

Oklee Precipitation		
By Einar Kvasager		
	Rain	Snow
May 1	Trace	
May 3	0.11	
May 4	Trace	
Total	0.11	0.00

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...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

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Gov. Walz announced timeline for lifting of Covid-19 restrictions

May 6, 2021 - "It's been a long journey, but we did the things that needed to be done," Walz said in noon remarks about the coming wind down of restrictions. "The job is not done until it's done, but the plan to finish it is on us now."

At the same time, he continued to plead with Minnesotans to get their COVID-19 shots. "You need to help Minnesota now," he said to those adults still not vaccinated.

Minnesotans are rolling up their sleeves, getting their vaccines, and returning to the people we love and activities we miss. If you need to get a vaccine, find a provider near you on our COVID-19 vaccination page.

As COVID-19 cases recede and more people get their vaccine, we can confidently and safely set out our path back to normal.

Minnesota is undertaking a three-step process that will lead to an end of all COVID-19 restrictions by May 29, and an end to the masking requirement once 70% of Minnesotans 16 years of age and older get their vaccine.

Step one takes place at noon on May 7.

It includes initial steps to relax some restrictions, primarily in outdoor settings.

Removes limits for outdoor dining, events, and other get-togethers, and ends the mask requirement outdoors except at large venues with over 500 people.

Eliminates the state-established mandatory closing time for bars, restaurants, and food and beverage service at other places of public accommodation.

The second step begins on May 28.

Remaining capacity and distancing limits will come to an end, including for indoor events and gatherings. The requirements that will remain include:

Face coverings indoors and for outdoor events that exceed 500 people.

Businesses and other venues must have plans that keep their employees and customers safe – as they have from the beginning of the pandemic – guided only by a minimal universal state guidance document that includes no new requirements.

Step Three

The third step takes place once 70 percent of Minnesotans age 16 years and older – 3,087,404 Minnesotans – get at least one dose of the vaccine, but no later than July 1.

The remaining face covering requirement and the requirement for preparedness plans

will end. Work on vaccines will continue, and local jurisdictions and entities may set their own mask policies.

Keeping people safe while we get shots in arms

We can see the end of this pandemic, but we are not quite there yet. We will take concrete steps to keep Minnesotans safe while we get the vaccine to even more people.

The youngest Minnesotans are still not eligible for the vaccine, and so the Safe Learning Plan for schools will continue to the end of the school year.

Roll up your sleeves, Minnesota

Our progress so far – and our path forward – relies on Minnesotans getting the vaccine. These vaccines are safe and effective. They are how we end this pandemic.

To get your vaccine:

Contact your primary health care provider or a local pharmacy.

Use the CDC's Vaccines.gov to find vaccine locations near you.

Schedule an appointment through our Community Vaccination Program. If all appointments are booked, sign up for the Vaccine Connector to be alerted when appointments are available.

Red Lake County Rebel Gerald Melin breaks School High Jump Record



Gerald Melin with Coach Randy Huie.

Red Lake County Rebel Boys Track and Field's Gerald Melin broke the school record in the high jump with a jump of 6'0 on Tuesday at the Bagley Track and Field meet. The jump of 6'0 broke the previous record of 5'10 set by Ryan Melby in 1993.

"We are so proud of Gerald Melin for breaking our RLC Rebels High Jump record with a jump of 6'0". Gerald is a natural athlete. He puts in his time to get better each day and each season. He is a competitive athlete with high goals in mind. We saw as a young athlete he had the potential in being a strong high jumper," said Rebel Coach Randy Huie. "Not having a season last year made it interesting this season to see how our athletes would perform. He has accelerated from where he left off as an 8th grader. Now as a Sophomore the sky's the limit for this young man. Looking forward to great things for the rest of this season and into the next two years."

Photo courtesy of Kelly Melin

Covid-19 Numbers for area counties

Daily Inter-County Nursing Service Covid-19 updates:

May 8th - 10th: There are 2 new cases to report in Pennington County, the individuals are in their teens and 30's. There are no new cases to report in Red Lake County.

May 7th: There is 1 new case to report in Pennington County, the individual is in their 40's. There are no new cases to report in Red Lake County.

May 6th: There are no new cases to report in Pennington County and Red Lake County.

