

Oklee Precipitation
By Einar Kvasager

	Rain	Snow
Jan. 6		Trace
Jan. 7		0.75
Jan. 8		0.25
Total in.	0.00	1.00

Oklee Herald

...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

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Calendar of Events

Wed, Jan. 13:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
Thu, Jan. 14:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
Fri, Jan. 15:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
Sat, Jan. 16:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!
Sun, Jan. 17:
-Worship at the church of your choice.
Mon, Jan. 18:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
Tue, Jan. 19:
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards.
-LSS Sr. Meals 5:00 p.m.
Wed, Jan. 20:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
Thu, Jan. 21:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
Fri, Jan. 22:
-No LSS Senior Meals.
Sat, Jan. 23:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!
Sun, Jan. 24:
-Worship at the church of your choice.
Mon, Jan. 25:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
Tue, Jan. 26:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards
Wed, Jan. 27:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
Thu, Jan. 28:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
Fri, Jan. 29:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
Sat, Jan. 30:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!
Sun, Jan. 31:
-Worship at the church of your choice.
Mon, Feb. 1:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
Tue, Feb. 2:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards.



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Oklee: D & R Grocery, Cenex C-Store, Oklee Herald office.
Brooks: Brooks Travel Center
Plummer: Plummer Coop Creamery
And Online! Go to www.TriCoCanary.com



Oklee Snowman Contest extended

The Snowman Contest sponsored by the Oklee Community Club will be extended until January 16th due to the lack of snow and also lack of contact information.
Please leave your name and number at D & R Grocery or Cenex (in Oklee) of call Gin Berns at 796-4545 and leave a message.
Prizes will be awarded at that time! The prizes are 1st place: \$75; 2nd place \$50; and 3rd place \$25.
You may decorate them any way you wish!!



The new Fitness Center has two weight machines, two treadmills.

Oklee Inn and Fitness Now Open

On the 7 & 8 of January, Oklee Inn and Fitness held an open house to showcase their new operation in the former Freedom Living Center. There are a number of rooms available for rent long or short term, but the open house on the 7 & 8 of January were to highlight their new Fitness Center. They will be open for members from January till April, and if there is enough interest, it may stay open through the summer.

The facility will be open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week, with 24/7 as soon as the new access locks are installed. Membership fees will be as follows:

Individual membership - \$25.00 a month. Couple membership - \$40.00 a month. Family membership (up to 4 members) \$70.00 a month with each additional family member fee of \$15.00 a month.

The type of equipment available to the members include treadmills, a exercise bike, an elliptical machine, and two weight machines.

There is some paperwork to fill out for your membership, coving the fees, health

information, and rules and regulations a person needs to follow. But just think, no more having to run to another town to get a workout to improve your health, so close to home.

Also, a massage therapist is setting up shop in the Oklee Inn and Fitness building and will

be available for appointments soon. Watch for further details.

For more information or registration forms to join, contact either Terri at the Oklee Inn 796-5003 or her cell phone: 612-414-6094 or Tracy Hamm at 796-4692 or at Oklee Lumber 796-5131.



The new Fitness Center also has an exercise bike and an elliptical machine.

Wind chills very dangerous

At some point every winter, temperatures in Minnesota drop below zero. Adding even a small wind can drive the wind chill effect down to dangerous levels for anyone exposed to it for very long. Naturally, the best way to avoid any danger is to stay indoors in a well heated environment for as much as possible. But if you do feel the need to venture outdoors, make sure to take proper precautions, and know how to spot the signs of frostbite and hypothermia - both for yourself and others - especially for children, elderly or other people at risk.

EXTREME COLD FACTS:
Extreme Cold

Extended exposure to extremely cold temperatures can cause frostbite or hypothermia and become life-threatening. Infants and elderly people are most susceptible. What constitutes extreme cold varies in different parts of the country and from person to person. Typically in Minnesota, extreme cold means temperatures near or below zero degrees Fahrenheit. However extended exposure

to temperatures of 40 degrees Fahrenheit or less can be hazardous to vulnerable people, especially if factored with wind chill.

Wind Chill

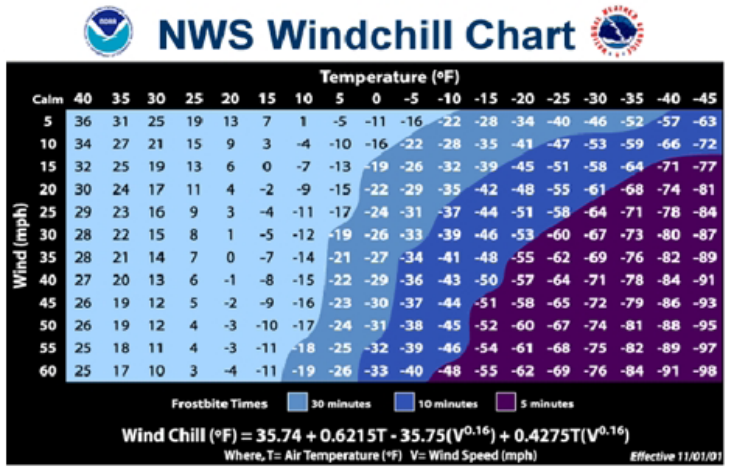
Wind chill is not the actual temperature but rather how wind and cold feel on exposed skin. As the wind increases, heat is carried away from the body at an accelerated rate, driving down the core body temperature. Animals are also affected by wind chill; however, cars, plants and other objects

are not. A wind chill of -20 degrees Fahrenheit will cause frostbite in just 30 minutes.

Frostbite is localized damage to body tissue caused by extreme cold. The condition causes a loss of feeling and a white or pale appearance in extremities, such as fingers, toes, ear lobes or the tip of the nose. If symptoms are detected, get medical help immediately! If you must wait for help, slowly rewarm affected areas.

Cold Weather

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Oklee Moonlighters Sponsor Snowmobile Safety Course

The Oklee Moonlighters Snowmobile Club is sponsoring an Online Based Snowmobile Safety Class in Oklee.

The class will be held at RLCC High School in Oklee at 207 Governor St. on January 16th at 1:00 p.m. to approximately 4:00 p.m.

This online based course will meet one day for classroom review and field training. Student must have a parent or guardian register them the day of class.

Youth Snowmobile Safety Course is available to youth ages 11 and older. Certificate is

not valid until age 12.

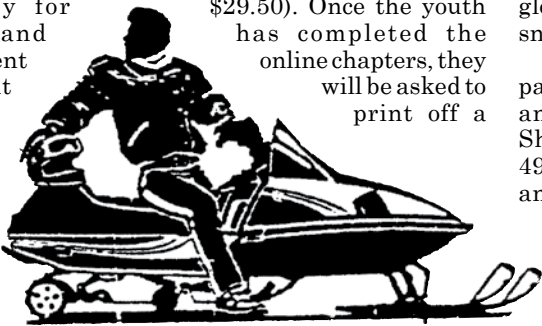
Class length determined by the number of registered students.

Students will need to take the online portion Snowmobile Safety course at either of these websites: snowmobilecourse.com (fee is \$29.95) or snowmobile-ed.com (fee \$29.50). Once the youth has completed the online chapters, they will be asked to print off a

certificate, so complete the test on a computer connected to a printer. Allow up to 8 hours to complete the online course.

