

Oklee Precipitation
By Einar Kvasager

	Rain	Snow
May 10	0.10	
May 11	0.75	
May 12	0.85	Trace
May 13	0.22	
May 14	0.26	
May 15	0.03	
Total in.	2.21	

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...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

OKLEE (RED LAKE COUNTY) MINN. 56742

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Wednesday, May 20, 2015



Freedom Living Center in 2010 when it first opened, has recently closed it's doors.

Freedom Living Center Closes

On Tuesday, May 12, Rick Dulka, representing the owners of Freedom Living Center responded to the Oklee Herald's request for an interview or statement to clarify the news of Freedom Living Center's closing at the end of May.

The closing took the citizens of Oklee by surprise and many rumors have been heard around town. Here is why the owners reluctantly had to close the doors to their dream of an assisted living home, for Oklee and the surrounding area, at the end of May.

Dulka started out the interview with this statement. "We would like to thank everybody and anybody that had to do with setting the place up. Foremost the residents we had from the beginning, the residents that passed away, to the residents we have now, which I'm sorry we had to relocate."

The reasoning for the closing is when you run a business like this there are two sources of funding, its called private pay and county pay. When Freedom

Living Center started up, there were quite a few that were private pay. The percentage was approximately 80% private pay/20% county pay. When people spend down their private pay, they actually switch over to county pay which is called Elderly Waiver (EW).

An assisted living can charge any price you want for private pay, the sky is the limit, but not below what the EW rate is. At this time, Freedom Living Center percentages of private to county pay is 20% private/80% county. If Freedom Living Center was to raise their prices it wouldn't have helped the financial situation, because the private pays would leave and then it would all be county pay. And county pay (EW) is set by the state based on needs.

This facility is licensed as an assisted care plus so Freedom Living Center can do more care than an assisted living and the rates should have been higher. The administrator RN and owners have been working with the state for the past two and a half years to get this rate

increased. A bed costs \$3400 a month private and the EW is only paying \$2800 a month, a loss of \$600 a month. Without enough revenue to pay the expense, you eventually run out of money.

The EW rate is different from person to person, depending on their needs and will change if a person's care needs change and it could change in a week's time, which meant social services would have to come and re-evaluate. The evaluation process can take up to hours and is a lot of paper work.

Over five years ago, when they were building Freedom Living Center, all the counties around were getting rid of nursing home beds as a cost savings, because assisted living is cheaper because you can charge by how much care a person receives instead of a set price of a nursing home bed at approx. \$6900 a month. The legislature has cut funding to assisted living, but increased

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Relay For Life in Red Lake County Not Held This Year

In 1999 the Relay For Life in Red Lake County was organized in Red Lake County and replaced the Longest Day of Golf which concluded in the county in 1998. The Relay For Life began in 1985 in Tacoma, WA and came to Red Lake County as a signature fundraising event for the American Cancer Society as announced by the Red Lake County American Cancer Society Volunteer Board. Great interest was generated for this event which involved an evening of teams walking on a track and collecting pledges to be used for cancer education, research,

services and advocacy. At that event cancer survivors and their caregivers were special guests.

The first year the Red Lake County Relay For Life was held in Oklee the fundraising goal was set to raise \$10,000.00. When the funds were collected at the end of the night, \$24,000.00 had been raised! That placed Red Lake County in the top 10 fundraisers per capita nationwide and the event took off! There were 13 teams that first year and 166 team members. The honorary chairperson in 1999 was Connie Parenteau and 5 individuals

raised more than \$1,000.00 each. On year number 10, \$78,786.00 was raised and each year from 1999 on our "little county that could" placed in the Top 10 Nationwide for per capita fundraising!

As with the Longest Day of Golf, the focus of the Relay For Life in Red Lake County has changed. There will not be a county wide event this year, and the volunteer committee and community members that have so tirelessly planned this fundraiser to fight cancer have had difficulty finding

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Red Lake County Central Graduation Friday, May 22

Red Lake County Central's Class of 2015 Graduation is Friday, May 22 at 7:00 pm at the RLCC High School gymnasium in Oklee. The top three seniors giving addresses will be Mickala Morinville, Brittney Bray, and Sierra Swenson.

Eighteen seniors will be graduating. Superintendent James Guetter, and RLCC School Board members Mr. Tom

Bray, Mrs. Danielle Paradis, and Mrs. Darby Trontvedt will be presenting the diplomas.

For musical selections, Sierra Swenson and Ric Ven Auman will be performing a duet "I'm On My Way" by Phil Collins, and the Senior Class will be singing "Compass" by Lady Antebellum. Peggy Miller will play the processional of "Pomp and Circumstance" by Edward Elgar and will also

be doing the Recessional. The colors will be presented by the Oklee American Legion Post #159.



Mrs. Susan Lee with her last group of School Readiness students. She will be retiring from RLCC after this school year.

Susan Lee Retires from RLCC

By: Asia Davis

This year, Susan Frisby Lee is retiring from teaching after spending 37 years in Oklee, Plummer, and Red Lake County Central High School and Elementary School. She has worked 37 years as a speech therapist, 23 years in School Readiness, and 28 years in Early Childhood Special Education. Lee has worked with students as young as birth all the way up to adult age. During these years she had also contracted with Win-E-Mac, East Polk County DAC, and a short time in Bagley.

After high school Lee attended college at the University of Minnesota and transferred to the Duluth campus to earn her Bachelors of Science degree in Communicative Disorders. After being in college for a few years, Lee decided she needed to declare a major. In her typical humorous way, she commented, "They say you should always build your strengths and I always seemed to get in trouble for talking too much in school so teaching others to communicate seemed like a perfect fit!"

Lee also stated, "I transferred to Duluth because they had more of a 'hands-on' approach where you worked with people

right away and they watched through a two way mirror and provided feed-back." While attending U of M-Duluth, she had a great student teaching experience at a diagnosis center where children would spend three years in an early childhood environment and all the disciplines. Lee said they would interact with the children as they played and gathered information to determine the child's education needs and would meet as a team at the end of the three weeks to determine services. She also had clients at the clinic at the college that ranged in age from adults to pre-school age.

When Lee's children were young, she went back to college to pursue her Early Childhood Special Education license. She graduated from Bemidji State University with Master's in Science, Special Education emphasis.

Lee believes she is very lucky to have had a job that she loved for all the years she has been teaching. She shared a story about how much she loves her job. "I was telling a preschool class just that when a sweet little four year old piped up with, 'Mrs. Lee, what is your job?' I am happy that he knew that teaching wasn't just a job

for me. Later in the day he said he had figured out that my job was to help them learn."

There are many highlights and memories of her teaching career. One of the most rewarding things to Lee was experiencing students that struggle with communication overcome their struggles and become successful adults.

Being involved in teaching has allowed her to share her musical talents. She discovered early that she could reach children with communication needs more easily through music. In the preschool room, music was a great way for Lee to transition from one task to another without trying to get everyone's attention by raising her voice.

Regarding the changes in education Lee stated, "I have seen all sorts of education philosophies and requirements come and go over the years, most of them politically motivated. It saddens me that so much emphasis is put on testing which I don't believe is a true indicator of what a child is learning day in and day out. For the most part, the same test is given to everyone

Sue Lee
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Calendar of Events

Wed, May 20:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.
Thu, May 21:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
Fri, May 22:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
Sat, May 23:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!
Sun, May 24:
-Worship at the church of your choice.
Mon, May 25:
-Memorial Day
Tue, May 26:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards
Wed, May 27:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.
Thu, May 28:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
Fri, May 29:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
Sat, May 30:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!
Sun, May 31:
-Worship at the church of your choice.
Mon, June 1:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
Tue, June 2:
-LSS Evening Sr. Meals 5:00 p.m.

