

Oklee Precipitation
By Einar Kvasager

	Rain	Snow
Jan. 12		0.50
Jan. 13		0.25
Jan. 14		Trace
Jan. 15		3.50
Total in.	0.00	4.25

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Wednesday, January 20, 2016

Calendar of Events

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.

Wed, Feb. 3:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.

-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.

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

Thu, Feb. 4:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.

-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.

Fri, Feb. 5:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.

-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.



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Gully: Gully Tri-Coop.

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Wed, Jan. 20: *Fargo-Moorhead* – Red Lake Falls, Plummer, Oklee, Erskine, Mentor, Crookston.

Thu, Jan. 21: *Grand Forks* – Thief River Falls.

Mon, Jan. 25: *Fargo-Moorhead* – Crookston. *Warroad/Seven Clans Casino* – Thief River Falls.

Tue, Jan. 26: *Mahnomen/Shooting Star Casino* – Crookston., Mentor, Erskine.

Thu, Jan. 28: *Bemidji* – Thief River, Red Lake Falls, Plummer, Oklee/Brooks, Trail/Gully, Fosston.

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 too warm or cold.

To complete the day of fun, that evening at TJ's Tavern of Oklee, a band from Bemidji, "Acoust Hicks" will be playing for a night of dancing. So make plans to ride the trails and dance the night away.

The Year in Review...

March 4, 2015: Students in French Club from Red Lake County Central High School and Lafayette High School in Red Lake Falls went on a trip to Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada...Ric Ven Auman from Red Lake County Central High School received the Triple "A" award which is an award that is given to a senior student who excels in academics, arts, and athletics...The Red Lake County Central Mustangs wrestling team wrestled at the Section 8A individual tournament February 20 and 21 in Glyndon. Those placing were Dylan Gustafson at 126 lbs, fifth place; Cody Gagner at 145 lbs, fourth; Tristan Larson placed third at heavyweight; and Cameron Lundeen second at 160 lbs making him a qualifier for the State Tournament.

March 11, 2015: Evening of fun at Oklee's Annual Firemen Blizzard. The Oklee Community Hall was packed with people and enjoyed a great homecooked chicken breast dinner. Over 250 meals were served by the Oklee Volunteer Fire Department. TJ's Tavern had their bar set up in their usual place serving many thirsty customers...Project Linus was a successful day in Oklee. completed about 15 that day, and many people brought in quilts they had made bringing the total to 27... The Red Lake County Central Student Senate attended the Northwest Division Winter Summit in East Grand Forks on Wednesday, February 25... Randy Huie was named the Northwest Division Advisor of the Year for the 2014-2015 school year. Huie is the Student Council Advisor for Red Lake County Central. He has been involved in Student Senate at RLCC as the advisor for 17 years.

March 18, 2015: Sump pumps ordinance discussed at City Council meeting. An ordinance regulating use of sump pumps and discharge of storm water, ground water and surface water into sanitary sewer system is being drawn up...A senior and a freshman were selected for Students of the Month at Red Lake County Central High School in Oklee. They were Mikayla Paradis and Sydney Melby...Kick Butts Day is a national initiative devoted to creating a tobacco-free generation. New hazards targeted include electronic cigarettes, the use of which doubled among middle and high school students between 2011 and 2012.

March 25, 2015: Morris Hendrickson, who lives south of Oklee in Hill River Township, was recently honored for 30 years of service as a supervisor on the Hill River Township board...A Family Literacy Event at Red Lake County Central Elementary was held immediately after school dismissal. There were guitars being tuned, signs being hung, floors being swept, books being sorted, movies being cued, barbecues cooking, and much more...Red Lake County has been chosen to receive \$2,800 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county...On St. Patrick's Day, Northwest Grain/CHS held a Harvest for Hunger fundraiser, serving soup and sandwiches. Serving was Kent Bergerson, Michelle Lowell, Bonnie Borene, and Steve Eskeli... A number of Red Lake County Central fifth through eighth grade students attended the Young Authors Conference at Northland Community and Technical College in Thief River Falls on Friday, March 13.

April 1, 2015: On Sunday, March 22, 40 quilts made by

the loving hands of women from Zion and Salem Lutheran Churches were blessed during Sunday worship services... For forty years the Minnesota House of Representatives High School Page Program has been giving high school juniors the chance to spend a week at the Minnesota State Capitol in St. Paul. This year Holly Vettleson from Red Lake County Central was a participant in the Page Program from March 9-March 13...Commander of the American Legion Frank Lund Post #159, Dean Walstad presented Elmer Hanson for his 60 years of service to the American Legion and the community. In honor of Elmer Hanson's many years of service, cake, coffee and cookies were served at the Oklee Café... RLCC High School River Watch received a ten year plaque from The International Water Institute and the Red River Water Management Board.

April 8, 2015: The three act mystery comedy WHILE THE LIGHTS WERE OUT by Jack Sharkey was presented to the public. The play takes place on Bermuda and the rich British family, the Wickenhams are having a bit of a row with the miserly head of the family Lord Clive Wickenham (Tom Nelson) ruling his castle with an iron hand pushing his family, Algernon (Nick Pahlen) and his young wife Monica (Kjersten Walton) to contemplate murder... Red Lake County's speech coach, Judy Schue was named the Sub-Section 31 Coach of the Year for the 2015 speech year. Schue has been involved in speech as a coach at Red Lake County Central as the assistant coach beginning in 1999 with Mrs. Susan Hage and then became head coach in 2014... The Rebel Speech Team competed at the MSHSL

Subsection 31A Tournament held in Oklee on Saturday, March 28. Advancing to the Section Tournament were Ric Ven Auman, Tom Nelson, Sophia Linder, Jenna Pahlen, Kjersten Walton, Shelby Gunderson, Jayden Iverson, and Natalie Aakhus.

April 15, 2015: On Thursday, April 9th the gymnasium filled with members of our community to listen and be entertained by the Red Lake County High school choir & band...NELL speaker, Ren Holland has lived along this historic 1916 transcontinental highway in three locations. Occasionally he heard the name "Jefferson Highway" mentioned, but no one really knew much about it. Its history and much of the original route from New Orleans to Winnipeg had been almost lost. As a 2006 graduate from Red Lake Country Central High School, Corey Olson has been in the news recently because of his business "Oh, Scrap!" and testifying in front of the Minnesota House of Representatives. This was made possible not only because of Inter-County Community Council and the FAIM Program, but also because his education and extracurricular involvement at RLCC. Olson credits Arts, Speech, Spanish, Math, History, and English plus others such as 4-H in his success.

April 22, 2015: The RLCC High School Academic Banquet was held April 13 at Plummer. The senior awards winners were: Mickala Morinville the All Around Outstanding Senior Award; Senior Mathematics Award to Sierra Swenson; Brittney Bray, the Senior

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TJ's Tavern hosted guest bartenders for charity on Friday, 1/8/2016, first up was Kim Vettleson & Wyatt Vettleson who raised \$650 donated to the Oklee Community Club for the Youth Sports programs. TJ's will have more upcoming guest bartenders in the next few months, check with TJ's or follow them on Facebook for updates. Pictured: Grace Dessellier (Oklee Community Club), Wyatt Vettleson, Kim Vettleson, Norm Coulombe (TJ's Tavern).

Halle turns in his resignation

On January 11, 2016, the City of Oklee held their monthly council meeting at the Oklee Café at 6:00 p.m. with many visitors in the audience.

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Mayor George Burthwick. Roll call: Lori Melby, Alex Halle, and Kent Bergerson were present. Kaye Munt was absent. Also at the meeting were Derek Cross, Clerk, Darrell Tougas, Maintenance, Leo Olson, Matthew Genova, Sheriff Bernstein, Deputy Lovely, Bonny Cote (Oklee Herald), and many people from the community.

The minutes were looked at and one correction was made, Bergerson made a motion, Melby seconded, all in favor, carried.

Cross informed the board that the November minutes and bills were not properly completed by a motion at the November meeting, so the Council (couldn't hear which ones) made a motion and seconded, and it was carried.

Gale Schmitz, from the accounting firm the City of Oklee uses, was unable to attend the meeting, so he sent a draft. In an correspondence, Schmitz stated that he made changes to the street fund, otherwise everything else looks good.

Bergerson said that since this is a draft, the council will not be able to approve until the completed one is before the council, but bills will have to be paid. Cross stated that a new person is working at Schmitz's office and that is why there were so many voided checks on the Check Register Report. The bills paid for the month in the amount of \$49,580.57 were paid with a motion by Bergerson and seconded by Halle, all in favor, carried.

Sheriff Mitch Bernstein was next up on the agenda and started with the Tobacco Ordinance which he thought had been accepted, but hadn't. Bernstein had looked if over and felt it was fine, that the City of Oklee should go ahead and adopt it.

Other news from Bernstein concerned a few dog issues and theft. Also, Casey Roisland has been hired as a part-time deputy/dispatcher and most of his duties will be in Red Lake Falls.

Matthew Genova had a question for Sheriff Bernstein. Genova handed Bernstein a copy of emails between the City and the Sheriff's Department from last month's meeting packet regarding Matthew Genova. He asked if that was appropriate to have such a conversation about a resident. Bernstein didn't feel that it was anything to be concerned about. Genova also asked what the proper way to start an investigation on the missing \$511 (approx.) money from a water bill that had been paid in cash. Bernstein told Genova to call in tomorrow and they can talk about it. Bernstein excused himself and left the meeting.