The day of the class, the student will need the online Test Certificate (must have to register), a parent or guardian to register them, proper riding gear for riding test (helmet, gloves, facemask, snowpants, snowboots).

The students wishing to participate in the Safety Class and have questions contact Shelly Flatgard at 218-796-4994. Leave a message if no one answers. Email: csflatgard@gmail.com.



RLC Commissioners reorganize for 2016

On January 5th, the first Red Lake County Commissioners meeting of the year was held with all members present. County Auditor Bob Schmitz opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance and call the meeting to order. Nominations were called on the position of Chairperson and Chuck Simpson was nominated by John Lerohl. No other nominations came forward, a vote was taken and the new Chairperson for the Red Lake County Commissioner is Chuck Simpson. The meeting was then turned over the Simpson.

Nominations for the vice chair was next with a nomination for Anthony Flage was put forth by Ron Weiss, no other calls for nominations were heard, and a vote was taken, Anthony Flage is the new vice president.

The agenda was approved with one agenda addition. Angie Lundeen from Human Resources, was added.

County newspaper was next on the agenda. The bids were opened and the Oklee Herald had bid \$3.00 a column inch for all four items requested in the bids and included their rate sheet. The Gazette had bid \$2.50 a column inch for 3 of the four items requested, with \$3.75 for the fourth and did not include their rate sheet. The discussion amongst the commissioners was about the bid amounts, circulation numbers (approx the same #s), but also that fact that the Oklee Herald reporter is at the meetings most of the time and the Gazette reporter is not. The decision was made to go with the Oklee Herald due to the fact the Oklee Herald is interested in the county's business and are usually at the meetings. Motion was made by Sorenson, seconded by Lerohl.

The meeting dates were set for the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of

the month at 10:00 a.m. as in past years. The per diem rates were voted on to leave the same and the appropriations were approved as follows:

Committee on Aging	\$8,360.00
Red River Basin Commission	107.00
Red Lake County Fair Board	10,000.00
American Legion's Friends of the Library	255.00
RRV Development Assoc.	6,300.00
Inter County Nursing Service	800.00
Oklee Ambulance Service	21,388.00
RLF Ambulance Service	9,000.00
RLC Historical Society	30,000.00
NW Regional Library (MOE Requirement)	2,000.00
Red Lake County Parks	26,732.00
Total	5,900.00
Appropriations	\$120,842.00

The expenditures were looking over and a motion to pay the bills was made by Lerohl and seconded by Weiss, and a roll call vote was taken, all in favor. Minutes were approved with no corrections or additions by a motion from Lerohl and seconded by Flage. Carried.

Committee reports were beginning with Weiss who had attended the Quin Board meeting and the preliminary budget was discussed, a joint powers agreement needs to be approved next month so that the Quin Board can have contracting authority for services for all counties in group.

Flage, Sorensen, Lerohl and Simpson had no meetings to report on.

Highway Engineer, Korky Kleven, was present at the

Commissioners

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49th Annual Oklee Moonlighters Snowmobile Safari January 23rd

The Oklee Moonlighters Snowmobile Club will be once again hosting their Snowmobile Safari Ride – their 49th year on January 23rd. So gather your sledding gear and gather at TJ's Tavern of Oklee at 11:00 a.m. The ride will start at 12:00 p.m. They will be riding the trail system with the first stop at Goodridge, then south to Gully and around through the hilly country by Trail, ending at TJ's in Oklee at approximately 6 p.m. Door prizes after the ride

and you must be present to win.

The snowfall has not been great, but in the past couple of weeks, enough snow has fallen. The trails should be nice for riding and hopefully the temperatures will be just right this year, not to warm or cold.

To complete the day of fun, that evening at TJ's Tavern of Oklee, musical entertainment will be offered for a night of dancing. So make plans to ride the trails and dance the night away.

The Year in Review...

February 4, 2015: Jeremy “SEAL” Verbout, U-2 Program Element Monitor (PEM), at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., was one of the many troops featured in the February 2015 Reader's Digest...“4 A.M.” was the One Act Play performed by RLCC High School...Four cousins claimed championships in their weight class at the Northwest Tourney in Fertile on Sat. Jan 31st. Pictured are brothers Noah and Joshua

at the Northwest Wrestling Tournament and Cody Gagner placed second...Holly Vettleson, a junior at RLCC, will participate in the Minnesota House of Representatives High School Page Program during the first week of March at the capital of Minnesota...Sydney Gunderson and Holly Vettleson were selected as the January Students of the Month at RLCC...

February 18, 2015: On March 7th, it will be the Blizzard party of the year once again with the Oklee Firemen hosting the Firemen's Blizzard Bonanza...Tony Gerardy completed his 20th year of service to the Plummer Fire Department in 2014. At the Annual Supper, Philip Zimpel presented Tony Gerardy a plaque on behalf of the Plummer Fire Department. Tony has served as the Secretary/Treasurer, Asst. Chief and Chief and continues to serve on the Fire Department...Drake Engelstad (RLC Rebels) who scored his 1000th career point in a basketball game against Goodridge-Grygla on February 7...Wednesday was a brutally cold wind. 4 above was the high. Anyway, many people saw and commented on the beautiful sundogs, around 8 o'clock in the morning. They were pink and orange and then later in the sky to the SE and there were the sun dogs again and the big circle rainbow around the sun.

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Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Margaret Jacobus
Wed, Jan. 13: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation.
Sun, Jan. 17: 9:00 a.m. Zion. 9:00 a.m. SS at Salem. 10:15 a.m. SS at Zion. 10:30 a.m. Salem.
Wed, Jan. 20: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH OKLEE
Fr. Adam Hamness
Sun, Jan. 17: 7:30 a.m. Confessions 8:00 a.m. Mass.

BROOKS – RED LAKE FALLS CATHOLIC PARISH
Fr. Bill DeCrans
Sat, Jan. 16: 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph - RLF
Sun, Jan. 17: 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph – Brooks. 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph - RLF.

IMMANUEL–EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Wed, Jan. 13: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation at Immanuel.
Sun, Jan. 17: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Immanuel. 10:15 a.m. SS Immanuel. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer. Ebenezer Annual meeting. Potluck to follow.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Bethany–Ekelund–Faith Robert W. Dahlen, Pastor
Wed, Jan. 13: Release Time.
Sun, Jan. 17: 8:30 a.m. Ekelund; 9:45 a.m. SS. 9:45 a.m. Faith; 11:00 a.m. SS. 11:00 a.m. Bethany; 9:45 a.m. SS.
Tue, Jan. 18: 9:30 a.m. Faith Quilting.
Wed, Jan. 20: Release Time.

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To reserve a seat, please call by 3:00 p.m. the day before - 1-800-951-9363. All routes will arrive approximately between 10 and 11 a.m. at the destination. All routes need at least five persons signed up.

Thu, Jan. 14: Bemidji – Thief River Falls.
Fri, Jan. 15: Bemidji – Crookston, Fertile, Erskine, McIntosh.
Tue, Jan. 19: Crookston/Grand Forks – Crookston.
Wed, Jan. 20: Fargo-Moorhead – Red Lake Falls, Plummer, Oklee, Erskine, Mentor, Crookston.

