

Oklee Precipitation
By Einar Kvasager

	Rain	Snow
Feb. 7		0.25
Feb. 8		2.00
Total in.	0.00	2.25

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Minnesota’s School Board Recognition Week, February 15-19, is a time to thank our school board members for their commitment and contributions to education and our communities. RLCC School Board members include Dani Paradis, Pam Paradis, Darby Trontvedt, Matt Kolstoe, Marcella Melby, Jason Cater, Tom Bray, Lowell Hamrum, and Dave Person.

School Board Recognition Week February 15-February 19, 2016

Red Lake County, MN—The Minnesota School Boards Association has set February 15-19 as School Board Recognition Week in Minnesota as a time to build awareness and understanding of the vital function an elected board of education plays in our society. Red Lake County Central ISD 2906 & Red Lake Falls School District #630 are joining all public school districts across the state to celebrate School Board Recognition Week to honor our local board members for their commitment to their schools, communities, families and children.

"It takes strong schools to build a strong community, and these men and women devote countless hours to making

sure our schools are helping every child learn at a higher level, Superintendent James Guetter said. "They make the tough decisions every month and spend many hours studying education issues and regulations in order to provide the kind of accountability our citizens expect."

Guetter said the key work of school boards is to raise student achievement by:

- Creating a vision for what the community wants the school district to be and for making student achievement the top priority;
- Establishing standards for what students will be expected to learn and be able to do;
- Ensuring progress is measured to be sure the

district's goals are achieved and students are learning at expected levels;

- Being accountable for their decisions and actions by continually tracking and reporting results;
 - Creating a safe, orderly climate where students can learn and teachers can teach;
 - Forming partnerships with others in the community to solve common problems; and
 - Focusing attention on the need for continuous improvement by questioning, refining and revising issues related to student achievement.
- "School board members give the citizens of each School District a voice in educational, financial and policy decision making of the Schools. Even

though we make a special effort to show our appreciation in February, their contribution is a year-round commitment."

The board members serving the RLF School District and their years of service are as follows:

Amanda Cardinal(4), Reed Engelstad(15), Brad Johnson(3), Wayne Hanson(9), Andy Knott(3), Linda Schultz(1) and Chair Mike Swendra(21).

The board members serving the RLCC School District and their years of service are as follows:

Chair Matt Kolstoe(8), Darby Trontvedt(6), Lowell Hamrum(7), Dani Paradis(10), Dave Person(8), Tom Bray(2), Marcella Melby(2), Pam Paradis(1) and Jason Cater(4).

USDA Sees Strong Demand for Conservation Reserve Program

Deadline to Submit Offers for Competitive Enrollment is Feb. 26

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is reminding farmers and ranchers that the competitive sign-up deadline for its most popular voluntary conservation program, the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), is Feb. 26, 2016. This will be one of the most competitive general sign-up periods in history, in part due a statutory limit on the number of acres that can be enrolled in the program. The most competitive applications will be those that combine multiple conservation benefits, such as water quality and wildlife habitat.

For the past thirty years, CRP has provided financial incentives to farmers and ranchers to remove environmentally sensitive agricultural land from production to be planted with certain grasses, shrubs and trees that improve water quality, prevent soil erosion and increase wildlife habitat. Since 1985, CRP has sequestered an annual average of 49 million tons of greenhouse gases, equal to taking 9 million cars off the road; prevented 9 billion tons of soil from erosion, enough to fill 600 million dump trucks; and reduced nitrogen and phosphorous runoff by 95 and 85 percent, respectively. CRP also protects more than 170,000 stream miles with forests and grasses, enough to go around the world seven times. The program has allowed for the restoration of 2.7 million acres of wetland and protects more than 170,000 stream miles with forests and grasses, enough to go around the world seven times.

"Since the start of this Administration, USDA has invested more than \$29 billion to help producers make conservation improvements, working with as many as 500,000 farmers, ranchers and landowners to protect land and water on over 400 million acres nationwide," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "The Conservation Reserve Program

has been and continues to be a key piece of USDA's conservation strategy, and with this competitive sign-up we are encouraging applications that offer the greatest environmental protection."

As of January 2016, 23.6 million acres were enrolled in CRP, with contracts for more than 1.6 million acres set to expire this fall. The statutory cap on acres that can be enrolled is 24 million acres. Submissions will be ranked according to environmental benefits in comparison to all other offers nationwide. USDA will announce accepted offers after the enrollment period ends and offers are reviewed. For an interactive tour of CRP success stories from across the U.S., visit www.fsa.usda.gov/CRPis30, or follow on Twitter at #CRPis30.

In 2015, a record number of continuous CRP acres were enrolled, totaling over 830,000 acres. These high-value acres provide multiple benefits on the same land including water quality, wildlife, carbon sequestration and others. For example, the acres dedicated to pollinators have almost tripled to over 190,000 acres and support the National Strategy to Promote the Health of Honey Bees and Other Pollinators.

This record sign-up came after a May 2015 announcement that an additional 800,000 acres would be accepted for key natural resource enhancements. Since the May 2015 announcement, wetland restorations have increased by 77,000 acres, duck nesting habitats have increased 35,000 acres and other wildlife habitat has increased 255,000 acres within the CRP State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE).

Surveys have demonstrated significant increases in populations of upland grassland birds; the 227,000 acres dedicated to upland bird habitat buffers are estimated to increase bobwhite quail numbers by 350,000 each fall.

For an interactive look at USDA's work in conservation and forestry over the course of this Administration, visit <http://www.usda.gov/farmbill>.

medium.com/usda-results.

For more information on Farm Service Agency (FSA) conservation programs, visit a local FSA office or www.fsa.usda.gov/conservation. To find your local FSA office, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

CRP was re-authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill, which builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past seven years, while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for taxpayers. Since enactment, USDA has made significant progress to implement each provision of this critical legislation, including providing disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; strengthening risk management tools; expanding access to rural credit; funding critical research; establishing innovative public-private conservation partnerships; developing new markets for rural-made products; and investing in infrastructure, housing and community facilities to help improve quality of life in rural America. For more information, visit www.usda.gov/farmbill.



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Oklee: D & R Grocery, Cenex C-Store, Oklee Herald office.

Brooks: Brooks Travel Center.

Plummer: Plummer Coop Creamery.

Red Lake Falls: Eagle Square.

Gully: Gully Tri-Coop.

And Online! Go to www.TriCoCanary.com

Oklee City Council picks new council member - Alan Jensen

The Oklee City Council met on February 8th at the Oklee Café. The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. with all members present: Kent Bergerson, Lori Melby, Kaye Munt, Mayor George Burthwich, and City Clerk, Derek Cross. Gale E. Schmitz, Oklee's CPA and Deputy Lovely.

