

Oklee Precipitation
By Einar Kvasager

	Rain	Snow
Mar. 5	Trace	0.50
Mar. 8	Trace	
Mar. 9	0.12	
Total in.	0.12	0.50

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...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

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On Sunday - 95 Quilts Blessed & Donated

On Sunday, March 13th, the 95 quilts were blessed at Zion Lutheran Church. The quilts were made by mostly Zion Lutheran WELCA members, Ardell Opdahl, Ione Nelson, Joyce Austad, Liz Follmann, LaVonne Brown, and a former Oklee resident, Leona Brekke, who sewed tops at her home. The quilts are many different sizes and colors and will be divided up by the best use for them. In the past quilts have been donated to the Veteran's at the VA Hospital, Linus Project, Grand Forks Mission,

Northland Mission, Pathways, Clear Waters in Gonvick, VIP (Violence Intervention Program), and the Salvation Army. The ladies opened up the quilting to anyone who wanted to participate this year, and Leona Brekke who used to live in Oklee volunteered to sew quilt tops for the projects. Ione Nelson would bring her material to use and then pick them up again. The rest of the ladies gathered on Monday mornings

for quilting. Some days only a few came, but other days there were all there, cutting pieces, sewing, tying, putting the trim around the edges and before they knew it, they had created 95 quilts. And when lunchtime came around, the ladies gathered for a potluck lunch. When they have a blessing of the quilts in church, there is a special litany used for the blessing, but the best part is singing the song "Bringing In The Quilts" to the tune of

"Bringing in the Sheaves." The words were written by Doris Hanson, a Zion WELCA member and quilter. Her wording to the tune of Bringing in the Sheaves has been borrowed by many churches in the area and they now use it for their quilt blessings. We don't know who will get the 95 quilts yet, but whoever they are, are also blessed by the unselfish handiwork of these ladies and the many other churches & ladies groups who share their handiwork.

Calendar of Events

- Wed, Mar. 16:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. - Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
- Thu, Mar. 17:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. - Bingo.
- Fri, Mar. 18:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
- Sat, Mar. 19:**
-Support your local business - Shop Locally!
- Sun, Mar. 20:**
-Worship at the church of your choice.
- Mon, Mar. 21:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
- Tue, Mar. 22:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. - Cards.
- Wed, Mar. 23:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. - Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
- Thu, Mar. 24:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. - Bingo.
- Fri, Mar. 25:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
- Sat, Mar. 26:**
-Support your local business - Shop Locally!
- Sun, Mar. 27:**
-Worship at the church of your choice.
- Mon, Mar. 28:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
- Tue, Mar. 29:**
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. - Cards.
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
- Wed, Mar. 30:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. - Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
- Thu, Mar. 31:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
- Fri, Apr. 1:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
- Sat, Apr. 2:**
-Support your local business - Shop Locally!
- Sun, Apr. 3:**
-Worship at the church of your choice.



Zion Lutheran's pews were draped with the beautiful quilts along with any other available objects in the sanctuary. The quilts will be packed up on Monday and sent to many different places to help people in need of a warm quilt made with love.

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, Mar. 17: Bemidji - Thief River Falls.
Mon, Mar. 21: Fargo-Moorhead - Crookston.
Tue, Mar. 22: Crookston/Grand Forks - Crookston.

Quilt N Craft Day in Oklee

Quilt n Craft Day will be held on Saturday, March 19th at Oklee Quilting in their new Craft room. Bring your own quilt or other craft project to work on. Starts at 9 a.m., potluck lunch.

Free Pruning Class in Oklee

On March 24th at the Oklee Veteran's Park at 5:00 p.m., Extension Agent, Curtis W. Nyegaard, will be teaching pruning techniques. Bring your shears, and pruning saw and learn what to look for when pruning your trees and hedges.



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Oklee: D & R Grocery, Cenex C-Store, Oklee Herald office.
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And Online! Go to www.TriCoCanary.com.
If you already have a subscription to the Oklee Herald, you can access the online version free!. Just call Richards at 218-487-5225 to get your Oklee Herald online.

