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Master Sergeant Reyes Keynote Speaker at Plummer Memorial Day Program

For the first time in many, many years rain forced the Plummer Memorial Day program indoors. With sprinkles coming down on and off all morning, the Plummer American Legion moved the program indoors to American Legion Post 623.

The crowd filled the tables pushed to the sides to create a center aisle for the color guard to advance. Vice-commander Jeff Aakhus welcomed everyone and asked for the colors to advance while the rifle squad filed to a row of chairs by the outside door. Chuck Simpson was in charge of the color guard. Following an invocation by post chaplain Les Hofstad, Alice Jobe of the Plummer Legion Auxiliary and Clarence Gagner of the Legion, laid the memorial wreaths, which was followed by the playing of the National Anthem.



Plummer Legion Post 623 Vice-commander Jeff Aakhus led the Memorial Day program at the Plummer Legion Club.

Aakhus introduced the speaker for the day, Master Sergeant Reyes from the Grand Forks Airbase.

Sergeant Reyes began by offering three groups with different perspectives about Memorial Day. First were civilians without a connection to the military who may or may not

support the military. Second, were people who had some sort of association with someone in the military: friends, aunts, uncles, brothers, family. Family members of military members never stop worrying about them. The third group was the service members themselves. Military is a unique thing. You can't understand if you haven't experienced it. It's more than a job; it's a lifestyle. People without a connection may not understand it's more than an 9-5 job.



Master Sergeant Reyes from the Grand Forks Airbase was the Memorial Day speaker in Plummer.

Sergeant Reyes spoke of his personal experience of a losing a best friend to PTSD. The

friend took his life. So, for Reyes Memorial Day has a personal meaning, losing a friend, and also a service meaning, since his friend had been a member of the military. He had another experience of losing a man who was in his flight unit who took his own life. Reyes was part of a support group, and it was his duty to speak to the mother. It was one of the hardest things he had to do in his 16 years of military service. He concluded by saying he was so glad we have Memorial Day to remember those people who served and thanked everyone for being here and for caring.

Following Sergeant Reyes, Clarence Gagner and Alice Jobe read the names of the deceased Legion and Auxiliary members. Following the benediction by Chaplain Hofstad, the rifle squad fired the salute just outside the doors of the Legion. As the gunshots faded away, the sound of taps floated into the Post. The colors were retired, Lee Greenwood's song *God Bless the USA* was played, and everyone was dismissed. With the rainy weather there was no salute at the river bridge. Everyone who stayed enjoyed a lunch of barbecues, macaroni salad, chips, and brownies.



Alice Jobe of the American Legion Auxiliary and Clarence Gagner of the Legion lay the memorial wreaths at the Plummer Memorial Day program.



Color guard members stand at attention as the rifle salute is fired outside the Legion doors.



Attendees of the Memorial Day program at the Plummer Legion applaud the Master Sergeant Reyes as he concludes his talk. For the first time in years, the program was moved indoors because of the rain.

2022 Election Filings

Candidates for offices elected at the November 8, 2022 State General Election can be found using the candidate finder on the Minnesota State Secretary website: <https://candidates.sos.state.mn.us/>. Once at that site you can do searches for any offices or positions filed for.

In Red Lake County persons filing for a county seat were:

Commissioner District 1: Anthony "Chuck" Flage.
Commissioner District 3: George Burthwick
Delane John Dudycha
Commissioner District 4: Allen Remick
County Treasurer: Nick Knott

County Sheriff: Mitch Bernstein
County Attorney: No candidate filed.
Soil & Water Supervisor District 1: Kevin W. Reich
Soil & Water Supervisor District 2: David Miller
Soil & Water Supervisor District 5: No candidate filed.
In Polk County persons filing for a county seat were:
Commissioner District 2: Curtis Knutson
Warren Strandell
Commissioner District 4: Dennis R. Boucher

Joan K. Lee
Commissioner District 5: Mark Holy
County Sheriff: Jim Tadmán
County Attorney: Gregory Widseth
Soil & Water Supervisor District 1 (East): Kenneth Pederson
Soil & Water Supervisor District 2 (East): David Kiecker
Special Soil & Water Supervisor District 3 (East): Kory Sonstelie
Soil & Water Supervisor District 1 (West): Eric McWalter
Soil & Water Supervisor District 3 (West): Johnathan Sorenson



The Color Guard presented the Colors to begin the program on Memorial Day in Oklee.

