

Oklee Precipitation		
By Einar Kvasager		
	Rain	Snow
Feb. 14		1.00
Feb. 15		1.00
Feb. 16		0.25
Total in.	0.00	2.25

Oklee Herald

...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

OKLEE (RED LAKE COUNTY) MINN. 56742

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5th Annual Fireman's Blizzard Bonanza



The Newlywed Game was a hilarious event to watch and the participants looked like they were having lots of fun also. Lots of fun was the name of the game for the participants and the audience also. On the stage was Couple 1: Issac and Marcella Melby, Couple 2: John & Sue Dudycha, Couple 3: Warren & Lisa Tvedt, and Couple 4: Tim & Eileen Paquin. Helping with the game on the left side of the stage was Al Paquin and the emcee of the Newlywed Game on the right side of the stage, Tim Eggebraaten.

The night was a great night to be out and about at the Oklee Hall. The place was packed by 6:30 p.m. with more coming in. As of 6:30 p.m. the Oklee Firemen had served 160 meals and the line was still filling in with more people, coming to eat and enjoy the evening, all the way to the door.

The meal was a pulled pork sandwich, cheesy potatoes, green beans, and dessert. It was very delicious and filling. TJ's Tavern was set up in the hall for those that preferred a mixed drink or a beer also.

During the meal, there were a number of meat raffles being sold and also a raffle for a rifle.

As the evening continued, the entertainment was again

furnished by the wonderfully talented Tim Eggebraaten, who has been a great emcee for many of the Oklee events since before the Centennial in 2010.

This year, in addition to his own musical show, he also emceed for the first Newlywed Game held at the Blizzard Bonanza. As people were entering, couples were asked if they were willing to be on the Newlywed Game and there were four couples chosen. They were Isaac and Marcella Melby, John and Sue Dudycha, Warren and Lisa Tvedt, and Tim & Eileen Paquin. The women were first brought off stage to the Fireman's office, while their husbands answered the questions put to them. The first

question asked of the husbands, "Which one of you would you say, was the better catch? You or her." Another question was, "When my wife wakes up in the morning, she finds, by _____ on her _____. The cleanest answer but wrong answer was "his blanket on my side of the bed." The wives were brought back and also answered the questions. Some were right on and others were not even close. Then it was time for the men to go to the Fireman's office, with the wives answering the questions. The husbands returned and again, the answers didn't always match. There was one bonus question at the end game. Scores were Melby's (5), Dudycha's (25), Tvedt (35) and

Paquin's (45), and the winners of the Newlywed Game were Tim & Eileen Paquin from Warroad winning the 200 prize.

Door prizes and raffles were continued throughout the evening and included more guns, a gun cabinet and many other items.

After the Newlywed Game, it was Tim Eggebraaten to entertain the crowd with his wits and musical talents for the rest of the evening. And the evening ended with the big raffle winners being drawn. The winners are: 1st Prize: Zippel Bay Fishing Trip - Tom Maruska. 2nd Prize: Girls Getaway - Field Drainage. 3rd Prize: Savage Axs 33-250 Bolt Heavy Barrell - Paradis Inc.

Oklee Senior Site's Valentine's Day Party



Carol Kvasager with great granddaughter Anika at the Senior Site Valentine's Day party which was held on Thursday, February 18th.



Vi Cote and Delores Longtin at the Senior Site Valentine's Day party which was held on Thursday, February 18th. Everyone was busy visiting and enjoying Valentine treats, a mini cupcake and ice cream.



Shirley Dessellier, Alvin and Bonnie Jensen at the Oklee Senior Site Valentine's Day party on Thursday were enjoying their visit.



Cleta Ralph, Iona Berry, Cecille Christianson, Leona Christianson, Dorothy Lee, and Alice Blumke visiting at the Senior Site Valentine's Day party.

Calendar of Events

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:

-No LSS Senior Meals.

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:

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

-LSS Sr. Evening Meal 5:00 p.m.

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.

Thu, Mar. 3:

-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.

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

Fri, Mar. 4:

-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.

-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.

Sat, Mar. 5:

-Support your local business - Shop Locally!

Sun, Mar. 6:

-Worship at the church of your choice.

Mon, Mar. 7:

-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.

Tue, Mar. 8:

-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.

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

Wed, Mar. 9:

-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.

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

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

Thu, Mar. 10:

-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.

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

Fri, Mar. 11:

-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.

-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.

Sat, Mar. 12:

-Support your local business - Shop Locally!

Sun, Mar. 13:

-Worship at the church of your choice.



The three gals, Kim Olson, Gin Berns, and Sandra Tougas, were writing the contestants answers on cards and were the judges, marking the correct or incorrect answers.



Isaac and Marcella Melby, were having lots of fun participating in the Newlywed game on Saturday night at the Oklee Hall.



Tim Eggebraaten, the emcee for the Newlywed Game and also musical entertainment for the Firemen's Blizzard Bonanza Saturday night.



Alan Paquin waiting for John's answer as Sue is looking for the correct card. The other two couples are Warren & Lisa Tvedt, and Tim & Eileen Paquin and having a good time. Tim & Eileen were the winners of the Newlywed Game.



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Gully: Gully Tri-Coop.

