would play against three other opponents. “It was once again lots of fun. Getting kids out to run around and work on some football skills is always enjoyable. Rebel football has a bright future,” noted Head Coach Brian Remick.



On May 5th, family – neighbors – friends gathered at the Al Ste. Marie farm for an evening of ditch cleaning. The group adopted Co. Rd. 12 between Hwy. 92 at Terrebonne, north 3 miles to Co. Rd. 1 in memory of Jeannette Ste. Marie, who was seen by many walking that road from Spring to Fall. The group plans on cleaning the ditch twice a year. Burger Brats and Beverages served after.

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Minnesota Senate approves landmark elder care protections, assisted living licensure

On Sunday, the Minnesota Senate passed monumental legislation that includes a series of protections for elderly and vulnerable Minnesotans and an extensive framework for the licensure of assisted living facilities. The Elder Care and Vulnerable Adult Protection Act of 2019, authored by Senator Karin Housley (R-St. Marys Point), is the most significant reform to state law for elder care in decades. The bill passed with wide, bipartisan support.

“For more than two and a half years, we have been working with consumer advocates, families, care providers, state officials, and others on legislation to protect our seniors and most vulnerable. That hard work led to a bill of which Minnesotans can truly be proud,” said Senator Housley, the bill’s author. “This is a bipartisan bill that gives elderly and vulnerable Minnesotans the consumer protections they deserve and brings Minnesota in line with the rest of the nation in licensing our assisted living facilities. Caring for our seniors and most vulnerable must be a priority.”

The legislation, HF90, includes a comprehensive package of consumer protections designed to ensure the rights of elderly and vulnerable adults, including protections for residents against retaliation in

nursing homes or assisted living facilities and a clear process for residents to appeal a termination of housing or services. The bill also enhances oversight of the state Office of Health Facility Complaints and provides needed funding for the Office of the Ombudsman of Long-Term Care. In addition, the bill contains provisions giving nursing home and assisted living residents the explicit right to use electronic monitoring devices in their rooms.

In addition, the bill includes an extensive framework for licensing assisted living facilities in Minnesota. Once the licensure system is in place, the current housing with services system will be eliminated. There are two levels of licensure, one for assisted living facilities and another for facilities with dementia care services, which are subject to additional training requirements. A Resident Quality of Care and Outcomes Improvement Task Force is created to make recommendations on how to apply safety and quality improvement practices to long-term care services.

The rights of assisted living facility residents are protected by a new consumer bill of rights and qualifications for assisted living directors and nursing home administrators are outlined in the bill. In addition, assisted living facilities will

be subject to the oversight and regulatory authority of the state health department, which will have the ability to issue correction orders and fines to ensure facility standards are being upheld. Licensure requirements go into effect by August 1, 2021.

Finally, the legislation includes more than \$30 million to implement assisted living licensure and allow state agencies to address recommendations made in a far-reaching legislative audit, such as enhancements to agency reporting, administrative systems, and operations. Increased funding will also allow the Office of the Ombudsman for Long-Term Care to hire additional staff.

The bill comes after an historic consensus was reached among major stakeholders and advocacy groups, including state regulators, AARP Minnesota, LeadingAge Minnesota, Minnesota Elder Justice Center, Care Providers of Minnesota, Elder Voices Family Advocates, and Alzheimer’s Association.

“In the next decade, for the first time ever, more Minnesotans will be over the age of 65 than in our public schools. This isn’t just important; it’s urgent,” said Senator Housley. “We’re so close to the finish line. Let’s get this signed into law. Our seniors cannot wait.”

Sudoku Solution												
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The Class of 2019 throwing their mortar boards in the air in celebration of Graduation and the celebrations began for the seniors of RLCC.

Combating Senior Fraud

By Senator Amy Klobuchar

It all started a few years ago when a Duluth native received a seemingly innocent phone call asking questions about her family and retirement plan. After gaining her trust, the caller eventually convinced her to max out multiple credit cards, wire money from nearby banks, and even mail \$10,000 in cash. In just a few short days, she had been swindled out of \$47,000, filed for bankruptcy, and was left with little hope of ever getting her money back. And she is not alone.

Too many older Americans today are being victimized by schemes that are robbing them of their sense of security—and often their entire life’s savings. Just last year, one in four seniors contacted by scammers sent them cash. Between 2017 and 2018, money lost to imposter fraud increased from \$26 million to \$41 million and, as the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) recently reported, seniors are five times more likely to report losing money from internet scams than non-seniors. The FTC received nearly 143,000 reports of tech support scams last year,

including cases where scammers used computer pop-ups to contact seniors, installed spyware to steal their personal information, convinced them to provide remote access to their computers, or even posed as companies such as Microsoft or Apple.