Matthew Genova came forward to the Council and thanked the people in the audience for coming and asked the board why they won't face the people, that it is disrespectful to the citizens

of Oklee. Genova continued with a question to the Council about a bill that was paid for by the City of Oklee to the City Attorney when it was Genova that had called the City Attorney and should have been charged for that portion, if there was a charge. Cross answered that he originally had been corresponding with the attorney about a lot owned by a resident, and the attorney had mentioned the Genova conversation and charged the city for it.

Genova continued with asking the Council if they had done anything more on the garbage around the City. Bergerson asked Genova what his standards are? Genova said the standards are in the ordinance book of the City. Genova offered to read the ordinances if it wouldn't cost him his three minute limit to address the council. They said it wouldn't.

Genova read the ordinances, 8.80 and 8.90 to the council. Ordinance 8.80 has to do with the maintenance of private property. Subd. 1 states it is the primary responsibility of any owner or occupant of any lot or parcel of land to remove all public health or safety hazards, to install or repair water service lines, and to treat or remove insect infested or diseased trees. Subd. 2 talks about the the upkeep of the lawn, that after proper notification by the City, the City of Oklee can maintain the property and will charge \$50 for the first hour and \$25 per hour thereafter. The City Clerk should prepare a bill for the cost and mail it to the property owner and if not paid immediately, can charge a penalty fee and can be certified by the County Auditor's Office and be a lien upon the property.

Ordinance 8.90 concerns junk cars, furniture, household furnishings, appliances, trailers or the like stored on public or private property. It is unlawful to park or store any trailers or towed objects, unlicensed, unregistered or inoperable motor vehicles, household furnishings, or appliances, or part of components thereof, on any property, public or private for more than seventy-two hours, unless housed within a lawfully erected building or without the approval of the City Council. It then goes on to explain the steps the City should take to fix the situation.

Bergerson said that according to the ordinances, he would be out of compliance as would many of the residences of Oklee. And asked Genova where do you want the standards? Bergerson also talked about driving around Thief River Falls and there is garbage sitting is yards there also. Leo Olson spoke up and said that Oklee used to have a large item pickup in the spring. Darrell Tougas said that what the City does now, is that if there is a metal item (most appliances, not microwaves or TVs) that needs to be removed, the residents should contact the City of Oklee and it will be picked up by one of the local salvage operators.

Consenses was that maybe the City of Oklee needs to start the large pickup service again and Melby stated that we

worked on this problem before, we can do so again.

Genova finished his discussion with the City of Oklee, asking them how they wanted to proceed with the Coat of Arms flag that was proposed to the RLCC School and City of Oklee. Bergerson said he was unfamiliar with what a Coat of Arms was and so wished that Genova and the school proceed as they wish, Melby concurred. Genova said he would be back with the Coat of Arms when the design was completed for final approval of the Council. Genova also stated to the Council that he is not head hunting the council. That he just wants the council to work together and to start getting things done.

Resident Sandra Tougas stated that some places in the past needed some care and letters were sent out and things got done.

Bergerson once again stated the City of Oklee standards are very wide open. Ask how much does the City want to spend on this. And mentioned that maybe we should included this in the City's garbage contract. Genova thanked them for their time.

Sidewalks were next to be discussed. Cross had emailed Korky Kleven, County Engineer a few questions, and had gotten an answer. Looks like the City of Oklee may have to do something about some of the sidewalk issues instead of thinking the County will.

The Tobacco Ordinance was presented to the Council and it was passed with a motion from Melby and seconded by Halle, all in favor, carried.

The Trailer House ordinance has been read twice before, this being the third reading. The ordinance was accepted as read with a motion by Halle and seconded by Melby, all in favor, carried.

The maintenance report was given by Darrell Tougas, who said things are quiet. Tougas has been working on getting equipment ready and if there is snow to remove, get it done. Tougas informed the Council that he will have to attend training in March.

Personnel Policy was addressed next. The change to be made has to do with Emergency hours being paid. The policy now includes that any employee that is a volunteer for an emergency service will be allowed to be paid for the emergency hours up to 40 hours a week. Tougas also asked if the change had been made on the vacation/comp time so that a person can take it in any order. Bergerson pointed out that if Comp Time gets to 120 hours, you can no longer earn vacation time. Halle made a motion, Bergerson seconded, all in favor, carried.

Stacey Hofstad donated \$500 to the Oklee Volunteer Fire Department. A thank you was sent to her, along with a public thank you was placed in the Oklee Herald.

It is time for a member of the Council to attend Board of Appeal and Equalization training. After some discussion, it was decided that Mayor Burthwick would attend this

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Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Margaret Jacobus
Wed, Jan. 20: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation.
Sun, Jan. 24: 9:00 a.m. Zion. 9:00 a.m. SS at Salem. 10:15 a.m. SS at Zion. 10:30 a.m. Salem. Salem Annual meeting following service.
Wed, Jan. 27: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH OKLEE
Fr. Adam Hamness
Sun, Jan. 24: 7:30 a.m. Confessions 8:00 a.m. Mass.

BROOKS - RED LAKE FALLS CATHOLIC PARISH
Fr. Bill DeCrans
Sat, Jan. 23: 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph - RLF
Sun, Jan. 24: 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
Sun, Jan. 24: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Immanuel. 10:15 a.m. SS Immanuel. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer.
Wed, Jan. 27: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation at Immanuel.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith Robert W. Dahlen, Pastor
Wed, Jan. 20: Release Time.
Sun, Jan. 24: 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. Bethany Annual meeting.
Tue, Jan. 25: 9:30 a.m. Faith Quilting.
Wed, Jan. 27: Release Time.

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Oklee Senior Site Dining

January 25 - 29

Call 796-5666 to order a meal.

If you are over the age of 60 and would like to eat with other seniors at the Senior Site, please call the Café at 796-5666 to reserve your meal. A \$4.00 per meal donation is suggested.

Monday: Pancake, sausage patty, 1 egg, dessert, and milk.
Tuesday: Meatloaf, boiled potatoes, vegetables, dessert and milk.

Wednesday: Grilled chicken breast, hash browns, vegetables, dessert and milk.

Thursday: BBQ on bun, macaroni salad, vegetable, dessert and milk.

Friday: Fish, hash browns, vegetable, dessert and milk.

Deadline:
Friday's at noon!

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Wed, Jan. 20: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School/Confirmation.
Sat, Jan. 23: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive. 10:15 a.m. SS/Confirmation.
Sun, Jan. 24: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri. 9:15 a.m. St. Petri SS. 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. 27: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School/Confirmation.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjournefosston.com
Wed, Jan. 20: 6:30 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Thu, Jan. 21: 12:00 p.m. Rotary meeting.
Fri, Jan. 22: 8:00 a.m. Friday School.
Sun, Jan. 24: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.
Tue, Jan. 26: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study. 10:30 a.m. Quilting.
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GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, Jan. 24: 10:30 a.m. Sand Valley Annual meeting
Sun, Jan. 31: 10:30 a.m. Bethany Annual meeting

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

Red Lake Falls Library News

The library is open Monday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm, Wednesday Noon - 8:00 pm, Friday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm, and Saturdays 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

New adult fiction includes "Fear the Dark" by Kay Hooper, "Dark Corners" by Ruth Rendell, "Sweet Persuasion" by Maya Banks, "The Seafont Tearoom" by Vanessa Green, and new DVDs are "The Wiz - Live!," "Infinitely Polar Bear," "Restless," a WWII spy thriller,

Year in Review...

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Science Award; Madison Thompson, the Senior Social Studies Award; Ric Ven Auman, the Senior English Award and Brian Roue, the Senior Technology Award... Roger Walter, a Pershing High School graduate, was guest speaker at the RLCC High School Academic Banquet. Walter graduated in 1973 from Pershing High School in Plummer and is one of the few dairy farmers remaining in northern Minnesota...The Annual Red Lake County 4-H Share the Fun performance were held at the Lafayette High School Gymnasium. The 4-H Clubs performing their skits were: Happy Go Lucky 4-H Club with their skit called "School Daze." The Huot Hustlers 4-H Club with "If I Weren't a 4-H Member," and the Garnes Go Getters 4-H Club with their skit "Our Friend Milk."

April 29, 2015: The American Legion Auxiliary District 9 President Margee Keller and her Secretary Sharon Lancot met with the Frank Lund Unit #159 at the Oklee Cafe...RLCC High School held their prom, "Big City Dreams"...This past Saturday a benefit for Chad Schmitz, who was diagnosed in April of 2012 with ALS, commonly known as Lou Gehrig's Disease, was held at the America Legion Club in Red Lake Falls...The Red Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District will be conducting a Drainage Ditch Inventory, along County and Judicial Drainage Ditch Systems, for Red Lake County. Dave Bennett from the Red Lake County SWCD will be out in the field collecting this information for the Drainage Ditch Inventory...RLCC Student Senate sent four students to the MN Association Student Council Convention held at Becker High School on April 11-13. Those who attended from RLCC were Mickala Morinville, Brittney Bray, Taylor Bushelle, and Ashley Longtin, and their Student Council advisor Mr. Randy Huie.