Monthly Craft day is January 16th at Oklee

Quilting Supply beginning at 9am in their new sewing/craft room. Crafters of all types are encouraged to bring their own project to work on, excellent environment to finish up projects already in the works or start a new project. Potluck lunch. Questions, call Toni 796-5151.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive – Nazareth Oak Park – St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseth
Wed, Jan. 13: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School/Confirmation. 7:00 p.m. LYS meeting.
Sat, Jan. 16: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive. 10:15 a.m. SS/Confirmation.
Sun, Jan. 17: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri. 9:15 a.m. St. Petri SS. 10:30 a.m. Brunch at St. Petri. 8:30 a.m. Nazareth SS. 9:45 a.m. Nazareth. 9:45 a.m. Oak Park SS. 11:00 a.m. Oak Park.
Wed, Jan. 20: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School/Confirmation.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Jan. 13: 6:30 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Thu, Jan. 14: 12:00 p.m. Rotary meeting.
Fri, Jan. 15: 8:00 a.m. Friday School.
Sun, Jan. 17: 9:30 a.m. MN Adult & Teen Challenge Choir.
Mon, Jan. 18: 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout meeting.
Tue, Jan. 19: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study. 10:30 a.m. Quilting.
Wed, Jan. 20: 6:30 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund Sand Valley Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, Jan. 17: 10:30 a.m. Lund Annual meeting

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston
Jon Marx, Lead Pastor
Seth Johnson, Assist. Pastor
Sun, Jan. 17: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

January 18 - 22

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 cold meatball sandwich, hash browns, vegetables, dessert, and milk.

Tuesday: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, cream gravy, vegetables, dessert and milk.

Wednesday: Taco salad w/ lettuce, tomatoes, onion, cheese and chip, dessert and milk.

Thursday: Baked chicken, baked potato, vegetable, dessert and milk.

Friday: Egg salad sandwich, potato soup, dessert and milk.



Lost orange and white tom cat in the area of county Rd 6, Oklee. Very friendly. Contact Mariah at 218-796-4829

Now Taking Tree Orders for Spring 2016

Red Lake County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) is taking tree orders **now** for springs' tree planting season. Anyone interested in purchasing trees from the Red Lake County SWCD should have their order in by January 29, 2016. Tree order forms are available at our office, on our website www.redlakecounty.org click on Programs, Projects & Services tab; and then on the District Tree Program tab or we can mail you a form. The SWCD office is located in the basement of the Wheat Grower's Building south of Red Lake Falls.

If you are interested in placing a tree order, for springs' tree planting season, please call the Red Lake County SWCD office at (218) 253-2593 ext. 4.



Year in Review...

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Minnesota Association of School Administrators (MASA) has named James Guetter, Superintendent for Red Lake County Central and Red Lake Falls Schools, an Administrator of Excellence...The City of Plummer on Saturday was busy with many snowmobilers. The reason - the annual Plummer Snowmobile Club Safari was held. They had plenty of snow, but the weather was a little on the cold side with temperatures below zero... Shirley Japerson submitted a story, "My Christmas Miracle – Life! telling about her medical journey with heart valve surgery...Cameron Lundeen from Red Lake County Central qualified for state at the Section 8A Individual Wrestling Tournament at Glyndon on Friday and Saturday, February 20-21... Lundeen wrestled at 160 lbs. and took second place advancing him to the state tournament...A Red Lake Falls, MN man was arrested on multiple felony charges after being found sleeping in a car in a ditch and then fleeing from an officer on foot... On 2/11/2015 at approx. 1230 hrs. the Polk County Sheriff's Office responded to a bomb threat at the Fosston High School in Fosston, MN. When officer's arrived a search was conducted of the school and it was determined that the school

LSS Caregivers Group meets January 14th

The Thief River Falls Caregiver Group will meet on Thursday, January 14th at 10:00 a.m. at the Heritage Senior Center located at 301 E. 4th St, TRF, MN.

These groups are open to all caregivers. If you know of anyone who may benefit from these meetings, please contact

was deemed safe...Mayville State University announces that Skyler Bergeson, Trail, MN has been listed on the Dean's List for the Fall Semester of 2014 at Mayville State University.

Cold Weather

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However, if the person is also showing signs of hypothermia, warm the body core before the extremities.

Hypothermia is a condition brought on when the body temperature drops to less than 95°F. It can kill. For those who survive, there are likely to be lasting kidney, liver and pancreas problems. Warning signs include uncontrollable shivering, memory loss, disorientation, incoherence, slurred speech, drowsiness and apparent exhaustion. Take the person's temperature. If below 95°F, seek medical care immediately!

If medical care is not available, warm the person slowly, starting with the body core. Warming the arms and legs first drives cold blood toward the heart and can lead to heart failure. If necessary, use your body heat to help. Get the person into dry clothing and wrap in a warm blanket covering the head and neck. Do not give the person alcohol, drugs, coffee or any hot beverage or food. Warm broth is the first food to offer.

Brandi Halland, Program Coordinator at 218-280-3773 or email: brandi.halland@lssmn.org.

Sponsored by Lutheran Social Service-Caregiver & Respite and AmeriCorps Programs. Funded by Land of the Dancing Sky AAA.



The Red Lake County American Cancer Society Board met recently to honor Ruth Schultz in her retirement after 27 years as a volunteer with the ACS Board. Ruth was involved in the Longest Day of Golf for 11 years, and more recently with the Relay For Life for 15 years. She was recognized nationally for her individual fundraising efforts and her team was recognized nationally for per capita fundraising. Ruth has also been a committed advocate in supporting individuals with cancer. The ACS wishes Ruth well and commends her for her volunteer efforts.

Front row left to right: Mary Lynn Bachand, Dianne Gagner, Ruth Schultz, Sandy Bertilrud. Back row: Arlene Froiland, Debbie DuChamp, Barb Melby, Bev Schmitz, Carol Chaput, Ginny Stonehouse, and Karen Schirrick.

Centennial Recipe Corner

Popcorn Cake

Catherine (Cyr) Lorenson

2 bags of popped popcorn
(get the least amount of butter kind or natural)
16 oz bag of mini marshmallows (or 1-1/2 bags)
1 stick of butter
1/2 cup vegetable oil
3/4 cup peanuts
1 bigger bag of M & M's (or no peanuts and M & M's and just use spice drops)

Melt marshmallows, butter and oil in microwave until melted. Pour over popcorn (be careful to keep out hulls) in a large bowl. Mix. Stir in M & M's. Put in an oil sprayed angel food cake pan or a 9 x 13 pan. Let set up before turning out. I bring this to all the cake walks and even to funerals in the 9 x 13.



CPR Certification Class, January 20 in Oklee

By Ana Almeida

The CPR Certification Class is going to be taught by Wanda Wright on Wednesday, January 20 at 6 pm. The class will take place at the Red Lake County Central High School Library in Oklee and it will cost \$30. People interested

Commissioners

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meeting and asked the commissioners if they had any questions for him. The board had none.