And Online! Go to www.TriCoCanary.com

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Margaret Jacobus
Wed, Feb. 24: 6:30 p.m. Supper at Salem. 7:30 p.m. Lenten Service at Salem.
Sun, Feb. 28: 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. 29: 9:00 a.m. Quilting at Zion.
Wed, Mar. 2: 6:30 p.m. Supper at Zion 7:30 p.m. Lenten Service at Zion.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
OKLEE
Fr. Adam Hamness
Sun, Feb. 28: 7:30 a.m. Confessions 8-10 a.m. Mass.

BROOKS - RED LAKE FALLS
CATHOLIC PARISH
Fr. Bill DeCrans
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.
Sat, Feb. 27: 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph - RLF
Fridays: Stations of the Cross at Brooks & RLF
Sun, Feb. 28: 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph - Brooks. 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph - RLF.
Wed, Mar. 2: 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
ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Wed, Feb. 24: 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service at Ebenezer.
Sun, Feb. 28: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer. 9:00 a.m. SS Immanuel. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Immanuel. Potluck at Immanuel.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH
ELCA
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith Interim Pastor Phil Johnson
Wed, Feb. 24: Release Time. 6:30 p.m. Supper at Bethany. 7:00 p.m. Lent Service Bethany.
Sun, Feb. 28: 8:30 a.m. Bethany; 9:45 a.m. SS. 9:45 a.m. Ekelund; 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, Mar. 2: Release Time. 6:30 p.m. Supper at Ekelund. 7:00 p.m. Lent Service Ekelund.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

February 29 to March 4
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: Meatloaf, ½ baked potato, vegetable, dessert, and milk.
Tuesday: Evening meal: Baked ham, boiled potato, broccoli, dessert and milk.
Wednesday: ½ Patty melt, hash browns, vegetables, dessert and milk.
Thursday: Pork loin, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, dessert and milk.
Friday: Egg salad sandwich, hamburger vegetable soup, dessert and milk.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
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. 7:00 p.m. Oak Park Ladies Aid.
Sat, Feb. 27: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive. 10:15 a.m. SS/Confirmation.
Sun, Feb. 28: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri. 9:15 a.m. St. Petri SS. 8:30 a.m. Nazareth SS. 9:45 a.m. Nazareth. Nazareth dinner following service. 9:45 a.m. Oak Park SS. 11:00 a.m. Oak Park.
Tue, Mar. 1: 5:00 p.m. Mt. Olive Lent Service. 5:30 Bible Study.
Wed, Mar. 2: 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, Mar. 3: 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. 24: 6:30 p.m. AWANA and Youth Group.
Thu, Feb. 25: 12:00 p.m. Rotary meeting.
Fri, Feb. 26: 8:00 a.m. Friday School.
Sun, Feb. 28: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.
Tue, Mar. 1: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study. 10:30 a.m. Quilting.
Wed, Mar. 2: 6:30 p.m. AWANA and Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Wed, Feb. 24: 7:00 p.m. Lenten at Bethany.
Sun, Feb. 28: 9:00 a.m. Lund. 10:30 a.m. Bethany.
Wed, Mar. 2: 7:00 p.m. Lenten at Lund.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY
Fosston
Jon Marx, Lead Pastor
Seth Johnson, Assist. Pastor
Sun, Feb. 28: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship.

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Annual 4-H Fruit Fundraiser

The Red Lake County 4-H Families are holding their annual fruit sales (Apples, oranges, pears, grapefruit, and pineapple). The fruit can be purchased as a half box, full box, mixed box, or a gift box. Also, included in this fundraiser are the smokey snack sticks, beef sticks, and string cheese. The 4-H Youth Development Program helps kids see their potential through: Learning by doing; practicing leadership projects on gardening, animals, photography, and much more; positive out-of-school time, science and arts enrichment, service to communities...and LOTS OF FUN!
Support your local 4-H Program by contacting a 4-H Family or the Red Lake County Extension Office at [218-253-2897](tel:218-253-2897) or [1-800-770-1244](tel:1-800-770-1244). All orders for the fruit fundraiser must be placed by **Monday, February 29th**.

Notice of Annual Meeting and Election of Officers

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

The election polls will be open from 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm, at which time the voters will elect:

One clerk for a 2 year term.

One supervisor for a 3 year term.

The Annual Meeting will commence at 8:15 pm, following the closing of the polls, to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law.

The Annual Meeting will be held at the following location: Lambert Town Hall.

The Board of Canvas will meet, following the close of the Annual Meeting to certify the election results.

Carol Chaput, Clerk, Town of Lambert

O48-49C

NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF POPLAR RIVER TOWNSHIP

ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Poplar River Township, County of Red Lake, State of Minnesota, that the Annual Elections of Town Officers and Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 8th, 2016 at the Poplar River Town Hall located in the city of Brooks.

The election poll hours will be open from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at which time the voters will elect: One Supervisor for a three year term and one Clerk for a two year term.

The Annual Meeting will commence at 3:45 p.m. to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law. In case of inclement weather, the meeting and election may be postponed until the third Tuesday in March.

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

Pam Gieseke
Clerk, Poplar River Township

O48-49C

If you have an editorial that you would like to have printed, please send to: okleeherald@gmail.com or drop off in the drop-off box on the door. Remember to sign your name and phone #.

Letter to the Editor

I am writing this letter because I have a great love for the City of Oklee and a great respect for its residents. I have always hoped we could continue to enjoy the peace and tranquility of a calm, caring community.

But, regrettably, I now have some concerns:

Lately, I have noticed we are being set upon by what I will simply refer to as a *faction*, or intrusion, that seems to be hell-bent on disrupting our system of local government.