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"Mission: Impossible - Rogue Nation" with Tom Cruise, and "He Named Me Malala," a documentary about Malala Yousafzai, the teenage girl attacked by Taliban gunmen in Pakistan for advocating girls' education.

Winners of ceramic "Hot Reads for Cold Nights" coffee mugs for the second week of January are Carmen Harmoning and Paddy Pederson.

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!!

Prize Drawings

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for the

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Oklee Community Hall

Dinner

Entertainment

(Newlywed Game & Tim Eggebraaten)

Silent Auction

February 20th

5:30 p.m. to

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Oklee City Council

Would like to announce an open position for the City Council.

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Applications must be received by the 4th February for review before the next Council Meeting which is February 8th.

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City of Oklee Minutes

City of Oklee Regular City Council Meeting December 14th 2015 6.00pm Oklee Café
Meeting called to order at 6.03pm

Roll call: Burthwick, Bergerson, Melby and Munt, Halle absent, also present Cross, Tougas and Olson.

Large Public turnout.
Acceptance of November Minutes, motion by Melby seconded by Munt.

November Bills, motion to accept by Bergerson seconded by Munt.

Acceptance of financials, motion by Melby seconded by Munt, motion carried.

Mathew Genova has been in touch with RLCC Schools and we have received a letter from Mr. Guetter the RLCC Superintendent about coming up with a 'Code of Arms' and a Flag design representing the City of Oklee. Mr. Guetter likes the idea and how it could be educational for the Students. Genova said how it would show pride in the City and would cost the City nothing. The council Agreed to Let Mathew Genova work with the School on this matter.

Mathew Genova was given the floor to address the Council with his concerns; he asked if anyone from the Sheriff's Dept. was present, as he had seen written documentation that the sheriff's dept. had been contacted about Genova and threatening behavior, he then went on to explain he has a deep voice and is a decent sized man and people may find that menacing but he is not. He then proceeded to explain his unhappiness on how the City is being run and thinks it's a disgrace, he commented on how long the City Clerk has been in the Job and asked Cross how long, who replied "18 months" and that the 'City Advisor' was still employed by the City on a part time basis, so is obviously not doing his Job advising the City, he also commented on the Petty Cash box being a Hershey bar box. Pictures also where shown of various properties he said needed attention because of the state they are in and letters had been sent out but nothing had been done. Genova said how happy he was living in the City of Oklee and said he was a tax payer and he was paying the city advisers wages for playing games on the computer and playing dominos in the café. He also asked Cross about missing cash of \$511.00. Genova also said that he is going to convene a Grand Jury to look into how the City is run.

Jim Dulka then asked to speak, he introduced himself and told us of his twenty five years of public service and working at I.B.M and commented that he thought the City was doing a good job, he also said he could not walk into the Clerks jobs and it could take up to three years before being capable of doing the job.

Mathew Genova asked Dulka if he had called him at home and asked him why, Dulka responded by saying at the bottom of Genova's article in the Oklee Herald, Genova had invited anyone to call him with any questions.

Sandra Tougas commented that 18 Months seemed excessive and cross should know the job by now and that Darrell Tougas was not offered help when he was City Clerk and felt he was set up to fail and felt it was discrimination.

Jennie O'Neill also commented that the new CEO of Digi-Key has to deal with millions of dollars and had less time 'training' than Cross making the comparison 'apples and oranges' Also questioned the general info on the monthly bill about a two dollar across the board raise, which had been removed and never explained. Cross agreed and explained it was 50c on water, 50c on sewer and \$1.00 on garbage plus a small amount of tax. Cross also agreed to put it in the paper.

Brady Grove did not think Mathew Genova was threatening at the November meeting, he couldn't understand why this had been said.

Jacqueline Cross said that the 'Apple and Oranges' com-

parison was unfair and how she also sees Derek Cross on the phone at night and opening up the City buildings at night for various people. Including those who want to come in and pay their bills after hours as they work in TRF and cannot make it before City offices close.

John Lerohl commented the City is doing a good job.

Gayle Flateland asked why the water rates keep going up, Bergerson explained how our costs keep going up and four years ago there was no funds and everything had to be borrowed, using the \$45,000 cost for the repairs on the water tower as an example.

Robert Torkelson asked why the Garbage is not tendered out and commented that Cross is still learning.

Clay Haugen ex-Mayor of Oklee, said the costs for the city keep going up and that he is a personal Friend of Genova, he did then say there is nothing wrong with the City and there is no other place he would rather live. He then commented that the taxes in a larger town would be much higher.

Post office sewer
Clarence Ganger requested help from the City to share some of the cost for a sewer pipe repair to the Post Office in Oklee, Ganger gave an explanation of what had gone on in great detail and was asking for help for 50% of \$608.43. Darrell Tougas reported that Garden Valley had phone lines tight against the sewer pipe and had damaged the clean out pipe where it connects to the sewer. It was decided by the Council for the City to support to Ganger regarding the damage by Garden Valley to the clean out pipe/sewer connection.

Maintenance report
Tougas reported that the sidewalks are in poor condition in some places and something needs to be done and we would need to get someone in to repair them, he also reported that he remembered the sidewalks being done in the rain. Bergerson suggested getting Corky Kleven from the County to a meeting for suggestions on what to do and who is liable for what. It was reported the City never signed off on the previous sidewalk repairs as there has been trouble from the beginning. Melby asked if there are any grants available for the repairs. It was decided to invite Kleven to the next meeting.

Tougas thanked Matt Genova on behalf of the Fire Department for donating a winch for one of the fire trucks.

Tougas reported that all the trucks are ready to go for snow removal and he is still trimming trees when he can.

WSN Revised bill
Cross reported that we have a reduction in the billing for survey work done and not approved by the council, the total reduction is \$1781.50 giving a new total of \$4528.00 from the previous \$6309.50. Cross asked if this is now acceptable and can we pay the bill. Motion to pay the revised bill at \$4528.00 by Melby and seconded by Bergerson, motion carried.

Trailer House Ordinance
Second reading for the new Trailer House ordinance. Motion to accept by Munt and seconded by Bergerson, motion carried.

Freedom Living Centre
Kelly Lundeen representing the Freedom Living Center informed the council that apartments are available at the Center, he added it is not easy to rent them out. They are also going on the Motel route with some of the building when they can, possibly Motel in the summer and apartments in the winter.

Mathew Genova suggested Essentia Health as a possibility, Kelly Lundeen said they are not interested at this time, other possibilities included, Day care and possibly the City using the building. Kelly Lundeen also asked if we hear of any businesses that could use the building to let them know.

Budget/Levy
Motion to accept \$198,225.00 2016 Budget
Motion to accept by Bergerson and seconded by Melby, motion carried.

Added Agenda
A new form for residents to fill in at least 5 days before a scheduled Council meeting so they can be added to the agenda was viewed by the Council, the Council can then be better prepared to answer questions during the Council meetings if they have knowledge of the subject, there is a time limit to each resident/speaker of 3 minutes. Motion to accept the Form by Melby, seconded by Munt, motion carried.

Meeting minutes correction.
The minutes for the June 8th 2015 Council meeting was found to have a typo error,

July 10th was the date given. Motion to change the date from July 10th to June 8th by Melby seconded by Bergerson, motion carried

Personnel Policy to be updated before next meeting, it has changes that have been approved and Cross said he did not update the policy but will do so before the next meeting. Tougas expressed a concern the he may lose money, he was assured by the council he will not lose money. The updated policy will be looked at the next meeting.

Council threats
Cross was asked to comment on the documentation made by Cross and Olson, Cross said that this was for information for the council, so they are aware of it, Olson was also asked to comment and agreed with Cross that it really was for info only. Genova was invited by Burthwick to comment. Genova said under the freedom of information act we had 10 days to respond and we was now in violation of a federal offence, he also commented on the documentation, that nothing is notarized and nothing is witnessed on the things Cross and Olson says was said. Genova also commented that Cross had been in touch with the Sheriff and Genova still wants to know where the missing money from the City Clerk's office is and it is under the freedom of information request, where did the \$511.00 go. He also said he is not accusing anyone of stealing money and commented that Olson had earned \$47,000 in three years. Cross responded by saying there is no money unaccounted for, Genova asked the names of the accounts connected to the missing money and also said that Sheriff Bernstein had been invited to the meeting, it was pointed out that Bernstein usually comes to the meetings. The Council said private information cannot be handed out about peoples accounts. Tougas said he had no knowledge of \$500 and had never seen it. Genova said Cross had said it was left under Olson's keyboard Olson responded with he wasn't working in the office and that Darrell was the Clerk at that time, Olson also commented that Stamp invoices had covered the amount unaccounted for and the Auditors had been informed and where comfortable with the explanation, it was also reported to the Council at the Council meeting by the Auditors. Tougas said he had no knowledge of \$500 and had never seen it, that they are just words. Olson again said it was covered by the auditors. Genova then handed over to the reporter from the Newspaper and said "I am handing over all these minutes which I have got with all the information that is required to this Lady from the newspaper, good luck" once more he mentioned the Grand Jury and he also asked why the Lawyer wasn't here, Cross said "we didn't feel we needed him". Motion to adjourn the Meeting by Melby, seconded by Munt, motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 7.22 pm.