Memorial Day Program held in Oklee

On Memorial Day a crowd gathered at the Oklee High School in remembrance of our country's veterans who are no longer with us. The program began at 10AM with the presentation of the colors by American Legion Post #159, which was followed by a prayer from Chaplain Don Stenberg.

American Legion Commander Rick Dulka gave a welcome address and introduced the guest speaker, Airman First Class Dione Dennard, of the Grand Forks Airbase.

Airman First Class Dennard has an inspiring story about pursuing her dreams, persevering through setbacks and after five years and a previously unsuccessful attempt at joining the US Military, she is finally making her dream come true.

Just days after her 30th birthday A1C Dennard walked



Airman First Class Dione Dennard.

out of basic training, left home for the first time and embarked on a journey filled with excitement and unknowns. Although joining the Air Force was the best and easiest decision she feels she's made so far, it didn't come without challenges and

sacrifice. Having to be separated from her eight-year-old son Corey Jr. was difficult but A1C Dennard knew it was all part of her mission. She is proud and honored to serve her country while changing the trajectory of her and her son's future, by securing a more adventurous and beautiful life for them. A1C Dennard wants everyone to know that it's never too late to make your dreams come true.

During her speech, A1C Dione Dennard spoke on the history of Memorial Day and how it has evolved over time. Originally called Decoration Day, from the early tradition of decorating graves with flowers, wreaths and flags, Memorial Day is a day for remembrance of those who have died in service of our country. It was first widely observed on May 30, 1868 to commemorate the sacrifices of Civil War soldiers. After World War I, it became an occasion for honoring those who died in all of America's wars and was then more widely established as a National holiday throughout the United States. In 1971, Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act and established that Memorial Day was to be commemorated on the last Monday of May.

Following the guest speaker, Don Brown was presented with an honor quilt for his service to our country. He was surprised by his nomination and selection and was very moved by the presentation. His wife stated it was difficult keeping it a secret from him for weeks.

An honorary roll call of area soldiers was also read to the audience. It was very humbling to hear the names of all those who have served from our area, and eventually passed on. It is a good reminder of the true meaning of Memorial Day.

Throughout the program there was wonderful music provided by the family of Cliff and Barb Melby. Piano was played by Erin and Simone Crawford and vocals were sung by Cliff Crawford and Sydney Melby. At the conclusion of the ceremony there were bars and coffee provided by the American Legion Auxiliary.



Members of the Oklee American Legion Post #159 standing with the speaker for the program, A1C Dione Dennard. Legion members (l to r): Don Brown, Don Stenberg, John Lessard, Jan Dulka, John Lerohl, Commander Rick Dulka, Larry Skallet, Brian Bjerklie, and Vincent Dessellier.



Don Brown was surprised with an "Honor Quilt" made by the Red, White and Blue quilting group at the Memorial Day Program. It was presented by Shirley Dessellier.

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH

Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Sun, June 12: 10:00 a.m.
Joint Service at Zion, followed by an Egg Bake.

Tue, June 14: 7:00 p.m.
Salem Council meeting.

Wed, June 15: 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday night Service at Parsonage Lawn.

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, 11:45 a.m. - Grygla, 10:00 a.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, June 12: 9:00 a.m.
Worship at Ebenezer. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Immanuel.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH

Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Pastor Kristen Ostercamp

Sun, June 12: 8 a.m. Faith

Worship. 9:30 a.m. Bethany

Worship. 11:00 a.m. Ekelund

Worship.

Mon, June 13: 7:00 p.m.

Parish Council meeting at Faith.

Tri-Valley Public Transportation

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

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Every Monday - Grand Forks.

Every 2nd Tuesday - Mahanomen.

Every 4th Tuesday - Thief River Falls

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

Every 2nd & 4th Friday - Bemidji.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH

Mt. Olive - Nazareth
Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Sat, June 11: Mt Olive: 9:00 a.m.

Sun, June 12: St. Petri: 8:00 a.m. Nazareth: 9:45 a.m. Oak Park: 11:00 a.m.

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

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH

Jarred LeBon, Pastor
Tyler Stynsberg, Assoc. Pastor

www.newjourneyfosston.com

Wed, June 8: 6:30 p.m.

Youth Group.

Sun, June 12: 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School. 10:00 a.m.

Worship.

Tue, June 14: 9:30 a.m.

Ladies Devotions.