It has been stated in so many words that the city is somehow corrupt and there is a big cover-up!

Hog Wash!

One thing for sure this town does not need a remodeling. We have a decent, caring group of members on our council, along with an efficient staff. The best thing we can do it let them get on with their job.

A while back, I was asked by Leo Olson if I would be willing to volunteer and submit my name for consideration to temporarily fill the vacant seat of a council member that had recently resigned. It would be only until the November 2016 elections and, thinking I could help out for that short period of time, I said I would put my name in the box.

A fire-storm of sorts erupted and there were accusations that this was a *fixed game* and I would automatically be given the temporary seat.

This of course was a total fabrication.

I recently had reached my seventy-fifth year on this earth and was not in any mood to get involved in some kind of weird political squabble. Immediately, I withdrew my offer.

My point is to be very careful of certain factions that come forward with ideas of how to "clean-up" our, so called failing city government.

Funny, but somehow I keep getting this silly reflection about some "Pied Piper of Hamelin."

This will be my one and only comment on this subject. I wish the city all the best and I will adjourn to my little "hollow" on the corner of Bourden Street.

Hopefully I can go about my task of minding my own business.

Thank you,
Clay Haugen
Resident of Oklee

RED LAKE COUNTY DFL PARTY CAUCUSES

WILL BE HELD MARCH 1, 2016 AT HUGHES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN RED LAKE FALLS

Red Lake County Democrats will gather on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at Hughes Elementary School, 601 1st St. NE in Red Lake Falls, to learn about this year's candidates, debate resolutions that any caucus attendee may introduce for possible inclusion into the Minnesota DFL Party's Platform, elect new precinct chairs, and select delegates for the upcoming conventions.

WHAT: Red Lake County Precinct Caucuses

WHEN: Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 7:00 pm

WHERE: Hughes Elementary School, 601 1st NE, Red Lake Falls

Please call Mike Spurgin at 218-280-2139 if you have questions about the Caucuses on March 1, 2016.

O48C

Oklee Veterans' Memorial Update

The Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial has recently been supported with a donation by Philip and Christine Tougas of Franklin, WI. Phil and Chris purchased a granite block to honor the military service of Cpl Regis Tougas who served in the US Army in Korea from 1930-1953 and was KIA in Korea.

The ongoing support for the Veterans' Memorial is a

great testament to our men and women who served in the military.

Donations for the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial may be sent to Security State Bank, Box 69, Oklee, MN 56742. Attn: Lori Melby. Questions regarding the Memorial should be directed to Mary Lynn Bachand at bachand@gvtel.com.

ATTENTION

RED LAKE COUNTY SMALL BUSINESS AND POTENTIAL STARTUP ENTERPRISES

The Red Lake County Economic Development Corporation can help you start your own business or expand an existing one. We are here to assist with a five (5) year loan for an amount up to \$20,000 at 2% APR. The business must be located in Red Lake County.

For more information, contact the Red Lake County Economic Development home office at 1-218-253-2897.

Or call David Ste. Marie, Red Lake Falls, 218-698-4279; Mike Spurgin, Red Lake Falls, 218-465-4648 or Lori Olson, Oklee, 218-796-5656.

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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

O47-48C

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

O47-48C

Editorial Policy

Letters to the Editor: The staff encourages written responses to editorial comments. Right is reserved to edit letters for length and clarity and to reject letters deemed to be promotional in nature. Letters should not exceed 750 words in length.

Letters Must Be Signed: All letters must be signed and contain an address or phone number of the writer so authenticity can be verified.

Responses Invited: Letters may be shown to those individuals or representatives of those entities mentioned in the editorial in advance of publication with an invitation by newspaper staff for response in the same issue as the original letter.

Deadline: The deadline for letters to the editor is Friday afternoon.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Equality Township Annual meeting will be held Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at the town hall at 5:30PM to conduct all necessary business. In case of inclement weather, the meeting may be postponed until the third Tuesday, March 15th and if inclement weather also postpones the meeting on the third Tuesday the meeting shall be held on March 22nd.

Janet Halvorson
Equality Township Clerk

O48-49C

Deadline:
Friday's at noon!

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. All routes need at least five persons signed up.

Thu, Feb. 25: *Fargo/Moorhead* - Thief River Falls, St. Hilaire.

Fri, Feb. 26: *Mahnomen/Shooting Star Casino* - Crookston, Mentor, Erskine.

Mon, Feb. 29: *Warroad/Seven Clans Casino* - Thief River Falls.

Tue, Mar. 1: *Grand Forks* - Red Lake Falls, Plummer, Oklee, McIntosh, Erskine.

Wed, Mar. 2: *Thief River Falls/Seven Clans Casino* - Crookston, Fertile, Winger, Erskine, Brooks.

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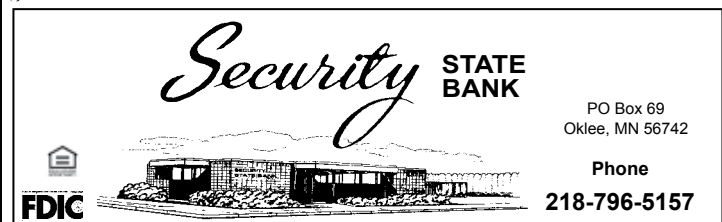
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RLCC Menus

February 29 – March 4 Oklee

Mon: Breakfast: Biscuit & gravy, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Hot dogs or polish, bake beans, chips, fruit, and milk.