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Derek Cross, City Clerk

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MUSTANG STAMPEDE

RLCC Menus

January 25 - 29

Oklee

Mon: Breakfast: Biscuit & gravy, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** hotdog or polish, baked beans, chips, fruit, and milk.

Tue: Breakfast: pancakes on a stick, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** pizza, lettuce salad, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Wed: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Macaroni hotdish, breadstick, vegetables, fruit, cheesesticks, and milk.

Thu: Breakfast: Muffins, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Chicken burger, macaroni salad, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Fri: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Tomato soup, grilled cheese, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Plummer

Mon: Breakfast: Waffles, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Mini corn dogs, oven fries, baked beans, fruit, and milk.

Tue: Breakfast: Oatmeal or cold cereal, yogurt, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Meatballs, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, buttered bread, fruit, and milk.

Wed: Breakfast: Variety of cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, macaroni & cheese, salad, fruit, Goldfish Grahams, and milk.

Thu: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Chicken Alfredo, seasoned carrots, biscuit, fruit, and milk.

Fri: Breakfast: Pancake wrap, cereal, Go-Gurt, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Pizza, salad or salad bar, fruit, cinnamon churro, and milk.

Sports Schedules

RLC Rebels

Boy Basketball

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.

Tue, Feb. 2: Northern Freeze at Karlstad 4:45 p.m.

Fri, Feb. 5: Warren-Alverado-Oslo at Warren 5:00 p.m.

Thu, Feb. 11: Clearbrook-Gonvick at Clearbrook 2:30 & 4:30 p.m.

Sat, Feb. 13: Super Saturday at Northand CC TBD.

Tue, Feb. 16: Northern Freeze at Plummer 5:00 p.m.

Thu, Feb. 18: Mahnomen at Red Lake Falls, 6:00 p.m.

RLCC Mustang

Wrestling

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

Thu, Feb. 4: Fertile-Beltrami at Fertile 6:30 p.m.

Mon, Feb. 8: Fosston-Bagley at Fosston 6:30 p.m.

Girls Basketball

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.

Tue, Feb. 2: Fertile-Beltrami at Plummer 6:00 p.m.

Thu, Feb. 4: Red Lake Falls at Plummer 6:00 p.m.

Sat, Feb. 6: Lake of the Woods at Oklee 1:00 p.m.

Mon, Feb. 8: KCCC at Plummer 6:00 p.m.

Thu, Feb. 11: Clearbrook-Gonvick at Clearbrook 1:00 pm. & 4:30 p.m.

RLC plays

Sacred Heart

By: Ethan Vettleson

Red Lake County Rebels played the Sacred Heart boys varsity basketball in East Grand Forks on January 11. The Rebels were up 31 to 24 at half. It was a hard game and Sacred Heart came back to win 68 to 57.

Drake Engelstad led the Rebels with 26 points followed by Will Duden with 22, Austin Waliser four, Ethan Johnson three, and Devin Lambert two. Duden was the leading rebounder with 12, Waliser nine, Engelstad seven. Waliser also had four steals and Johnson had two. Engelstad had four assists.

For Eagles Devin Evavold led the team with 18 points, followed by Jack Gerber 17, Nolan Hallaway 14, Dylan Brandner 10, and Brenden Bethke nine. Evavold led the Eagles with 13 rebounds and Jack Gerber had nine. Gerner had two steals.

RLC vs W-E-M

By: Ethan Vettleson

Red Lake County Rebels boys' basketball team played Win-E-Mac Patriots on January 12 in Oklee. The Rebels were up at half 38-25 and the final was Rebels winning 61-58. The Rebels shot 24-57 and the Patriots shot 22-49.

The leading scorer for the Rebels was Austin Waliser with 23 points, Drake Engelstad scored 18, Will Duden 16, Devin Lambert two and Ethan Johnson two. Austin May Led the team with eight rebounds.

For the Patriots Brekken Lindberg had 16 points followed by Hunter Chaput 14, Emelian Kaya 12, Alec Kiecker eight, Blake Glass four, Aaryk Neubert two and Mikah Olson two. Brekken Lindberg had nine rebounds for the Patriots and Emelian Kaya had eight.

RLCC falls to RLF

By: Katie Pendelton

The Red Lake County Central Mustangs girls' basketball team played against Red Lake Falls Eagles on Tuesday, January 12 at RLF. In the first half of the game RLCC scored 16 points and RLF scored 25 points. In the second half RLCC scored 23 more points and RLF scored 27. RLCC lost the game 39-52.

For RLCC the scorers were Taylor Bushelle with 14, Ashley Longtin with eight, Julia Bernstein with six, Kat DeHate and Michelle Sundquist both with four, and Brandi Jensen with two.

Scoring for RLF were Josie Huot with 11, Kelley Schultz with nine, Emma Duden with eight, Megan Lacrosse with seven, Abby Huot with six, Madison Derosier with four, Mariah Derosier with three, and Jozi Halvorson with two.

Rebels with a big win

By: Nick Plante

January 1 the Red Lake Country Central Rebels went to Fisher to play Fisher/Climax Knights. The score at halftime was 54-37, Rebels leading. At the end of the game the score was 92-72 with a Rebels victory.

The leading scorer was Drake Engelstad with 41 points, six steals, and seven assists followed by Austin Waliser-17 and two steals, Will Duden-11, Talon Porter-nine, Marcus Christensen-seven, and Ethan Vettleson-four, Matt Vettleson-two, and Justin Nemec-one. The Rebels had a mighty rebounding night with 30 including Waliser with 12 followed by Engelstad with 11. Both had double-doubles for the night. The Rebels shot 55% on the night of total shots of 63, 73% on their free throws making 19 and had 10 steals.

The leading scorer for the Fisher/Climax Knights was Beau Byklum with 24 point followed by Paul Gapp-23, Matt Knutson-nine, P. Pruneda-8, Tristian Rowley-4, Seth Wagner-two, and Isaiah Bartels-two. Byklum had six rebounds and two steals, and P. Pruneda grabbed six rebounds and had four assists.

Mustangs wrestle in triangular

By Ana Almeida

The Red Lake County Central Mustangs wrestlers



The RLCC students who attended the Creativity Festival were (back row) Katelyn Suchy, Faith Hanson, Ricky Ulrich, Garrett Qualley, Adrienne Jones and Jenna Pahlen, (middle row) Bailey Sherman, Avery Sannes, Emily Kolstoe, Cari Bachand, Aurora Mitzner, (front row) Heather Longtin, Natalie Vettleson, Aurimy Olson, and Izaiah Stordarl.

RLCC students participate in Creativity Festival

By: Asia Davis

Every year Red Lake County Central sends four students from each of grades five through eight to the annual Creativity Festival. During the festival students hear a keynote speaker and also choose between a certain amount of

breakout sessions they would like to attend such as an art, science, or photography theme. The Creativity Festival took place on Wednesday, January 6th at Bemidji State University.

Nancy Yoshida who ran the Iditarod Sled Dog Race in Alaska in 2009 was the

keynote speaker. The theme of her speech was "Alaska and My Iditarod Adventure." Her son Michael got her started with sled dogs in 2002. Unfortunately in the 2009 race her sled broke and her race ended at Rainy Pass.

Some of the breakout

sessions students could select included Learn to Draw, Amazing Animals, Fantasy Architecture, Creative Photography, Laughter Yoga, Engineer It!, Raptors Rule, Mad About Science, Breakdancing, Fun with Yarn, plus more.

Rickey Ulrich, an eighth grader from RLCC, said, "The Amazing Animals class was awesome and I loved getting to hold the animals. The Laughter Yoga class was awesome also, and it was funny how they got us to laugh for no reason. I almost died from laughter." Another student from RLCC, Garrett Qualley said, "The Creativity Fest was a fun adventure to go on. The campus was an awesome place to go to and I enjoyed the classes where we got to build stuff. The Amazing Animals taught me a lot of stuff. Overall it was really fun."

Those who participated from RLCC in eighth grade were Rickey Ulrich, Garrett Qualley, Jenna Pahlen, and Adrienne Jones. Those from seventh grade were Katelyn Suchy, Emily Kolstoe, Heather Longtin, and Faith Hanson. Fifth and sixth graders who participated were Aurora Mitzner, Izaiah Stordarl, Aurimy Olson, Natalie Vettleson, Cari Bachand, Bailey Sherman, Halie Thompson, and Avery Sannes.



Creativity Festival keynote speaker Nancy Yoshida shared with area students about her Iditarod Adventure racing sled dogs.



Jenna Pahlen and Adrienne Jones from RLCC were being creative at the Creativity Festival.

headed to Lake Park on Tuesday, January 12 for a triangular. The teams wrestling included RLCC, United Clay Becker (Lake Park-Audubon and Hawley) and Mahnomen/Waubun. The Mustangs lost both matches.

The Mustangs wrestling team went against Mahnomen/Waubun. Mahnomen/Waubun won 48-30.