May 5th: There is 1 new case to report in Pennington County, the individual is in their teens. There is 1 new case to report in Red Lake County, the individual is in their 30's.

May 4th: There are no new cases to report in Pennington County and Red Lake County.

Many people have questions and concerns about COVID-19 vaccines. This is normal!

Learn and share the facts:
- No safety steps were skipped during development.
- They work for everyone age 16 and older.
- They cannot change your DNA.
- They don't contain microchips, preservatives, eggs, or pork products.
- They don't cause infertility.
- Pregnant people can get

vaccinated.

- Get vaccinated even if you already had COVID-19.
- You cannot get COVID-19 from the vaccine.
- Side effects are mild compared to having COVID-19.
- The vaccine is free.
- The best vaccine is the first one offered to you.
Learn more:
<https://www.health.state.mn.us/.../vaccine/vax-truths.pdf> #VaxMN

Vaccination Stats (5-10-21)

	1st	2nd
Pennington	5,878	5,248
Red Lake	1,810	1,576
Polk	12,069	10,284

Statistics (5-10-21)

- 588,952 Positive Tests
- 9,523,868 Complete Tests
- 4,127,264 People tested
- 570,036 Patients Who No Longer Need Isolation
- 7,231 Total Deaths
- As of this printing - Total Confirmed Cases in surrounding Counties:
- Pennington County: 1536
- 1514 recovered cases
- 3 active case
- 1 current hospitalization
- 19 death
- Red Lake County: 395
- 387 recovered cases
- 1 active case
- 0 current hospitalization
- 7 death
- Marshall County: 878
- Clearwater County: 861
- Beltrami County: 3,910
- Polk County 3,750 (as of 4-29-2021)
- 147 active cases
- 67 deaths

Calendar of Events

Wed, May 12:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
Thu, May 13:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news
Fri, May 14:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.
Sat, May 15:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!
Sun, May 16:
-Worship at the church – check inside for church times and places.
Mon, May 17:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.
Tue, May 18:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.
Wed, May 19:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
Thu, May 20:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news
Fri, May 21:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.
Sat, May 22:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!
Sun, May 23:
-Worship at the church – check inside for church times and places.
Mon, May 24:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.
Tue, May 25:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.



Quilts were on display at Salem (above) and Zion (below) that the ladies of the Oklee Lutheran Parish made this winter. They were blessed on April 25th services. They made 77 quilts and have been sent off to various places. A job well done by the ladies.



Essentia Health offers new COVID-rehab program

Perham man benefits from program's comprehensive and customized care plan

Essentia Health has launched a new program for those suffering long-term effects from a COVID-19 illness. The Post COVID-19 Rehabilitation Program is for patients recovering from COVID and offered at all Essentia locations.

"The program highlights the importance of understanding the quality of life the patient had prior to becoming sick and setting that as a baseline to strive to get the patient back to," explains Troy Schmitz, an outpatient rehabilitation services manager at Essentia.

The multidisciplinary approach looks different for each patient and is a mix of physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy. Therapists use objective and measurable tests to show the progress the patient is making. Patients within this program range from those who were sick with COVID but recovered at home to those who were critically ill and hospitalized.

"In addition, we can also refer patients to other providers who may be able to provide additional treatment, such as ear, nose and throat specialists or behavioral health experts," says Schmitz. "At Essentia, we are always looking for opportunities to make a healthy difference in people's lives in the communities we serve, and this program helps us reach this unique group of COVID-19 survivors who have lingering side effects that are affecting their quality of life."

To schedule an appointment with our therapy team, please call your local clinic. For more information, contact Essentia's rehabilitation services director, Joan Jeanetta, at (218) 786-5366 or Joan.Jeanetta@EssentiaHealth.org.

This program has been especially beneficial for Schmitz's grandfather, Ray Schmitz, an

87-year-old Perham, Minn., man diagnosed with COVID-19 who experienced a lengthy hospital stay while sick.

In October 2020, Ray was working on end-of-the-season yard work and at one point stopped and realized he just couldn't physically keep going. Later, when he tried to get up off the couch, he couldn't stand up. After trying a few times with the help of a walker and no success, Ray and his wife of nearly 67 years, Jean, knew something serious was going on.