-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards.
Wed, June 3:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.
Thu, June 4:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
Fri, June 5:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
Sat, June 6:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!
Sun, June 7:
-Worship at the church of your choice.

American Legion Poppy Month

May is "Poppy Month" and American Legion Auxiliary Unit 159 members will be distributing poppies throughout the community for a free will offering. Poppies are made by veterans and all donations support veteran's programs.

American Legion Post 159 will present a Memorial Day program to honor all veterans on Monday, May 25th at 9:30 am at the Oklee School.

The Legion Auxiliary, Unit 159 will be serving bars and coffee following the program.

Save the date and thank a veteran.



RLCC Friends of Education recipient Shirley Dessellier, RLCC retiree Susan Lee, RLCC Education Association Co-Presidents JoyAnn Dahl and Shelley Steva, and RLCC Friends of Education recipients Kippy Thomas and Buzz Wilson.

RLCC Honors Retiree and Friends of Education

Red Lake County Central Schools honored their Retiree, Susan Lee, and their Friends of Education on May 5, 2015, at the Kramer Brown program in Thief River Falls. Susan Lee was honored for her many years of teaching as a Speech teacher, School Readiness, and ECFE teacher. Susan has worked in many areas of the school, served on the Kramer Brown board, and was a past RLCCOA Co-President. She did the work of several people, and will be

hard to replace! She is a very caring and outstanding teacher who will be very missed!

Friend of Education Buzz Wilson (volunteer) has helped with the School Reading (Preschool) class at the Plummer building each week. He assisted the children with working on table activities, building projects and day to day classroom activities. All of the children look forward to seeing him each week.

Friend of Education Kippy

Thomas (parent volunteer) planned and coordinated a fund raiser for the Accelerated Reader program. She helped raise \$586 which was used to buy incentives for students on the school "Reading Wall of Fame." Some of the money also helped pay for the cost of an AR Bowling field trip. Kippy held a bake sale for the Elementary Basketball program, and the funds were used to help pay for the cost of uniforms, awards, and water bottles.

Shirley and Vincent Dessellier have been gracious and generous to give Vincent and Shirley Dessellier Scholarships towards deserving RLCC senior graduates. This is a wonderful gift to invest in the future education of students who graduate from RLCC.

RLCC is so thankful and appreciative for the time invested and donations that these Retirees and Friends of Education have given to RLCC Schools!

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Margaret Jacobus
Sun, May 24: 9:00 a.m.
Worship at Zion. 10:30 a.m.
Worship at Salem.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive – Nazareth
Oak Park – St. Petri
Pastor Joseph Abrahamson
Sat, May 23: 8:30 a.m. Mt. Olive. 10:30 a.m. St. Petri.
Sun, May 24: 5:30 p.m. Oak Park. 7:00 p.m. Nazareth.

OKLEE-BROOKS CATHOLIC PARISH
St. Francis Xavier
St. Joseph's – Brooks
St. Joseph's - RLF
Fr. Bill DeCrans
Sat, May 23: 5 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph Brooks with 4:30 p.m. Reconciliation.
Sun, May 24: 8 a.m. Mass at St. Francis Xavier Oklee with 7:30 a.m. Reconciliation. 10 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Red Lake Falls with 11 a.m. Reconciliation.

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH
ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun, May 24: 9:00 a.m.
Worship at Immanuel. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer.
Mon, May 25: 9:00 a.m. Quilting.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH
ELCA
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Robert W. Dahlen, Pastor
Sun, May 24: 8:30 a.m. Faith. 9:45 a.m. Bethany. 11:00 a.m. Ekelund. 2:00 p.m. Memorial Day Services at Rosendahl.

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Oklee Senior Site Dining

May 25 - 29

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: ½ BLT, hash browns, vegetables, dessert and milk.

Tuesday: Fried ham sandwich, potato soup, dessert and milk.

Wednesday: Hamburger patty, stuffed broccoli & cheese potato, toast, dessert and milk.

Thursday: Pork roast, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetables, dessert and milk.

Friday: Pancake, sausage link, egg, dessert and milk.

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NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg,
Youth Pastor
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Wed, May 20: 9:30 a.m. Christian Women's Club. 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

Thu, May 21: 12:00 p.m. Rotary meeting. 7:00 p.m. Servant Leaders meeting.

Sun, May 24: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:50 a.m. Sunday School.

Tue, May 26: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study. 10:30 a.m. Quilting.

Wed, May 27: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson,
Lay Minister
Wed, May 20: 2:00 p.m. WELCA at Sand Valley.
Sun, May 24: 9:00 a.m. Lund. 10:30 a.m. Bethany.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston
Jon Marx, Lead Pastor
Seth Johnson,
Assist. Pastor
Sun, May 24: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship

Red Lake County

Crop Up Dates

Most farmers in Red Lake County have had very good conditions for spring seeding this year. To help farmers keep their crops going in the right direction; the Red Lake County Extension Office and the County Cooperative fertilizer plant are having two informational meetings at the Red Lake County fertilizer plant at the south end of town on County Highway 11 in Red Lake Falls, Minnesota.

The first program was held Tuesday, May 19th stating at 8:30 A. M. and will be conducted by Jochum Wiersma, University Minnesota Small Grains Specialist. He will provide update information on the conditions of the small grains crop and then respond to grower concerns and issues.

The second meeting will be held at the same location and time on Tuesday June 2nd and will be conducted by Madeleine Smith, U M Extension Plant Pathologist and Phil Glogoza, U M Crops Extension Educator. Both presenters will talk about the conditions of the small grains and soybean crops and then respond to grower concerns and issues. Both meetings are free of charge to all interested persons and are sponsored by the University of Minnesota Extension, Red Lake County Extension Office and the Red Lake County Cenex Cooperative. For more information, contact Doug Knott Manager of the Cooperative at 218.253.2149.

Help Wanted at the Oklee Herald

IF you are:

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Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial Update

Recently Viola Bruggeman, Brooks, made a contribution for 3 blocks to be installed at the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial. The blocks honor family members including her father, Frank Nurmi who served in the Army during WWI. Vi's husband, Larry Bruggeman, Sr. served in the Army from 1953-1955, and her son, Larry Bruggeman, Jr. served in the Navy from 1976-1980. This family has served our country well!

This week 3 blocks were placed at the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial with the help of John Lerohl. A block

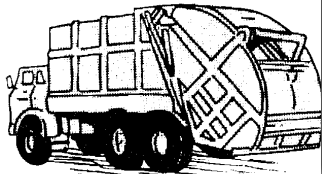
for Harold Melby purchased by Cliff and Barb Melby was added to the South walkway. The Melby's also purchased blocks for Alan Nordell and Keith Pearson, friends of the Melby family, and those blocks were placed in the South walkway. The support for the Veterans' Memorial is an ongoing project, and visitors may be seen walking the pathways and reading the names on the blocks.

Donations to the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial may be sent to Security State Bank, Box 69, Oklee, MN 56742, Attn: Lori. Questions should be directed to Mary Lynn Bachand at bachand@gvtel.com.

Oklee & Brooks Residents

Please Note:

Due to the
Memorial Day Holiday
Garbage will be picked up
on Tuesday, May 26th



Red Lake Falls Library News

The library is open on Monday from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm, Wednesday from Noon until 8:00 pm, Friday from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm, and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. On Monday, May 18 the J. A. Hughes Kindergarten students visited the Red Lake Falls Library, among other places in the community. While at the library, the children had a brief tour and explanation

of the facility, heard all about the upcoming 2015 Summer Reading Program events, had a group photo and enjoyed a snack of popcorn. The library staff welcomes these and all area children to visit often, and hopes to see more of these new young readers this summer for "Read to the Rhythm" programs, and in the years to come!