Wrestling for the Mustangs at 106 pounds was Bryce Bergerson who fell to Garrett Eiykn in 2:33. At 113 pounds, Sam Olson of the Mahnomen/Waubun team pinned Tyler Sandahl in 3:33. At 120 pounds Chase Dorman from Mahnomen/Waubun won by forfeit. At 126 pounds, Mike Bisek also wrestling for Mahnomen/Waubun won by forfeit. At 132 pounds, Shawn Niesen won by forfeit for the Mahnomen/Waubun team. At 138 pounds, RLCC's Dylan Gustafson had a fall over Isaiah Asher in 1:13. At 145 pounds, Mahnomen/Waubun's Sequoyah Tonikha won by forfeit. At 152 pounds, Tristyn Ferguson won by forfeit for the Mustangs. At 160 pounds, Mahnomen/Waubun's Kody Lefebvre had a fall over Kyle Gagner in 3:09. At 170 pounds there was a double forfeit. At 182 pounds, Nick Podlack of

the Mahnomen/Waubun team pinned George Duden in 0:59. At 195 pounds, Jake Worms also of the Mahnomen/Waubun team pinned Nick Pahlen in 0:59. At 220 pounds Alec Castaneda won by forfeit and so did Tristan Larson at the heavyweight class, both for the Mustangs.

Up against United Clay Becker, the Mustangs lost 12-60. In a 9-2 decision Bryce Bergeson wrestling at 106 lbs defeated Nathan Perr. Tyler Sandahl at 113 lbs was pinned by Garrett Peterson in 2:15. The Mustangs forfeited 120, 126, and 132 lb weight classes. At 138 lbs, Dylan Gustafson lost to Riley Byklum in a 2-1 decision. Mustangs forfeited 145 lbs, then Tristyn Ferguson was defeated 7-0 by Jarrett Lange at 152 lbs. Wrestling at 160 lbs, Kyle Gagner fell to Alec Korby in 1:01. The Mustangs had to forfeit the 170 lb weight class. George Duden wrestling at 182 was pinned by Joey Stuhau in 1:12. Wrestling at 170 lbs, Nick Pahlen won a 7-0 decision over Seth Felker. In 1:28 Alec Casteneda was pinned by Sam Wamre in the 220 lb weight class. Heavyweight Tristan Larson had a quick pin in: 32 over Blake Greenleaf.



RLCC junior Dylan Gustafson on the left and senior Tristan Larson on right both were awarded undefeated wrestler awards at the Mahnomen Dual Tournament.

Wrestling Tournament

By: Nicole Rienneau

Red Lake County Central boys wrestled at a tournament on January 8th in Mahnomen. The first round they played Crookston and were defeated 54-17. The second round they wrestled Mahnomen/Waubun and got defeated 42-27.

In the fourth round they were up against Wadena/Deer Creek and lost 51-18. The fifth round they wrestled East Grand Forks and won 42-24. The RLCC boys came in fourth place.

RLCC junior Dylan Gustafson and senior Tristan Larson were awarded Undefeated Wrestler Awards.

RLCC Quarter

Ends Jan. 22

By: Taylor Klasen

Red Lake County Central High School and Elementary School's second quarter ends Friday, January 22nd. Report cards will be handed to the high students to be bring home on Thursday, January 28th.

January 25th Early Out at RLCC

By: Taylor Klasen

Both the High School and Elementary School at Red Lake County Central will be having an Early Out on

Monday, January 25th. School is dismissed three hours early and buses running three hours earlier. Teachers will have a workshop that afternoon.

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RLCC December Students of the Month



December Students of the Month at RLCC: ninth grader Jarissa Bailey and eleventh grader Ana Almeida. Bailey was nominated by Mr. Bryan Paskvan and Almeida was nominated by Mrs. Anita Bachand.

By: Ethan Vettleson
December High School Student of the Month for grades 10-12 was Ana Almeida. She is in 11th grade and 17 years old.

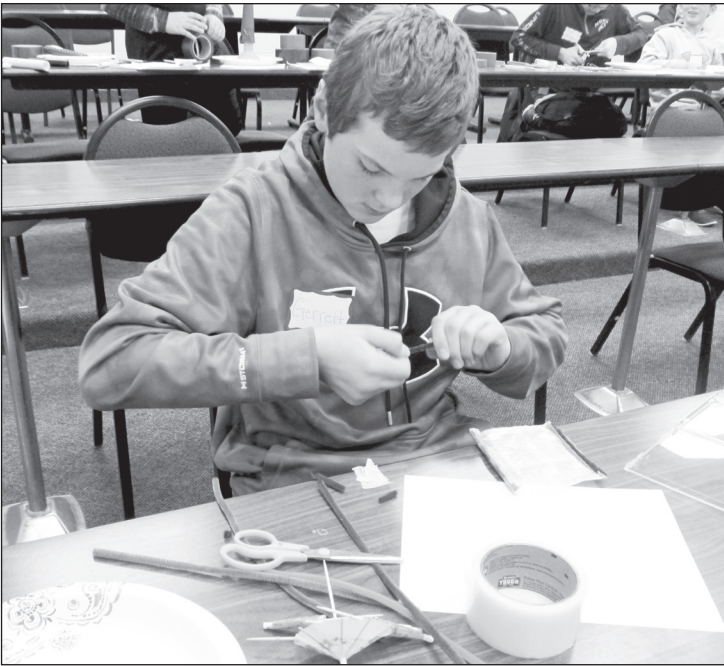
Her parents are Nilson and Olda Almeida from Brazil and host parents in Oklee are Dale and Sara Olson. She has two siblings Pedro Lucas and Ana Carolina, and her host sister

is Janae Olson. Almeida is in two school activities which are volleyball and wrestling manager. Some of her favorite hobbies are listening to music,

movie and series.
Nominating teacher Mrs. Anita Bachand commented that “Ana is very pleasant and kind, she always has a smile on her face and gets along well with others.” She is willing to give extra and do more in class. Almeida met a challenge of moving here and attending a different school, speaking a different language, and living a different country and has fit in very well. “We hope that our school has made her feel at home and welcome.”
Student of the Month for the Junior High was Jarisa Bailey. She is in ninth grade and is 14 years old. Her parents are Tracey Hamme and Lyle Bailey. She has two siblings, James and Jared Shaugabay. Bailey is involved in one school activity which is basketball. Some of her hobbies are drawing and painting.
Nominating teacher Mr. Bryan Paskvan said, “She has a good attitude when working, and she works well with her group.” He commented she is great at getting her work made up if she has been gone.



RLCC 8th grader Ricky Ulrich holding a snake at the Creativity Festival.



RLCC 8th grader Garrett Qualley doing arts and crafts at the Creativity Festival.

Red Lake County Extension Educator
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Importance Of Soil Organic Matter

Farmers Know The Value Of The Soil In Their Fields!
Soil organic matter (SOM) is a critical part of the soil profile that farmers need to continually protect! But when various industries, researchers, organizations and agencies differ in their opinions about what elements should be included in SOM, it can be a very confusing situation.
However, all parties can agree that SOM is a very complex issue and deserves strict attention even if it is one of the least understood components of soil. Researchers point out that it is directly and positively related to soil fertility and crop production potential. The Soil Science Society of America defines SOM as the organic fraction of soil after removing undecomposed plant and animal residues. In most agricultural soils, organic matter is increased by leaving residue on the soil surface, rotating field crops with pasture, or perennials, incorporating cover crops into the cropping rotation, or by adding organic residues such as animal manure.
“Pieces of the Puzzle”
Jodi DeJong-Hughes, U M Crops Extension Educator has spent several years and effort in researching and

helping farmers understand the soil in their fields. Jodi knows first hand that SOM is a complicated puzzle. She says, SOM improves the structure of the soil, which ultimately aids in water infiltration, water retention, bulk density of the soil, defense against compaction damage and reduces the potential for erosion by wind and water. There are a lot of things that are going on in the soil that cannot be measured; but just because these things are out of sight below the surface does not mean they are not important.
SOM is also known to hold nutrients in the soil better so they don't leach. Building soil health is critically important and every farmer needs to continually improve the health of the soil in their fields. Many farmers are really up to date on equipment technology and the fine details of the crops they grow, but the minute details of soil fertility is still not completely understood. We're just hitting the tip of the iceberg in how and what the soil does to produce a bumper crop.
Cover Crops and Som
Jodi works closely with Abbey Wick of the NDSU Soil Health Department who is a big proponent of growing cover crops. She points out

that using a cover crop mix can increase organic matter through root turnover in the soil. This can ultimately lead to taking inorganic forms of nutrients that can leach and turning them back into an organic form that can be retained for the following year. She has found that soybean yields can be increased by an average of 2.2 bushel per acre, or 4.2 percent, following a cover crop. But she says that even with this data from crop surveys she has conducted, that most farmers are using cover crops for reasons other than boosting yields; such as erosion control. While cover cover crops do have their benefits, it would be naive to say there are not any disadvantages. Some of the disadvantages says Abbey, includes time for establishment, herbicide residual, and the learning curve to figure out cover crops and how to incorporate them.
Tips To Improve Som
1. Use reduced tillage techniques, including no till, strip till or ridge till. Leave as much residue as possible on the soil surface.
2. Apply livestock manure or incorporate cover crops. Adding organic residue to the soil surface can restock needed carbon to the soil.