Admitted to the hospital, Ray was treated for COVID-19. Just a day later, Jean was also admitted to the hospital for a COVID infection.

For Jean, a brief hospital stay and recovery at her son and daughter-in-law's home is the extent of her story. She was able to return home and is doing well. However, Ray's story continues. Ray was transported to a higher level of care and spent about 100 days in the hospital, including about half that time on a ventilator. Those were grim days for the Schmitz family, and at one point, they were told it was not looking favorable. However, Ray had other things in mind, coming back from near-death illness.

An avid hunter, spear fisherman and outdoorsman, Ray was looking forward to fall and winter, which is his favorite time of the year. Family hunting trips were noticeably missing Ray; but family members wrote Ray's name on arrows and bullets as a loving way to include him in the hunt.

While doctors and nurses worked with Ray to recover from the infection and make sure his lungs, kidneys, heart and other organs were functioning, his muscles and strength deteriorated. Once he was medically well enough to leave the hospital, Ray was transferred to Essentia Health-Oak Crossing in Detroit Lakes, Minn. and the

transitional care unit to begin a rehab program to rebuild his strength, muscle tone and regain the use of his right arm, in which the mobility was lost at some point in his hospitalization. When Ray arrived at Oak Crossing, he was unable to do anything for himself, even the simplest tasks.

The Post COVID-19 Rehabilitation Program at Essentia Health is helping Ray get back to the quality of life he enjoyed before COVID.

For Ray, he can't say enough good about his care and therapy at Oak Crossing. "The care here is second to none," Ray shares. "The people are just amazing." The road has been long for Ray. He's hit the six-month mark since first becoming sick and he's not ready to go home yet. He's had to start over and relearn basic life skills like walking, going to the bathroom, standing and using his left hand until his right arm is stronger and capable of performing fine motor-skill activities like writing and eating.

His therapy continues with a variety of activities each day in the hopes that he'll get back to where he was physically before he got sick. "I really want to get back home and be at our home a bit longer," Ray said. "I want to be able to fish and hunt again, but we'll see what happens." Each day he works to build upon the previous day's successes. "Some days they work me pretty hard, but I want to get back to my old self, so that's OK with me," shares Ray.

Looking ahead, once Ray leaves the transitional care unit, he'll continue with outpatient therapy to finish his rehabilitation program. While both Ray and Jean know they'll need to make some adjustments to their lifestyles and living arrangements, they are thankful and appreciative of how far Ray has come.



Great things are happening in Oklee on the main loop. Things change daily during the week as far as parking and road construction. Be aware of what is going on and watch for changes. Big equipment is moving in, debris is being taken out as they remove curb & gutter.

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Sun, May 16: 9:00 a.m. Zion, 10:30 a.m. Salem.
Tue, May 18: 7:00 p.m. Mutual Ministry meeting at Zion.
Sermons are on GVTEL Channel 35 (10 am Sunday & 2 pm Tuesday), also on Facebook or YouTube.

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OKLEE, GRYGLA & GOODRIDGE
Fr. Adam Hamness
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. St. Francis – Oklee, 10:15 a.m. – Grygla, 12:00 p.m. – Goodridge.
Go to: <http://www.oggcatholic.org/> for service times.

BROOKS – RED LAKE FALLS CATHOLIC PARISH
Fr. Bob Schreiner
Brooks – Red Lake Falls Catholic Parish
Fr. Bob Schreiner
Saturday: St. Joseph RLF 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: Brooks Sunday 8:00 a.m. St. Joseph 10:00 a.m.

IMMANUEL–EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun, May 16: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Immanuel. 7:30 p.m. Worship at Ebenezer.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Wed, May 12: 6:30 p.m. Grade 8 Confirmation at Faith.
Sun, May 16: 8:00 a.m. Worship at Faith. *Faith honors Goodridge graduates.* 9:30 a.m. Worship at Bethany. *Bethany honors graduates.* 11:00 a.m. Worship at Ekelund. * All Councils & Parish Council meeting 7 p.m. at Faith.
Wed, May 19: 7:30 p.m. Baccalaureate Service.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