Wed, June 15: 6:30 p.m.

Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH

Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley

Catholic Parish
Lay Minister

Sun, June 12: 9:00 a.m.

Lund. 10:30 a.m. Bethany.

Wed, June 15: 2:00 p.m.

Sand Valley Ladies Aid. 8:00 p.m. Sand Valley Parish Board meeting.

CDC safety guidelines for COVID-19 will be followed.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY

Fosston
Seth Johnson, Head Pastor

Sundays: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School. 10:00 a.m. Worship Service.

Wednesday Evening: 6:30 p.m. Kids, High School & Adult programs.

Services will continue to be live-streamed on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/bethelfosston>) as an alternative to attending in person.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

June 13 - 17

No congregate meals served.

If you are over the age of 60 and you want a meal delivered to your home, call the Oklee Cafe 796-5666. Please call by Friday to order your meals from the menu below. If the cafe runs short, it will be Cook's Choice. A \$5.00 per meal donation is suggested.

Mon: Chicken vegetable soup, ham sandwich, milk, and dessert.

Tue: Turkey dinner, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, bread, milk, and dessert.

Wed: Cook's Choice, bread, milk, and dessert.

Thu: Hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, vegetable, bread, milk, and dessert.

Fri: Pork dinner, mashed potatoes, gravy, bread, milk, and dessert.

June 6, 1944



Zion Lutheran Church Oklee MN

Joint Service starts at 10 a.m. at Zion

Egg Bake Brunch
Sunday, June 12th
Starting at 11 a.m.

Everyone is Welcome!

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Plummer Legion members of the Rifle squad sat as a group near the front door of the Legion Post. Plummer Memorial Day Program was moved indoors because of the rain.

Inter-County Nursing Service Visit us on Facebook

Weekly COVID-19 Case Update for May 27th - June 2nd:
Pennington County case ages: 20's, 40's, 50's, 60's, & 90's. Red Lake County case ages: 20's.

*This case data does not reflect positive results from non-laboratory tests (example: antigen rapid home tests).

Please take precautions whether you are vaccinated or not. Wear a mask in indoor public spaces, social distance, stay away from crowds, stay home if you are sick, wash your hands frequently and get vaccinated.

	Pennington	Red Lake
• New confirmed cases since last report	10	1
• Total # of confirmed cases	3751	958
• # of Active Cases in Isolation	15	1
• Total # of Hospitalizations	162	39
• # Currently in Hospital	0	0
• Deaths	41	13

Oklee Centennial Cookbook Recipe Corner - Page 187

Baja Lasagna Anita Bachand

flour tortillas
1/2 tsp salt and pepper to taste
1 Tbsp vegetable oil
1 cup cottage cheese
1 clove garlic, minced
4 oz cream cheese
1 lb boneless, skinless chicken breasts
1/2 cup sour cream
8 oz can tomato sauce
1-2 Tbsp dried onion flakes
12 oz salsa
1/2 cup grated cheese (Monterey jack, cheddar, or combination)



Grease 9 x 13 pan. Brown minced garlic in vegetable oil for about a minute over medium-high heat. Slice chicken breasts into 2" slices and add to the oil and garlic; brown for 5-7 minutes. Add the tomato sauce, salsa, salt and pepper and simmer for about 30 min. In separate bowl, combine cottage cheese, cream cheese, sour cream, parsley, and dried onions. Mix until smooth and creamy. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In baking dish, place a layer of tortillas, one half of the chicken sauce, all of the cheese mixture, another layer of tortillas, and top with remaining chicken sauce. Sprinkle with grated cheese. Cover with foil, tucking around the edges. Bake for 25 min. Remove foil and bake uncovered for an additional 25 min. Let stand for 10-15 minutes before serving.

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

Calendar of Events

Wed, June 8:

-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.

-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.

Thu, June 9:

-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.

Fri, June 10:

-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news

Sat, June 11:

-Support your local business - Shop Locally!

Sun, June 12:

-Worship at the church - check inside for church times and places.

Mon, June 13:

-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.

Tue, June 14:

-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.

Wed, June 15:

-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.

-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.



Don Browns wife LaVonne, stated it was very hard to keep this a secret.

Don Brown was presented with an Honor Quilt by Shirley Dessellier with Commander Rick Dulka helping.

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Parenting Tips

Now that the weather is starting to get beautiful and the days are getting longer, we as parents should get outside along with our kids and make some memories.