3. Include perennial or companion crops into the rotation. These will increase SOM content over time, reduce pest and disease pressure, reduce fertilizer inputs and help control erosion. Crop rotations can include perennial grasses and legumes.
4. Carefully manage fertilization and soil nutrients. This will affect the soil micro organisms, ultimately increasing production of biomass. There is still no clear answer to how fertilization affects SOM levels since vegetation, soil type, climate and type of SOM present are also factors that must be considered.
Benefits Of Improving Som
1. Get into the field sooner after a rainfall
2. Less plant stress during dry months
3. Break up pest cycles.
4. Potential for higher nitrogen mineralization
5. Less compaction
6. Less erosion
7. Less fuel, labor and parts costs
8. Soil and nutrients stay in field with less leaching or erosion
For more information on understanding SOM, contact Jodi by emailing her at dejong003@umn.edu.
Source: Jodi Dejong-Hughes, U M Crops Extension Educator.

Herbicide Drift Affects Non-Target Plants and Pollinators

Because so many ROUNDUP(TM) resistant weeds are now found in many fields; it is likely that Banvel(TM) use will be common in 2016 and it can easily drift onto plants growing adjacent to farm fields. This drift will likely damage nearby flowering plants by causing significant delays in flowering, as well as reduced flowering to plants that would regularly be visited by honey bees and other pollinators says researchers at Penn State University.
Because of the challenge of glyphosate resistant weeds, new types of transgenic crops that are resistant to synthetic auxin herbicides which includes Banvel and 2,4-d will be widely planted this year raising concerns about damage from these drift prone herbicides. The potential high rate of adoption of the new transgenic crops will likely increase the Banvel and 2,4-d use by four to eight times says John Tooker, Penn State University Extension Entomologist. His research results suggest that

that widespread non target damage from these herbicides may adversely affect pollinator communities.
The Penn State University research team headed up by Tooker examined alfalfa, which requires insect pollination to produce seeds and some native plant species which are highly attractive to a wide range of pollinators. The researchers applied a range of sub lethal doses of Banvel to the plants, then tracked flowering and floral visitation by insect species. They identified the types of insects visiting the flowers and analyzed pollen quality to determine if herbicide exposure altered pollen quality.
The research team found that exposure to drift level doses of herbicide reduced flowering in the plants and in addition, herbicide damaged plants experienced significantly reduced visitation by insect species, which included honey bees. The results of this study appeared in the November 24, 2015

online issue of “Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry”, and will be published in the January 2016 print issue. The team found that the plants were susceptible to very low rates of Banvel as low as .1 to 1 percent of the expected field application rate that can negatively influence flowering. By extrapolation, the team expects that other broad leaf plants are similarly susceptible to this sort of damage from drift level doses.
According to Penn State professor of weed science David Mortenson synthetic auxin herbicides are usually used early in the growing season, but with the new transgenic crop varieties coming on the market, these herbicides will be used later when temperatures are warmer and more plant species are leafed out. This will lead to higher levels of non target damage to susceptible crop plants and native, wild vegetation. For susceptible crop varieties, this sort of damage could also reduce yield. For non crop plant species,

this drift induced damage could significantly decrease the pollinator and natural enemy communities that these plants can support. The team is currently working to determine the proportion of non crop habitat in the corn/soybean belt that could be degraded for pollinator communities by drift of Banvel and/or 2,4-D.
This is particularly relevant because the great majority of flowers in the agro-ecosystems resides in small fragments of semi-natural habitats adjacent to cropland. The quality of these small areas of flowers and/or weeds may be substantially degraded by exposure to Banvel or 2,4-D drift. For more information on this topic or to have questions answered; you can contact Penn State Extension Entomology Specialist, John Tooker by e mail at tooker@psu.edu.
Source: Plant Management Network news release, 28 December 2015 and Penn State Extension Entomologist, John Tooker.

Regional Ag News
Jim Stordahl, Extension Educator

Transplanting Houseplants

The dead of winter is a good time for evaluating houseplants. One of the most common problems is overgrowth to the point in which the plant becomes *potbound*. The condition of being potbound is to a houseplant what your tummy feels after Thanksgiving dinner.
There are several factors that indicate if a plant is potbound. First of all, if the plant requires watering once every 24 hours even during periods of cool temperatures, we can assume that it needs repotting. Roots growing through the drainage holes of the pot are a sign that it is filled with roots. If you suspect that a plant may be potbound,

tap it out of the pot to examine the soil ball. If it stands alone or has roots circling around the edge of the pot, the plant needs repotting.
If a plant is not growing or blooming well but is not potbound, look for other factors such as light, watering or temperature. In these cases, repotting will probably not correct the problem. There are some plants, amaryllis and Christmas cactus for example, that thrive when potbound.
When transplanting, select a container that is only an inch or two larger than the one you are moving the plant from. The temptation is to transplant the plant into a container that is considerably larger so that you

will not have to transplant again soon. But, the plant will appear out of proportion in the pot and the likelihood of overwatering will be greater.
Be sure the pot has provisions for drainage. If you are using a container without drainage holes, consider double potting the plant by first planting it into a plastic or clay pot with drainage holes and then placing it inside a decorative container. To prevent soil from washing out the drainage holes, cover the holes with irregularly shaped pebbles, pieces of broken clay pot, or paper coffee filters. Do not, however, add a layer of clay pot shard or pebbles because they may actually slow the movement of water through the pot.

Avoid using garden soil in pots for houseplants as it does not drain well and may carry with it disease and pest problems. If you have only a few plants to transplant, purchase a good quality potting mixture. There are many soilless potting mixtures available that work well, although they may require more frequent watering and demand regular application of a houseplant fertilizer. Do not use peat moss alone as a potting medium as it is too light weight to properly anchor the plant and does not drain well, making it easy to overwater the plant.
When transplanting, put enough fresh moist potting mixture in the bottom of the container so that you can position the plant at the same

depth it was in the old pot. After removing the plant from the old pot, carefully roll the old surface soil off the root ball using the heel of your hand. Inspect the root ball and remove any broken or rotted roots and those excess roots that may have been encircling the bottom of the pot. Gently loosen compacted roots around the edge of the root ball.
After the root ball is prepared, place the plant in the new container on the layer of potting mixture you have provided. Carefully firm more potting mixture around the edges to fill the space between the root ball and the container wall. Newly potted plants should be watered immediately to settle the potting mixture and to eliminate any air pockets that may occur. Add a little more potting mixture if necessary after settling has

occurred. Do not expose the plant to direct sunlight for a period of two or three days.
A general rule to follow is to fertilize every two weeks from March through September with a water soluble fertilizer at one-half the label rate. Houseplants should be fertilized only when they are actively growing, so they should not be fertilized during the winter months when they are semi-dormant. An exception would be houseplants grown under artificial lights which may need fertilization year around. If a soil-based potting mixture was used, the plant should not need fertilizing for 3 to 4 months.
For more information, contact me at 800-450-2465 or stordahl@umn.edu Source: Carl Hoffman, former Extension Educator in Stearns County.

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Bonny's Bits...

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It is Sunday night and the coldest night of the year, I believe. According to the weather reports, the cold spell is ending and by Tuesday, it should be back to the 20's for the high. We certainly can't complain about the winter we have been enjoying. It will make the winter seem so much shorter with the nice warm weather we have had.

Here is something about a common email we have all received:

5 weekends in the same month happens more often than every 823 years

5 Fridays, 5 Saturdays and 5 Sundays in one month – happens only every 823 years? This popular urban myth has been circulating on the internet for a while. However, it is precisely that: a myth.

Before you get too excited about this once-in-a-lifetime event and start telling your family and friends, know this: any such claims are false. Special combinations of days like 5 Fridays, 5 Saturdays and 5 Sundays occur much more often than every 823 years!

The 823 years myth

If you own an email, Twitter, Facebook or any other social media account, chances are that you have come across an email or a post that claims that an upcoming month has a very rare specific combination of days.

A recent version goes something like this: January 2016 will have 5 Fridays, 5 Saturdays and 5 Sundays. This happens only once every 823 years. The Chinese call it silver pockets full.

The email is right in that January 2016 has 5 Fridays, 5 Saturdays, and 5 Sundays. But this is nothing special or unusual. You will not have to wait another 823 years for the

Centennial Recipe Corner

Quick Fettuccine Cacciatore

Susan (Melby) Harmoning

8 oz fettuccine, uncooked
2 tsp oil
1 lbs boneless chicken breast, cut into bite size pieces
1 cup each green pepper strips and sliced mushrooms
1 can (14-1/2 oz) diced tomatoes, undrained
1/4 cup zesty Italian dressing
1/2 cup shredded Italian mozzarella/parmesan cheese
blend
1/2 cup chopped fresh basil leaves



Cook pasta as directed on package. Meanwhile, heat oil in large nonstick skillet on medium-high heat. Add chicken; cook and stir until no longer pink. Add peppers and mushrooms; cook 3 min. stirring occasionally. Stir in tomatoes and dressing. Reduce heat to medium-low; simmer 5 min. or until chicken is cooked through. Drain pasta. Toss with chicken mixture. Sprinkle with cheese and basil. Makes 4 servings

next time this happens in the month of January. Only 6 years later, in 2021, January will also have 5 Fridays, 5 Saturdays, and 5 Sundays.

In fact, a calendar month that contains 5 Fridays, 5 Saturdays and 5 Sundays occurs nearly every year – in 2016 both January and July will have 5 Fridays, 5 Saturdays and 5 Sundays.

In fact, the calendar 823 years in the future is not even the same as the calendar of the month in the many versions of the hoax! For instance, August 2014 had 5 Fridays, 5 Saturdays and 5 Sundays. 823 years later, August 2837 has 5 Saturdays, 5 Sundays and 5 Mondays.