Thank you to Sally Cardinal who recently provided perennial flowering plants for the flowerbed along the south wall of the Red Lake Falls Library.

In Memory of Ramona Lessard

You never said I'm leaving,
You never said goodbye.
You were gone before I knew it,
And only God knew why.



A million times I needed you,
A million times I cried.
If love alone could have saved you,
You never would have died.

In life I loved you dearly,
In death I love you still.
In my heart you hold a place,
That no one could ever fill.

It broke my heart to lose you,
But you didn't go alone.
For part of me went with you,
The day God took you home.

Not a day goes by that we don't think of you! Can't believe it has already been 5 years since we've seen your smile, May 19, 2010.

The family of
Ramona Lessard

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Cancer

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leadership, thus making this decision necessary. The efforts to raise awareness of cancer by promoting education and advocacy remains the same and the American Cancer Society Board in Red Lake County will meet to try to achieve those goals.

The success of the Relay For Life in Red Lake County can be attributed to the many volunteers who helped plan the event and worked each year to see that it reached the level of success that was associated with the Red Lake County Relay For Life. Over the 16 years that this event was held the cooperation of the Red Lake County communities, businesses, schools, city personnel, volunteers from across the county and team members from around the area was the key to such a successful fundraiser. Everyone who has been touched by cancer in some way was impacted by the efforts of those who participated in the Relay For Life in any capacity. The Red Lake County American Cancer

Society Volunteer Board will continue to promote cancer education and advocacy, and anyone interested in becoming a volunteer on this Board may contact Barb Melby in Oklee at 796-5727, Dianne Gagner in Brooks at 698-4475, Arlene Froiland in Plummer at 465-4448 and Ruth Schultz in Red Lake Falls at 253-2421.

The Red Lake County American Cancer Society Board reminds everyone to be diligent in following through with recommended health screenings to maintain good health. MAY IS SKIN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH. Go to cancer.org or call the ACS toll free phone number, 1-800-227-2345 with questions or concerns regarding cancer.

Tri-Valley Public Transportation

To reserve a seat, please call by 3:00 p.m. the day before - 1-800-951-9363.

Tue, May 26: Grand Forks – Crookston, Fisher.

Wed, May 27 Bemidji – Crookston, Red Lake Falls, Brooks, Trail.

Red Lake County Commissioners Minutes

RED LAKE COUNTY Regular Meeting Held March 24, 2015

Pursuant to adjournment of its regular meeting the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners duly met in regular session at the courthouse in Red Lake Falls, MN on March 24, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. Chair Weiss called the meeting to order. All members were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Enbridge Energy representative Jennifer Maleitzke was present to provide an update on some of the current construction projects underway in the surrounding counties. Maleitzke informed that Enbridge has been operating in Minnesota for 65 years and meets approximately 70% of the crude oil needs in the Great Lakes Region. There are three projects currently in various stages of activity. The Line-67 project first phase was completed in fall 2014 with final completion expected in the fall of 2015. The Sandpiper Pipeline project follows an existing route from Tioga, ND to Clearbrook, MN with a new route planned through to Duluth, MN. The Line-3 project will involve replacing approximately 350 miles of existing 34 inch diameter pipeline with a 36 inch diameter line. The project will fully replace Line 3 from the US/Canadian border near Neche, ND to Superior, WI. Maleitzke informed that construction on Line-3 can begin once the MPUC approves a Certificate of Need and a Route Permit for the project.

Sheriff Bernstein met with the board to present bids for a new 40x30 foot shop for use by the Sheriff's Department. Bids were submitted by Al Ste Marie; Terry Schmitz; Troy Mercil; Quinten Nelson, and Ricky Lewis. Bernstein recommended the low bid of \$92,300.00 from Al Ste Marie. Bernstein commented that Ste Marie's bid is the most complete according to the specifications. Commissioner Sorensen questioned that a policy for no personal use of the facility should be implemented. Bernstein stated that there is such a county policy in effect already. Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Simpson and carried unanimously to approve the low bid of \$92,300.00 submitted by Al Ste Marie.

Bernstein informed that David Lovly of Goodridge, MN has been hired as a part-time Deputy/Dispatcher for Red Lake County. Lovly began his duties on February 23, 2015.

Russ Hier of the Crookston DNR office met with the board. Hier informed that the DNR is not actively seeking properties but some Red Lake County landowners have approached the DNR about selling non-productive land to the state. Hier is aware that the county passed a "No Net Gain Policy" in 2005 to restrict the DNR from purchasing county land without the DNR offering similar acreage for public sale. The private land is E½ of Section-13 (320 acres) in Equality Township, and Section-19 (68 acres) in Terrebonne Township. Hier informed that both properties adjoin existing Wildlife Management Areas so he is considering whether to purchase contingent upon approval from the Red Lake County Board.

Concerns were raised about whether the DNR will pay any assessments for ditch maintenance costs levied against the property when applicable, and the fact that the county does not want to hinder an individual's right to sell their property. Hier stated that he will check on the DNR's policy of paying ditch assessments and reply back to the board with his findings. Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Simpson and carried unanimously to allow the two individuals to sell their property contingent upon verification from Hier regarding the DNR paying any future ditch assessments levied against the property by the county.

Commissioner Sorensen moved, seconded by Lerohl and unanimously carried to approve the expenditures for the period as follows:

Vendor Name	Amount
Evergreen Implement	\$3,842.77
Streicher's	2,841.42
Triple D Construction	2,630.00
22 Payments less than 2,000	7,359.41
Final Total	\$16,673.60
The motion includes the following added bills: \$225.00 to AMC; 331.53 to AT&T; \$6,501.00 to Insight Technologies; \$21.28 to Tom Braaten; \$391.55 to Red Lake	

County Treasurer; \$3,900.00 to Safety Compliance.

Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Flage and unanimously carried to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held March 10, 2015.

Social Services Director Kristi Nelson met with the board to request that she be allowed to add a new Eligibility Worker Position that would focus on MNSURE, back up other E.W. duties and back up child support staff. Nelson informed that the current state reimbursement is \$4,410.67 for an eligibility position. The MNSURE specific position has a 75% reimbursement rate as opposed to the typical 50% reimbursement for other eligibility worker duties. Commissioner Sorensen moved, seconded by Lerohl and carried unanimously to approve the request as presented.

Nelson explained the "Live at Home Grant" in the amount of \$54,175.00 and requested approval to submit the application. Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Simpson and carried unanimously to allow Nelson to submit the application, and if needed allow Chairman Weiss to sign off on the document.

The following Commissioner/Committee reports were shared:

Commissioner Meeting/Report
Simpson Township
Officers meeting in Plummer.

Flage 1W1P meeting attended with Weiss in Thief River Falls. Weiss and Flage are on the RLWD Policy Committee.

Sorensen NW Apartments and a Tri County Corrections meetings in Crookston; Inter County Nursing Service; County Park Board discussing tree planting project and mowing contract; Township Officers meeting.

Lerohl N W H R A meeting discussing RBEG funds and apartment housing; Inter County Community Council regarding program and funding updates; SCORE/Recycling meeting on proposed MPCA changes to the program; Township Officers meeting.

Weiss Tri County Corrections; Watershed Advisory Committee meeting; Area Agency on Aging discussing contracts and the Land of Dancing Sky proposal to create one program service area, and a SCORE/Recycling meeting in Thief River Falls.

Engineer Kleven was present to provide comment on the Township Officers meeting he attended; the tour of the Enbridge Pipeline building under construction near Plummer, and the Sheriff's Department shop.