Oklee Senior Site needs volunteers

The Oklee Senior Meals and Craft Shop is looking for volunteers for the desk job in the Senior Site. The hours are from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Duties include setting tables, punching meal tickets, checking books in/out, and handling any sales from the Craft Shop. Training will be provided. Contact the Derek at 796-5183 or Carole at 218-746-5988 if you are interested.
Oklee Senior Meals are home cooked nutritious meals that are served five days a week. All adults 60+ are welcome! You can reserve your meal by calling 796-5149 or 796-5666. Cost: suggested donation of \$4 or more for those 60+ or what you can afford; full cost of the meal is \$7.25 for those younger than 60.
Call and reserve your meal today! And don't forget there is one evening meal a month and a monthly potluck also. The 1st and 3rd Tuesday (potluck).
Need a great gift idea? Give the gift of healthy eating! Meal tickets are available at the meal site for purchase. They make great gifts for the senior citizen in your family.

Highway restrictions topic at Red Lake Commissioners meeting

On Tuesday, March 8th, the Commissioners met at the Red Lake County Courthouse. All members were present: Chuck Simpson, Ron Weiss, Chuck Flage, Dave Sorensen and John Lerohl.
The board said the pledge of allegiance and the meeting began with an addition of County Engineer Korky Kleven to the agenda, with motion from Weiss and seconded by Lerohl. Carried.

Penny Grove from the Red Lake County Social Services was first on the agenda with a request for the approval/motion for continuance of the SNAP program monies. Sorensen and Flage made the motions, and it was carried.

Kleven was next on the agenda and reported on the progress of the natural gas line coming into Red Lake Falls and what he recommends before granting permits to the company. There meetings for the public scheduled.

Kleven also reported that the road restrictions were going into effect on Wednesday, March 9th. There will be an announcement in the next paper. Signs were going up Tuesday, March 8th in preparation of the start of the restrictions.

There was also a map handed out of the proposed 2016 construction program in the MNDOT District 2. The closest mill/overlay project according to the map to the Red Lake County area is Highway 75 from Warren to 12 miles of Crookston.

The minutes were approved with a motion from Lerohl and seconded by Weiss, carried.

Followed by the paying of the bills. The question presented to the Commissioners was about a couple of bills for meal reimbursement that didn't have the proper itemization attached. The Commissioners passed the bills with a warning that after this, all meal reimbursements will be sent back if not properly itemized. Last month the Commissioners had amended the previous meal reimbursement policy to list a max amounts of \$15 for breakfast, \$15 for lunch & \$20 for supper for \$50.00 per day for MEALS only. And that receipts had to be itemized. If it is not itemized on the receipt, the employee should ask for an itemized receipt from the

restaurant before leaving the establishment. Bills were paid with a motion from Sorensen, seconded by Flage. Carried.

Committee reports were next on the agenda and only a few of the commissioners had meetings to report on. Sorensen talked about the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting he attended. The Director of Capital Planning was the speaker.

Lerohl also had some meeting to report on. His first report was on the Regional Development Commission (RDC) meeting he attended. Other topics Lerohl mention was the hiring of another person for the Senior LinkAge program, Blandin Foundation/Design team, Christopher Ingraham moving to Red Lake County, the Annual Reports from Inter County Community Council (ICCC) and the RDC he had received. Lerohl also mentioned the Kristi Nelson, Social Services Director, is trying to hire someone to work with the dementia program. Three have applied, but none had the correct qualifications.

Lerohl also attended a Red Lake County Fair Board meeting. There was two meetings. The first the end of February, were allegations of missing monies was discussed. The board requested bills & documentation be checked over. Fair Board member Lowell Hamrum had gone over two of the bank accounts and reported that everything was fine. The Sheriff had been talked to earlier about the allegations and it was decided that since things looked ok, that nothing more would be done at this time.

County Auditor Bob Schmitz asked the board if it was ok to go ahead and order a circuit board for the Chairlift that is out of commission. The part could cost approx. \$1900. And when the maintenance person for the elevator/chairlift, it will be installed.