May 17 - 21

No congregate meals served. If you are over the age of 60 and you want a meal delivered to your home, call Oklee Cafe 796-5666 to order a meal. A \$5.00 per meal donation is suggested.
Mon: ½ Patty melt, tator tots, corn, milk, and dessert.
Tue: Cold Ham & cheese sandwich, macaroni salad, baked beans, milk, and dessert.
Wed: Creamy chicken noodle hotdish, coleslaw, toast, milk, and dessert.
Thu: Roast pork, boiled potatoes, gravy, carrots, bread, milk, and dessert.
Fri: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, green beans, garlic toast, milk, and dessert.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive – Nazareth Oak Park – St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Wed, May 12: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School.
Sat, May 15: Mt Olive: 9:00 a.m. Confirmation.
Sun, May 16: Nazareth: 8:00 a.m. Worship. Oak Park: 8:00 a.m. SS, 9:15 Worship. *Honor HS Graduate Chloe Lundeen after services.* St Petri: 11:00 a.m. Worship – Confirmation.
Wed, May 19: 7:00 p.m. OP Ladies Aid.

Find services and past sermons at www.facebook.com/clearwaterlutheranparish

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, May 12: 6:25 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Sun, May 16: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.

Tue, May 18 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions.
Wed, May 19: 6:25 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund Sand Valley Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Wed, May 12: 2:00 p.m. Lund Ladies Aid.
Sun, May 16: 9:00 a.m. Lund; 10:30 a.m. Bethany.
Wed, May 19: 2:00 p.m. Sand Valley Ladies Aid. *CDC safety guidelines for COVID-19 will be followed.*

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston
Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor
Sundays: 10:00 a.m.
Services will continue to be live-streamed on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/bethelfosston>) as an alternative to attending in person.



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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.

Sudoku Solution

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



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Oklee Centennial Cookbook Recipe Corner - From page 499

Banana Bread Connie Kriel

3 ripe bananas
1 cup sugar
2 eggs
1 tsp baking soda
1/2 tsp salt
2 cups flour
1/2 cup vegetable oil (may substitute applesauce)

Use electric mixer for all steps. Mash bananas. Add remaining ingredients in order listed. Pour into 2 greased loaf pans. Bake at 325 degrees for 40 – 50 minutes.

Red Lake County Commissioners Minutes

RED LAKE COUNTY Regular Meeting held April 13, 2021

Pursuant to adjournment of its last meeting the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners duly met in regular session at the Courthouse in Red Lake Falls, MN on April 13, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Chairman Flage called the meeting to order. Commissioner's present: John Dudyca, Chuck Flage, Tony Gerardy, Allen Remick and Ron Weiss. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

HR Director Lundeen was present to seek approval for an annual step increase for County Engineer Erik Hove. Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Remick and carried by unanimous vote to approve a salary increase for Erik Hove from Grade 26-Step 9 (\$49.75 hourly) to Grade 26-Step 10 (\$51.06 hourly).

Engineer Hove met with the County Board with the following agenda items.

Agenda Item #1: Project Update for CSAH 17 Full Depth Reclamation Project (SAP 063-617-002).

The project is a joint effort with bids advertised by Polk County as per the construction agreement. Hove distributed a summary with full bid results and a map of the project location. Polk County awarded the project to Knife River Materials on 3/16/21 with a total bid amount of \$1,397,336.61 with Red Lake County's portion being \$296,625.91 as per the joint agreement.

Agenda Item #2: Project Update for CSAH 6 Hot-In-Place Recycle Project (SAP 063-606-011).

The project is a joint effort with bids advertised by Polk County as per the cooperative construction agreement. A summary with full bid results and a map with the project location was distributed. Polk County awarded the project to Knife River Materials on 4/6/21 with a total bid amount of \$3,804,314.49 with Red Lake County's portion being \$573,968.61 as per the joint agreement.

Agenda Item #3: Approval of Annual Equipment Rental Quotes.

The solicitation of these quotes is intended to provide Red Lake County with a readily available source of equipment. Hove recommends approving all quotes. Commissioner Remick moved, seconded by Dudyca and carried unanimously to approve all quotes as presented.

Agenda Item #4: Approval of Gravel Stockpile Quote (CP 63-21-03).