There were many citizens and business owners of Oklee at the meeting: Gayle Flateland, Gloria Anderson, Toni Burthwich, John Melby, John Dudycha, Cheryl O'Neill, Toni Johnson, Leo Olson, Allen Jensen, Jackie Cross, Sandra Tougas, Darrell Tougas.

The Council did have their tables set up so they faced the citizens which was well received by the public attending.

The minutes were approved by a motion by Munt which Bergerson seconded, carried.

The financial report was given by Gale Schmitz from Gale E. Schmitz, LTD. Schmitz commented that the billing system for the water, sewer & garbage appears to have improved the outcome.

City of Oklee Combined statement of financial position As of January 31, 2016 & 2015 Current assets

	2016	2015
Cash in bank – Gen. checking	237,092.78	170,852.10
Returned checks	100.00	100.00
Accounts Receivable	24,687.68	36,554.43
Allowance Doubtful accounts	(7,400.00)	(7,400.00)
Prepaid Expenses	0.00	308.64
Due from other funds	85,594.00	90,189.00
Total Current Assets	\$340,074.46	\$290,604.17
Property & Equipment		
Land	34,900.00	34,900.00
Equipment	3,286,226.00	3,313,019.23
Less: Accum.Depreciation	(1,559,263.02)	(1,559,263.02)
Net Property & Equip.	1,761,862.98	1,788,656.21
Total Assets	2,101,937.44	2,079,260.38

Liabilities and Net Assets

	2016	2015
Total Liabilities	\$628,135.63	\$649,964.23
Total Net Assets	1,473,801.81	1,429,296.15
Total Liabilities & Assets	\$2,101,937.44	2,079,260.38

After the council heard the financial report from Schmitz, Bergerson moved to accept, Melby seconded, carried. Bills were also looked over and Bergerson moved to accept with Munt seconding, carried. Last month the council was unable to accept the financial report, due to it being a draft, so a motion to accept with the final changes made was made by Bergerson and seconded by Munt. Carried.

The Sheriff's report was not given as Sheriff Bernstein was not present.

Matthew Genova was next up and the thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and he thanked the council for facing the citizens as it showed respect.

Genova updated the board on the Coat of Arms flag that students at RLCC are working on. Genova has approached several businesses for help in funding the project, and a bank account has been opened at Security State Bank with Genova and Mayor George Burthwich on the account.

The past issue of homes with garbage or appliances in their yards was once again discussed. Genova had visited with the City Clerk Derek Cross last week. Cross informed Genova that a message could be placed on the water/sewer/garbage bill informing the residents in general about the ordinances of the City and see if things would start to get cleaned up and it would not cost the city anything by adding this language. Bergerson asked Genova where do you draw the line and Genova responded the ordinance says the standard expected. That the residents are required to get rid of things that could cause harm. Genova said he just wants the city to start working with residents to get the problem solved, not asking them to enforce gestopo style.

Leo Olson spoke up and stated that at one time there was a large item pick up. John Dudycha said there are some places that dose have garbage and safety should be a concern since some refrigerators and freezers are part of the issue. Darrell Tougas also added to the conversation that the City used to do a large pick up in the spring, but not many people put stuff out for pick up. That is when the City decided to just pick up appliances when called. Dudycha said this should have been taken care of before and needs to be worked on.

Genova said that according to the ordinances that the City and Fire Department can go in and clean up yards for safety reasons. Mayor Burthwich said he would start working on the issue with Darrell's help. Darrell will call Cal Eckstein for information on the cost of a large item pick up.

Genova then moved on to the past issue he has discussed at the meetings, and said he would like to present a letter from Mitch to the council. The council said they already had it, so Genova said he would give a copy to the Oklee Herald for publishing. (*see page 2 - Letter to Matthew from Sherri*)

Next on the agenda was a request from the RLCC Take Down Club for a donation for their event they held in the City. The council members asked if they had given before, and they were told yes. The council decided to say no because they should help some organizations and not others, so they recommended the Community Club would be a better place for this organization to go for funding.

The Oklee Fire Department requested that a line item be added to their account so it

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5th Annual Fireman's Blizzard Bonanza

Can you believe it, it is already time for the 5th annual Fireman's Blizzard Bonanza at the Oklee Hall on February 20th.

The fun begins at 5:30 when everyone begins to gather at the Oklee Community Hall where a Silent Auction will be set up with numerous items to bid on. There will be meat raffles again so get ready to bring home the bacon...etc. At 6:00 p.m. the delicious pulled pork meal will be served. TJ's Tavern will once again be set up in the Oklee Hall for the evening.

Entertainment will be by Tim Eggebraaten and he will be hosting a new event for the night, "The Newlywed Game" which sounds like it could be lots of fun, whether you are participating or watching.

Throughout the night the raffles will be held, but the big prizes will be drawn from the tickets sold for this event. Prizes are: 1st place: A Zipple Bay fishing trip for 2 people for 2 days. The 2nd place prize is a Girls Getaway. And don't forget the 3rd place prize, a Savage Axis 22-25 Bolt Heavy Barrel rifle.

If you haven't purchased your tickets yet for this fun night, find a fireman from Oklee and ask to purchase your chance at one of those wonderful prizes. Tickets are also on sale at the Oklee Cenex C-Store.

Mark your calendar: February 20th – food – fun – entertainment – prizes. What more could you ask for?

Calendar of Events

Wed, Feb. 17:
-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. 18:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.

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

Fri, Feb. 19:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.

-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.

Sat, Feb. 20:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!

Sun, Feb. 21:
-Worship at the church of your choice.

Mon, Feb. 22:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.

Tue, Feb. 23:
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards.

-LSS Sr. Meals 5:00 p.m.

Wed, Feb. 24:
-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. 25:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.

-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.

Fri, Feb. 26:
-LSS Senior Meals 11:30 a.m..

Sat, Feb. 27:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!

Sun, Feb. 28:
-Worship at the church of your choice.

Mon, Feb. 29:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.

Tue, Mar. 1:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.

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

Wed, Mar. 2:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.

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

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

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Margaret Jacobus
Wed, Feb. 17: 6:30 p.m. Supper at Zion 7:30 p.m. Lenten Service at Zion.
Sun, Feb. 21: 9:00 a.m. Zion. 9:00 a.m. SS at Salem. 10:15 a.m. SS at Zion. 10:30 a.m. Salem.
Mon, Feb. 22: 9:00 a.m. Quilting at Zion.
Wed, Feb. 24: 6:30 p.m. Supper at Zion 7:30 p.m. Lenten Service at Salem.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH - OKLEE
Fr. Adam Hamness
Sun, Feb. 21: 7:30 a.m. Confessions 8:00 a.m. Mass.