The next item on the agenda was the 2016 committee assignments and appointments of county representatives to the various public interest positions. The list is not available at this time, but will be in the minutes in the future. The changes were approved with a motion by Sorenson and seconded by Lerohl.

Kurt Casavan was not present at the meeting, but had left a item to be discussed. There is a 1975 ¾ ton vehicle that is not needed anymore and would like to have it put up for bids. A motion from Flage and seconded by Weiss to sell was carried.

The next meeting will be on January 26th, the 4th Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

Human Resources person,

Angie Lundeen had a question for the commissioners on the meal reimbursement for employees as what is in the handbook is very vague. At this time the per diem is \$30.00 a day. Should it be broken into how much for each meal, meals furnished at training/meetings cannot be reimbursed as they are part of the fee for the training/meeting costs, etc. The discussion began with what other counties do and there is a wide range. Pennington is \$65 a day with a breakdown of 15 for breakfast, 20 for lunch and 30 for supper. Marshall is \$25.00 a day, no breakdown. The board decided to raise the meal per diem, receipts are required to be reimbursed and you are only reimbursed the amount spent up to \$50.00 a day.

Lundeen also informed the board that a full time Deputy/Dispatcher has been hired, Casey Roisland. There is still a need for Social Services position and a dispatcher.

The meeting was adjourned.

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-line patrons are reminded that they can visit www.nwrlib.org/rlf.htm at anytime to request and renew materials.

Remember to stop into the Red Lake Falls Library next Wednesday, January 20 when Sam & Matthew Miltich, jazz & folk musicians, will present a free concert beginning at 1:00 pm. For more information on

the Miltich brothers, visit their website at www.sammiltich.com.

Winners of "Hot Reads for Cold Nights" ceramic coffee mugs for the first week of January are Margaret Hamrum and Nyssa Renner. Adults who stop into the library can register for a chance to win throughout January and February.

New DVDs include "Back to the Future" 30th anniversary trilogy, "Dawn of Humanity," "The Man from U.N.C.L.E.," "A Matter of Faith," and "Pitch Perfect 2."

Wheat, Corn and Soybean Update Program

The annual crops update for area farmers will be held at the Red Lake City Hall on Friday, January 22, starting at 8:30 am. The program is free of charge and the general public is urged to attend. A sponsored lunch will be served at noon.

Speakers for the program will include Jim Anderson, Spring Wheat Breeder, University of Minnesota; Adam Birr, Executive Director, Minnesota Corn Growers; Hoon Ge, Minnesota Soybean Technical Expert; Bruce Kleven, Minnesota Association of Wheat Growers Lobbyist; Lauren Stai, Certified Crop Advisor, MAWG. The annual

meeting and updates for Wheat Growers; Corn Growers, and Soybean growers will also take place at the program.

Jim from the U M will address the "2016 Wheat Variety Selection"; Adam from the Corn Growers, "Using Nitrogen Efficiently"; Hoon from the Soybean Growers, "Bio diesel on Your Farm and Around the Country"; Bruce from the Wheat Growers, "State Legislative Report"; and Lauren from the Wheat Growers, will discuss "Getting the Most from Research on Your Farm".

The Crops Update is sponsored by The Minnesota Association of Wheat Growers, Minnesota Wheat Research & Promotion Council, University of Minnesota & Red Lake County Extension, Minnesota Soybean Research & Promotion Council and Minnesota Corn Growers Association. For more information, call the Minnesota Wheat Office at 218.253.4311 or e mail them at mnwheat@gvtel.com.

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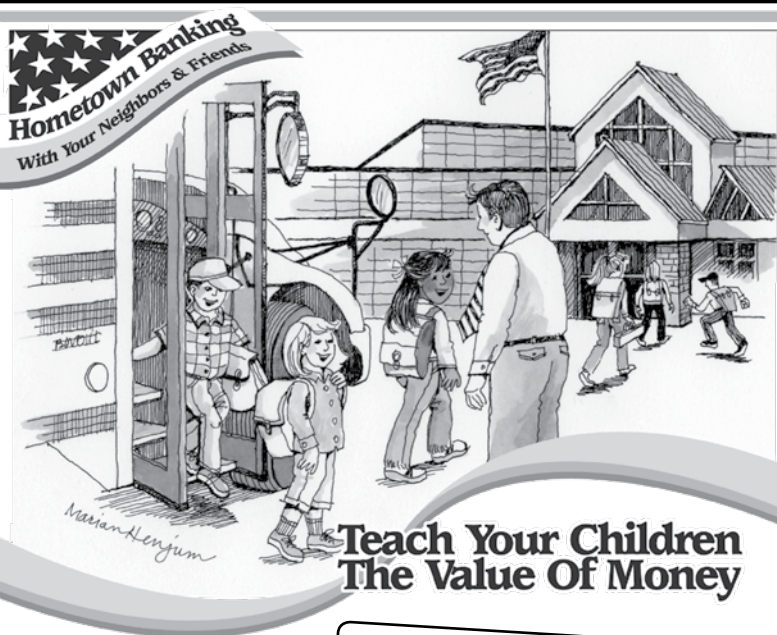
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RLCC Menus

January 18 - 22

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Mon: Breakfast: Biscuit & gravy, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Cold subs, chips, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Tue: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Chicken pot pie w/ biscuits, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Wed: Breakfast: Waffle sticks, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Corn dogs, macaroni & cheese, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Thu: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Pork fritters, cheesy potatoes, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Fri: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Chicken fajita, refried beans, seasoned potatoes, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Plummer

Mon: Breakfast: Scrambled egg & sausage, biscuit, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Tomato soup, crackers, salad, cheese, egg salad or PB sandwich, fruit, and milk.

Tue: Breakfast: French toast sticks, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Chicken fajita or soft shell (lettuce, cheese, salsa, tomatoes, sour cream), rice medley, rice krispie bar, and milk.

Wed: Breakfast: Muffins, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Hot ham patty on bun, sliced cheese, pickles, corn chips, fruit, and milk.

Thu: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Fish sticks, baked potatoes w/fixings, coleslaw, buttered bread, and milk.

Fri: Breakfast: Pancake wrap, cereal, Go-Gurt, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Pork choppie, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, dinner roll, fruit, and milk.

Sports Schedules

RLC Rebels

Boy Basketball

Fri, Jan. 15: Warren Alvarado Oslo at RLF 5:00 p.m.

Tue, Jan. 19: BGMR at RLF 5:00 p.m.

Thu, Jan. 21: Fosston at Fosston 6:00 p.m.

Tue, Jan. 26: Roseau at Roseau 6:00 p.m.

Thu, Jan. 28: Clearbrook-Gonvick at Oklee 6:00 p.m.

Sat, Jan. 30: Waubun at Waubun 6:00 p.m.

RLCC Mustang

Wrestling

Fri, Jan. 15: Park Rapids/Prairie Valley at Oklee 2:00 p.m.

Sat, Jan. 16: TRF Tournament at TRF 9:30 a.m.

Thu, Jan. 21: WHAN at Oklee 6:30 p.m.

Tue, Jan. 26: BGMR Tri at Greenbush TBD

Sat, Jan. 30: Northwest Tournament at Fertile TBD

Girls Basketball

Fri, Jan. 15: Fosston at Plummer 6:00 p.m.