Tue: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, rice pilaf, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Wed: Breakfast: Pancakes on a stick, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Ham patty, fries, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Thu: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Chicken spaghetti, breadsticks, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Fri: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Cheesy calzones, lettuce, salad, fruit, vegetable, and milk.

Plummer

Mon: Breakfast: Breakfast scramble, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Spaghetti, garlic toast, green beans, yogurt, and milk.

Tue: Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, toast, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Nachos w/beef, lettuce, cheese, tomatoes, sour cream, salsa, smiles potatoes, fruit, and milk.

Wed: Breakfast: Yogurt parfaits, Nutri-Grain bars, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Toastie dog, macaroni salad, mini corn cob, fruit, and milk.

Thu: Breakfast: Breakfast with Moms: cinnamon rolls, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** BBQ's w/bun, curly fries, baked beans, fruit, and milk.

Fri: Breakfast: Blueberry muffin, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Fish shapes, baked potato, corn, dinner roll, fruit, and milk.

Sports Schedules

RLC Rebels

Boy Basketball

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

Sat, Feb. 27: Section Qtr Finals

Tue, Mar. 1: Section Semi-Finals

Red Lake Falls

Library Corner

The library is open on Monday from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm, Wednesday from Noon until 8:00 pm, Friday from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm, and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. On-line patrons are reminded that they can visit www.nwrlib.org/rllf.htm at anytime, where they can create their own patron accounts to browse, request and renew materials all from their home computers.

Hot Reads for Cold Nights winners of hot beverage mugs this week are Shirley Hanson and Gladyce Huot.

SAVE THE DATE on your calendars for a musical event to be held on Saturday, March 19 at 2:00 pm: Bagpiper Brian Sollum, along with student babpiper Peter Mack, will present a bagpipe concert at the Red Lake Falls Library. Mr. Sollum started piping in 1993 with the Macalester College Pipe Band in St. Paul, MN. After relocating to Bemidji in 1999 he formed the 1st City Pipe Band, which eventually dissolved in 2005, and simultaneously assisted the Fort Frances Highlanders in Ontario, Canada. Now he tours and competes with Macalester's G3 Band under pipemaster Mike Breidenbach. For more information about Brian Sollum, visit his website at bagpipebrian.com, and plan to attend this special concert provided free to the public by Legacy funding.

School-age kids up to 16 years old are invited to stop by the library on February 29 at 3:15 to take part in a writing group and contest. This meeting is an ideas session, and will provide kids with a few resources for getting started on some creative journal writing, just for fun, and eventually provide an opportunity to compete for cash prizes.



At RLCC's pepfest, the senior girls' basketball players were recognized: Morgan Bushelle, Kat DeHate, Michelle Sundquist, Brandi Jensen, and Holly Vettleson.



One of the activities for the RLCC Pep Fest was the Hungry Hippo. In the picture, the Junior High compete to see who would capture the most balls.

RLCC High

School Mid-term

By: *Ethan Vettleson*

Red Lake County Central High School's third quarter midterm will be coming up Wednesday, February 24. Parents watch for mid-quarter reports. They will be sent home with the high school students Thursday, February 25.

RLCC Early Out

on February 29

By: *Katie Pendelton*

Due to teaching staff workshop there will be an early out Monday, February 29 at Red Lake County Central Schools. Students from the high school and elementary school will be dismissed three hours early along with the buses running three hours early.

RLCC School Legals

ISD 2906 Red Lake County Central Minutes-February 16

The ISD 2906 Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, February 10, 2016 at RLCC Elementary School in Plummer.

Trontvedt, Hamrum, D. Paradis, Person, Bray, Melby, P. Paradis, Cater were present.

Kolstoe was absent.

Motions were carried to approve January minutes, financials, new phone system for both schools, membership to the Northwest Council of Collaborative, membership for the Red Lake County Collaborative, spring coaches, MOU with Elementary Principal.

Resignation of Steve Phillip as Assistant Football Coach was recognized.

(Complete minutes may be seen in the district office at 260 Minnesota Street, Plummer, MN or on our school website at www.rlcc2906.org.)

Darby Trontvedt
ISD 2906 School Board Clerk
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ECFE News

February

ECFE Events

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.

RLC competes at Junior High Speech Meet

By: *Seth Paradis*

The first junior high speech meet was held in Crookston on Thursday, February 18. Zoe Russillo and Philip Sorenson placed third doing a duo, and Lily Guilmette also placed third in poetry. Also competing and receiving red ribbons were Serenity May and Lilly Hanson doing a Duo; Carly Williams, Allison Aakhus,

Serenity May, Lilly Hanson, Remi Rathsack each in humor; Jayden Iverson, Lana Bravo, and Allison Aakhus each in Poetry; and Abby Walton in Prose.

The Rebel Speech Team will be competing on Saturday, February 20 in East Grand Folks.



Lily Guilmette, Phillip Sorenson, and Zoe Russillo from RLC placed at the Crookston Junior High Speech Meet.

Mustangs against

the Bears

By: *Seth Paradis*

The Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears beat the Red Lake County Central Mustangs 64-27. The girls' basketball game was played at Clearbrook Thursday, February 11. The Mustangs' point leader was Brandi Jensen with nine. Taylor Bushelle scored seven, Julia Bernstein with six,

Ashely Longtin with three and Kat DeHate with two.