BROOKS - RED LAKE FALLS CATHOLIC PARISH
Fr. Bill DeCrans
Wed, Feb. 17: Mass at 6:30 a.m. Soup Supper and a Discussion to follow Mass at St. Joseph at RLF. 7:00 p.m. "Lenten Longing" - discussion at Field Drainage in Brooks.
Sat, Feb. 20: 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph - RLF
Fridays: Stations of the Cross at Brooks & RLF
Sun, Feb. 21: 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph - Brooks. 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph - RLF.
Wed, Feb. 24: Mass at 6:30 a.m. Soup Supper and a Discussion to follow Mass at St. Joseph at RLF. 7:00 p.m. "Lenten Longing" - discussion at Field Drainage in Brooks.

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Wed, Feb. 17: 6:30 p.m. Soup & Sandwich at Immanuel. 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service at Immanuel.
Sun, Feb. 21: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Immanuel. 10:15 a.m. SS Immanuel. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer. Pot-luck at Ebenezer with council to follow.
Wed, Feb. 24: 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service at Ebenezer.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith Interim Pastor Phil Johnson
Wed, Feb. 17: Release Time. 6:30 p.m. Supper at Faith. 7:00 p.m. Lent Service.
Sun, Feb. 21: 8:30 a.m. Bethany; 9:45 a.m. SS. 9:45 a.m. Ekeland; 11:00 a.m. SS. 11:00 a.m. Faith; 9:45 a.m. SS.
Mon, Feb. 22: 9:30 a.m. Faith Quilting.
Wed, Feb. 24: Release Time. 6:30 p.m. Supper at Bethany. 7:00 p.m. Lent Service .

Oklee Senior Site Dining

February 22 - 26
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: Chicken strip, hash browns, vegetable, toast, dessert, and milk.

Tuesday: Meatballs, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, dessert and milk.

Wednesday: BLT, tator tots, dessert and milk.

Thursday: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, cream gravy, vegetable, dessert and milk.

Friday: Grill cheese, chili, tossed salad, dessert and milk.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Wed, Feb. 17: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School. Oak Park: 6:00 p.m. Soup/Sandwich supper. 7:00 p.m. Lent Service. 7:30 p.m. Bible Study.
Thu, Feb. 18: 7:00 p.m. St. Petri Lent Service. 7:30 p.m. Bible Study.
Sat, Feb. 20: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive. 10:15 a.m. SS/Confirmation.
Sun, Feb. 21: 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.
Tue, Feb. 23: 5:00 p.m. Mt. Olive Lent Service. 5:30 Bible Study.
Wed, Feb. 24: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School. Nazareth: 6:00 p.m. Soup/Sandwich supper. 7:00 p.m. Lent Service. 7:30 p.m. Bible Study.
Thu, Feb. 25: 7:00 p.m. St. Petri Lent Service. 7:30 p.m. Bible Study.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Feb. 17: 6:30 p.m. AWANA and Youth Group.
Thu, Feb. 18: 12:00 p.m. Rotary meeting.
Fri, Feb. 19: 8:00 a.m. Friday School.
Sun, Feb. 21: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.
Tue, Feb. 23: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study. 10:30 a.m. Quilting.
Wed, Feb. 24: 6:30 p.m. AWANA and Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund Sand Valley Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Wed, Feb. 17: 2:00 p.m. Sand Valley WELCA. 7:00 p.m. Lenten at Sand Valley.
Sun, Feb. 21: 9:00 a.m. Lund. 10:30 a.m. Sand Valley.
Wed, Feb. 24: 7:00 p.m. Lenten at Bethany.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston
Jon Marx, Lead Pastor
Seth Johnson, Assist. Pastor
Sun, Feb. 21: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship.

Quilt N' Craft Day
Quilt n' Craft Day will be held on February 20th at Oklee Quilting in their new Craft room. We will be incorporating a Project Linus sewing day. 9am-3pm. You may still bring your own projects to work on, or work on Project Linus. OR...if you don't sew, there is always tying of the quilts!

If you have a quilt you have already made and would like to donate to Project Linus please bring in to Oklee Quilting. Fabric and batting donations are welcome also.

Project Linus continues to grow. Blankets are collected locally and distributed to children in hospitals, shelters, social service agencies, or anywhere that a child might be in need of a hug.

Tri-Valley Public Transportation

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

Thu, Feb. 21: *Grand Forks* - Thief River Falls.

Notice of Garnes Township Annual Meeting and Election of Officers and Board of Canvass Meeting

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Garnes Township, County of Red Lake, State of Minnesota, that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Township Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2016. In case of inclement weather, the meeting and election may be postponed until the third Tuesday in March.

The Election Poll Hours will be open from 5:00p.m. to 8:00p.m., at which time the voters will elect:

One-Supervisor for a three year term
One-Clerk for a two year term

The Annual Meeting will commence at 8:00p.m. to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law.

The Annual Election and Meeting will be held at the following location: Garnes Townhall

The Board of Canvas will meet on March 8, 2016, after the Annual Meeting to certify the election results.

Diane Kolstoe, Clerk of Garnes

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Notice of Chester Township Annual Meeting and Election of Officers

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Chester Township, County of Polk, State of Minnesota, that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Township meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2016.

The Election Poll Hours will be open from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at which time the voters will elect:

One Supervisor for a 3 year term.
One Clerk for a 2 year term.

The Annual Meeting will commence at 4:00 p.m. to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law.

The Annual Election and Meeting will be held at the following location: Chester Town Hall.

In case of inclement weather, the meeting and election may be postponed to March 15, 2016 times remaining the same.

The Board of Canvass will meet on March 8, 2016 after the polls close to certify the election results.

Pam O'Neill, Clerk of Chester Township

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is easier to track spending. The council approved moving \$11,214.00 be moved to the line item. Also \$10,170 needs to be transferred. Both items were carried with a motion from Melby and seconded by Munt.

Cross brought before the council the need for a new water softener. Cross had only received one quote at this time but would like to get more. Burthwich after discussion with the council suggested that an amount of \$1800 or lower to be spent on a new softener could be approved as this needs to be taken care of before the next meeting. Bergerson made a motion for Cross to get more quotes and purchase a new softener for \$1800 or less with Munt making the second. Carried.

Another issue is that the refrigerator in the Café kitchen has quit working and the cost of fixing would be \$1000 or more. Discussion ensued and it was suggested that the City should ask if the Freedom Living Center would be interested in selling their commercial refrigerator. If not purchase of a new one will need to be done. The Café is able to function without the refrigerator at this time, so more information can be gathered before a final decision is made.

Last month, the Council decided to wait until this month to work on the Commission list. The prices for the rental items to stay the same, but add extra charges for the included driver. No other changes were made and a motion by Bergerson and Munt seconded, approved.