Auditor Schmitz presented a request from Marshall County to support its position on proposed legislative changes to CPA (County Program Aid). Commissioner Sorensen moved, seconded by Flage and carried by unanimous vote to approve Resolution No. 03-02-15 "County Program Aid". The resolution supports legislation in SF-1640 and HF-2016 with the modification as suggested using data from year 2005 to the present date to establish the base CPA aid amounts for each county. A complete document is available at the County Auditor's office.

Auditor Schmitz informed that the computer server to back-up county records has failed and a temporary unit has been installed by Insight Technologies. The failed server was purchased in 2011. The board reviewed a quote in the amount of \$7,889.00 for a new unit from Insight Technologies. The quote includes installation costs. Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Sorensen and carried by unanimous vote to approve the quote as presented.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned until April 14, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

Attest:

Bob Schmitz, County Auditor

Ron Weiss, Chair,
Board of Commissioners
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STORY TO SHARE!

If you have a story or photos you want to share,
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Spring Sport Schedules

RLCC Mustang

RLC Rebel Baseball

Mon, May 18: 4:30 p.m. B/GB/MR – Home.

Tue, May 19: 4:30 p.m. Fosston – Home.

Tue, May 26: 4:30 p.m. Sub. Qtr – High Seed.

Thu, May 28: 12:00, 2:30 & 5:00 p.m. Sub. Semi Final – Greenbush.

June 1, 2 & 4: TBA - Sections at NCTC.

RLCC Rebels

Track & Field

Varsity Track

Thu, May 21: 2:30 p.m. Sub. Section 31 at EGF.

Sat, May 30: Section 8A at Ada.

RLC Golf

Mon, May 18: TBD - V Boys at EGF. 9:30 a.m. JH Boys at TRF.

Tue, May 19: TBD - V Boys & Girls Sub Sections. 4:30 p.m. JH Girls at Bagley.

May 26-27: Sections at Bemidji.

RLC Baseball Wins

over KCC

By: Taylor Bushelle
Red Lake County Rebels baseball team won 16-6 over Kittson County Central in Kennedy on Tuesday, May 12. In the first inning the RLC scored three, also scoring three in the second with KCC scoring two in the third. RLC came back and scored three more in the fourth then six more in the fifth with KCC scoring four. They ended the game in the sixth with RLC scoring one and KCC not scoring.

For RLC Alex Erickson got on base two out of four times up to bat and Devin McGlynn got on base three of four times up to bat. Josh Casavan got on base two out of two times up to bat and had three RBIs. Drake Engelstad had two RBIs and got on base two out of two at bats.

For KCC Ales Strege hit triple and a double getting on base three of four times at bat with three RBIs. Mitchell Jensen got on base two of three at bats and Dylan Olsonawski hit a triple and had two RBIs.

Winning pitcher was Mason Hanson pitching four innings for the Rebels. He faced 20 batters, struck out three, and let four people walk. Tristan Knott also pitched two innings for the Rebels, facing nine batters striking out one. The losing pitcher was Dalton Klegstad who pitched the game for KCC.

3 Rebels Most

Valuable at Pine-to-Prairie Conference

Track Meet

By: Asia Davis

The Red Lake County Rebel track team competed at the Pine-to-Prairie Conference Track Meet at Mahnomen on May 7, 2015. For the first time in conference history, the Conference awarded Most Valuable Field Athlete and Most Valuable Track Athlete for males and females. The Co-Most Valuable Female Field Athlete went to Madison Thompson, the Co-Most Valuable Male Field Athlete went to Wyatt Schirrick, and Cody Gagner received Co-Most Valuable Male Track Athlete.

Madison Thompson was the Conference Champion for Discus, Cody Gagner was the Conference Champion for both the 800 Meter and 1600 Meter where he also set a new team record, and Wyatt Schirrick was Conference Champion for Discus.

Overall, the girls' team finished in third place. Those placing are as follows:

100 Hurdles: 5th Place- Megan LaCrosse, 19.32

100 Meter: 3rd Place-Zoe Russillo, 14.11

4x100 Meter Relay: 3rd Place-Ashley Longtin, Julia Bernstein, Jozi Halvorson, & Zoe Russillo, 57.54

4x400 Meter Relay: 3rd Place-Josie Huot, Julia Bernstein, Makenzie Williams, & Megan LaCrosse, 4:40.62

1600 Meter: 3rd Place-Megan LaCrosse, 6:01.35

400 Meter: 4th Place-Makenzie Williams, 1:06.43; 6th Place-Josie Huot, 1:08.48

300 Hurdles: 5th Place-Ashley Longtin, 57.79; 6th



RLCC Students of the Month for April were Kyle Gagner and Madison Carlson. Pictured are Ms. Shelley Steva, Kyle Gagner, Madison Carlson, and Mrs. Patty Mickelson.

RLCC April Students of the Month

By: Megan Berberich

April Students of the Month at Red Lake County Central High School were junior high student Madison Carlson who was nominated by Mrs. Patty Mickelson and senior high student Kyle Gagner nominated by Ms. Shelley Steva.

Kyle Gagner is a tenth grader and is 16 years old. Char and Poncho Gagner are Kyle's grandparents and he has a brother Cody Gagner. In his free time, Gagner said he enjoys being in trap and playing video games. Ms. Steva commented "Kyle is a very pleasant and enjoyable student to have in class. He works hard and gets his work in on time. He is busy in trap shooting, wrestling, and River Watch. When I think of this student

I am reminded how he is so great with electronics. I don't know what I will do without him next year."

Madison Carlson is 13 years old and is in seventh grade. Her parents are Roger and Connie Carlson. She has three sisters: Stefanie Kongsliie, Bethany LeDune, and Alyssa Carlson. Carlson enjoys listening to music and singing and is involved in basketball, softball, and SADDs. Mrs. Patty Mickelson said, "I am happy to have gotten to know Madison this year. She is friendly to everyone and has a positive attitude in class. She spends time outside of school hours doing a variety of activities including music and sports. Madison is a conscientious student who cares about doing well in class."

RLCC Seniors presented scholarships

By: Austin Waliser

The Red Lake County Central High School held their annual Awards Day on May 13. Scholarships amounting to \$11,850 were awarded to the seniors. Red Lake County Central Community Service Scholarships (including \$1800 donations from Security State Bank, Northwest Grain, Oklee Quilting, Red Lake County Coop, Oklee Lumber, D & R Grocery, ISD #2906) were presented by Principal Randall Pedersonto Mickala Morinville, Brittney Bray, Madison Thompson, Ric Ven Auman, Cameron Lundeen, Mikayla Paradis, Kaytlin Trontvedt, Timothy Christensen, and Brittney Kelley, each receiving a \$200 scholarship.

Mr. Steve Rosten of the Plummer Snowmobile Club gave the two \$250 scholarships to Timothy Christensen and Cory Schmitz. Vincent and Shirley Dessellier Scholarships totaling \$2000 were given by them to Cory Schmitz, Ric Ven Auman, Sierra Swenson, Mickala Morinville, Mikayla Paradis, and Brittney Bray.

The Plummer Senior Citizens Organization \$100 Scholarship was awarded to Mickala Morinville. Cameron Lundeen received the \$200 National Farmers Organization Scholarship. Tim and Donna Swenson Scholarships of \$1,000 each were given to Sierra Swenson and Madison Thompson. Mickala Morinville received the Orlo and Millie Melby \$1,000 Scholarship.