Marco, Inc. had also contacted the county with a proposal on a new copier as the one in the License office is 12 years and there are no more replacement parts available. Lerohl and Weiss made the motion to move ahead on a new copier.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.



Holly Vettleson

Oklee student receives MSU Moorhead scholarship

Holly Vettleson has received a \$6,000 Valedictorian Scholarship from Minnesota State University Moorhead. Vettleson is the daughter of Alan and Chris Vettleson, Oklee, MN and intends to major in paralegal.
The Valedictorian Scholarship is given to students admitted to MSUM who rank number one in their graduating class. The Valedictorian Scholarship awards \$1,500

for the freshman year. It's renewable for a maximum of four years with a 3.5 GPA.
Minnesota State University Moorhead is a comprehensive regional university enrolling approximately 6,300 students. MSU Moorhead is a member of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system.
For more information about MSU Moorhead, visit www.mnstate.edu.

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Margaret Jacobus
Wed, Mar. 16: 6:30 p.m. Supper at Zion. 7:30 p.m. Lenten Service at Zion.
Sun, Mar. 20: 9:00 a.m. Zion. 9:00 a.m. SS at Salem. 10:15 a.m. SS at Zion. 10:30 a.m. Salem.
Thu, Mar. 24: Maunday Thursday 7:30 p.m. at Zion.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH OKLEE
Fr. Adam Hamness
Sun, Mar. 20: 7:30 a.m. Confessions 8:00 a.m. Mass.

BROOKS - RED LAKE FALLS CATHOLIC PARISH
Fr. Bill DeCrans
Wed, Mar. 16: 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.
Fridays: Stations of the Cross at Brooks & RLF
Sat, Mar. 19: 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph - RLF
Sun, Mar. 20: 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph - Brooks. 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph - RLF.

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Wed, Mar. 16: 6:30 p.m. Lenten Meal at Immanuel. 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service at Immanuel.
Sun, Mar. 20: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Immanuel. 10:15 a.m. SS Immanuel. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer.
Thu, Mar. 24: 8:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday worship at Ebenezer.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith Interim Pastor Phil Johnson
Wed, Mar. 16: Release Time. 6:00 p.m. Bible Study & Supper at Bethany. 7:00 p.m. Lent Service Bethany.
Sun, Mar. 20: 8:30 a.m. Faith; 9:45 a.m. SS. 9:45 a.m. Bethany; 11:00 a.m. SS. 11:00 a.m. Ekelund; 9:45 a.m. SS.
Mon, Mar. 21: 9:30 a.m. Faith Quilting.
Wed, Mar. 23: Release Time.
Thu, Mar. 24: 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday service at Ekelund.

Baby Shower

for
Kay (Granley) Vettleson
 (It's a boy!)
 to be held
SAT., MAR. 19
 10:00 am at
 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Clearbrook
 Mom & baby are registered at Target and Amazon.
Everyone welcome

First Day of Spring
 March 20

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseth
Wed, Mar. 16: 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. 17: 7:00 p.m. St. Petri Lent Service. 7:30 p.m. Bible Study.
Sat, Mar. 19: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive. 10:15 a.m. SS.
Sun, Mar. 20: 8:00 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.
Thu, Mar. 24: Maundy Thursday: 5:30 p.m. Mt. Olive. 7:00 p.m. Oak Park.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com

Wed, Mar. 16: 6:30 p.m. AWANA and Youth Group.
Thu, Mar. 17: 12:00 p.m. Rotary meeting.
Fri, Mar. 18: 8:00 a.m. Friday School.
Sun, Mar. 20: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.
Tue, Mar. 22: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study. 10:30 a.m. Quilting.
Wed, Mar. 23: 6:30 p.m. AWANA and Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund Sand Valley Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Wed, Mar. 16: 7:00 p.m. Lenten at Bethany.
Sun, Mar. 20: 9:00 a.m. Lund. 10:30 a.m. Sand Valley.
Thu, Mar. 24: 7:00 p.m. Lenten at Lund.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston
Jon Marx, Lead Pastor
Seth Johnson, Assist. Pastor
Sun, Mar. 20: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship.