My grandpa was an iron ore miner who used to save his money in a coffee can, and the presence of these lifetime savings are often the reason scammers target seniors. The schemes they use are constantly evolving, including fraudulent investment plans, prizes, sweepstakes, internet fraud, charity scams, predatory home lenders, telemarketing and mail fraud, and Ponzi schemes. These scams aren’t just financially devastating to older Americans; they also can have a ripple effect that hurts generations to come. I read about one 82-year-old man with undiagnosed vascular dementia who received a call from someone claiming to be his grandchild and saying he had been arrested in a foreign country and needed money. In just one week, the grandfather had wired more than \$100,000.

Our seniors and their families deserve better. We can and must do more to protect

our parents and grandparents from scammers who try to cheat them out of their life’s savings. That’s why I introduced the Seniors Fraud Prevention Act with Senator Susan Collins, which will protect older Americans and make fighting these scams a priority. This bipartisan legislation would require the FTC to coordinate with other agencies to detect these schemes and strengthen the reporting system to ensure that complaints are handled quickly. In addition, the bill would require the FTC to provide seniors, their families, and their caregivers information about how to recognize scams and who to contact if they become a target.

It is time to pass this legislation and ensure that seniors in Minnesota and across America are able to live their later years with dignity, security, and the peace of mind that their hard-earned savings are safe.

May is
Older Americans
Month

Oklee Herald Early Files

Eighty Years Ago May 25, 1939

The stores in Oklee will be closed all day next Tuesday, May 30th, which is Decoration Day. As usual the American Legion will visit neighboring cemeteries for Memorial exercises.

Abraham Paquin, Jr. suffered a badly crushed chest when pinned between a tractor and tree, about 9:30 last Thursday evening when excavating for the new home he is building.

The Oklee Aces Baseball team were the victims of a no-hit, no-run game at St. Hilaire last Sunday.

Seventy Years Ago May 26, 1949

Stores will close on Monday in observance of Memorial Day. This action is in line with towns and cities throughout the nation who will observe the legal holiday.

Commencement program for Oklee High School will be held on June 1st at 8 p.m.

A large crowd gathered at the basement of St. Francis Xavier's church in Oklee to honor Miss Margaret Dufault at a bridal shower.

The Liekaring group of old-time folk dancers, one of program highlights to be presented at the Setesdals Lag in Bemidji June 10-11. They will also appear at the Telemark Lag in Oklee June 17-18.

Sixty Years Ago May 28, 1959

The Plummer American Legion Post and Auxiliary will present a program on Memorial Day in the Plummer High School gym on May 30th.

Clean Sweep: Folks frequently comment on the fresh looking appearance of Oklee's tidy streets. The man responsible is Omer Boucher, who is employed by Tom Toulouse's Oklee Dray Line. Omer takes

pride in his work and does a good job of it.

Oklee Firemen were called to rural fires twice during the past week. The first was at the Fred Lundeen farm on Sunday evening in the River Valley area where a 32 x 26 sheep shed was ablaze in a fire believed caused by a short circuit. The second was a grass fire on the Mrs. Sena Chervestad farm, also in the River Valley area that was fanned by winds into a wooded area and posed a threat to neighboring farms.

Wanda Melby, junior at Bemidji State College, was awarded a plaque as "best supporting actress" for her role and Marie in "Come Back Little Sheba" staged at the campus little theater in February.

Fifty Years Ago May 29, 1969

Mrs. Carl Quist was presented a gift of a cake plate on the occasion of her retirement after many years on the Oklee School faculty as teacher of the fifth grade and remedial reading.

"Telelaget" will hold its annual convention in Oklee on Friday and Saturday, June 6 & 7, was announced in English in this weeks paper. A trip to Oklee to the "Telelag" is like a trip to Norway. The town has good cafes and restaurants with cheap and good food. Oklee is a "Norwegian town."

The Tri-County Racing Association has announced that they will pen the season on the Speedway at Oklee with a double header event this weekend.

A double baby shower was given Sunday afternoon at the Ingvald Olson home for Dennis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Olson and Lyle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Erling Olson.

School districts 1553 and 1548 held a joint picnic for their

last day of school. Before dinner the schools played against each other in two games of kickball. In the afternoon the children and their mothers were given airplane rides by Lyle Mandt.

Forty Years Ago May 24, 1979

Rick Nelson has been re-hired by the City to be the director of the Summer Recreation Program.

Plummer High School and Oklee High School graduation ceremonies will both be held at 8 p.m. on Friday night, May 25th.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Peterson entertained at their home of Sunday on the occasion of Jamie's First Communion and Mike's 4th birthday.

Elected by the student body to serve as the 1979-80 Student Council were Kevin Vettleson, Shari Lundeen, Donna Stenberg, Jill Parenteau, Gary Parenteau, Sandra Rustan, Nancy Genereux, Liz Gundersen, Michelle Bachand, Brian Sevigny, Dennis Magnell and Leif Fore.