Mickala Morinville was given the \$500 Essentia Health Scholarship presented by Mrs. Danielle Paradis. Mrs. Danielle Paradis awarded Mikayla Paradis the Lorna

Place-Madison Derosier, 59.38

800 Meter: 6th Place-Josie Huot, 2:47.79

200 Meter: 6th Place-Zoe Russillo, 30.54

High Jump: 2nd Place-Ashley Longtin, 4'4"; 5th Place-Julia Bernstein, 4'0"

Long Jump: 6th Place-Josie Huot, 13'3 ¾"

Shot Put: 2nd Place-Madison Thompson, 31'1"

Discus: 1st Place-Madison Thompson, 86'4", (Conference Champion)

The boys team finished in fourth place. Their results are as follows:

110 Hurdles: 2nd Place- Devin Lambert, 17.81

1600 Meter: 1st Place-Cody Gagner, 4:35.84, (Conference Champion, New Team Record)

800 Meter: 1st Place-Cody

Gagner, 2:02.82, (Conference Champion)

300 Hurdles: 5th Place-Devin Lambert, 47.01

3200 Meter: 4th Place-Chase Magner, 11:52.85

4x200 Meter Relay: 3rd Place-Devin Lambert, Nick Plante, Austin Waliser, & Dylan Gustafson, 1:44.48,

4x400 Meter Relay: 2nd Place-Connor Lambert, Chris Longtin, Austin Waliser & Cody Gagner, 4:00.00,

4x800 Meter Relay: 6th Place-Chase Magner, John Renner, Justin Nemec, & Chris Longtin, 11:16.43

Discus: 1st Place-Wyatt Schirrick, 126'7", (Conference Champion); 5th Place-Marcus Christensen, 98'0"

Shot Put: 2nd Place-Wyatt Schirrick, 40'3 ½"

Lace 'Em Up Basketball Camp

is June 1-5

By: Ashley Longtin

The 22nd annual Lace 'em Up Basketball Camp will be held in Red Lake Falls during the week of June 1-5. Kids in grades 6-11 (from 2014-2015 school year) may attend from 8 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Kindergarten-6th graders will participate at camp from 12-3:30 p.m. Sixth graders can attend both sessions if they want for one price, or they may choose to attend just the morning or just the afternoon sessions.

Cost of the camp is \$60 with a maximum cost of \$100 for families with more than one participant. If you register

before May 20, you will be guaranteed to receive a camp T-shirt. Fees after May 25 increase to \$70 per camper and \$120 per family, so please register early.

Pick up registration forms at RLF schools or Red Lake County Central schools in Oklee or Plummer, or contact Steve Philion at 218-253-2499 or sphilion@rlfedu.org

Mustangs Lose

to North Stars

By: Megan Berberich

The Red Lake County Central Mustangs softball team lost to Win-E-Mac/ Fosston North Stars 4-14 on Friday, May 8th in Fosston. In the first inning WEM/Fosston scored one run and in the

second the North Stars added another run. Both teams scored three runs in the third inning. The Mustangs scored two runs in the fourth and North Stars added eight runs. To end the game RLCC scored zero runs in the fifth and WEM/Fosston scored two more runs ending the game 4-14.

For the Mustangs Brandi Jensen pitched all five innings, had seven walks and four strikeouts. Taylor Bushelle had three at bats with a triple, and one RBI; Brandi Jensen had three at bats including a homerun and two RBIs.

Highlights for WEM/ Fosston were Wilson with a double, Viken two hits and two RBIs, Spry three hits and three RBIs, and Non had two hits and two RBIs. Viken pitched all five innings for North Stars with two walks and seven strikeouts.

JH Ada-Borup Track and Field Meet

By: Megan Berberich

Red Lake County Rebels junior high track and field attended the Ada-Borup Invitational Meet at on Monday, May 4.The meet was held in Ada.

In the Girls "A" Division, the team finished in first place. Their results are as follows.

100 Hurdles: 1st Place- Megan LaCrosse, 17.95; 3rd-Jozi Halvorson, 18.15; 5th -Madison Derosier, 19.00

200 Meter: 4th -Jozi Halvorson, 29.87

400 Meter: 2nd -Josie Huot, 1:05.62; 3rd -Makenzie Williams, 1:05.87; 4th -Shayla Lallier, 1:27.76

800 Meter: 2nd -Josie Huot, 2:42.67; 6th -Shayla Lallier, 3:33.90

1600 Meter: 1st -Megan LaCrosse, 5:51.07

4x200 Meter Relay: 2nd -Madison Derosier, Julia Bernstein, Jozi Halvorson, & Makenzie Williams, 2:00.94

4x400 Meter Relay: 1st -Josie Huot, Julia Bernstein, Makenzie Williams, & Megan LaCrosse, 4:37.69

High Jump: 2nd -Julia Bernstein 4'3"; 5th -Madison Derosier, 3'9"

Long Jump: 1st -Megan LaCrosse, 13'11 ½"; 2nd -Jozi Halvorson, 13'10"; 5th -Josie Huot, 13'2"

The Girls "B" Division team finished in eighth place. Below are the results.

100 Meter: 1st -DJ Bernstein, 14.06

200 Meter: 4th -DJ Bernstein, 31.79; 8th -Bella Russillo, 32.89

400 Meter: 4th -Bella Russillo, 1:15.88; 6th -DJ Bernstein, 1:19.87

Discus: 6th -Mya Johanneck 43'7 ½".

The Boys "A" Division finished seventh. Those placing for the Rebels were as follows.

110 Hurdles: 3rd -Connor Lambert, 19.16

400 Meter: 4th -Chris Longtin, 1:04.41; 5th -Connor Lambert, 1:04.88; 8th -John Renner, 1:09.85

800 Meter: 6th -Chris Longtin, 2:27.00

1600 Meter: 5th -Isaac Eskeli, 6:35.78

4x200 Meter Relay: 6th -David Dufault, John Renner, Isaac Eskeli, & Justin Nemec, 2:02.44; 4th -David Dufault, Connor Lambert, Justin Nemec, & Chris Longtin, 4:27.61

High Jump: 5th -Justin Nemec, 4'9"

Long Jump: 8th -Connor Lambert, 13'3"

Shot Put: 3rd -Nick Pahlen, 34'11"

Discus: 8th -Nick Pahlen, 72'10"

Boys "B" Division finished in ninth place. The results are below.

200 Meter: 8th -Britain Arlt, 32.10

400 Meter: 2nd -Britain Arlt, 1:12.28; 5th -Lane Renner, 1:23.03

Fourth Annual Matt Kero Memorial Invitational Meet in Duluth



The RLC track and field team attended a track meet at Denfeld School in Duluth on Friday, May 8. Team members who participated are pictured in front of their Head Coach Randy Huie's high school. (Front row) Zoe Russillo, Shayla Lallier, Isaac Eskeli, Dylan Gustafson, Mgr. Chandler Erickson, Mgr. Jade Person, Mgr. Sydney Melby, (middle) Chase Magner, Nick Plante, Julia Bernstein, Madison Thompson, Justin Nemec, John Renner, Devin Lambert, Connor Lambert, Chris Longtin, Megan LaCrosse, Head Coach Randy Huie, (back) Mgr. Josh Lytle, Wyatt Schirrick, Barrette Boutain, and Nick Pahlen.

By: Austin Waliser

The Red Lake County Rebels Track and Field team traveled to Denfeld School in Duluth May 8 to compete in the Fourth Annual Matt Kero Memorial Invitational Meet. The girls' and boys' team each finished tenth. Devin Lambert placed seventh in the 110 Hurdles with a time of 17.95. In the 300 Hurdles, Dylan Gustafson was

seventh place with a time of 47.16. Wyatt Schirrick placed third in Discus with a toss of 130'5" and second in Shot Put with a throw of 41'2 ½".