The final item on the agenda was the appointment for a council position until the election in November of 2016 election. Three applications had been submitted. The first up to talk to the board was Matthew Genova. He was asked why he wants to be on the council. Genova responded that he felt the present council was not moving forward and

has things that can be done to help the community. He is interested in city issues and citizens. He has the educational background with a degree in education, and police training and was on a board dealing with negotiations. He acknowledged that he would have to work better on the board and says that he is happy to see more residents coming to the meetings and taking interest in taking part. He has started the Coat of Arms flag project, made donations to the American Legion and the Oklee Senior Site. He went on to say, we all have differences and had to learn to work with each other and Genova feels he has lots to offer to the board.

Next up was Alan Jensen and he was asked the same question. Jensen stated that he was born and raised in Oklee. He feels that the community is a great place to live and work and to raise children. He also has an education and has served on a couple of boards when he was in college which he had been selected to serve on.

The final person who applied was Jackie Cross. She moved here in 1992 with five children and has lived here for 20 years. She is recently retired and has worked on many types of committees such as MNScu, and others while working for RLCC Elementary. She has extensive human relations training, has budgeting experience. She had left Oklee for a short time and couldn't wait to get back. This is her home.

The Council members, Bergerson, Munt and Melby cast written votes, which Burthwich counted. All three voted for Alan Jensen.

Genova then asked Jensen how many meetings he had attended. And also stated to the citizens that Melby had originally set up Clay Haugen to be the appointed council person but was found out, so Clay withdrew his application and Melby said she is not that dumb. Olson also spoke up and stated that he was the one that had asked Clay Haugen to serve.

A motion was made to accept Jensen as the new council member by Melby and Munt, carried.

Melby then made a motion to adjourn and Munt seconded. Carried.

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Letter from Sheriff To Matthew Genova
C o m p l a i n t a b o u t mismanagement of city funds.

At the Oklee City Council meeting on 1/11/16, Matt Genova, spoke to me about possibly investigating the misplacement of some public funds by the Oklee City Clerk's office. I told Matt that I would contact him on 1-12-16 to speak to him on this matter.

On the afternoon of 1-12-16, I contacted Matt and spoke with him. He told me that he had become aware that the Oklee City Clerk's Office had misplaced approximately \$500 in cash, and this had occurred a couple of years ago. He told me he had spoken with one of the Oklee City Council Members and he learned that

Letter to the Editor

To the Taxpayers and Citizens of Oklee

As you may or may not be aware, the city council of our City of Oklee had a council member, Alex Halle, resign his position as a City Council Member, served the City of Oklee and I am sure he will be missed.

Sometime in late January, the Oklee City Clerk mailed out applications to those who wished to apply for the vacant council seat. Also the City had to file a notice of this appointment in the Oklee Herald, ten days prior to the appointment. The City did file the notice as required, so far all is well.

These applications were required to be completed by February 4, 2016 so the council members could review them at the February 9th council meeting and the City Council could choose a person. So far so good.

However on January 20th at 9:45 a.m. while I was in Security State Bank, former mayor of Oklee, Clay Haugen along with Lori Melby, emerged from Lori's office in the bank.

Clay Haugen approached me while I was making a deposit and asked me to come to his home for a cup of coffee. I thought this invitation for coffee had something to do regarding his wife Carol, who I stop in and see in the new nursing home in Thief River Falls when I go up there for business. Boy was I ever wrong on that one.

During coffee at Clay Haugen's home, Clay Haugen told me not to bother applying to the city council for the vacant council seat. He told me that he was already appointed to the position by Lori Melby and Leo Olson. He told me he was already locked into the council appointment.

At this point, I was stunned to say the least at what I was told.

Lori Melby is constantly conducting city business from her office at the Bank. From the time the bank opens to closing time, when Lori is in the office. Also Leo Olson's coming and going to Lori's office on a daily basis is well known. But that is not the point right now.

After I left Clay Haugen's home, I called our Mayor, George Burthwich. I explained to him what had just happened

and what Clay Haugen said to me.

The Mayor went to Security State Bank and put a stop to Lori and Leo Olson's scheme regarding the appointment. The Mayor made Lori Melby call Clay Haugen and told Clay Haugen the deal of his appointment to the council seat was off and that Clay had to call the Mayor.

As a result, Clay Haugen withdrew his application for consideration for the City Council.

I would like to thank our Mayor, for his honesty and quick action.

This letter is not about me and the vacant council seat. I was not chosen by the City Council for the vacant council seat. The City Council elected to choose a resident, Alan Jensen, who applied. But when I asked him how many City Council meetings he had attended is answer was "none."

There will be other elections/appointments and I will try again to obtain a seat on the City Council.

Even though I was not chosen, some good prevailed. Our Mayor George Burthwich protected the taxpayers and the citizens when his help was called for by an Oklee citizen and taxpayer. Lori Melby and Leo Olson were caught trying to stack the vacant council seat.

This back door, under the table deal by both Lori Melby and Leo Olson is just another reason for Leo Olson's position with the City of Oklee, should be terminated and for Lori Melby to resign her position on the City Council.

"Lori Melby, you have violated the trust and respect of the taxpayers and citizens of Oklee."

"Leo Olson, you are as guilty as Lori Melby." You see, Leo, you are supposed to be the City of Oklee's advisor.

Oh! And let's not forget, our former Mayor Clay Haugen, who was and is, just as guilty, for his intentions and his so called honesty, at this time.

I would like to finish by congratulating Alan Jensen, who was picked by the City Council to fill the vacant council seat. I wish him, "Good Luck".

Respectfully,
Matthew Genova
Resident of Oklee

Centennial Recipe Corner

Caramel Bars

Deb (Champagne) Olson

2 cups flour
1 tsp soda
1/2 tsp salt
2 cups quick oatmeal
1-1/2 cups brown sugar
1-1/2 cups melted butter
1 (14 oz.) pkg. caramels
2-1/2 Tbsp. cream
1 cup milk chocolate chips
1/2 cup walnuts, crushed (optional)

Mix the flour, soda and salt together. Add the oatmeal, brown sugar and melted butter. Pat half the mixture in a 9 x 13 pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes. Melt the caramels and cream in the microwave. I do this about 2 minutes before I take the crust out of the oven. You will need to stir the caramel mixture and put it over the crust as soon as possible. Don't dump in one spot as the crust is not set and tends to shift. Pour as even as possible over the entire crust. If needed, gently smooth over areas that are not coated. Sprinkle with the milk chocolate chips, walnuts and the rest of the crust mixture. Bake 15 minutes.



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- They support the local fire and ambulance.
- They support various school activities.

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MUSTANG STAMPED

RLCC Menus

February 22 - 26
Oklee

Mon: Breakfast: Ham & cheese croissant, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Chili, corn muffins, corn chips, veg, fruit, and milk.