Thu, Jan. 21: Laporte at Laporte 6:00 p.m.

Fri, Jan. 22: WAO at Plummer 6:00 p.m.

Tue, Jan. 26: WEM at Oklee 6:00 p.m.

Thu, Jan. 28: Cass Lake at Cass Lake 6:00 p.m.

Mustangs Fall to Bears

By: Wyatt Waldal

The Red Lake County Central Mustangs hosted the Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears on January 4th at Oklee. The Bears won the game 72-41 at the end of the night.

The scorers for the Mustangs were Ashley Longtin 14, Taylor Bushelle nine, Julia Bernstein eight, Brandi Jensen four, Katheryne Dehate three, Michelle Sundquist three, and. The scorers for the Bears were Madison Stenzel 38, Cassie Faldet 22, Liz Bodensteiner 17, Hannah Johnson 10, Rachel Spray five, Allison Wieler four, Brynn Hetland four, Alison Johnson two, and Tamara Skinaway one.

Oklee Ice Skating

Rink Open

By: Katie Pendelton

The ice skating rink in Oklee has been opened. The rink is open Monday to Friday 3:30 pm to 8:00 pm, Saturdays 9:00 am to 8:00 pm, and Sundays 12 noon to 8:00 pm. The ice skating rink is open to the public.

The skating rink will remain closed on days of home school events. For any questions, call 218-686-8979. The skating rink is sponsored by Oklee Community Education.

RLC vs EGF

By: Ethan Vettleson

The Red Lake County Rebels boys' basketball played the East Grand Forks Green Wave on Tuesday, January 5. The Green Wave defeated the Rebels 64-48. Drake Engelstad and Austin Waliser led the team with 14 points with Will Duden following with eight, Austin May five, Matt Vettleson three and Ethan Johnson with three.

Cole Hammargren led the Green Wave with 22 points followed by Aaron Havis 13, Sam Votava eight, Chance Borden six, Edmond Jones five, Julian Benson four, and Tyler Vossler two.

RLC boys' basketball defeats Goodridge/Grygla

By: Nicole Rieneau

January 1 the Red Lake County Rebels played their boys' basketball game in Oklee against Goodridge/Grygla. The Rebels led the first half 37-29 and outscored the Chargers 27-16 the second half, with the final score being 64-45.

The RLC boys scoring included Austin Waliser with 22 points, Drake Engelstad 17, Will Duden eight, Ethan Vettleson eight, Austin May four, Talon Porter four and Marcus Christensen one. They made 42% of their shots. May led the team with nine rebounds and three steals. Engelstad had seven rebounds and seven assists. Waliser pulled down six rebounds, and Duden had two steals.

For Goodridge/Grygla, Tyler Stinar had a total of 13 points, Ty Jelle 10, Ben Groven six, Blaine Kriel five, M. Jelen four, Austin Brateng three, Hogan Lundeen two, and Benji Wilebski two. They made 33% of their shots. Stinar had a double-double with 15 rebounds, and Groven had 10. Kriel had three steals.

RLCC Mustangs play BGMR Gators

By: Taylor Klasen

Tuesday, December 29, Red Lake County Central Mustangs lost to the Badger-Greenbush-Middle River Gators 28-58 in Greenbush. Ending the first half the Mustangs were behind 17-28. Scoring for the Mustangs were Ashley Longtin with 10 points, Julia Bernstein eight, Kat DeHate seven, Taylor Bushelle two, and Brandi Jensen one point.

Gator scorers included Carly Mekash scoring 16 points, Megan Larson 10, Amy Svir eight, Sierrah Mooney six, Maddie Janicke six, Emily Anderson five, Alyssa Kilen four, and Jessica Benke three points.

RLCC hosts Wrestling Triangular

By: Wyatt Waldal and Katie Pendelton

A wrestling triangular was held in Oklee on Tuesday, January 5th. The teams wrestling were Red Lake County Central Mustangs, MayPort Clifford Galesburg Patriots and the Roseau Rams.

The Mustangs won 33-24 over MayPort C-G. Bryce Bergerson wrestling at 106 won by forfeit. Konner Elliot wrestling at 120 pinned Tyler Sandahl from RLCC in 1:09. Justin Holkesvig from MPCG wrestling at 126 won by forfeit. Kade Elliot from MPCG wrestling at 132 pinned Ben Kolling from RLCC in 2:46. Dylan Gustafson from RLCC wrestling at 145 won by an 8-5 decision over Keegan Elliot. Tristan Ferguson from RLCC wrestling at 152 won by forfeit. Sam Kleven from MPCG wrestling at 170 pinned Kyle Gagner in 2:48. George Duden from RLCC wrestling at 182 pinned Dane Leiland in

1:50. Nick Pahlen from RLCC wrestling at 195 won by forfeit. Tristan Larson from RLCC wrestling heavy weight pinned Ryan Moen in 12 seconds. There were double forfeits in the weight classes 113, 138, 160, and 220.

Wrestling against Rams

Against the Roseau Rams, the Mustangs lost 42-24. Bryce Bergeson lost to Conner Eidsmoe in a 1-2 decision at 113 lbs. Tyler Sandahl (120 lbs.) was pinned by Riley Eidsmoe in 2:38. Ben Kolling (132 lbs.) was pinned by Chandler Mooney in 1:11. Dylan Gustafson (138 lbs.) pinned Owen Gross in 3:20. Kyle Gagner (160 lbs.) was pinned by Brandon McCourt in 3:37. George Duden (182 lbs.) was pinned by James Rauser in 1:22. Tristan Larson (Heavy weight) pinned Erik Karl in 1:52. From Roseau Race Knochenmus (106 lbs.) won by forfeit, Ben Olson (126 lbs.) won by forfeit, and Blake Skogstad (170 lbs.) won by forfeit. There were double forfeits in the 145 lbs. and 220 lbs.

Fertile-Beltrami Pine to Prairie Wrestling Tournament

By: Wyatt Waldal

The Pine to Prairie Tournament was held on January 2. The leading teams were New York Mills 137.0 points, Fosston/Bagley 130.5, and Fertile-Beltrami 107.0. Red Lake County Central ended with 62.0.

The first place wrestlers from RLCC were Dylan Gustafson wrestling at 138 lbs, and Tristan Larson wrestling at heavyweight. The second place wrestler was Nick Pahlen wrestling at 195. The third place wrestler was Tristyn Ferguson wrestling at 152. The fourth place wrestlers were Bryce Bergerson wrestling at 106, and George Duden wrestling at 182.

RLCC against Red Lake

By: Nicole Rieneau

The Red Lake County Central girls played Red Lake January 7th in Oklee. The final score was RLCC-44 and Red Lake-83 with the first half being 18-34.

For the RLCC girls Brandi Jensen had 22 points, Katheryne DeHate six, Taylor Bushelle six, Julia Berstein five, Ashley Longtin four and Michelle Sundquist one.

Red Lake girls scoring were Angel McClain who had 21 points, Grace White 20, Averl Holthusen 17, Gerika Kingbird seven, Alexis Desjarlait five, Sydney Beaulieu five, Tanisha Beaulieu three, Autumn Holthusen three and Danielle Seki two.