The highway department has solicited quotes to crush a gravel stockpile near the southwestern portion of the County. The current gravel stockpile in this area is nearly depleted and the county is in need of more material to keep up with maintenance graveling. Hove recommends approval of the quote from Davidson Construction in amount of \$169,200 to stockpile 18,000 Cubic Yards of Class 1 Aggregate. The final payment is to be based on GPS survey and paid in two annual installments in years 2021 and 2022. Commissioner Gerardy moved, seconded by Weiss and carried by unanimous vote to approve the quote from Davidson Construction, Inc as presented.

Drew Ness, Unity Bank, was present to again discuss the USDA Rural Economic Development Loan Application for Daniel Stephens for a proposed project in Louisville Township. Some residents from Louisville Township were in attendance to voice their opposition to the project. Ness addressed his statement from the previous meeting that a tax-based entity (county or city) submits a letter to Garden Valley describing the project, amount of loan, and a commitment to back the loan with tax revenues. Ness distributed a letter for County Board consideration. Commissioner Weiss commented that he discussed with Colleen Hoffman from HPM, the county's independent audit firm, and was informed the county cannot leverage taxpayer dollars to back a private business loan. Additional discussion ensued. Commissioner Remick moved, seconded by Dudyca and carried unanimously to deny the request that the county support the Rural Economic Development Loan application for Daniel Stephens.

Commissioner Weiss moved and seconded by Dudyca to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held March 23, 2021.

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

Vendor	Amount
Counties Providing Technology	\$ 4,539.00
Environmental Systems	
Research	2,445.00
Mactek Systems Inc.	
	2,694.00
Moore Engineering, Inc.	14,473.75
Peterson Ag Services	3,790.00

ReadTech IT Solutions 7,122.31
Red lake County Co-op 4,396.09
52 Vendors less than \$2,000 15,322.59
Final Total \$54,782.74

The motion included the following added bills: \$51.07 Ecolab; \$20.00 Bob Schmitz; \$25.50 Reynolds, Harbott, & Knutson, and \$13.44 expenses and \$220.00 per diem to Ron Weiss.

The following Commissioner/Committee reports were shared:

Commissioner Reports
Dudyca: Tri County Corrections.
Gerardy: County Fair Board. County Fair is June 25th through June 27th in Oklee.

Flage: Huot Park Committee and Mn Rural Caucus meeting.

Remick: SWCD reviewing the 1W1P funding for some projects.

Weiss: Tri County Corrections Board and NW Regional Development.

HR Director Lundeen addressed the board members of changes pertaining to the federal COVID Leave Plan. Lundeen explained the changes are basically an extension of the current federal FFCRA (Families First Coronavirus Response Act) which the County initially extended the deadline to March 31, 2021. The federal government has added 3 new qualifying reasons for leave under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) including to add an additional 2 weeks of paid sick leave, however, there is an option to not adopt the reset of up to 2 weeks of paid leave. This will be a local Covid plan effective April 1, 2021 once approved. Commissioner Gerardy moved, seconded by Weiss and carried by unanimous vote to extend the FFCRA sick leave to September 30, 2021 and add the 3 additional qualifying reasons, but not adopt the reset of up to 2 weeks of paid leave. This means that any employee that meets the criteria and has NOT used all of their FFCRA leave, or has NOT used any of this leave, can be eligible for it paid leave through September 30, 2021.

The 3 new qualifying reasons for eligibility of leave are:

-the time during which an employee is waiting for the results of a COVID test because the employee was exposed to COVID-19 or because the employer has asked the employee to get tested,

-the time spent getting vaccinated against COVID-19; and

-any time when the employee cannot work due to side effects from a COVID-19 vaccination.

Lundeen informed that employees are required to complete and provide paperwork to receive the leave, and in addition employees are to provide documentation that supports their request for the emergency paid sick leave.

Auditor Schmitz informed on the recent court rulings for the Enbridge litigation for years 2012, 2013, 2014 and for the years 2015 and 2016. The county will be looking at a significant payback due to the valuation decreases as approved per the court ruling. The state has not released any additional information on whether they will be appealing the court's rulings or not. Updates will be provided as information becomes available.