Not a special combination

The combinations of days that these messages or emails refer to are also not very special. This is because the first three weekdays of any 31-day month are repeated 5 times within that month. So, any month that has 31 days and begins on a Friday will have 5 Fridays, 5 Saturdays, and 5 Sundays. Similarly, any 31-day month that begins

on a Tuesday, will have 5 Tuesdays, 5 Wednesdays and 5 Thursdays.

Recurring monthly calendars

Here's a more mathematical reasoning as to why the 823 year claim is a myth:

Every year has 7 months with 31 days. Each of these months have at least 3 weekdays that happen 5 times during the month. For example, August 2014 has 5 Fridays, 5 Saturdays and 5 Sundays. October 2014 has 5 Wednesdays, 5 Thursdays and 5 Fridays.

There are 7 different days a month can start on. So on average, the combination of any 3 days occurring 5 times in a calendar month will happen once a year.

In any given year, there are only 6 such combinations of days. This is because 2 months with 31 days start on the same weekday. In a common or regular year, January and October have the same calendar, while in a leap year, January and July look the same. (<http://www.timeanddate.com/calendar/823-years.html>)

Oklee Historical Bits

Campbells Soup Company was started in 1869 by Joseph A. Campbell, a fruit merchant from Bridgeton, New Jersey, and Abraham Anderson, an icebox manufacturer from South Jersey. They produced canned tomatoes, vegetables, jellies, soups, condiments, and minced meats.

In 1876, Anderson left the partnership and the company became the "Joseph A. Campbell Preserve Company".

Campbell reorganized into "Joseph Campbell & Co." in 1896. In 1897, John T. Dorrance, a nephew of the general manager Arthur Dorrance, began working for the company at a wage of \$7.50 a week. Dorrance, a chemist with degrees from MIT and Göttingen University, Germany, developed a commercially viable method for condensing soup by halving the quantity of its heaviest ingredient: water. He went on to become president of the company from 1914 to 1930, eventually buying out the Campbell family.

In 1898, Herberton Williams, a Campbell's executive, convinced the company to adopt a carnelian red and bright white color scheme, because he was taken by the crisp carnelian red color of the Cornell University football team's uniforms. To this day, the layout of the can, with its red and white design and the metallic gold medal seal from the 1900 Paris Exhibition, has changed very little, with the exception of the French phrase on the top of the gold seal that said "Exposition-Universelle-Internationale" which was changed to the English name of the exhibition as "Paris International Exposition".

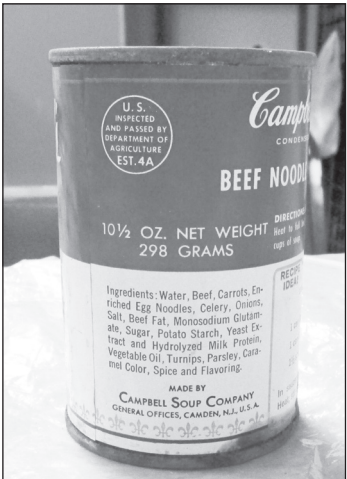
Campbell Soup became one of the largest food companies in the world under the leadership of William Beverly Murphy. He was elected executive vice president of Campbell Soup in 1949 and was President and CEO from 1953 to 1972. While at Campbell's Soup Company, he took the corporation public and increased its brand portfolio to include Pepperidge Farm's breads, cookies, and crackers, Franco-American's gravies and pastas, V8 vegetable juices, Swanson broths, and Godiva's chocolates. David Johnson was President and CEO from 1990 until 1997.

Campbell Soup invested heavily in advertising since its inception, and many of its promotional campaigns have proven value in the Americana collectible advertising market. Perhaps best known are the "Campbell Kids" designed by illustrator Grace Drayton. Ronald Reagan was a spokesman for V8 when Campbell's acquired the brand in 1948.

In addition to collectible advertising, the company has also had notable commercial sponsorships. Among these was Orson Welles's The Campbell Playhouse, which had previously been The Mercury Theatre on the Air. After the program's adaptation of The War of the Worlds became a sensation for accidentally



When Oklee Quilting Supply was removing one of the old shelving units from their store, which used to be Bergerson's Grocery and later D & R Grocery, they discovered this can of soup. The date on the top says 2-5-22. Since the year 2022



starting a mass panic due to its realism, Campbell's took over as sponsor of the radio theater program in December 1938.

In the UK and Ireland, Campbell Soup was rebranded as Batchelors Condensed Soup (UK) and Erin (Ireland) in March 2008, when the license to use the brand name expired. Premier Foods, St. Albans, Hertfordshire bought the Campbell Soup Company in the UK and Ireland, for £450m (\$830m) in 2006, but was licensed to use the brand only until 2008. Under this agreement, the US-based Campbell Soup Company will continue to produce Campbell's Condensed Soup but cannot sell the product in the UK for a further 5 years.

Campbell's continues to be a major part of Camden, New Jersey, regularly participating in charity events in the community. In 2009, Campbell's completed the building of a new and expanded headquarters in the city.

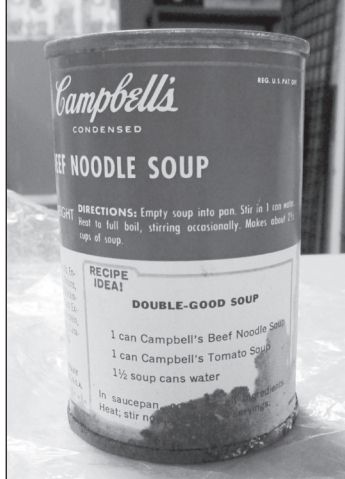
In January 2010, Campbell's Canadian subsidiary began selling a line of soups that are certified by the Islamic Society of North America as being halal (prepared in accordance with Islamic law). Although Campbell does not have any plans to sell its halal soups in the United States, the move has drawn criticism from anti-Muslim critics in the United States.

In July 2011, Campbell's Soup decided to once again sell its product in the UK after being



hasn't come around yet, the assumption is that 22 stands for 1922. Which means this can is 93 years old.

Campbells started canning soup in 1869.



absent since 2008. Symingtons began manufacturing the brand under license by Symingtons. The new line-up comprised twelve cup soups, five simmer soups designed to be cooked in a pot of water, four savoury rice lines, and four savoury pasta and sauce packets. The new range will not be sold in tins, but instead sold in packets and boxes. Later in 2011, the canned varieties have also returned to supermarket shelves with refreshed labels and new lines.

In 2012, Campbell announced plans to buy Bolthouse Farms, a maker of juices, salad dressings and baby carrots, for \$1.55 billion. Analysts saw this as an attempt to reach younger, more affluent consumers.

In June 2013, Campbell acquired the Danish multinational baked goods company Kelsen Group for an undisclosed amount. Kelsen has an 85-country distribution network and is seen as providing Campbell with opportunities for international expansion, particularly into China and other Asian markets.

In June 2015, Campbell Soup acquired salsa maker Garden Fresh Gourmet for a fee of \$231 million as it looked to expand into the fresh and organic packaged foods business.

This information is from https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Campbell_Soup_Company. There is much more available from this website.

Who's Dat?



Who's Dat?

Here is a group of working men from years gone by. The faces should be familiar to many of the folks in the Oklee area.



RLCC wrestling photos from Saturday at the Prowler Invite at the REA in Thief River Falls. Courtesy of Alice Hofstad.

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Oklee Herald Early Files

Seventy Years Ago January 17, 1946

The Red Lake Cooperative is conducting a membership drive in order to complete plans for this complete electrification of this area.

Toch. Sergeant Lowell Sovde arrived here last Friday from Camp McCoy, Wisconsin where he received his discharge from the Army. He served 11 months and his wife and son are making their home in Oklee during his absence.

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Lillian Blass of San Francisco to Lt. Arthur Vernon Toupin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Toupin of Duluth. Lt. Toupin formerly resided in Oklee.

Sixty Years Ago January 19, 1956

Sp/2 Gerald Stone, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Stone of Oklee, arrived home last week after a tour of duty with the 630th Engineers in Korea. He received his honorable discharge papers at Fort Lewis, Washington.

Taxpayers of Independent School District No. 16 (Plummer) will benefit from a reduced rate in mils from school purposes.

Retail sales in 1954 of 93 stores in Red Lake County totaled \$5,665,000 according to preliminary 1954 Census of Business figures announced by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.

Fifty Years Ago January 20, 1966

A manufacturing enterprise (Oklee Manufacturing) that began with an order for 400 foot stools for a Minneapolis department store last July, has grown to a full time factory employing eight women and

two men.

Mrs. Oscar Lundeen had the misfortune to fall on the ice and break her arm last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Nelson, who left Monday for Minneapolis to be employed, lost their clothes and other items valued at \$500 when someone broke into their car and burglarized.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Clementson was baptized on Sunday at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Plummer.

Forty Years Ago January 15, 1976

The first match of the new year featured the Bobcats against the fine Greenbush squad of wrestlers on January 8th. This was the sixth consecutive victory for the undefeated Bobcats in the 1975-76 season.

The Oklee Basketball boys got their first win of their season with a victory of the Mentor Trojans in last week's Friday game.

Mrs. Clarence Gagner hosted a birthday party for her daughter, Stephanie, who celebrated her seventy birthday.