The Bears point leader was Liz Bodensteiner with a stunning 24 points. Madison Stenzel had ten points, Carlie Bergerson with nine, Brynn Hetland with seven, Rachel Spray and Cassie Faldet with four, and Alison Johnson and Mikala Johnson each with two.

RLC Rebels play against Clearbrook- Gonvick

By: *Ana Almeida*

The Red Lake County boys' basketball team, the Rebels, played against Clearbrook-Gonvick Thursday, February 11 at Clearbrook. The score at half time was Rebels, 29 to Clearbrook-Gonvick, 26. The RLC team won with a final score of 64 to 49. Both the Rebels and Clearbrook-Gonvick had 50 rebounds and 11 steals.

RLC's scoring included Drake Engelstad with 24 points, Will Duden with 14 points, Austin May with nine points, Austin Waliser with nine points, Talon Porter with three points, Ethan Vettleson with three points and Marcus Christensen with two points. Engelstad had 12 rebounds and three assists. Duden had three steals. May had 12 rebounds, three assists and five steals. Waliser had 10 rebounds, three assists and two steals.

Clearbrook-Gonvick scorers included Sam Lavin with 12 points, Nathaniel Dahl and Hunter Churness with nine points each, Tristan Bakke with seven points, Eric Baanrud with four points, Trevor Rogstad and Andrew Barrett with three points each and Luke Burgess with two points. Lavin had nine rebounds and three steals and Dahl had 14 rebounds.

RLC beats KCC

By: *Ethan Vettleson*

Red Lake County Rebels played Kittson County Central in Thief River Falls for the Super Saturday games at Northland Community Technical College. The Rebels were tied 25-25 with the Bearcats at half time. The Rebels ended up winning 58 to 48. Both teams shot 36%. Bearcats shot 50% for free throws while the Rebels shot 88%.

Drake Engelstad led the team with 20 points and 14 rebounds and two blocked shots followed by Austin Waliser with 17, Will Duden 14, Ethan Vettleson three, Austin May two, and Marcus Christensen with two points. May also had 11 rebounds.

For the Bearcats Trent Jerome had 14 points followed by Jackson Peterson 13, Bryden Swenson eight, Spencer Billings six, Mason Olson four, and Dylan Olsonawski three. Swenson had six rebounds, Jerome five, and Peterson five. Jerome had six assists and three steals and Olson two steals.

RLCC loses to

Sacred Heart

By: *Katie Pendelton*

Red Lake County Central Mustangs girls' basketball team played against Sacred Heart Eagles on Friday, February 12 in Plummer. In the first half of the game RLCC scored 20 points and Sacred Heart scored 47 points. In the second half of the game RLCC scored 13 more points and Sacred Heart scored 33 more. RLCC lost 33-80.

Scoring for RLCC were Brandi Jensen with 13 points, Julia Bernstein with seven, Ashley Longtin with six, Taylor Bushelle with five, and Michelle Sundquist with two.

For Sacred Heart Anya Edwards and Michele Remer both scored 21 points, Abby Smidt with 11, Ivy Edwards with six, Hannah Reimer

with five, Hannah Hollcraft with four, Anna Koponen and Jocelyn Adolphson both with three, and Jessica Remer, Katelyn Rudolph, and Lilly Bergman all with two.

Rebels Battle the Freeze

By: *Nicholas Plante*

February 16 the Red Lake Country Rebels faced Northern Freeze at Plummer. The score at halftime was 29-30, Freeze leading. Coming to the end of a mighty battle, the score was 71-80 with a Rebels loss to the Freeze.

The leading scorer for the Rebels was Drake Engelstad with 33 followed by Austin Waliser-15, Austin May-11, and Will Duden-11, and Devin Lambert with one. Overall, the Rebels shot 42% for the night and 63% for free-throws.

The leading scorer for the Freeze was Conner Sovenson with 21 points followed by Caleb Knuston-20, Cole Dahl-19, Jonah Underdahl-11, Zak Anderson-4, Sawyer Nelson-3, Kaden Monsebroten-2. The Freeze shot 26 out of 58 overall for 44% on the night.

Some of the highlight for the Rebels were Engelstad who went 13-16 on his free-throws and had two steals. Waliser pulled down 10 rebounds and two steals and May also had two steals. For the Freeze, Connor Sovenson was 9-11 for three-throws with six assists and two steals, and Cole Dahl shot 11-12 on free-throws and had 13 rebounds.

RLC Rebels

defeat Mahnomen

By: *Taylor Klasen*

For the last game of the season played February 18 in Red Lake Falls, the Red Lake County Rebels defeated Mahnomen Indians, 86-77. At the end of the first half Rebels were ahead, 34-33. In the second half the Rebels shot 52 more points to Mahnomen's 34 points. RLC shooting percentage was 45% with 73 attempts and 33 made. Mahnomen's shooting percentage was 49% with 61 attempts and 30 made. For free throws RLC was 54% with 22 attempts and 12 made. Mahnomen's free throws percentage was 56% with 16 attempts and 9 made. Rebels had 37 rebounds and Mahnomen had 42. RLC had 13 steals and Mahnomen had six.

For the Rebels, Drake Englestad made 33 points and also had 10 rebounds. Will Duden made 20 points and also three steals. Austin Waliser scored 13 points and had seven rebounds. Austin May made eight points, nine rebounds, and three steals. Marcus Christensen scored six points, Ethan Vettleson three, Wyatt Waldal two, and Talon Porter one.