For the girls', Megan LaCrosse placed seventh in the 100 Hurdles with a time of 19.03. Zoe Russillo finished sixth in the 100 Meter with a time of 14.07. Placing fourth in the 1600 Meter was Megan

LaCrosse with a time of 5:52.78 and placing sixth in the 300 Hurdles with a time of 54.00. Madison Thompson placed fourth in Shot Put with a throw of 30'7" and placed sixth in Discus with a toss of 89'3".

RLC was included in this track meet because their track coach Randy Huie attended Denfeld High School.

Sue Lee
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and as every teacher knows, each child learns differently. I loved the days of experiential learning when kids could prove what they learned in a variety of ways using their learning style strengths.”
She also stated, “I believe that children haven’t changed over the past 37 years. They need to play, create, experiment, be heard, socialize, be read to, talked to, and cherished. I do worry about the amount of screen time our little ones have with the advancement of technology. Nothing can replace what a child learns from time outside in the woods, on a farm or on a hike.”
During her years in education, Lee has been a member of Oklee Education Association, Red Lake County Central Education Association, Education Minnesota, and National Education Association. She became more involved from 2009-2013 as the OEA President and Board

Member of Kramer-Brown.
Outside of work, Lee likes to spend as much time as possible with her friends and family and enjoying all sorts of activities such as concerts, live theatre, and kayaking, and whatever her grandchildren are doing. After retiring, she would like to spend more time “spoiling” her grandchildren, recording more music, spending more time with her folks and her sister, and going on road trips with her husband.
She has a loving family who supports her including her husband Jim, daughter Christine Weber and her husband Jerry and their two children Tori and Bria, and son Philip and his wife Ashlee and their son Silas who will be joined by a little sister in July. Her whole family has supported her and her job completely. In her words, “I am so blessed.”
Lee said, “What I will miss the most after my retirement is seeing the joy in the little one’s eyes when they discover something new, observing

parents and children enjoying time together, reading books to children, singing with the children, and laughing with staff members.” She also feels fortunate to have worked with many children of her previous students.
Lee would like to thank the entire community for the support and appreciation throughout her career. She added, “I had good beginning with Superintendent Marvin Bronken who I teased regularly for almost not hiring me back that second year because I laughed too much and dressed like a hippie!” Mr. Bronken and Lee started the Early Childhood Program together and she is now ending her career with Superintendent James Guetter who understands the importance of early intervention and has taken our Early Childhood Programs even further. She would also like to add that they now have a Minnesota Parent Aware four star quality rating.
Enjoy your retirement, Mrs. Lee. RLCC will miss you!

10th Annual RLCC Day of Caring



Many students from RLCC helping wash windows in Brooks for their annual Day of Caring



RLCC students clean up a yard in Brooks along with Ms. Jessie Hamrum.

Certification classes for Food Managers Offered in June by U of M Extension

Marshall, Minn. (05/14/2015) ----University of Minnesota Extension is offering two courses to help food service establishments meet the educational requirement for Certified Food Managers.
The initial certification course, called ServSafe®, will be offered on Thursday, June 18, 2015 at the C'Mon Inn in Thief River Falls. The class will run from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Participants must attend the entire session to be eligible to take the certification exam, which begins at 4:30 p.m. This seven-hour course includes information about safe

food preparation, handling, sanitation and prevention of foodborne illnesses. Registration is required by June 4.
Serve It Up Safely™ is a four-hour renewal course for certified managers. Certified Food Managers need four hours of continuing education credits within three years of becoming certified. University of Minnesota Extension educators and University specialists developed this renewal course that meets these criteria. The Serve It Up Safely™ course will also be held at the C'Mon Inn on

Wednesday, June 17, 2015 from 1:00-5:00 p.m. Registration is due by June 3.
The Food Manager Certification Course and Serve It Up Safely™ renewal course are also available on-line. To get more information about all of these classes go to www.extension.umn.edu/foodsafety or contact Connie Schwartau at schwa047@umn.edu or 507-337-2819.

Source: Connie Schwartau, Extension Program Coordinator in Food Science, U of M Extension Service Regional Center, Marshall

Students Recognized at RLCC Awards Day May 13

By: Austin May
Red Lake County Central High School's Awards Day was held Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at the gymnasium in Oklee starting at 1:00 PM.
Principal Randall Pederson presented the Red Lake County Central Attendance Awards for missing less than one day to Mary Auman, Tera Qualley, Hannah Kolstoe, Lacey Pendelton, Dawson Rystad, Julia Bernstein, and Justin Nemec.
Students with a 3.75 cumulation GPA or above were presented Academic Letter Awards. Receiving awards were: Seniors-Ric Ven Auman, 4th year; Brittney Bray, 4th year; Kayla Jaeger, 4th year; Mickala Morinville, 4th year; Mikayla Paradis, 1st year; Brian Roue, 4th year; Sierra Swenson, 3rd year; and Madison Thompson, 2nd year. Juniors-Holly Vettleson, 3rd year. Sophomores-Mary Auman, Taylor Bushelle, Ashley Longtin, Talon Porter, Tera Qualley, and Kelsie Sirjord all 2nd year. Freshman-Hannah Kolstoe, Sydney Melby, Katie Olson, and Matthew Vettleson all 1st year.
The Band and Choir and Music Awards were presented to Tom Nelson, Junior High Band MVP; Phillip Sorenson, Junior High Choir MVP; Cody Gagner, Senior High Band MVP; Ric Ven Auman, Senior High Choir MVP; and Holly Vettleson, Director's Award. Lettering this year in music were Ric Ven Auman, Natalie Aakhus, Sydney Melby, Nick Pahlen, and Tera Qualley.
Mr. Randy Huie announced the Student Senate officers

including Co-Presidents Mickala Morinville and Cody Gagner, and Secretary/Treasurer Brittney Bray. Student Senate recognition was given to each of the class senators. They included Seniors-Madison Thompson, Brian Roue, Ric Ven Auman; Juniors-Kjersten Walton, Devin Lambert; Sophomores-Taylor Bushelle, Ashley Longtin; Freshman-Jade Person, Erin Jones; 8th graders-Connor Lambert, Dawson Rystad; 7th graders-Sophie Linder, and Jenna Pahlen. Outstanding Social Studies Award was presented to Madison Thompson.
Mrs. Judy Schue, Mrs. Roberta Aakhus, and Ms. Jessie Hamrum presented the Speech Letter Awards to Ric Ven Auman, Kjersten Walton, Natalie Aakhus, Shelby Gunderson, Tera Qualley, Jayden Fore, Sydney Melby, Jade Person, Thomas Nelson, Sophia Linder, Abby Walton, Jayden Iverson, Jenna Pahlen, and Lilly Guillemette.
Mickala Morinville was presented the All-Around Outstanding Senior Award from Mr. Pederson. Ric Ven Auman and Brian Roue representing the senior class dedicated the 2015 annual to Mr. James Baron.
Mr. Bryan Paskvan presented the Outstanding Math Award to Sierra Swenson. Knowledge Bowl Awards were given to Seniors-Ric Ven Auman, Brittney Bray, Cody Gagner, Brady Grove, Mickala Morinville, Mikayla Paradis, Brian Roue, Kaytlin Trontvedt; Juniors-Austin Waliser, Michelle Sundquist; Sophomores-Angel Auman,