The Sportman's Lodge on Pine Lake burned to the ground last Wednesday night. It was originally built in 1939 by Bennie Johnson and many additions and changes had taken place over the years. The fire started in the area of the wood furnace and with the wind, spread the fire rapidly.

Thirty Years Ago January 15, 1986

The City of Oklee experienced the water being shut off for a period of time due to a problem with one of the water mains.

80 volunteers donated blood at the blood drive that was held in Oklee on January 7th.

On Tuesday afternoon, a Soo Line brakeman, Jerome Engen, from TRF, was directing the engine crew at the west end of the fertilizer plant in Oklee. He was walking along side the train when he slipped on a snowdrift and was dragged for a few feet by the train. He miraculously only suffered severe bruising and some lacerations.

Twenty Years Ago January 17, 1996

In the boys basketball game played in Oklee on Tuesday, Aaron Chaput broke an Oklee School record which was made some thirty years ago by Richard Krossen. Aaron scored a record 56 points in a game. Richard's record was 42 points in a game.

Jake Melby was the \$200 winner in the shooting contest held during half time of the Varsity Boys basketball game in Oklee on January 9th.

On Saturday, Fred Lundeen celebrated turning 90 years young as many friends and relatives gathered at Oak Park to which him a happy birthday.

Ten Years Ago January 19, 2006

The City of Oklee discussed dog issues at the January 9th meeting.

The Oklee Elementary received a 5 Star certificate in Reading signed by Gov. Pawlenty.

The Red Lake County Relay for Life 2005 won honors as one of the Top 10 Nationwide Communities for fundraising and placed 4th place in the United States for per capita money raised.

Senior Site News and Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

Today is a good day to spend indoors and read a book. My thermometer showed a temperature of -23 this morning. It has warmed up a bit, but I still won't go out doors for a walk.

The coming week doesn't sound too promising until the end of the week when we are promised above zero temperatures. I guess we should be thankful when you have warm clothing, and a nice warm house.

Last week seemed to fly by for me. It seems I am always so busy in January. I enjoy having Mondays for work at the Site. I'm not sure I would venture outdoors if I didn't have somewhere I had to go.

This Tuesday night we had our Pot Luck Meal. It is open to everyone who would like to attend. Just bring something to share for the meal. It is a wonderful time to visit with friends and neighbors.

On Thursday we have the Site Council meeting at 10 a.m. At 12:30 there is Bingo. Sign up for the meal and stay for the Bingo. Have you run out of reading material? We have a library with a great selection of books at the Site.

DATES TO REMEMBER
Jan 19 - Pot Luck Meal
Jan.21 - Site Council Meets
Feb. 2 - Evening Meal
Feb. 16 - Pot Luck Meal

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2. What famous No. American landmark is constantly moving backward?

3. Of all vegetables only two can live to produce their own for several seasons. All others must be replanted every year. What are the only two?

4. What fruit has its seeds on the outside?

5. Only 3 words in standard English begin with the letters "dw". They are common words. Name them.

6 Name the only vegetable or fruit that is never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked or in any way other than fresh?

7. Name 6 or more things that you can wear on your feet, beginning with the letter S.

Answers
1, Boxing

2. Niagara Falls
3. Asparagus and rhubarb
4. Strawberry
5. Dwarf, dwell, and dwindle
6. lettuce
7. shoes, socks, sandals, sneakers, slippers, skis, skates, snowshoes, stockings, stilts.
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Einar Kvasager was the lucky birthday meal winner this month.

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Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

Statepoint Crossword Theme: Outer Space

ACROSS

1. Visual representation
6. Part of tennis match
9. Hindu dress
13. Japanese-American
14. Anger management issue
15. Strong and sharp
16. Relating to Eastern Catholic churches
17. Group of whales
18. Innocent
19. * ____ line between atmosphere and outer space
21. *Houston's infamous

23. "Mele Kalikimaka" wreath

24. *Galilean moons, the ____ largest moons of Jupiter
25. Fertility clinic stock
28. Something inadmissible, to a baby

30. Less taxing
35. Fabled fliers
37. Praise
39. Buddy

40. Angler's hope
41. Muhammad's teaching
43. Capital on the Dnieper
44. Hipbone-related
46. Aries or Taurus, e.g.
47. *E.T. "phoned" it
48. One in ten, pl.
50. Iran Nuclear Deal, e.g.
52. Spanish "sea"
53. "Moonlight Sonata," e.g.
55. Embrace
57. *Matt Damon in 2015 film
61. *Outer space, mostly
64. * ____ Asimov
65. Bird word
67. Flew a kite
69. Île de la Cité river
70. Hole punching tool
71. Fill with optimism
72. What choir did
73. Brian Griffin on "Family Guy," e.g.
74. User's treatment

DOWN

1. African grazer

2. Triple toe loop location
3. "Heat of the Moment" band

4. Black ____ in "Pirates of the Caribbean"

5. Paid killers
6. Sagittarius, e.g.
7. Time period
8. Dancer's beat
9. Union foe
10. Seed cover
11. Gauche or Droite, in Paris

12. Something previously mentioned

15. Arctic-wear
20. Garlic mayo
22. French street
24. Snafus
25. *Space path
26. Bridal veil fabric
27. ____ a play

29. *Famous space acronym
31. Punjabi believer
32. "Kick the bucket," e.g.
33. Organ swelling
34. *Mars exploration vehicle

36. *Only one was in John Glenn's Friendship 7

38. *Brent Spiner in "Star Trek"

42. Coffee shop order
45. USDA designation

49. Hot springs resort
51. Country singer Tanya

54. Open a beer bottle
56. Cunning

57. Piggy's title
58. On a cruise

59. Cats and dogs?
60. *Beverage associated with early astronauts

61. Measure of electric potential

62. Beehive State
63. Online ____ tag

66. Be in the red
68. Cotillion ball's main attraction

Solution:

Hollywood Legends

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Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

Sheyanne Wallace of Killdeer, ND visited Roger and Lynn Gallant over the weekend. She is their granddaughter.

Jim and Debbie DuChamp left for Aruba on Wednesday the 13th. Aruba is an island in the Caribbean, north of Venezuela. They went with a few other couples. More details later.

Alice Jobe visited Fern Eskeli and Jean Matt on Thursday at Oakland Park Nursing Home.

On Wednesday, eleven ladies "Red Hats" went out for dinner to Carol's Cozy in Brooks. The special was BBQ riblets which most everyone had. It was delicious. Joanne Bradley won the quarter pot. Winners of the other drawings were Louise, Myrtle H and Ann Traxler. The ladies also sang "Happy Birthday" to Joanna Bradley whose birthday was the 13th and also Bunny DuChamps, whose birthday is January 23rd.

The football game between

the MN Vikings and Seattle Seahawks on Sunday the 10th was interesting. Score was 10-9. Seattle won and turned it on in the 3rd quarter. The Vikings had been ahead, but things quickly fell apart. I heard Jim DuChamp and his brother Lenny, who is in Seattle kept in touch during the game. Of course, Lenny was for Seattle. It must have been fun watching the game change so. I'm not a football fan but found the game exciting!

My oldest brother Loren celebrated his birthday on January 13th. He is 73.

Wednesday and Thursday, both, reached the highs of 20 degrees. That is warm. It snowed Thursday. They say we can get 4 to 5 inches of snow. If the wind picks up, it'll be poor visibility.

Wednesday night, I started a 1000 piece puzzle. It is a Terry Redlin picture and is a beautiful winter scene in the country. It's a night scene and

is Christmas with lights on a outdoor tree ad a couple of deer in the fore ground. It is really tough. I'm missing two piece from the border. They'll show up anyway. I have a good snowed in project. It'll measure 30 x 24 inches.

Sorry, I'm short on news again this week.

I still enjoy going to the Creamery for coffee on Monday's. This week Arlene Froiland joined us. Usually it the group and me. But it is interesting.

This morning, when it was a little after seven, I had fed the birds and I looked south and a big crow was making a hole in the snow with its feet and body to look for grass. What a way to have to get your breakfast. They do occasionally eat sunflower seeds off the ground. They can't handle the little birdfeeder.

Have a good week. Keep busy and be good and careful!

Due to seating limitations, on-site registration will not be available on the day of the event.

One other drainage design workshop will be held Feb. 17-18 in Marshall, Minn., on the campus of Southwest State University.

To register for either of the workshops, go to <https://www.regonline.com/2016Drainage>.

For more information, contact me at 800-450-2465 or stordahl@umn.edu or Tom Scherer, NDSU Extension agricultural engineer, at (701) 231-7239 or thomas.scherer@ndsu.edu; or Hans Kandel, NDSU Extension agronomist at (701) 231-8135 or hans.kandel@ndsu.edu. This article was provided by Hans Kandel.

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This weeks hours:

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year, since there may be changes to the council in the coming year.

Councilman Halle presented the council with a letter of resignation. He will/has moved and this meeting will be his last meeting. The Council accepted his resignation and hopes his future endeavors work in his favor. Melby accepted the resignation, Bergerson

seconded, carried.

Cross was told to get an ad in the paper requesting letters to be submitted to the Council for the open Council Seat.

Genova asked of the Council to once again consider sitting face forward to the residents as it shows respect to them.

The meeting was adjourned with a motion from Melby, seconded by Bergerson, carried.

By Bonny Cote