Tue: Breakfast: Waffle sticks, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Pork fritters, mashed potatoes w/butter, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Wed: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Chicken pot pie w/ biscuit, vegetable, fruit, and milk.

Thu: Breakfast: Cereal, breakfast wrap, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** BBQ's, baked beans, chips, fruit, and milk.

Fri: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Cheesy bread, pizza sauce, lettuce salad, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Plummer

Mon: Breakfast: Mini long john, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, au gratin potatoes, veggies & dip, red strawberry shortcake, and milk.

Tue: Breakfast: Pancakes, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Pepperoni stuffed crust pizza, salad, cucumbers & broccoli, apple crisp, and milk.

Wed: Breakfast: Egg patty, biscuit, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Hamburger w/ bun, cheese, salad, tomatoes, savory potato wedges, fruit, and milk.

Thu: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Pork fritter, mashed potatoes, country gravy, green beans, breadstick, fruit, and milk.

Fri: Breakfast: Variety of cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Fish wedge, oven fries, coleslaw, cornbread, fruit, and milk.

Sports Schedules

RLC Rebels

Boy Basketball

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

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

Tue, Feb. 23: Section 8A Pig Take High Seed TBD.

Thu, Feb. 25: Section 8A Play in Game TBD TBD.

Sat, Feb. 27: Section Qtr Finals

Tue, Mar. 1: Section Semi-Finals

RLCC Mustang

Girls Basketball

Fri, Feb. 19: Grygla-Goodridge at Oklee 6:00 p.m.

Mon, Feb. 22: Mahnomen at Mahnomen 6:00 p.m.

Skating Rink in Oklee now open

The Skating Rink in Oklee is open Monday through Friday 3:30-8:00 p.m., Saturday around 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., and Sunday noon to 8:00 pm. Closed during home events at the school.

ECFE News

February
ECFE Events

Thursday, February 18: "Nascar Night" in Plummer at 6:00-7:00 p.m. for ages 0-5. Bring a large box, if you have one, or ECFE will provide some too. Come decorate and create your Nascar with a cardboard box, lots of markers, yarn, paper plates, etc., and then test drive it in the hallway. Also enjoy some soup and sandwiches before you start making your car.

Thursday, February 25: "Family Fun Night" in Oklee at 6:00-7:00 p.m. for 0-5 years of age. Meet at the Oklee Skating Rink and skate in boots or skates. Dress for the weather and then warm up at the Oklee School with some hot chocolate and muffins.



RLCC Triple A (Academics, Arts, and Athletics) recipients Seth Johnson and Holly Vettleson pictured with Region 8 Executive Secretary Jim Weinzel at the Region 8 Triple A Banquet in Mahnomen.

RLCC Triple A recipients

By: Seth Paradis

RLCC High School seniors Holly Vettleson and Seth Johnson were selected to represent Red Lake County Central High School in the Academics, Arts, and Athletics Award program, RLCC's High School Principal Randy Pederson announced February 2, 2016.

Established in 1988 the Academics, Arts, and Athletics Award or Triple A is sponsored by Minnesota State High School League and goes to high school seniors who have a B or better average and who participate in League-sponsored athletic and fine arts activities.

Vettleson, daughter of Alan and Chris Vettleson, currently has a 3.942 GPA. Along with high school classes she currently takes three online classes: World History 1500-Present, World Music, Concepts of Biology, and Statistics. She also participates

in the Minnesota Association of Honor Societies and holds the office of secretary. Vettleson is in music including both choir and band for six years and vocal contest for four years receiving a superior this year. For athletics Vettleson has played volleyball and basketball for six years and was in track and field for seventh and eighth grades. Vettleson was involved in SADDs from seventh grade to eleventh grade.

She really enjoys vocal solo and ensemble contests. She also enjoys her two sports, basketball and volleyball, and enjoyed hanging out with her teammates. Vettleson's favorite class is any online course. Her future plans are to graduate from Northland with a two-year degree in May and attend Minnesota State University Moorhead to be a paralegal.

Seth Johnson, son of Jeff and

Pam Johnson, currently has a 3.6 GPA. He currently takes Biology, and Print Reading/ Maintenance Awareness online courses along with high school classes. He is a member of Minnesota Association of Honor Societies. Johnson has been in band for eight years, grades five-twelve. He was in football for eight years, too.

Johnson enjoys playing his trumpet and football. He said participating in football taught him how to have good sportsmanship and respect. Johnson's favorite online class is World History 1500-Present. His future plans are to go to North Dakota State College of Science in Wahpeton, ND for Diesel Technology.

Vettleson and Johnson along with other Triple A recipients from area schools were recognized Wednesday, February 10 at the Region 8 Triple A Banquet in Mahnomen.

FEBRUARY 15 — FEBRUARY 19, 2016

School Board Recognition Week

The Red Lake County Education Association Honors

Danielle Paradis, Pam Paradis, Darby Trontvedt, Matt Kolstoe, Marcella Melby, Jason Cater, Tom Bray, Lowell Hamrum, and David Person

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Marcus Christensen with his stool made out of oak and walnut in his senior high woods class at RLCC.



Tristan Larson with the cutting board he made out of multiple strips of wood including oak, walnut, and cedar in RLCC shop class.

Rebels beat Ponies

By: Ethan Vettleson

Red Lake County Rebels played Warren-Alvarado-Oslo in Warren on February 5. The Rebels won 76-54. Rebels shot 52% while the Ponies shot 34%. The Rebels out rebounded the Ponies 40-21.

Will Duden and Austin Waliser both led the team with 22 points. Drake Engelstad scored 11, Austin May five, Talon Porter four, Ethan Johnson three, Ethan Vettleson three, Jordan Johnson three Devin Lambert two, and Justin Nemecone. Engelstad had nine rebounds, Duden with eight, and Waliser with seven along with two steals.

For the Ponies Jackson Steer led the team with 15 points followed by Brice Miller with 12, Maison Carlson 10, Mason Wang five, Evan Deschene four, Max Sundby three, Brandon Miller two, Chase Salmon two, and Jake Steer one. Carlson had four rebounds, and Jackson Steer two steals.

RLCC wins against Lake of the Woods

By: Katie Pendelton

The Red Lake County Central Mustangs girls' basketball team played against Lake of the Woods Bears February 6 at Oklee. In the first half of the game RLCC scored 22 and Lake of the Woods scored 15. RLCC scored 29 points in the second half and Lake of the Woods 16. The final score was 51-31 with RLCC winning.

Scoring for the Mustangs were Ashley Longtin with 18, Michelle Sundquist with 14, Julia Bernstein with six, Kat DeHate with five, Brandi Jensen with four, and Morgan Bushelle and Taylor Bushelle both with two.

For the Bears, it was Alcia Draper with 16, Sydney Hufnagle with 10, Rebekah Fraser and Camryn Strohl both with two, and Lexie Rennemo with one.