For the Indians Tom Pavak made 17 points; Blake Kahbaugh 12, five rebounds, and two assists, Buster Walker 11; Lucas Clark-Burnette eight and two steals; Shawn Lafriniere eight; Charlie Coleman seven and eight rebounds; Karson Gieseke seven; Brian Schoenborn five; and Jon Starkey two points.

RLCC Wrestles in

Section 8A Team

Tournament

By: *Nicole Riendeau*

In round one, Red Lake County Central wrestled Mahnomen/Waubun in the Section 8A Wrestling Team Tournament that took place at the Ralph Engelstad Arena in Thief River Falls on Saturday, February 13. They got defeated by 24-51. At 106 lbs Bryce Bergerson lost a 9-2 decision to Garret Eiynk. At 120 lbs Tyler Sandahl was pinned in 15 seconds by Chase Dorman. At 138 lbs Dylan Gustafson pinned Isaiah Asher in 2:49.

At 152 lbs Tristyn Ferguson won by forfeit. At 160 lbs Kyle Gagner was pinned by Kody Lefebvre in 2:24. At 182 lbs George Duden had a fall to Nick Podlak in 37 seconds. At 195 lbs Nick Pahlen was pinned in 1:13 by Jake Worms. Alec Casteneda at 220 lbs and Tristan Larson at heavy weight both won by forfeit.

The Mahnomen/Waubun team won 113 lbs, 126 lbs, 132 lbs, and 145 lbs by forfeit. There was a double forfeit at 170 lbs.

Oklee Herald Early Files

Seventy Years Ago February 21, 1946

The Oklee Bobcats were defeated 36-24 by Plummer on Tuesday evening while the Oklee B team won 24-16.

Minnesota exceeded its quota in the 1945 National War Fund Drive contributing a grand total of \$2,156,822, it has been announced. Counties which went over the top included Red Lake, Pennington, Polk, and Clearwater.

Pfc. Ralph G. Person, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Person of Oklee, left here Monday for Fort Bliss, Texas after spending a weeks furlough at his home east of town.

Sixty Years Ago February 23, 1956

The newly organized Plummer High School Band is planning a series of programs and events to help raise money to purchase band uniforms.

Mrs. Gunhild Knutson of Oklee was honored Sunday at the Andy Knutson home on the occasion of her 88th birthday. Mrs. Knutson was born in Setesdalen, Norway.

A large crowd attended the program in the Brooks School Friday evening when the Brooks Talent group put on one of the shows.

From an ad in the Oklee Herald – Help Eisenhower pass the new farm program – you will benefit this year if Congress acts before spring planning time.

Fifty Years Ago February 24, 1966

Mrs. Norman Nelson and girls visited the home of her mother, Mrs. Clifford Vad at Highlandling Tuesday and helped her celebrate her

birthday.

Miss Judy Carpenter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Carpenter of Plummer and James Kelley, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Kelley, Sr. of St. Paul, exchanged marriage vows on Saturday, January 23rd at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Plummer.

Last winter the Minnesota Game & Fish Division rescued about 1,300,000 fish from lakes threatened with "winterkill" to lakes where they could survive.

Forty Years Ago February 19, 1976

Mr. and Mrs. Reinold Lambert are the proud parents of a baby girl, born February 11th. She was named Stacy Lynn.

The Community Club sponsored a pancake feed on Friday night at the Oklee Hall. The proceeds will help with the expenses of the upcoming Bi-Centennial events.

The Brooks Cheese Factory celebrated its 50th anniversary on Wednesday with a celebration at Third Base.

The Kelly Lundeen's entertained a birthday party for little Alison, three years old, with many guests from the area attending.

Thirty Years Ago February 19, 1986

Approx. 450 people enjoyed a delicious pancake, sausage and egg breakfast complete with coffee, milk and ice cream on Sunday at the Oklee with the funds helping to defray expenses for area farmers while lobbying in St. Paul.

Doris Asselin was one of the first employees Virginia and Bennet Larson and Leona Sletto hired when they took

over the Oklee Recreation Center. Now 18 years later, her employers honored by holding a retirement party for her on February 16th.

Dennis and Debbie Salentiny of Red Lake Falls are the proud parents of a new baby girl, Angela Elaine.

Twenty Years Ago February 21, 1996

Pastor Robert Paulson has responded to a call given by the Oklee Lutheran Parish and has taken over duties of this call as of the first of February.

The 3rd annual Snowmobile Olympics will be held on Saturday and there will be lots of snowmobile games to be played.

Mustang Wrestlers advanced six members into the State Tournament.

Evelyn Gibeau and Gerhard Larson were crowned the Oklee Senior Meal Site Queen & King.

Aaron Chaput, a Oklee High School senior, achieved an all-time high point score of 2000 points in this basketball career.

Ten Years Ago February 23, 2006

The judges of the Centennial Logo were Eddie Larson, Liz Follmann, Ione Nelson, Joyce Paquin, and LeRoy Hruby. The winning logo was created by Henry (Hank) Linder.

A public hearing was held in Oklee on February 15th to hear about the proposed city street repairs the council has been working on.

Elmer Hanson, Post Commander of the Frank Lund Post of Oklee presented Marv Bronken with a certificate of continuous membership in the American Legion for 60 years.