Camping in your yard, roasting marshmallows. Hey why not a good old game of hide and seek. Think about all the activities you did as a child and do those with yours. You can lay on your back and look up at the stars.

You don't need to spend any money; you just need to spend your time. You can and will make memories that will last a lifetime. And don't forget one of the best games of all. Tag you're it.

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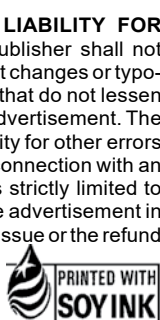
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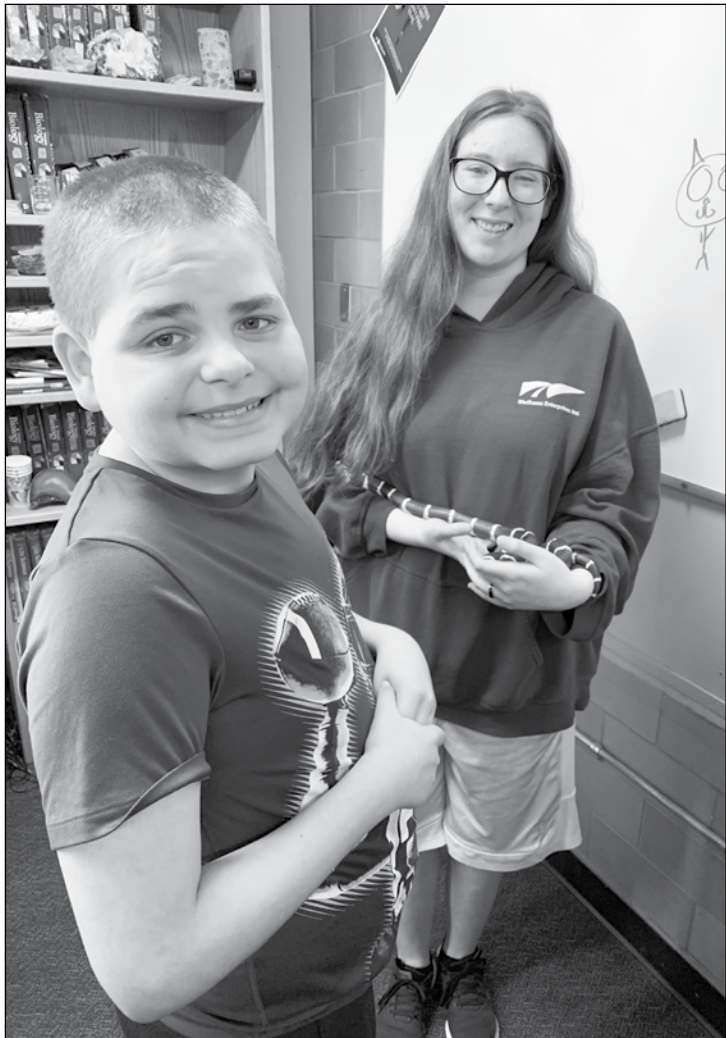
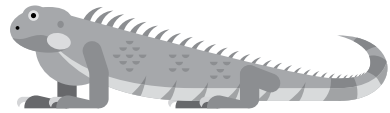


Mandy Roisland, Becky Glasser, and Gunnar Sundeen

Reptiles delight science students at Red Lake County Central

On Wednesday, May 18th, Gunnar Sandeen, a junior at RLCC High School brought his reptilian pets to school with him to visit Mr. Paul Nelson's early morning science classes. His mom, Mandy Roisland, and their cousin, Becky Glasser from Thief River Falls also brought in a few of their favorite reptilian pets as well. Gunnar and his mom had visited Mr. Nelson earlier in the school year and came up with a plan to surprise students with their visitors before school was let out.

Not only did Mr. Nelson's 7th and 8th graders enjoy the visiting guests, but many of the older students stopped by to give a warm welcome as well. For his 14th birthday, Gunnar asked for a snake, now he has 19 snakes. The mother and son pair also own 4 leopard Geckos, 1 Euromastiix, and 1 bearded dragon. Each reptile has its own enclosure except for the garter snakes. They order frozen rats and mice and they thaw them as you need them. Ms. Glasser joined in the fun with her 6 six snakes. Later in the afternoon, the women brought their pets to the elementary school.



Lucas Olson and Hannah Bassage enjoy visiting with the end of year visitors.