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Open Gym and Skating

Open gym is held Saturdays in Oklee in the high school gym from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Open gym is open to seventh grade and up. Sixth grade and under are welcomed to attend but must be with an adult or guardian.
 Plummer also holds an open gym in the elementary school gym. Open gym in Plummer is held Sundays from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

NOTICE

The Red Lake County Township Officers Association will hold their Annual Meeting at the Community Center in Plummer, MN on Tuesday, March 22nd, 2016 at 7:00 pm to elect a Secretary-Treasurer for a three year term, and to do any other business that shall come before the meeting.
Marie Chaput, Secretary
 OSO-51C

Oklee Community Egg Hunt

at the Oklee Hall

4TH GRADE & UNDER

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**Saturday,
 March 26th,
 2016
 9:00 a.m.**

Sami Smith with the quilts she has completed as a community service project.



RLCC Senior makes 21 quilts for Fargo Neonatal Unit

Sami Smith, a senior at RLCC High School, has turned a hobby of sewing into a community service project.

While sewing a blanket for a baby she babysits, her sister, Stephanie, who is a nurse in Fargo, ND, mentioned there was a need for baby blankets at the hospital where she is employed. With generous donations from her family and with the help of her Grandma, Ardelle Olson, cutting all the fabric, Sami began sewing blankets over her Christmas break from school.

Sami sewed 15 blankets over the Christmas break and has since completed 6 more, for a total of 21 blankets. Each blanket takes approximately 4 hours to complete. Sami's sister, Stephanie, is a nurse in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit in Fargo, ND, and has delivered five

blankets so far. The balance of the blankets will be delivered as needed.

Sami said, "This project far exceeded my expectations! When I started, I didn't expect to be sewing twenty-one blankets, but the project just kept increasing. Altogether, I have worked over 80 hours making these blankets. A lot of work was put into these blankets, and I am so proud to be helping babies and their families in need. This is an on-going project that I hope to continue".

Sami is the daughter of Jon and Sue Smith of Oklee.



Red Lake Falls Library News

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

Plan to be at the Red Lake Falls Library this coming Saturday, March 19 at 2:00 p.m. when Bagpiper Brian Sollum and student/bagpiper Peter Mack, will present a concert. This special presentation is provided by MN Legacy funding which enables arts & cultural heritage programming

throughout the state, free to the public. For more information on Mr. Sollum visit his website at bagpipebrian.com.

New adult fiction includes "Death Wears a Beauty Mask & Other Stories" by Mary Higgins Clark, "Bed of Scorpions" by Judith Flanders, author of "A Murder of Magpies," "Never-Open Desert Diner" by James Anderson, "Genius" by Thomas Rayfield, "Promise Lodge" by Charlotte Hubbard; and in nonfiction, "Eat Dirt: Why Leaky Gut May Be the Root Cause of Your Health Problems and 5 Surprising Steps to Cure It" by Josh Axe; and soon-to-arrive dvds, "Cedar Cove season 3" and

"Thomas & Friends: Start Your Engines."

Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program

RED LAKE COUNTY SWCD NOW ACCEPTING APPLICANTS

Red Lake County, Minn. - Farmers across Minnesota are now taking advantage of a state program that celebrates and ensures protection of the state's water resources. With the help of a five-year, \$9 million award from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and legislation enacted earlier this year, the Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program (MAWQCP) is formally transitioning from four pilot areas to being available to any agricultural producer statewide.

Minnesota's Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program was designed by an advisory committee of independent stakeholders and implemented by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) in partnership with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service, and local public, private and non-profit partners. The program is a voluntary opportunity for farmers and agricultural landowners to take the lead in implementing conservation practices that protect our water. Farmers and landowners who implement and maintain approved farm management practices are certified and in turn obtain regulatory certainty for a period of 10 years.