Senior Site News and Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

Monday morning and I am late with my report, I was in Minneapolis where I attended the 90th birthday party of my brother-in-law. Donald and I drove down there Saturday afternoon and stayed with my sister over night. The party was great and many of my relatives were there. In addition I met some of my brother-in-law's relatives and friends. The party was a huge success and everyone enjoyed visiting with people you don't see often.

On Thursday we had a nice group attending our Valentine Party. Everyone was treated to Cake and ice cream. Sue

is such a good organizer and worker.

We were sad to hear Charles Bachand had passed away. He had battled cancer for a long time.

Words of Wisdom

Create your own future. If you don't, someone else will.

If you want your boss's job, dress the part.

Joke Time

The proud father brought home a backyard swing set for his children and immediately started to assemble it with all the neighborhood children

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

The weather has modified somewhat these past few days. It was nice to see temps in the 30's for a day or two this past week. The snow cover has gone down a lot and the roads are dusty in the country. It is better walking where there is no ice now. Be careful on that ice though where it built up that is way too slippery.

The Red Hats gathered on Wednesday at the Cozy with about 12 ladies attending. The quarter pot was won by Louise Lessard. Those attending were Jean Carpenter, Bunny DuChamp, Mary Schindler, Louise Lessard, Anne Traxler, Myrtle Hamrum, Inez Riendeau, Elaine Radniecki, Joanne Bradley, Anna DeHate, Alice Jobe, and Barb Novak. It was fun getting together and enjoying dinner together. This is the first time that Louise Lessard has won the quarter pot. She was surprised that she won. Once again our waitress Dukka did a superb job getting our orders and keeping us in coffee. She is a treasure.

It was with sad heart that we heard of Charles Bachand's passing. After a valiant fight with pancreatic cancer, he passed away on Tuesday. His funeral was on Saturday and the outpouring of sympathy was evident in the packed church on Friday for the wake and on Saturday for the funeral. Charles was known far and wide and was respected and loved by many. He was a pillar of the community and lived in this area all his life. We send our sympathy to the family and friends of Charles. It is so hard to see our leader

leave us.

Dianne and Clarence Gagner returned recently from a trip to Arizona and Nevada, where they were visiting for the past three weeks. In their travels they saw the old London Bridge, Lake Havasu, and the beautiful Parker area on the western edge of Arizona. Tim and Brenda Gagner of Fergus Falls joined them for the first ten days of their trip, and then they returned to Fergus Falls. Clarence and Diane Gagner then went on to visit many friends and relatives. Among them were Vern and Barb LaCoursierre at Tucson and they also visited Bob and Kathy Gagner in Buckeye AZ. They spent time with Merle and Lorna Jesme, Lorraine Lorenson, Gary and Sue Brantl, Dianne's classmate Sharon (Nelson) Krueger, Tom and Judy Yutreszenka of Argyle, Rick and Sheila Thomton of Bemidji and a large group of retired postmasters who gathered in Apache Junction. They returned home on February 13th on Saturday afternoon. On Sunday they left to attend the baptism of their first great grandson Nolan Ray Gagner at Battle Lake. Nolan Ray Gagner is the son of Tyler and Lynn Gagner who live near Battle Lake, and the Grandson of Tim and Brenda Gagner of Fergus Falls. He is the great grandson of Dianne and Clarence Gagner of Brooks.

There was a Firemen's fundraiser at Plummer this past Sunday. Jerome and Barb Novak went to support the fundraiser and eat breakfast with them. The pancakes were

anxiously waiting to play on it. After several hours of reading the directions, attempting to fit bolt A into slot B etc., he finally gave up and called upon an old handyman working in the neighboring yard. The old-timer came over, threw the directions away, and in a short while had the set completely assembled.

"Its beyond Me" said the father, "how you got it together without even reading the instructions." "To tell the truth," replied the old-timer, "I can't read, and when you can't read, you've got to think"

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Managing Soybean Cyst Nematodes

What is the most damaging disease organism to soybeans? If you are a soybean grower, you will know that the answer is-the soybean cyst nematode (SCN)! There are currently only two widely recommended production practices for combating this microscopic worm.

- 1."ROTATE CROPS"
2. "PLANT RESISTANT VARIETIES"

Unfortunately, both of these accepted strategies have serious limitations.

"ROTATION" is essential for preventing a buildup of SCN populations. However, the biology of SCN allows the worm to survive long periods without a soybean host. As an egg in the soil, SCN can sense the presence of soybean. If SCN senses that soybeans aren't around (i.e., if corn is there) then it will simply go to sleep and wait for a soybean or other host plants to be planted. SCN can stay in this hibernating state for 10 years! So unless you move to a continuous corn or wheat production system, rotation will not rid your field of SCN.

"RESISTANCE" is also normally recommended for control of SCN. The good news is that a large number of commercial soybean varieties have SCN resistance. However, more than 90% of SCN-resistant

commercial soybean varieties derive their resistance from a single genetic parent, which goes by the catchy name of "PI 88788". This resistance is often advertised as providing control to race 3 of SCN. The "BAD NEWS" is that more and more SCN populations are able to reproduce on plants with the PI 88788 source of genetic resistance.

So, should the researchers give up on this line of resistance and start planting wheat and corn instead of soybeans? Absolutely not! SCN is rarely an immediate death sentence for soybean production. Instead, SCN typically leads to a general decline in soybean production over time. While many SCN populations can reproduce on PI 88788, it does not mean resistance is completely ineffective. Depending on the SCN populations, these "SINGLE SOURCE" PI 88788 resistant varieties still provide a certain level of protection. Furthermore, there are other sources of resistance out there. Breeders are hard at work trying combine these other sources of resistance with high -yielding traits that you desire. In addition, several companies have developed seed treatments for controlling SCN. While it is too early to say how effective these seed treatments are, they do add

another weapon to the SCN arsenal.