Brett Anderson, Payton Rystad, Paige Olson, Clowie Magnell, and Evelyn Kamm delight in their new friends.

RLCC Sr. & Jr. High School Students of the Month



April Students of the Month: Leif Hofstad (Jr. High) and Steven Sogla (Sr. High).

The April Junior High Student of the Month is **Leif Hofstad**, son of Jared and Jessica Hofstad. Leif is in the 8th grade and was nominated for Student of the Month because of his strong work ethic, positive attitude, consideration, and being so polite in the classroom. Leif has an older brother Orin, who is a junior at RLCCHS, and a younger sister, Lena, who is in the 6th grade. Leif is an active member of Channel 35 Multi-Media Club at school. At home, his hobbies include being outside, driving 4-wheeler, and hanging out with friends and family. Leif's favorite school lunches are pizza, hotdishes, or cheesy bread. Leif's favorite classes are English, History, Shop, and Science. His favorite teachers are Mrs. Aakhus, Mr. A. Nelson, Mr. P. Nelson, Mr. Moll, Ms. Hamrum, Mrs. Moll, Mrs. Lee, and Mr. Baril.

Steven Sogla is the Senior

High Student of the Month for April. Steven is a senior at RLCCHS and is the son of Keith and Kelly and his younger brother Dylan. Steven was nominated for student of the month because he has a strong work ethic in and out of class. Teachers have always been able to ask Steven for help with their computers, and he's always willing to help find solutions to any technical issues. At RLCCHS, Steven has been active in Robotics and Channel 35 Multi-Media Club at school. Steven's favorite teachers are Mr. Strutz and Mrs. Aakhus. Steven plans on attending Northland and working at Digikey Corporation. Mr. Strutz commented, "I don't know how we can replace Steven and his helpful attitude." Many teachers, including Mrs. Musker, agreed, "Whenever I need help, I can always count on Steven."



May Students of the Month: Kendra Christianson (Jr. High) and Tyler Eskeli (Sr. High).

The May Junior High Student of the Month is **Kendra Christianson**. Kendra is a ninth-grader at RLCCHS and is the daughter of Paula and Keith Christianson. She has a younger brother, Brennan who is in the 5th Grade. Kendra is active with the RLCC Mustang Volleyball Team and the Lady Rebels Volleyball Team outside of school. Kendra is an active member of RiverWatch and Student Senate and in her youth group at Salem Lutheran Church and plans to go to Minneapolis-St. Paul this summer with the group. Her favorite teacher is Mr. Strutz, and she loves Chemistry. Kendra was nominated for student of the month because of her mature mindset in class. She works hard to make sure every assignment she turns in is done well and meticulously. Kendra is enthusiastic about all of her activities and helps out where she is needed. "Kendra is a dedicated student." Mr. Paul Nelson observed. "I know she will succeed in everything she sets her mind to."

Tyler Eskeli is the May Senior High Student of the

Month. Tyler's parents are Becky Eskeli and Steve and Andrea Eskeli. Tyler has four siblings, Matthew, Kaylee, Calyssa, and Olin. Tyler is a senior and will be attending North Dakota School of Science in Wahpeton, ND in the fall. Tyler has been active in Rebel Football and Basketball since he was in seventh grade. Tyler also became active in Channel 35's Multi-Media club as a talented Sports Caster. Tyler's favorite coach and teacher is Mrs. Aakhus. Tyler was nominated for student of the month because he always finds the positive aspects in any situation and always gives positive feedback to everyone he comes in contact with. "Tyler always sees the good in everyone." Mr. Pederson explained when he announced Tyler to the student body. Later Mrs. Aakhus added, "Tyler has been such a joy to have in class whether in my seventh and eighth grade English classes or Newspaper class his senior year. He will leave big shoes to fill as a sportscaster, we will miss him at school." Congratulations to Kendra and Tyler

CRYPTO FUN

- Solve the code to discover words related to cats. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 18 = S)
- A. 7 3 8 18 15 11 26 18
Clue: Sensory hairs
- B. 24 4 7 18
Clue: Feet
- C. 5 1 10 24
Clue: Leap off surface
- D. 15 8 17 17 12
Clue: Nickname for a cat

Answers: A. whiskers B. paws C. jump D. kitty

RLCC Elementary News



Perfect Attendance for the 2021/2022 School Year (L-R) Isabella Brekke, Marvin Stauffacher & Lyla Dodson