There being no further business the regular board meeting adjourned to April 27, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Attest:

Robert Schmitz, County Auditor
Chuck Flage, Chair,
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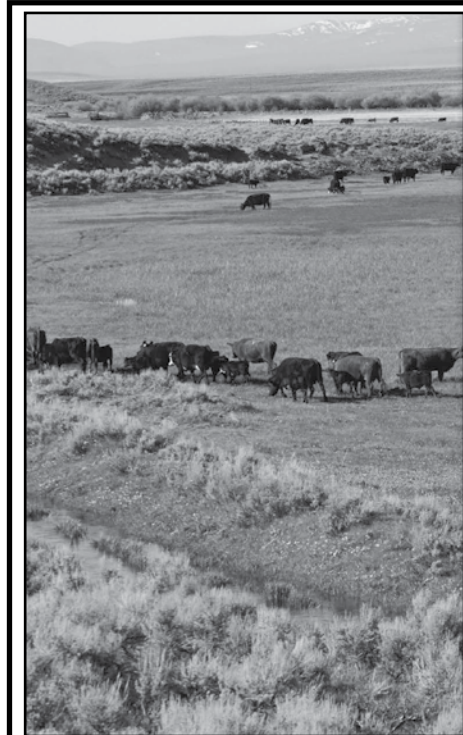
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The United States is the largest producer of Beef in the world. The U.S. has a reputation for producing healthy, high quality Beef. Beef offers great taste and essential nutrients such as: Zinc, Iron, Protein, and B vitamins.

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RLCC Menus

May 17 - 21

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Monday: Breakfast: Ham & cheese croissant, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Hamburger patty w/bun, curly fries, baked beans, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Waffle w/syrup, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, fried rice, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Coffee cake, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Hot dog or polish, baked beans, chips, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Pancake on a stick, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Corn dogs, macaroni & cheese, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Donut, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Quesadilla, lettuce salad, carrots, fruit, and milk.

Plummer

Monday: Breakfast: Egg Omelet, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Shredded pork w/ bun, mixed vegetables, yogurt, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Waffles, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Corn dog, macaroni & cheese, Broccoli Normandy, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Sub sandwich w/toppings, chips, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Bagel, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken fajitas w/toppings, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Variety, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Hotdog w/bun, baked beans, chips, fruit, and milk.

RLCC Elementary Students of the Month



RLCC Elementary Students of the Month are Lily Baker (5th & 6th) Dylan Soglo (3rd & 4th)

Wrestling End of Year Review

By Daman Ferguson

The Red Lake Country Central Mustangs Wrestling team had two seniors. Zach Howard and Tristyn Ferguson, Zach Wrestled half the year and had to miss the second half due to an injury. Tristyn finished the season by making it past sections to advance to Super Sections, where he took 4th place. Paul DeHate was the only junior on the team. Paul made it to the section tournament but lost out. Gunnar Sandeen was the only sophomore that participated. Gunnar Sandeen built a lot of momentum towards the end of the season but lost out of the section tournament. Eli Magnell was the only seventh grader this year. Eli had a good

season as a seventh-grader. He didn't participate in the section tournament this year. Senior Zach Howard would like to thank Damon Ferguson for hitting him in the face with Fred(the practice dummy). He would also like to thank his parents and Bernie DeHate for always being there for him. His favorite memory was watching Rylee Lundeen hit Cameron Lundeen for saying he has a girlfriend. Tristyn Ferguson, the other senior, will thank all of the wrestlers for a fun time in practice and at tournaments. And also all the fans who were always supportive at matches. His favorite memory was goofing off with Paul DeHate at the Xcel Energy Center.



Paige Olson makes it home. May 4th against Norman County East.



Coach Aaron Moll coaches Carlee Whalen at the Mustang Softball game in Oklee against Norman County East. The Mustangs lost 16-26.

Red Lake County and Field travel to Bagley/Fosston Invitational

By Mustang Stampede

Red Lake County Rebels Track and Field traveled to the Bagley/Fosston Invitational on May 4th.