Finally, there are nematologists such as Nathan Schroeder, who is a CROP SCIENTIST at the University of Illinois at Urbana that is playing the long game. One of his research projects is focused on understanding the nervous system of SCN. The real question for this is; how does the SCN find soybeans in the soil since they don't have eyes? Also; how do they know when to "GO TO SLEEP" when soybeans aren't around? Again; how do they know when to "WAKE UP"? If crop scientists obtain a better understanding of how this animal can sense and respond to its environment; new ways can be developed to keep battling this foe!

The approaches available today-including rotation, resistance and seed treatments, are only a partial remedy to a big problem. Scientists are slowly uncovering the secrets of SCN biology that will provide stronger, long term control of this important pest. For more information on this topic, or to have questions answered; contact Nathan Schroeder, U I Crop Scientist by e mail at nes@Illinois.edu.

Source: Plant Management Network News; Nathan Schroeder, U I Crop Scientist.

Regional Ag News

Jim Stordahl, Extension Educator

Crop Production Woes

As farmers prepare for the upcoming cropping season, many are struggling with a variety of concerns. First and foremost are crop prices, the current prices of most commodity remain below the cost of production. This is not a new problem, but coupled with other production concerns, it becomes a bit more complicated.

Perhaps the two most common cultural concerns are related to the production of the darling crop of the past decade or two, soybeans. Soybeans have become the crop of choice for many farmers for a variety of reasons, but foremost has been the reliability of production, and thus profits. If you track crop yields over a period of years, you'll see that soybean tends to provide a reliable yield with few quality discounts as compared to other crops. Both wheat and corn seem more vulnerable to weather incidents that can dramatically affect the crop yield or quality. Just ask any farmer about wheat quality discounts and get ready for an animated conversation with language colorful enough to make a sailor blush.

The next concern on farmer's minds is the alarming rate of increasing pests attacking the darling crop. Soybean

cyst nematode is the sneaky one that slowly reduces yield without overly obvious symptoms. Not all soybean fields are infected with SCN, but every soybean producing county in our part of the State has now confirmed the presence of this new pest. If you don't have it yet, there's a chance it will become a problem.

The soybean cyst nematode is a microscopic worm that feeds on and within the roots of soybeans, dry beans and a handful of weeds. High levels of this parasitic worm can have a devastating effect on yield. SCN is difficult to detect because symptoms often mimic other common crop problems. Plants appear stunted and yellow so the problem is easily confused with wet soil conditions, iron chlorosis (IDC), or herbicide damage -- the three most common soybean yield thieves.

As of today, aside from a longer crop rotation, an easy fix to this problem is not evident.

If crop prices remain low, the only two options to growing a profit are increasing yields or reducing costs. Increasing yields is certainly an option that works well on paper, but Mother Nature has the final say on crop yield, so from a practical standpoint, that leaves reducing costs.

Most crop production costs

are rather inflexible while others may have some wiggle room, but how does one decide what to cut and what to include?

The next obstacle is herbicide resistant weeds. The vast majority of US farmers now have some level of glyphosate resistant weeds. Although this trend has been worse in the South, the problem has moved north so that it's now become a prominent problem in our area, and getting worse.

But there is help. If you would like some practical suggestions on how to deal with these problems and increase your profitability, join us for our annual East Polk County Crop Day on Monday, February 29th. The meeting will be held at the McIntosh Community Center beginning at 10 am. A noon meal will be provided compliments of Farmers Tri Coop, First National Bank of McIntosh, CHS – Erskine and the Minnesota Wheat Growers.

Speakers for this event will include Dr Phil Glogoza, UM Agronomist who will address the pest issues in soybean and offer the latest research-based information on how to deal with SCN and resistant weeds. He will also touch on practical ways to edge your soybean yield upward.

Dwight Aakre is an NDSU Extension Farm

Management Specialist and will present: "What can we do with tight operating margins? Don't make the situation worse by putting yield at risk."

Also, Minnesota Wheat Growers will provide an update on the results of region wide, large scale research project measuring the effect of nitrogen rates, plant growth regulators and seeding rates -- all of which will affect wheat profitability.

But wait, there's more! We will also have program updates from the new staff at the SWCD office, as well as NRCS programs. Both of these organizations have programs that may have a fit on your farm to solve soil concerns or programs that may provide profit alternatives -- such as CRP, which has very impressive rates now. Perhaps in these economic times, some of those acres may be better off in CRP?

Lastly, the East Polk County Crop Improvement Association will have their annual meeting.

Join us for an informative day, complete with a delicious noon meal, to learn how to improve your farm profitability in 2016.

For more information, contact me at 800-450-2465, 218-280-1129 or stordahl@umn.edu

Who's Dat?



Who's Dat

This week's photo is of a young lady raised in the area.

Last week's photo was from the 1985 celebration celebrating Oklee's 75th anniversary. I don't know all the folks in the photo, but the ones I do know are: Mayor Shirley Cyr, Senator LeRoy Stumpf, Coya Knutson, and Birdie Gunderson.

If you know more of the folks in the paper, please contact Bonny at the Oklee Herald office. 218-796-5181 or email: okleeherald@gmail.com



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