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November Students of the Month were seventh grader Adriel Bakken and twelfth grader Brandi Jensen. Bakken was nominated by Mrs. Patty Mickelson and Jensen by Mr. Steven Strutz.

November Students of the Month at RLCC

By: Asia Davis

The junior high Student of the Month for November at Red Lake County Central in Oklee was chosen by Mrs. Patty Mickelson and it went to Adriel Bakken. Mrs. Mickelson said, "Adriel has excellent grades and a great attitude. She looks forward to new challenges involved in extra activities. She stands out in the care shown to help out other people."

Bakken is in seventh grade and is 12 years old. She is the

daughter of Rob and Tanya Bakken and has two brothers by the names of Noah and Kaleb Bakken. Bakken likes to play volleyball, basketball, softball, paint, and spend time with her cousins and the rest of her family.

The November senior high Student of the Month was chosen by Mr. Steven Strutz and it went to Brandi Jensen. Mr. Strutz described Jensen as "a hard worker who has successfully achieved over a

3.5 gpa." He also said that she was an overachiever and he can count on her to get her work done.

Jensen is in 12th grade and is 18 years old. She is the daughter of Carrie and Jason Jensen and has four siblings by the names of Peyton, Tyler, Austin, and Salyha. Jensen is involved in basketball, softball, and river watch. She also likes to spend most her time sleeping and watching Netflix.



Red Lake County Central High School volleyball Spotlight on Scholarship Awards went to (from front to back) Julia Bernstein, Calyssa Eskeli, Sydnie Gunderson, Billie Gryskiewicz, Megan Smith, Hannah Kolstoe, Taylor Bushelle, Shelby Gunderson, Megan Berberich, Ashley Longtin, Kelsie Sirjord, Nikki Schmitz, Michelle Sundquist, Holly Vettleson, Asia Davis, and Ana Almeida.

Spotlight on Scholarship Certificates

By: Ana Almeida

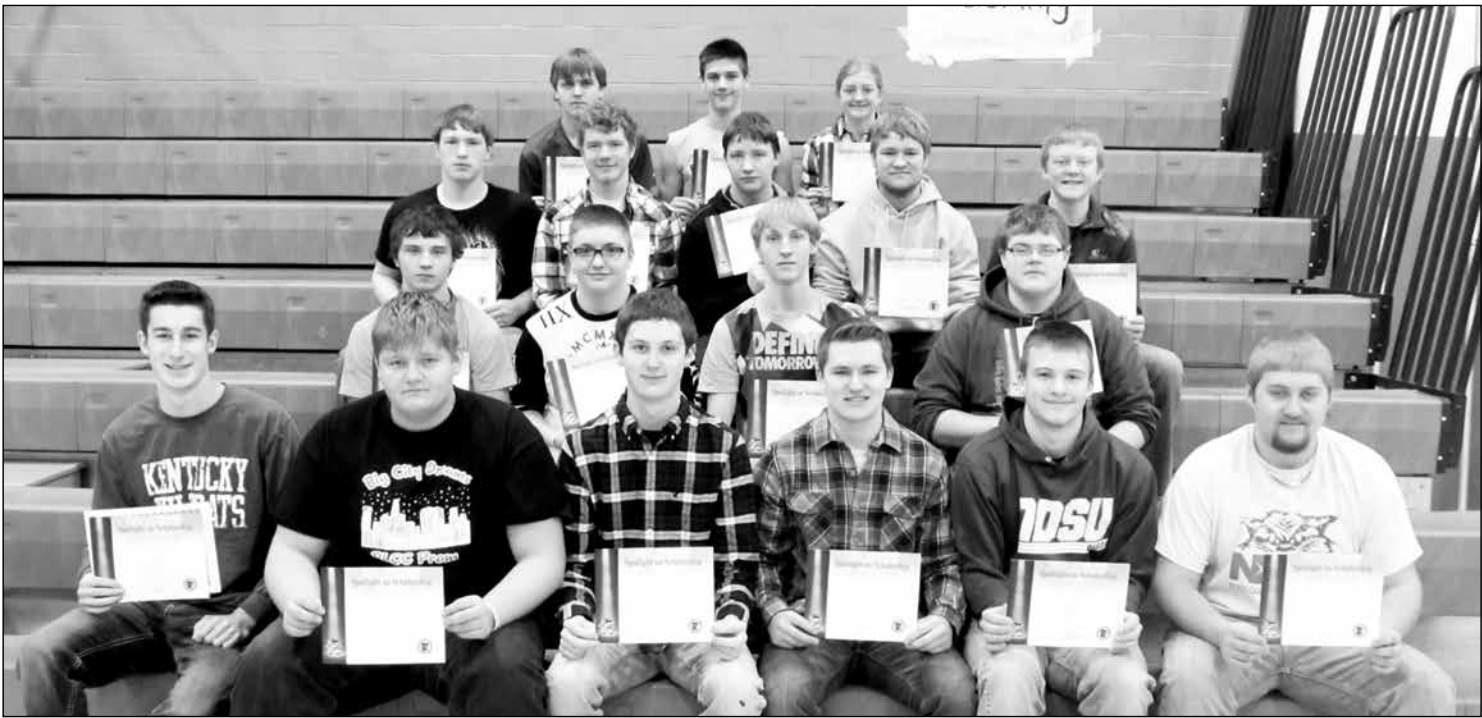
The Red Lake County Central High School awarded the Spotlight on Scholarship to students who maintained a 3.0 grade point average while participating in fall athletics. Thirty-five students received certificates from the Minnesota State High School League for their achievements.

For the 2015 football season the recipients were the seniors: Austin Waliser, Brendan

Krueger, Devin Lambert, Alan Nemec, Seth Johnson, Marcus Christensen and Wyatt Waldal, juniors: Talon Porter, Dylan Gustafson, Brandon Lee and Makay Berns, sophomores: Tyler Jensen, Nick Pahlen, Seth Paradis, Matt Vettleson and Ethan Vettleson and freshmen: Connor Lambert, Dawson Rystad and Zoe Russillo.

For the volleyball season, seniors: Michelle Sundquist,

Holly Vettleson, Asia Davis and Ana Almeida, juniors: Ashley Longtin, Megan Berberich, Taylor Bushelle, Nicole Schmitz, Kelsie Sirjord and Shelby Gunderson, sophomores: Billie Jo Gryskiewicz, Megan Smith and Hannah Kolstoe, freshmen Sydnie Gunderson and Julia Bernstein, and eight grader Calyssa Eskeli received certificates.



Football players (back to front) Dawson Rystad, Connor Lambert, Zoe Russillo, Nick Pahlen, Matthew Vettleson, Tyler Jensen, Seth Paradis, Ethan Vettleson, Dylan Gustafson, Brandon Lee, Talon Porter, Makay Berns, Austin Waliser, Marcus Christensen, Alan Nemec, Brendan Kruger, Devin Lambert, and Seth Johnson with their the Spotlight on Scholarship certificates.

Red Lake County Extension Educator

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Future Weed Management?