Louise Lessard of Oklee announced the engagement of her daughter, Lila to Lloyd Bergeron, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Bergeron of Oklee.

Thirty Years Ago May 24, 1989

Honor students at Oklee High School were Kimberly Bachand, Pamela Bachand, Jennifer Bernier, Lisa Chaput and Cynthia Sevigny.

Cheryll Magnell, of Oklee, recently became a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society at Northland Community College.

Pauline Walker had the misfortune of falling in Thief River Falls last week, so she had badly bruised knee and also her hand. Thankfully no broken bones.

R & B Travels featured a trip to Nazareth Church for a church dinner, then heading north to Grygla where not a creature was stirring, and then headed towards Gatzke where they found United Lutheran Church which had picnic tables and benches, so they stopped to stretch their legs. A car stopped by and would you believe it was Orris and Helen Olson and Amedie and Goldie Champagne, all from Oklee.

Twenty Years Ago May 26, 1999

The three seniors that gave addresses at graduation at Oklee High School were Sarah O'Neill, Jennifer Cote, and Stephanie Olson.

A large class of 24 youth were confirmed on Saturday, May 15th at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Brooks.

Lloyd and Debbie Sweno announce that their daughter, Amber received a scholarship from the Gully American Legion and she has been accepted at the University of Moorhead for the field of legal administrative assistant.

Ten Years Ago May 27, 2009

Charles Bishop, one of the state's finest coaches from Northwestern Minnesota was honored recently by the National Wrestling Hall of Fame. He was inducted on April 11 where former wrestlers he coached gathered to help him celebrate. Pictured with him were Lloyd Bergeron, Randy Bergeron, Jimmy Bergeron, Todd Bergeron and Greg Bishop. Fellow coaches that joined Bishop were John Larson and Gary Brantl helping him celebrate this great honor.

Five seniors received Honor Student at Red Lake County Central - Rebecca Cote, Faith Kruchowski, Kayla Pelletier, Janita Ramierz, and Brittany Waldal.

There are 18 teams lined up for the 11th annual Red Lake County Relay for Life rally on June 5th & 6th.

Aaron and Jill Chervestad announced the arrival of their new daughter, Alexa who was welcomed by her big brother Owen.

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Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

It has been a dreary day so far. The sun has not shone it's face yet and it is not very warm.

I attended the Memorial Day program at the Oklee school today. It is wonderful to take part in the event. It honors the veterans who have served their country. They always read off the men and women who have served from the local area and have died. We should never forget them.

I attended a program of dancers in Bemidji on Saturday. The dancers were from 3rd or 4th grade through 12th grade. They were all very talented. I had a niece who danced in several of the groups. She was very good (of course I would think that).

June is just around the

corner and I have hopes that it will bring warmer weather.

Dates to Remember

June 13: Meal for all Volunteers.

June 20: Senior Site Council meeting at 10:00 a.m.

June 21: Birthday Meal

In July: "The Music Man" at TRF Community Theater. Watch for more information.

Words of Wisdom

Opportunities abound for those first to volunteer.

Encourage those chosen last.

Joke Time

Ole and Lena had a restaurant

Lady: Waiter, will my pancakes be long?

Ole: No, dey'll be round, as usual.

Man: Waiter, I see a piece of wood in my cottage cheese.

Ole: What were you expecting for 50 cents.

As Lena waitresses, she overhears some men talking romantically to their wives. One man says, "Pass the sugar, Sugar." Lena thinks, Vhat a lover.

Another man looks at his wife and says, "Pass the honey, Honey." Again Lena thinks, "Vhat a lover!"

So she decides to see if Ole can't be more romantic, too.

Lena: Say something like dat to me, Ole.

Ole: Pass de tea, bag!

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

This was a busy Holiday Weekend. All the graduations and parties were in full swing. The rain didn't help the guests but they didn't mind with all the food and good visiting that went on. On Friday night the skies opened up to really heavy rain for some and the driving in that weather was hard. The visibility was scant to say the least.

Hats off to our mailman. He has been driving through either very dusty roads or mud holed roads depending on the weather. For most of the week, the roads were muddy with a lot of frost boils and deep mud holes. A few days ago though the dust was thick and high. It seems there is no middle ground. I can't tell the color of his car anymore, except to say it is mud colored from all the mud he goes through before he gets to our (the last one on the western route) home. He has other stops after us but they are farther east. I also have noticed that the UPS trucks are really dirty, and so is the Fed Ex truck. Hats off to all of them. They deliver the purchases, and try to keep on time. The muddy roads are not making it easy for them to get around. The piles of mud and grass on the edge of the road is not helping either, as it is piled on the edge and if you meet someone who takes his half out of the middle, your car can get damaged by driving

over these piles. I sure hope the road stop boiling very soon and that things straighten up soon.