Kelsie Sirjord, Taylor Bushelle, Ashley Longtin, Lynsey Morris, Natalie Aakhus, Tera Qualley, Shelby Gunderson, Makay Berns; Freshman-Nick Pahlen, Jade Person, Sydney Melby, and Katie Olson.
The One Act Play “4 A.M.” Awards were given to Kara Longtin, Sydney Melby, Erin Jones, Jade Person, Deidra Walton, Kjersten Walton, Tera Qualley, Natalie Aakhus, Miranda Magnell, Tom Nelson, and Ric Ven Auman by Mr. Mike Swenson. Three Act Play “While the Lights Were Out” Awards went to Kara Longtin, Sydney Melby, Erin Jones, Jade Person, Deidra Walton, Kjersten Walton, Tera Qualley, Natalie Aakhus, Hannah Kolstoe, Abby Walton, Nick Pahlen, and Ric Ven Auman. The Outstanding English Award was given to Ric Ven Auman as well as the Best Actor Award.
Mr. Steve Strutz presented the Outstanding Technology Award to Brian Roue. Brittney Bray was given the Outstanding Science Award. The 6 Year Math and Science Award was presented to Kayla Jaeger from math teachers Mrs. Susan Lee and Mr. Bryan Paskvan and science teachers Ms. Shelley Steva and Mr. Steve Strutz. Envirothon Awards went to Cade Bachand, Chase Agnes, Marcus Christensen, Heaven Heard, and Lawrence Dow.
Senior Tri-Athlete Awards were presented by Aaron Nelson to Brittney Bray – Volleyball, Basketball, Softball; Mikayla Paradis – Volleyball, Basketball, Trap Shooting; James Hanson – Football, Hockey, Golf.



RLCC May Students of the Month and the teachers who nominated them: Mrs. Anita Bachand, Kara Longtin, Asia Davis, and Mr. Steve Strutz.

RLCC May Students of the Month

By: Taylor Bushelle
Red Lake County Central High School May Students of the Month awards have been awarded to ninth grader Kara Longtin and eleventh grader Asia Davis. Longtin was awarded the Junior High Student of the Month and was nominated by Mrs. Anita Bachand. Davis received the Senior High Student of the Month and was nominated by Mr. Steve Strutz.
Mrs. Bachand nominated Longtin for Junior High Student of the Month speaking of how every month several very deserving students had been nominated and that Longtin had also been nominated in the past but not yet received the award this year. She told of why she had nominated her which included that Longtin “is kind to others, a good student, and willing to help others.” Also Longtin participates and does well in the arts. Longtin is 14 and a freshman at RLCC High

School. She is the daughter of Joanie Tvedt and has two sisters, Heather and Skylar Longtin. She participates in the one act and also participated at the vocal solo contest. In her free time Longtin enjoys watching movies and playing video games.
RLCC junior Asia Davis was nominated by Mr. Strutz for the Senior High Student of the Month. Strutz began by saying, “Every time I see this student, she is studying.” He then spoke of how well Davis does in not only his class but all her classes. Earlier this year Davis had passed three of her science tests with a hundred percent and was able to use his card at Cenex. Strutz then went on to speak of how well she had done in his class this year and how good of a student she has been for him. Davis is 17 and the daughter of Tanya Hagen and Jeff Davis. She has two siblings, a sister Haley Davis and a brother Brenden

Davis. Davis is involved in volleyball and in her free time she enjoys playing tennis and basketball, listening to music, four-wheeling, and fishing.

RLCC at Warroad

By: Austin May
The Red Lake County Central Mustangs softball team played the Warroad Warriors Tuesday, May 12 in Warroad. Starting pitcher for the Mustangs was Brittney Bray who pitched four innings and walked four batters and struck out two.
Pitching for Warroad was Kueln who pitched four innings and walked two batters, and struck out seven. Dalen also pitched one inning and struck out three. Plovie had a double, and Christian and Culleton both had a double and a triple. McDonald had a stolen base and Christian had two. Plovie had five RBIs, Culleton had four, and Foster had two.

Important Crop Insurance Deadline near for Minnesota Producers

ST PAUL, MINN, May 12, 2015 – USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) reminds agricultural producers seeking federal crop insurance that they must have their Highly Erodible Land Conservation and Wetland Conservation Certification form, commonly called form AD-1026, on file with their local USDA service center by June 1, 2015.
Many farmers have their certification form on file meeting conservation compliance provisions since it's required for participation in other USDA programs, including NRCS conservation programs. But producers, like specialty crop growers who

receive federal crop insurance premium subsidies and do not participate in other USDA programs, must now file a certification form with USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA).
“Most producers already have a certification form on file, but we want to ensure all producers interested in USDA benefits take the steps to be eligible,” said Walter Albarran, NRCS acting state conservationist in Minnesota. “We want to make sure producers interested in crop insurance know of the upcoming June 1 deadline. We encourage you to contact your local USDA service center to ensure you're in compliance.”
Producers should visit their

local USDA service center before the June 1, 2015 deadline to ask questions, get additional information or learn more about conservation compliance procedures. Producers that file their form by the deadline will be eligible for federal crop insurance premium subsidies during the 2016 reinsurance year, which begins July 1, 2015. The June 1 deadline does not apply to producers seeking benefits from FSA and NRCS programs.
Additional information on conservation compliance is available at nrcs.usda.gov/ compliance, including a Five Steps to Meet Conservation Compliance guide and answers to frequently asked questions.

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Freedom

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wages to nursing homes for employee wages.

The owners, Rick Dulka, Cliff Melby, Kelly Lundeen and Quiten Nelson built this place for their community, thinking that this would be a great addition to Oklee and the area. If all the rooms were filled, even with county pay, they would have just broken even. It was hard to keep the rooms full. An assisted living facility needs close to a 50/50 of private pay to county pay to succeed. Dulka went on to say, many of the assisted living homes are in trouble, this is not an isolated incident, Bagley is closed and City of McIntosh is looking to sell their assisted living facility.

Dulka went on to say, that a substantial amount of money was pulled in from the owners to help Freedom Living Center over the past two years, hoping that things would change. But without state increasing funding and more private pay residents, it left them no choice but to close the doors.

For a couple of years now, the owners have been talking to the legislators and commissioners to try and help

keep Freedom Living Center open. Deb Kiel called Dulka the day a press release stated that nursing homes were receiving increases for wages in nursing homes and told Dulka she was sorry.

Dulka said, “It breaks our heart that we had to close the doors, but we loved what we did and don’t regret building the Freedom Living Center. Without the funding from the state and more private pay, there was no way to continue.”

Dulka wants to thank all the residents, staff, and anyone that helped in any way to make the Freedom Living Center a reality, and thanks the public for coming to their events and anyone who brought joy to the residents, be it students singing, visitors visiting, etc.

The residents are finding new homes with the assistance of the administrator, Karen Bierman, most of the staff have found new jobs, and Dulka and the other owners have helped any way they can to make it a smooth transition.

Dulka leaves us with hope that there may be a new use for the building and promised to try and keep the building a useful asset to the community of Oklee.



4-H Volunteers, Ambassadors, and Parents helped this group of participants make their bird feeders during “4-H Make It and Take Project Night.” Each participant was given a bag of seed for their bird feeder.



Pam Columbus, 4-H Volunteer, is showing the group on “How to Make Fancy Fish Cupcakes” during 4-H Make It and Take It Project Night.

Youth Participate in 4-H “Make It and Take It” Project Night

The 4-H “Make It and Take It” Project Night was held on May 5, 2015 at the Community Hall in Red Lake Falls. Approximately 80 youth and volunteers participated in the following projects. The projects included: “Mason Jar Moss Garden, Rice Krispie Treat Cut-outs, Bird Feeders, and Fancy Fish Cupcakes.” The 4-H Club Volunteers, 4-H Ambassadors, and parents helped out at each of the sessions.

The 4-H Youth Development Program lets kids try new skills and express themselves through fun, hands-on activities. Working on projects helps connect kids with their friends, families, communities, and the world. 4-H helps kids gain confidence and develop life skills that will help them be successful. 4-H welcomes boys, girls, and adults from all backgrounds, no matter where they live. The entire family can join in projects and activities.