RLCC Wrestling

By Ana Almeida

The Red Lake County Central Wrestling team lost at the Fertile meet Thursday, February 4. The final result was RLCC 12 and Fertile/ Beltrami 51.

At 106 pounds, Justin Boit won a 5-1 decision for the Fertile/Beltrami team over RLCC's Bryce Bergerson. At 113 pounds there was a double forfeit. At 120 pounds, Willie Meine pinned RLCC's Tyler Sandahl in 1:29. At 126 pounds, Ross Hamre won by forfeit for Fertile/ Beltrami, as well as Quinten Desrosier at 132 pounds and Noah Narstad at 138 pounds. At 145 pounds there was a double forfeit. At 152 pounds, RLCC's Tristyn Ferguson pinned Izaah Bennefeld in 4:42. At 160 pounds, Fertile/ Beltrami's Chris Moser had a fall over Kyle Gagner in 1:22. At 170 pounds there was a double forfeit. At 182 pounds, Shawn Moser pinned RLCC's George Duden in 1:06. At 195 pounds, Fertile/Beltrami's Wyatt Beauchane won by pinning Nick Pahlen in 1:31. At 220 pounds, Jorgen Qualley pinned RLCC's Alec Castaneda in 5:37. In the heavyweight

category, Tristan Larson won by forfeit for RLCC.

Mustangs lose by one to Eagles

By: Taylor Klasen

Red Lake County Central Mustangs lost to the Red Lake Falls Eagles on Thursday, February 4 in Plummer. Mustangs were ahead at the end of the first half, 19-14. In the end RLCC lost by one point, score being 39-40.

Scoring for RLCC Mustangs, Ashley Longtin had 17, Michelle Sundquist six, Brandi Jensen five, Kat DeHate and Julia Bernstein both scored four, and Taylor Bushelle scored three points. For the RLF Eagles scoring, Emma Duden had 16, Megan Lacrosse and Jozi Halvorson both scored seven, Madison Derosier four, and Josie Huot, Kelly Schultz, and Abby Huot all scored two points.

RLCC wrestles

against Bagley

By: Nicole Rindeau

Red Lake County Central wrestled Fosston/Bagley in Fosston February 8. The final score was 12-72.

At 106 lbs Bryce Bergerson was pinned down in 3:52 by Carter Sorenson. Tyler Sandahl at 120 lbs was pinned by Henry Burrack in 2:44. At 152 lbs Tristyn Ferguson lost in a 17-1 technical fall to Lane Olson. Kyle Gagner was pinned in 1:22 by Sam Manecke at 160 lbs. At 182 lbs George Duden was pinned in :29 by Teigen Hextell. At 220 lbs Alec Castaneda was pinned in 4:22 by Levi Hanson. Both Nick Pahlen at 195 lbs and Tristan Larson at heavyweight won by forfeit.

The Mustangs forfeited the 113, 126, 132, 138, 145, and 170 lbs weight classes.

RLCC Speech

By: Nicholas Plante

Red Lake County Central Speech team started their season at Blackduck on February 6, 2016. RLCC Speech team tied for 9th out of the 13 teams at the meet.

Those placing were Lily Guillemette going into finals and earning seventh place. Guillemette and Jade Person received a Blue Ribbon in Duo, Person a Blue Ribbon in Humor, and Sydney Melby a Red Ribbon in Humor.

RLCC vs KCC

By: Nicholas Plante

Red Lake County Central girls' basketball team battled against Kittson County Central on February 8, 2016 in Plummer. Mustang girls were down 18-28 after the first half against Bearcats. At the end of the second half, it was a 28-58 loss for the Mustangs.

Mustang top shooters were both Taylor Bushelle and Ashley Longtin with 10. Michelle Sundquist scored six, Brandi Jensen five, Julia Bernstein four, and Kat DeHate three.

Bearcats were led by Cora Kujava with 22, Lexi Turn 12, Hope Sele eight, Tea Jerome five, Casey Soliah three, Lexi Peterson three and Macy Westerberg two.



Josef Paradis, senior in Industrial Tech, made a box featuring walnut trim.

Oklee Herald Early Files

Seventy Years Ago February 14, 1946

In a wedding ceremony that took place Monday in St. Francis Xavier Church here, Miss Mae Bergeron, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bergeron of Oklee, became the bride of Ralph J. Petterson, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Petterson of Mentor.

Where will the awesome atomic tests be held...the location is the Bikini Atoll, a part of the Marshall group, where an atomic bomb will be tested under combat conditions in May. The tests are arranged under the joint Army and Navy command, will be known as "Operation Crossroads."

Sixty Years Ago February 16, 1956

Frank J. Lacoursiere, 65, former Red Lake County resident, died at the Veteran's Hospital at Wadsworth, Kansas, Monday evening, following a short illness.

The Plummer senior class surprised Marcie Lemieux Wednesday evening at her parent's home. The occasion was Marcie's 18th birthday.

A 22 pound northern pick which had eluded Pine Lake fishermen for some time until last week, when Mr. Soren Kolstoe nailed the huge specimen (it measured 44 inches in length) after several attempts.

Fifty Years Ago February 17, 1966

A major remodeling and redecorating project was begun this week at the Oklee Municipal Liquor Store. The wooden booths which were installed in 1941, are being replaced with upholstered booths along with other items being redone or replaced.

Glen Hofstad who is in the Army stationed in Germany is now on leave and touring Norway, Denmark, and Sweden. He will return home after he is discharged on February 24th.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Fore of Equality township have been selected to receive the 1966 Valley Farmer and Homemaker award.

Forty Years Ago February 12, 1976

Mr. and Mrs. Don Fournier wish to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Kathie to Terrance, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Roy of Cloquet, MN.

Calvin Harmoning of rural Red Lake Falls has been selected as the 1976 King Agassiz from Red Lake County.

"M a n a g e m e n t o f Minnesota's deer herd remains the exclusive responsibility of the state Dept. of Natural Resources and the season cannot be closed by federal officials," said U.S. Rep. Bob Bergland in a statement issued on Friday.

Thirty Years Ago February 12, 1986

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lessard of Oklee announce the engagement of their daughter Barb to Greg Guzek, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Guzek of Terrebonne.

Gerry Mattsion of Plummer took first place in Class "C" at the Goodridge "100" Cross Country Snowmobile Race on January 25th.

There were two minutes left in the basketball game when Dale Lundeen of Oklee picked up a loose ball, and fed it to Richard Hendrickson. Hendrickson shot the made the

basket, which made the 1,000 point in his high school career.

Jennifer Cyr was a winner in the Minnesota Music Teachers Association NW District piano contest held at MSU on Saturday.

Twenty Years Ago February 14, 1996

Ray and Irene Rosten have been chosen at the 1996 Red Lake County Valley Farmer and Homemaker.