On Thursday Rebecca Novak came from Mankato to visit with her parents and to attend the graduation of her nephew Ian Ellenson in Warroad. She went to Warroad on Friday for that event and came home on Saturday evening. Jerome and Barb Novak, her parents also went Ian Ellenson's graduation party on Saturday and then went to Argyle for Hunter Yutreszenka's party, who graduated from Stephen Argyle High School. Congratulations to Ian Ellenson, and Hunter Yutreszenka and good luck in your future endeavors.

Jerome and Barb Novak attended the funeral of Vern Schindler, their neighbor, on Friday. The Terrebonne township people do not forget their own and it showed on Friday. Many people of the township were there both those who live here and those who formerly lived here. Vern was a good neighbor and helped many people of the area over the years so he was honored on Friday. It is a tribute to the people of the township who showed up and paid tribute to Vern. It says a lot about what these people are made of. We all will miss Vern.

Walter and Cindy Novak went to Argyle to the graduation party of Hunter Yutreszenka their

niece's son.

Ray and Reinette Walter of Plummer also went to the party for Hunter Yutreszenka. He is their grandson.

Anita Mattson of Bismarck North Dakota came to attend the graduation and to visit with family. She stayed at the Walter home in Plummer during her visit.

Pam Paradis went to Sarah Christensen's graduation party on Friday evening. Dianne and Clare Gagner also attended this graduation party on Friday evening.

We welcomed back Matt Proulx of Red Lake Falls on Sunday at church. He traveled to Texas to attend his daughter's graduation from college in Texas. He took his mother Carol Proulx to attend the graduation and to spend some time at a family reunion in Texas. They were gone about a week. Welcome back Matt and Carol.

We hope you week is a good one. We could use some warm weather and if you know how to convince the Gods to do that we would appreciate some advice. I nearly froze in Warroad at that party and I think I am permanently frozen. I heard the weather forecast for this week but I won't repeat such talk. We can only hope for better weather. Have a great week!

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

Cathy Samuelson, of Sarles, ND visited at Bunny DuChamps last weekend.

Rick and Bonnie Greenwald, of White Bear Lake came the previous Saturday and left Friday evening.

Monday a few of the American Legion Auxiliary ladies judged the 5th grade Poppy Posters. Cassidy Torgerson won 1st place, \$10; Kendra Morinville 2nd place, \$8; Hailley Hanson 3rd place, \$6; and 4th place Honorable Mention went to Ethan Johnson, \$4. Congratulations to you kids!

Wednesday morning at 11 a.m. seventeen St. John's Lutheran School kids from Thief River Falls and five adults toured Tri River Pioneer museum. The kids enjoyed it. They also got to see the barn. Then, they went to the park for lunch before going back.

Sunday evening, Kelly Dodson and Jack and Lila were flying their kites out in the field south of me. Jack's was a fish with 6 ray like fins that looked pretty in the air. Even little Lila did a good job of flying hers.

Alice Jobe visited Rick and Bonnie uptown on Wednesday afternoon.

Brian Fallon was seeding the week before on Thursday and Friday, southeast of my place. I don't know if its wheat he put in or soybeans.

Wednesday evening John Zimpel treated everyone at Bingo at the American Legion to birthday cupcakes for his 58th birthday. His mom, Arlene had made them.

Bunny DuChamp's nephew Ron and Kathi Nesland, of Washington state, have been visiting here and stayed in

the park. They enjoyed playing Bingo, Wednesday night at the Legion. Debbie and Jim DuChamp and Bunny played as well.

Last weekend, was the 144th Preakness Race at Baltimore, Maryland. The horse "Pony Express" bucked off his rider right outside the gate and the horse ran the entire race. He even passed a couple of horses. That was very unusual.

Total rainfall, I had from Tuesday night to Thursday morning - 9/10th of an inch. Pretty soggy.

Saturday evening, May 25th, Skjerven Barn dance was from 8 - 12 p.m. "Red Line" country to the minute played. Sounds like a fun evening. They have a \$5.00 cover charge.

I hope you had a good Memorial Weekend.

Who's Dat?

Who's Dat

This week's photo is a local fellow enjoying nice warm weather, that we are all wishing would come our way so we could enjoy some water fun also!

Last week's photo was of the Deer Park Homemakers Club in 2013 on one of our many trips to see and learn about new places. I was contacted by one of the members and she stated they were in Karlstad Mn where they had noon lunch at the Nordhem Restaurant and Heritage Center which also houses the Wikstrom Telephone Co Museum. Then they shopped at the Nordesk Hemslojd Variety Store in front of which the picture was taken.

In the picture is Lana Nelson, Connie Lundeen, Ione Olson, Therese Radniecki, Janice Bakken, Audrey Bergeron, Annabelle Chervestad and Shirley Lundeen.

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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