For more information about the 4-H Youth Development Program, call the Extension Office at 218-253-2897 or 1-800-770-1244. This project night was sponsored by the Red Lake County 4-H Leader’s Council and the University of Minnesota Extension.



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Inoculation of Soybeans

Soybeans use a specific N fixing bacteria species (Bradyrhizobium japonicum) for nitrogen fixation. These bacteria will form nodules on the plant roots and transform nitrogen gas into ammonium N for use by the plant. The correct species must be present in the soil from prior inoculations, usually from a previous soybean crop. Ground that has never been inoculated with soybean rhizobium will most likely have little to no soybean specific bacteria present. With an increase in new soybean acres, producers need to be aware of the role of proper inoculation.

NDSU recommends inoculating soybeans even if there is a field history of soybean. If there is no history of soybeans on a particular field, NDSU recommends a double inoculation. This means that producers should use two different types of inoculant sources in order to most effectively supply the bacteria needed for optimum N fixation. There are many brands and types of inoculants including liquids, peat based and granular.

In 2014, a study was conducted at the North Central

Research Extension Center in North Dakota in order to determine the effects of double inoculation in soybeans. The field selected had no history of soybean production and soil tests revealed very low residual N. The treatments evaluated were untreated (no inoculation), liquid, granular, and a double inoculation treatment combining liquid and granular inoculants.

Greenseeker ratings (a measure of green color), number of nodules per plant and dry rates were taken throughout the growing season. Yield data was taken in order to determine effectiveness of inoculant type. Based on the yield data collected, the combination of liquid and granular inoculant resulted in the highest soybean yield of 31.3bu/A. Single applications of liquid and granular inoculants types resulted in yields of 29.2 and 24.2 bu/A, respectively. For more information, or to have questions answered about this research; you can e-mail Shana Pederson, Area Extension Specialist/Cropping Systems at shana.pederson@ndsu.edu.

Source: Shana Pederson, NDSU Area Extension Specialist/Cropping Systems.

Public Health Points

Zoonotic Diseases

Every year, tens of thousands of Americans get sick from a disease caught from an infected bug or animal. These are known as zoonotic diseases. Because diseases from bugs and animals cause about 3 out of 5 new human sicknesses the CDC tracks and reports them. Diseases spread by ticks and mosquitoes can be serious.

Some of the zoonotic diseases which you can get from a tick bite include: Lyme disease, Anaplasmosis, Babesiosis and Powassan disease.

West Nile virus, which you can get from a mosquito bite.

Salmonella infection, which you can get after handling a baby chick, chicken, duck, turtle, or snake.

E. coli infection, E. coli are bacteria found in the environment and in the intestines of people and animals. You can get this infection if you touch areas on farms, in a petting zoo or animal exhibit where E. coli germs are present.

What you can do to protect yourself and your children from zoonotic diseases

First, note that some people are more likely than others to get really sick and even die of zoonotic diseases. Plan to take special steps to protect these people:

- Children under the age of 5 years
 - Pregnant women
 - Adults over the age of 65 years
 - Anyone with a weakened immune system
- Next, be aware of places where you might come into contact with an infected bug or animal:
- Nature parks of any type—fields, woods, beaches, deserts
 - Wooded and bushy areas
 - Petting zoos, and pet stores
 - Farms
 - County or state fairs

Always wash your hands after you are around an animal. Help children wash their hands. Wash for 20 seconds. It may not be convenient to wash hands, but it’s important.

To protect yourself from bug bites – and the diseases they cause

Wear long pants and long-sleeved shirts.

Spray any uncovered skin with bug repellent containing DEET.

Look for repellents with “EPA-registered” on the label. These contain 20% or more DEET.

Remember that repellents only last for a few hours. Follow the instructions on the label.

Spray your clothing and gear—including boots, pants,

socks, bed nets, and tents—with products containing permethrin, which repels and kills ticks, mosquitoes, and other arthropods.

Get rid of any standing water. Check buckets, flower pots, old tires, and even litter. Mosquitoes breed in standing water, so get rid of the water in these areas outside your home.

Check for ticks after you’ve been outdoors

Check your body and your children’s bodies for ticks, if you find a tick, remove it right away.

*Use fine-tipped tweezers to grasp the tick as close to the skin’s surface as possible.

*Pull upward with steady, even pressure. Don’t twist or jerk the tick. This can cause the mouth-parts to break off and remain in the skin. If this happens, remove the mouth-parts with tweezers. If you are unable to remove the mouth easily with clean tweezers, leave it alone and let the skin heal. *After removing the tick, thoroughly clean the bite area and your hands with rubbing alcohol, an iodine scrub, or soap and water.

*Never crush a tick with your fingers.

*Dispose of a live tick by flushing it down the toilet, submersing it in alcohol, placing it in a sealed bag/ container, or wrapping it tightly in tape.

*Don’t “paint” the tick with nail polish or petroleum jelly.

*Don’t use heat to make the tick detach from the skin. These methods will NOT work.

Check your dogs and cats for ticks.

--www.cdc.gov

Parenting Tips

Guidelines for Supervising Children

The age of the child is not the only factor parents should consider when deciding if children may be left alone. Consider other factors such as the time of day or night, other children present, location and environmental conditions, and the accessibility of a responsible adult.

The ultimate responsibility for the safety, care, well-being, and behavior of children remains with the parent, whether they are present to supervise them or not.

The following are suggested guidelines:

Children 8 years of age and under should be supervised at all times. This includes in vehicles, playgrounds and other public places.

Children who are 9 years of age should not be left unsupervised for a period of greater than 2 hours during the daytime. This age should never be unsupervised at night or supervise other children.

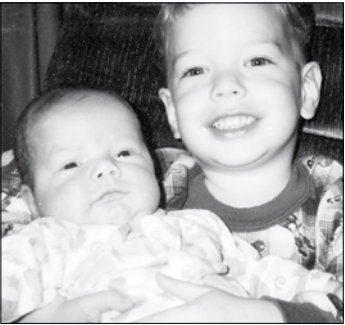
Children age 10 or 11 may

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This week’s photo is of a Oklee mother and son enjoying projects sponsored by ECFE.



Last week’s photo is of two graduates also. One is graduating from High School and the other from College. They are Brady Grove 2015 RLCC grad. And Zach Grove, NDSCS graduate.

be left alone for longer periods of time during the day, but caution is advised in leaving children unsupervised during sleeping hours.

Children age 11 are strongly encouraged to complete a babysitting training course before supervising other children.

Children who are age 12 and older may act as babysitters. –from Pennington Co. Human Services

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Red Lake County, MN
Aggregate Stockpile / Crushing

BIDS CLOSE 11:00 AM, Tuesday May 26, 2015

– NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS –

Sealed bids will be received until 11:00 AM Tuesday, May 26, 2015

By the Red Lake County Auditor at the Red Lake Falls Court-house

On behalf of the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners for the following:

CP 200-151. Crush and Stockpile Aggregate, Oklee Pit, Red Lake County

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: Crush, screen, stockpile aggregate, Class 1 (Modified) 55,000 CY in Oklee Pit, 2 miles south and 1 mile West of Oklee, MN.

Proposal, Plans, and Specifications may be obtained and examined at the Office of the County Highway Engineer, 204 7th Street SE, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750. (218) 253-2697

All bids must be accompanied by a certified check or Bidder’s Bond made payable to the Red Lake County Treasurer for not less than five percent (5%) of the proposal amount.

ALL BIDS MUST BE DELIVERED TO THE RED LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR AT THE COURTHOUSE, P.O. Box 367, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750 by 11:00 AM on May 26, 2015

The right is reserved to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive any defects.

Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

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