You cannot avoid the topic of herbicide resistant weed management these days. Regardless of where you are growing crops in the U S, the chances are very high that there are herbicide resistant weeds near you or even on your farm; even if it is in Northwest Minnesota.

While weed species of concern may differ from one region to another region of the U S, resistance problems do not differ. After you read this information on the current situation; keep in mind some this information as you consider weed control options in the future. Herbicide resistance is not a new problem. For example, atrazine was first registered for use in the U S in 1958 and the first incidence of an atrazine resistant weed, common groundsel, was reported in 1968. For as long as farmers have been using herbicides, there have been weeds capable of developing resistance. But in previous decades, there were other factors that helped buffer against the problem that herbicide resistant weeds posed. Tillage was used more often and controlled weeds by burying them and their seeds or uprooting seedlings. Farms were smaller and typically allowed a farmer to spend more time per acre on weed control. In the realm of herbicides, more companies were competing against each other to develop new modes of action and bring products to market. In 2012, it was estimated that before 1990, a new herbicide mode of action was introduced about every three years. Since 1990, there have been no new modes of action introduced.

The other major game changer was the introduction of ROUNDUP(TM) READY CROPS. Roundup Ready soybeans were first sold in 1996 and provided a simple, effective option for controlling both broad leaf and grass weeds with little risk of crop injury. This was a major advantage over older chemistry's and growers responded by adopting the technology at an unprecedented pace. In 1997, ROUNDUP READY CANOLA AND COTTON were introduced and corn followed in 1998. Even in a corn-soybean rotation, the same herbicide could now be used every year. Growing ROUNDUP READY corn and soybean and relying

heavily, or in some cases excursively, on ROUNDUP homogenized weed control across crops. This in turn reduced the benefits of crop rotation on weed management. The ROUNDUP READY system was simple, convenient and facilitated the adoption of reduced tillage practices. The labor savings resulting from reduced tillage complemented larger trends of increasing farm size and fewer farmers. But the great success and wide adoption of ROUNDUP based weed control tactics, even across crop rotations, selected for weeds that were ROUNDUP (glyphosate) resistant.

Glyphosate resistant weeds species are now common in many states and some examples include water hemp, kochia, Palmer amaranth, common ragweed, and horse weed also known as mares tail. Some of these species have developed multiple herbicide resistance and options for chemical control are running out. There are populations of water hemp in Illinois and Missouri that have been identified as being resistant to three classes of herbicides: triazine (Group 5), ALS(Group 2), and PPO (Group 14); or glyphosate (Group 9), ALS (Group 9), ALS (Group 2), and PPO (Group 14).

So where do we go from here? We are being presented the option of growing crops with multiple herbicide resistance traits such as Dow's ENLIST(TM) which combines glyphosate and 2,4-D or Monsanto's ROUNDUP READY 2 EXTEND (TM) which combines glyphosate and dicamba. These options will likely be available in multiple crops which means in-season herbicide applications could again be the same even in different crops. While these

options may help control some glyphosate resistant weeds in the short term, the evidence is not strong for continued control into the future. Even without the constraints of corn- soybean rotations, we have the opportunity to be more creative in how we manage our weeds. Cultural practices such as narrow row row spacing in soybean, selecting corn hybrids with fast emergence, planting cover crops, aligning fertilizer application with crop uptake, and selecting a diverse herbicide program across crops are all practices that contribute to more robust weed management programs. As new crop herbicides combinations become available, a longer term perspective on weed management is still important. Consider not only what you do within a year, but also what you do across the years. Selecting different tactics across time will be key to preserving the value of the technologies you use.

To have questions answered about this information, or to receive more information; contact William Curran, Penn, State University Extension Weed Specialist at wcuran@psu.edu.

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Statepoint Crossword Theme: Hollywood Legends

- ACROSS
- Buzz off
 - Dunce
 - Back of the neck
 - Big Dipper shape
 - Rejuvenating spot
 - Succeed
 - Helped
 - Waikiki garb
 - *Like characters played by Lon Chaney
 - *Marx brother
 - *Famously played title role in "Cleopatra"
 - *1950s teen idol, ___ Hunter
 - Not that
 - Thrilla in Manila boxer
 - Friendly jab on Facebook
 - Set aside as inferior
 - Marijuana user's hookah
 - Stole material
 - Cowboy sport
 - Christmas season

- Boston hockey player
- Petri dish filler
- Holiday activity?
- Caffeine tree
- Egg holder
- *1979 Sean Connery and Natalie Wood clunker
- Newton, e.g.
- ___ no evil,..."
- Spew profanities
- Roman road
- *Scarlett O'Hara or Blanche DuBois
- *Katharine or Audrey
- Asian chew
- Springsteen's "Born in the ___"
- Make baby food?
- Mountain ridge
- #37 Across, e.g.
- English county
- Training spots
- ATM extra
- Doled out cards

- DOWN
- Smeltery refuse
 - Age of Aquarius flick
 - Edible root of taro plants
 - Alaska native
 - Train station porter's head gear
 - Northern European capital
 - *Kong, e.g.
 - Country singer ___ Hill
 - Season to be jolly
 - 1970s hairdo
 - *Laurel and Hardy or Abbott and Costello
 - Old-fashioned "before"
 - Old Faithful
 - Edward Teller's creation
 - Lung necessity
 - Lacking substance
 - Deep cavity
 - Jeweler's glass
 - Coastal feature
 - *"Spartacus" star
 - *"Mommie Dearest"
 - Ruler sides, e.g.
 - This and desist
 - Type of dessert
 - *"An American in Paris"
 - Potter's oven
 - Lacking guile
 - Easily handled
 - Poe's "The Murders in the ___ Morgue"
 - Left gratuity
 - Pinch in the nose
 - Bullying, e.g.
 - Extremely
 - Any thing
 - Docs for dachshunds
 - Aesop's race competitor
 - Celestial bear
 - *Where all Hollywood legends' work winds up
 - Sales clerk's call
 - Paper or plastic?
 - Seek damages

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Senior Site News and Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

Today turned out to be sunny but frigid. It is a rapid turn from the past month. We did have a nice first week of January so guess we should not be too surprised to have colder weather appear.

Bridge on Wednesday, Bingo on Thursday and Friday will be the Birthday Meal for January. If you have a January Birthday sign up for the meal and "just maybe" you will be the lucky winner of a free meal.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan 15 - Birthday Meal
Jan. 19 - Pot Luck Meal
Jan. 21 - Senior Site Council Meets

WORDS OF WISDOM

Appropriate words spoken at the appropriate time can be a force of nature.

The only time you have the opportunity to change is the present moment.

JOKE TIME

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

As you all well know the other shoe dropped and the temperatures are in the dumper. It is shocking to the body to feel the cold after such nice temps for so long. But we are in Minnesota in January. Winter has been shortened considerably though so we should be thankful for that. Spring is just around the corner now.

Diane Gagner spent the weekend in St. Cloud where she met with Stephanie Koralewski. Fun times just kicking back shopping and taking in activities together.

Red Hats will meet on this Wednesday January 13th at the Cozy. Bring a guest.

Pam Paradis had guests over the weekend. Chelsey Kjonos and Carter came to visit so Pam could get some Grandma time in. Dane Kjonos went to the Vikings game.