Record breaking below zero temperatures were recorded this month.

The Moonlighters held their 29th annual Safari and had 102 entries.

Rodney Bjerklie was hurt in an explosion on their dairy farm last Saturday.

Iona Berry, Mayor of Oklee, signed a proclamation declaring February 14 - March 10 as Daffodil Days for the American Cancer Society.

Ten Years Ago February 16, 2006

Plummer City Council offers free lots for prospective builders was announced at their monthly meeting.

Corey Olson and Angela Paquin were Triple A award recipients and are students at RLCC High School.

The Plummer Snowmobile Club conducted a Snowmobile Safety Course for local youth on December 29th & 30th.

Some of the 5th and 6th grade students at RLCC have been taking some class time on Friday to spend with COLTS which stands for Children Often Learn Together Successfully.

Del and Cindy Determan returned on Saturday from a Mexico 6-day holiday, en route home they visited her parents, Paul and Norman Jean Beech in Slayton.

Senior Site News and Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

We are having warmer weather today but, with it, we have snow. I don't think we are supposed to get too much, but, it would be nice to have escaped getting any. It seems like everything should be quiet in the winter, but there is always something going on.

This week on Thursday we have the Senior Council meeting. Later at 12:30 we have Bingo, following Bingo we are having a Valentine Party. Everyone is invited to take part in the things. The Valentine Party will have treats for everyone and Valentines will be given out. It is not required to bring anything, you can come and take part in the party without bringing anything. Come and enjoy!!! Friday, the 19th, is Birthday

Meal. Come and drop your name in a box and maybe you will be lucky and receive the free meal.

Dates to Remember
Feb. 18 - Valentine Party, Bingo
Feb. 19 - Birthday Meal
March 1 - Evening Meal

Words of Wisdom

Recognition goes to all who participate. Awards go to those who win.

No one with a big garden is ever bored.

Joke Time

Three men hired a small plane to hunt moose in Canada, but the pilot warned them. "This is a very small plane, so you can only bring

back one moose." Inevitably the men got carried away killing three moose. When they came to the plane, the pilot was appalled. "I said one moose only."

"That's what you said last year," replied one of the hunters, but for an additional \$100 you then allowed us to take the three moose on the plane. So, here, take the \$100 now."

The pilot relented and allowed the three moose on board, but shortly after take-off the plane crashed. Pulling himself from the wreckage, one hunter looked around semi-conscious and asked, "Where are we?"

One of his colleagues muttered, "About 100 yards from where we crashed last year."

Plummer News By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

Roger and Lynn Gallant and Anna DeHate returned Thursday, the 4th, from Mesa Arizona. They had visited Don and Marge Ranstrom.

While there, they did some sightseeing. They saw Superstition Mountain as well as other mountains. They were invited for lasagna dinner at Merle and Lorna Jesme's.

Lorraine Lorenson was also there. They also visited with Jerry Freitag and Carolyn. They went out to eat some and played cards a lot. It was quite chilly while they were there, but they did have a good time.

Super Bowl #50 was last Sunday. Denver Broncos over the Carolina Panthers 24-10. I liked watching the Blue Angel jets fly over before the game.

That was cool. Lady Gaga sang the National Anthem. Some of the players need to learn respect for the flag. Half time entertainment was okay. Personally, I thought the game

was boring. The commercials were pretty good.

Loretta Hesse went with a friend to Elk River where she visited Donnie and Jackie Hesse.

Alice Jobe visited Esther Evenson in Thief River Falls on Tuesday, also visited Polly Skjerven at the Care Center.

Jed Duden celebrated his 12th birthday on February 10th. He is the son of Jody and Rodney Duden. Jed has a younger brother named Connor. Randy and Jeanine Pahlen and Micki Duden are his grandparents.

The Plummer Snowmobile Club, on Saturday the 13th, held their Safari. Chili was served, door prizes after the ride, too bad there wasn't more snow. The storm the previous Sunday was quite bad. We were lucky we didn't get more snow. In town you could see no more than 3 blocks. The drifts were

really something. The wind had blown out of the west, then switched to the north. It sounds like quite a lot of people were caught in it.

I have a little Valentine's trivia to write about. This is a combination of what I heard on the radio, which I'll write first. Valentine was protesting going away to be in an army, he said that wives would miss their spouses while gone. Anyway, I believe he may have been imprisoned, he sent a card or not to his girlfriend and signed it "from your Valentine."

From the encyclopedia, it said, St. Valentine was beheaded by the Roman's in 268 AD on February 14th. Whether he was considered a martyr because of his beliefs, I don't know. But interesting facts, never the less. He is a saint. Hope you had a nice Valentine's Day.

Have a good week.

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

Well, Mother nature is playing her games with us.

This morning the roads are icy because it rained lat night. Just a few moments ago it was snowing really hard. Now it is kind of foggy. Snow has stopped. It looks like a mixed bag today. The temperatures are not that bad for February. But on Friday and Saturday it was downright cold and the wind enhanced that cold. Lets hope spring comes soon, I personally can't wait till you can go somewhere without thinking I better beat it home before the weather changes and I get stranded.

Matt Schmitz will be ordained into the Diaconate in Red Lake Falls in March or April (I have forgotten the date) but keep an eye out for when. We are so proud of his great accomplishments and of his commitment to the faith.

Congratulations Matt and to Arnie and Barb for raising such a true son of God.

Congratulations to Robyn Morinville who was the lucky winner of the black out game at Cozy on Saturday evening. Your friends I am told told you not to quit your day job. Good advice.

It was so good to see Larry Pratt this weekend. Larry and Nancy Pratt came to Brooks to visit their Daughter and Son-in-law Heidi and Jess Determan and their daughters Elizabeth, Emma and Mikayla. The girls showed off at fellowship playing and being little girls that a Grandpa can love and appreciate.

Jess Determan went to Canada and fished Lake Winnipeg last week. He went fishing with snowbears, a fish house that travels on the ice to where you want to fish and

you just fish right in your ride. You don't have to get out of it on the lake from what I understand. Neverthe less, he caught many fish and had to throw many back. They were all good sized fish over 18 inches long. My mouth is watering for that walleye.

Last week I forgot to include news that Elaine Radniecki gave me. Her sister Mary Ann Lambert of Thief River Falls came to visit her on Wednesday the 3rd.

It is the middle of February already, where does the time go? I guess there is some winter left to go, so maybe I will get those things to do on my list, done yet. The older I get the slower it goes. I hope you all have a great week. Mine will be good, because we have Red Hats on Wednesday at Cozy and everyone is welcome. Join us.

Who's Dat?



Who's Dat

This week's photo is from a past celebration in Oklee. How many do you recognize. I recognize a few, but the more names, the better.