Gerald Melin took first place on Tuesday in the High Jump with 6'0". The record was previously held by Ryan Melby in 1993 and tied by Gerald earlier in the season. The RLC Rebels Boys team finished in sixth place with Brody Moen finishing 3rd place in the 800-meter, 2:31.38, 5th place in the 400-meter dash with 1:01.58, and 5th place in long jump 16'11 1/4". The record was previously held by Ryan Melby in 1993 and tied by Gerald earlier in the season. Gerald Melin also received 7th place in the 100-meter dash and 8th place in the 200-meter dash. Carson Lambert received 2nd place in the 110-meter hurdles with a tie of 19.21 and 4th place in the 300 hundred hurdles

with a time of 51.27 and 8th place in Long Jump with 15'4.

The Red Lake County Rebel Girls Team finished in 7th place. Hollie Knott finished in 4th place in the 100 Meter dash with a tie of 12.62, and 6th place in the 200 Meter Dash with a time of 28.77. Savanna Nelson placed 4th place in the 400 Meter Dash with a time of 1:05.21 and 8th place in the 200-meter dash with a time of 29.20. Aurimy Olson received 5th Place of 3:23.30 in the 800 Meter dash and 8th Place in the 1600 meter dash. Marissa Schiebe received second place in the 100 Meter Hurdles weight a time of 19.54 and 2nd place in the 200-meter hurdles with a time of 56.99. In the 4x200 Meter Relay receiving 3rd Place was Marissa Schiebe, Kiera Largis, Savanna Nelson, & Hollie Knott with a time of 1:59.36.



Marissa Thomas at-bat in Oklee against West Marshall on May 7th. All softball photos by Sarah Whalen.



Sydney Fougner slides into home plate in Cass Lake-Bena. The Mustangs beat the Panthers 24-14.



Shawn Majeres pitching against West Marshall. Mustangs lost with a final score 17-8.



Schedules subject to changes - please check the school web site at <https://www.rlcc2906.org/>

Softball:

Girls Varsity

Thu, May 13: 4:30PM Away vs. Crookston @ Crookston High School.

Mon, May 17: 4:30PM Blackduck Public@Oklee School.

Tue, May 18: 4:30PM Away vs. Northern Freeze @ MCC High School - Newfolden

RLC Coop Rebel

Baseball: V/JV/JH

Fri, May 14: 4:30PM RLC vs. Fertile-Beltrami @ L.E. Drechsel Field (Red Lake Falls).

Sat, May 15: JH Tourney TBD RLC vs. Thief River Falls M.E.C.

Mon, May 17: 4:30PM RLC vs. Roseau @ L.E. Drechsel Field (RL Falls).

Thu, May 20: 4:30PM RLC vs. Ada Borup @ Tony Sipe Baseball Field Ada.

Mon, May 24: 4:30PM RLC vs. Lake Park Audubon @ Lake Park-Audubon High School.

RLCC Track &

Field - Boys &

Girls

Thu, May 13: Boys & Girls Varsity Meet 3:30PM Away vs. Multiple Schools @ Bagley High School.

Sat, May 15: Boys & Girls Varsity Meet 3:00PM Away vs. Multiple Schools Northland Community College

Mon, May 17: Boys & Girls JH Meet 3:30PM Away vs. Multiple Schools @ Bagley High School

Thu, May 20: Boys & Girls Varsity Meet 4:00PM Away vs. Multiple Schools @ Ada-Borup High School

Fri, May 21: Boys & Girls JH Meet 4:00PM Away vs. Multiple Schools NCC

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Oklee Herald Early Files

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ellickson have announced that they will observe open house at their home on May 14th

It may be interesting but could be dangerous to onlookers. The wastewater project for Oklee which has been debated for many years and was finally demanded by the State to be

Charles Bishop taught the senior art class the art of woodcarving.

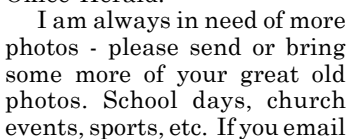
Senior Site News & Other Things
By Volunteers Jo Lambert & Bonny Cote

Mother's Day was a nice one for a change. No snow on the ground and none coming down either. It wasn't hot by any

to college in another state and finding out all the things he encountered in Michigan. He told us that they didn't have much snow either this year, so he didn't experience the deep snows that they normally have there, in Houghton. Maybe next year he will experience a

The Senior Site is working on having the craft shop open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday-Friday. We need people to volunteer for Tuesday - Wednesday - Thursday. If you are interested in working in the craft shop, please call in to the Site on a Monday or Friday.

Who's Dat?



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