Sandra Gagner recently went to the cities for a visit with her sister Beverly, and her daughters. The girls were home for the holidays and Sandra got to visit with them.

Several Brooks residents went to the Vikings Play-off game over the weekend. Their hopes were dashed the last few seconds of the game when a kick missed the uprights eliminating the Vikes from the Super Bowl. We will wait again for next year.

Jerome and Barb Novak went to Grand Forks to visit with family at Altru while waiting for the outcome of a health crisis with Elvern Vanyo. Her condition has stabilized somewhat, prayers are welcome for her good health.

Del and Cindy Determan returned from Colorado last week and Cindy was very happy to report and showed pictures of the 800 pound elk cow that she shot while hunting there. They went to visit Del's sister Monica Odom at Nucla, Colorado. The gun that Cindy used in her hunt was a Ruger 308 and she shot one shot from 300 yards to bag this elk. Who said that women were wimps. Congratulations Cindy.

Cindy and Del Determan,

A man went to the doctor's for his annual physical. He told the doctor "I'm getting really forgetful. "I forget where I live, I forget where I've parked my car, and I go into shops and can't remember what it is that I want. And when I do get the checkout, I find I've forgotten my wallet. It's getting pretty bad."

What can I do?"

The doctor thought for a moment and said: "Pay me advance."

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

Some of the Plummer guys went fishing over the weekend and through Monday and reported having good luck. The ice is still not very thick.

Alice Jobe visited Jean Matt and Fern Eskell on Monday and enjoyed coffee with them at Oakland Park Nursing Home.

Tri River Pioneer Museum members met Monday, January 4th at 7:00 p.m. The work shop is being used. They need to get paint for the baler. The Farmall tractor they got needs tires. Also we are looking for new members, young or old.

Lee Halvorson died Sunday, January 3rd. The funeral was held at Immanuel Church on Thursday at 11:00 a.m. Lunch was served by the Immanuel ladies group. Burial was at Clearwater Cemetery. Family came from North Dakota and

other areas. Lee had just retired from DigiKey.

C.J. (Carmine) and Kelly Montasano and son Monte of Glen Cove, New York visited with family and friends and stayed at Arlene Zimpel's. They attended Lee Halvorson's funeral. They planned to fly home Tuesday, January 12th. Kelly is Arlene's granddaughter.

The weather has certainly been nice and warm, temperatures hitting 30 and 32 degrees, but mostly in the 20's. I went skiing the previous Friday, New Years Day. It was nice. Also went Wednesday. I figured I better go as the weekend will be bitter cold.

I guess some areas in North Dakota got heavy snow fall, over 10 inches. Fosston and

Bemidji were supposed to get a lot.

I heard on the radio (KKDQ TRF) this morning about the blizzard from 1873 on January 7th that hit Minnesota. There were 75 mph winds. And it got down to 49 below 0. A man and his oxen were found froze to death in his yard. Also, a man who was coming from the barn, I think, never made it and was found 8 miles away. They didn't say how many lives were lost. But it sounded awful.

Anyway, since I didn't have much news, hope you don't mind reading weather related stuff.

The Christmas decorations were taken down early in the week around town. That time sure went fast.

Stay warm and safe!

Regional Ag News

Jim Stordahl, Extension Educator

Growing Onions from Seed

Onions are a favorite for most gardeners. Onions are cousins of garlic, chives, leeks and shallots. They're mostly biennials, producing vegetative growth the first year and flowers with seed during their second year of growth. Of course, we seldom see this phase since we typically harvest onions after the first season.

Onions can be started three ways: growing your own transplants, sets and direct seeding. Though planting onion sets is the most popular way to grow them, you'll have better results transplanting seedlings you start indoors ahead of time, hence the reason for this information in the dead of winter. If you want to grow onions from seed, now is the time to get going. Growing onions from seed is not a fast process.

The advantage in raising your own transplants is that you will have a jump on spring, far more choice in varieties, plus it's less expensive than purchasing transplants. Transplants are available through mail order and some garden centers. Regardless of the source, transplants will give you bigger onions by fall. Onions need to be planted indoors 8 to 12 weeks before transplanting outside, so plant the seeds in February to transplant onion seedlings outside in May. Buy only as much seed as you will use this year, onion seeds don't remain viable for much over a year.

The most important thing to remember when buying onion seed is day length, especially if you're ordering from a national mail order firm. In Minnesota, we need to buy "long day" onion seeds because our summer days can be 16 hours long.

In the south, day length varies less and averages about

12 hours of light per day. Onions for southern gardeners are "short day" onions. You can raise short day onions in Minnesota but they will bulb as soon as day length reaches 12 hours and you'll get small onions.

Long day varieties start to bulb when day lengths are about 14-16 hours. When you start onion seeds indoors, keep lights on only 12 hours each day to give the plants a suitable night. Onion seedlings will form bulbs too early if exposed to long days at any time during their development. You will not get anything bigger than sets.

Plant onion seeds ¼-½" deep in a sterile seed-starting media. They can be planted 3 to a cell in recycled four or six packs or sow thickly in rows if you plant in a deep (4" to 6") flat or other container. Keep tops trimmed 3-4" tall and water regularly to maintain adequate soil moisture.

Onion seedlings need to be hardened off before transplanting outside, after danger of frost has passed. Expose young plants to outdoor conditions gradually, over a two week period.

Plant seedlings four inches apart and just deeply enough to catch in the soil and when mature, they'll appear to sit on top of the soil.

If you don't want to fuss with growing your own transplants, onion sets are another option. Sets are onions that were planted from seed last year. Sets for white, yellow and red onions are available from mail order catalogs and even some grocery stores.

Buy onion sets that are firm and marble size but have not sprouted. Big sets may split into two bulbs or produce a flower stalk very early. (When an onion sends up a flower stalk, pull the onion and use it; it will not continue to grow

larger nor will it store well.) Sort sets into those larger than a dime and those smaller. Plant the larger sets for green onions and plant the smaller ones with adequate spacing: they'll produce bigger onions.

Because sets tolerate light frost so you can plant them quite early. Plant onion sets pointy end up, 1½ to 2" below soil. If you're planting big sets for green onions, space them close, almost touching. If you're planting them for full size onions, space them 3 to 4" apart. Firm the soil around the bulbs. Choose a location with at least 6 hours of direct sunlight. Sun all day is even better.

If you want to plant onion seeds directly in the garden, you'll probably be most successful with green onions, also called scallions. Our short season makes success less likely when direct-seeding bulb-type onions.

For more information, contact me at 800-450-2465 or stordahl@umn.edu. Source: Beth Jarvis, UM Horticulture.

Bonny's Bits...

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Sorry, no Early Files this week. I had a short week and didn't have time to dig out the books for the years, 2006, 1996, 1986, etc. I will get them lined up for next weeks newspaper.

This past weekend I took a trip to the cities to watch my two nieces compete in the UDA Competition at the Mall of America. Their groups won both 1st and 2nd places, but I don't know which categories. It is so hard to hear the announcer with all the commotion in the Mall.

And I got a nice cold during all this running around during the holiday seasons, so it's time for some TLC. for me. LOL

Wednesday, January 13, 2016