Last week's photo was of Sheila Sebenaler, soprano; Lisa Chaput, alto; Ronnie Hamm, tenor; and Jason Magnell, bass, who were part of the Oklee High School entrants in the District 30 Ensemble Contest held in Ada in 1989. They earned a State Star.



hoeing and cultivation with herbicide treatments.

7. "INCLUDE" where soil erosion potential is minimal, primary tillage as a component of the weed management program.

8. "SCOUT" fields regularly and identify weeds present. Respond quickly to changes in weed populations to restrict spread of weeds that may have been selected for resistance.

9. "CLEAN" tillage and harvest equipment before moving from fields infested with resistant weeds to those

that are not.

10. "ENCOURAGE" railroads, public utilities, highway departments and similar organizations that use total vegetation control programs to use vegetation management systems that do not lead to selection of herbicide resistant weeds. Resistant weeds from total vegetation control areas frequently spread to cropland. Chemical companies, state and federal agencies, and farm organizations can all help with this effort.

For more information about this topic, contact Jeff Gunsolus, U M Extension Weed Scientist by e mail at gunsolus001@umn.edu or go to the web and download the article on this topic by Jeff Gunsolus at <http://www.extension.umn.edu/agriculture/crops/weed-management/herbicide-resistant-weeds>. This is the final article on the series of columns on "HERBICIDE RESISTANT WEEDS".

Source: Jeff Gunsolus, U M Extension Weed Scientist.

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Herbicide Resistant Weed (Part 3)

Weed traits that favor resistance

Weeds, by their nature, have a diverse genetic background that gives them the ability to adapt to many different environments. For example, the repeated mowing of a lawn selects for low growing plants that avoid or that are not affected by repeated cutting. Therefore, it should not be surprising that weeds can adapt to certain herbicide programs. Weeds with a diverse genetic background may have a resistant biotype that has a 1 in 1 million chance of occurring within a weed population. Although these odds sound remote, a 1 in 1 million chance of occurrence can translate into a high probability of selecting for a herbicide resistant weed biotype unless proper methods to reduce selection intensity are used.

As a herbicide resistant biotype becomes more predominant in the weed population, two factors increase in importance:

1. Weed reproductive capability.
2. Weed seed dispersal mechanisms.

The greater the reproductive success of the resistant biotype, the greater its potential to spread and become a dominant part of the population. Due to extended viability of most weed seeds, once established a herbicide resistant biotype will be difficult to eliminate from the population, even if extensive remedial weed control measures are used. Weeds such as Kochia can tumble for miles spreading seed into previously uninfested land. As a result of the diverse seed dispersal mechanisms of weeds, it is apparent that a farm manager must always use good herbicide resistance management strategies to prevent resistant biotypes from developing on the land and prohibit the establishment of resistant weed biotypes spreading from from adjacent lands or from custom harvesting equipment and other machinery.

Diagnosing herbicide resistant weeds

Before assuming that any weeds surviving a herbicide application are resistant, rule out other factors that might have affected herbicide performance. Several factors would be misapplication, unfavorable weather conditions, improper timing of herbicide application, and weed flushes after application of non-residual herbicide. If resistance appears to be a likely possibility, check for the following:

1. Are other weeds listed on the product label controlled satisfactorily? Chances are

only one weed species will show herbicide resistance in any given field situation. Therefore, if several normally susceptible weed species are present, reconsider factors other than herbicide resistance as the cause of the lack of weed control.

2. Did the same herbicide or herbicide with the same site of action fail in the same area of the field in the previous year?

3. Do field histories indicate extensive use of the same herbicide or herbicide action year after Year?

If one or more of these situations apply, it is possible that the weeds are resistant to the herbicide. if resistance is suspected, control the weeds with a labeled herbicide having another site of action or use appropriate non chemical weed control methods to prevent the weeds from going to seed. Next, contact your local crop consultant, Regional U M Extension Crops Educator at [218.998.5787](tel:2189985787) or 236.2008 and/or the appropriate chemical company to develop a comprehensive weed control program to manage the problem.

Herbicide resistant crops

Recent research efforts have been directed at breeding herbicide resistance into crops. For minor-use crops it may be more economical to breed resistance into a crop than to develop selective herbicides for current varieties. For major use crops such as corn, soybeans, and wheat, herbicide resistant crops may be useful where difficult to control weeds or environmental conditions dictate the use of specific herbicides to which the crop is normally susceptible.

The use of herbicide resistant crops could enhance the potential for selecting for herbicide resistant weeds unless careful management practices are followed. The key, once again, is selection intensity. Misuse of herbicide resistant crops could encourage the use of a single herbicide or herbicide family over several crop rotations, thereby enhancing the selection intensity for herbicide resistant weeds.

Herbicide resistant crop varieties or hybrids need to be carefully evaluated for other performance traits(e.g. yield) and these traits should be compared to all other suitable hybrids or varieties in the market place, whether they have herbicide resistance or not. This will ensure that crop producers are getting the best overall agronomic value for the money. It will also be very important that accurate records be kept of the exact planting location of the herbicide resistant crops to avoid herbicide misapplication.

Management strategies for avoiding and managing herbicide resistant weeds

The North Central Weed Science Society (NCWSS) Herbicide Resistance Committee has developed the following list of strategies for avoiding and managing problems with herbicide resistant weed biotypes. Keep in mind that reliance upon any one strategy is not likely to be effective. The crop producer must use the following strategies in carefully selected combinations if herbicide resistant weed problems are to be avoided or properly managed.

1. "USE" herbicides only when necessary. Where available, herbicide applications should be based on economic thresholds. Continued development of effective economic threshold models should be helpful.
2. "ROTATE" herbicide sites of action. DO NOT make more than two consecutive applications of herbicides with the site of action to the same field unless other effective control practices are also included in the management system. Two consecutive applications could be single annual applications for two years, or split applications in one year.
3. "APPLY" herbicides in tank mixed, prepackaged, or sequential mixtures that include multiple sites of action. Both herbicides, however, must have substantial activity against potentially resistant weeds for this strategy to be effective. Remember that in the past, weeds that were selected for herbicide resistance often were not the primary target species. It may be expensive to apply herbicide combinations that duplicate a wide spectrum of weed control activity. Many of the more economical herbicide combinations may not be adequate.

4. "ROTATE" crops, particularly those with different life cycles(e.g. winter annuals such as winter wheat, perennials such as alfalfa, summer annuals such as corn or soybeans.).At the same time, remember not to use herbicides with the same site of action in these different crops against the same weed unless other effective control practices are also included in the management system.

5. "PLANTING" new herbicide resistant crop varieties should not result in more than two consecutive applications of herbicides with the same site of action against the same weed unless other effective control practices are included in the management system.

6. "COMBINE" where feasible, mechanical weed control practices such as rotary