The MAWQCP certifies farmers and landowners for managing their land in a way that protects water quality through a whole-farm assessment that evaluates:

- Physical field characteristics,
- Nutrient management factors,
- Tillage management factors,
- Pest management factors,
- Irrigation and tile drainage management, and
- Conservation practices.

Producers interested in becoming certified also receive priority status for technical and financial assistance.

The MAWQCP puts producers together with local professionals and the new on-line field assessment tool to determine where risks to water quality exist on their farm, and empowers them to fix those risks when they're found, at the same avoiding the expense, time and trouble of applying half-measures or implementing misplaced actions.

Anyone interested in learning more about MAWQCP, the assessment process, or becoming certified should contact the Red Lake County SWCD at (218) 253-2593 ext. 4.

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ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the Plummer Community Homes will be held on Monday, March 21, 2016, at 4:00 PM, at the Emardville Hall in Plummer. The purpose of the meeting is to present financial reports and elect two Directors. Prize drawings will be held and lunch will be served.

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ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the Brooks Community Homes will be held on Wednesday, March 23, 2016, at 7:00 PM at the Community Hall in Brooks. The purpose of the meeting is to present financial reports, amend the By-Laws, and elect one Director. Prize drawings will be held and a light lunch will be served.

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**Happy 80th Birthday
 Jr. Johnson
 From your family**



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Centennial Recipe Corner

Southwest Pasta Bake Tanya Kimball

8 oz. penne or tube pasta
 1/2 cup milk
 1 tsp. oregano
 1 lb. beef
 16 oz. picante sauce
 6 oz. tomato paste
 1 tsp. cumin
 olives
 8 oz. cubed cream cheese
 10 oz. frozen chopped spinach (thawed and squeezed dry)
 2 garlic cloves
 8 oz. tomato sauce
 2 tsp chili powder
 cheddar cheese
 green onions

Cook pasta. In small mixing bowl beat cream cheese until smooth. Add milk, beat until smooth. Stir in spinach and oregano, set aside.

Cook beef, garlic and drain, stir in picante sauce, tomato sauce, tomato paste, chili powder and cumin and bring to a boil. Simmer uncovered for 5 minutes. Drain pasta and stir into the meat mixture.

In a 13 x 9 x 2 baking dish, layer 1/2 of meat mixture and all of spinach mixture. Top with remaining meat mixture. Cover and bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Uncover and sprinkle with cheese. Bake 5 minutes and sprinkle with olives and onions. Let stand for 10 minutes.





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RLCC Menus

March 21- 25

Oklee

Mon: Breakfast: Biscuit with egg, cheese, & sausage, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Cold subs, chips, fresh vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Tue: Breakfast: Waffle sticks, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** BBQ chicken quesadilla, cottage cheese, lettuce salad, fruit, and milk.

Wed: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Corn dogs, macaroni & cheese, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Thu: Breakfast: Coffee cake, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Chicken gravy, mashed potatoes, vegetables, fruit, dinner rolls, and milk.

Fri: No School.

Plummer

Mon: Breakfast: Coffee cake, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Grilled chicken patty w/bun, oven fries, veggies & dip, fruit, and milk.

Tue: Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Pizza, salad, tomatoes, celery sticks, PB, baked cinnamon apple, and milk.

Wed: Breakfast: Waffles, yogurt, blueberries, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Pork chopette, potato salad, broccoli, dinner roll, fruit, and milk.

Thu: Breakfast: Apple strudel, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Chili, crackers, cheesy bread, salad, tomatoes, fruit, and milk.

Fri: No School.



RLCC's February Students of the Month, Shelby Gunderson and Garrett Qualley, and their nominating teachers Ms. Jessie Hamrum and Ms. Shelley Steva.

February Students of the Month at Red Lake County Central

By Ana Almeida and Seth Paradis

The Red Lake County Central Senior High and Junior High Students of the Month for February were

announced Friday, March 4. Shelby Gunderson and Garrett Qualley were the recipients.

Shelby Gunderson received the senior high recognition after being nominated by Ms.

Jessie Hamrum.

While presenting the award, Hamrum said Gunderson is "a kind student who always said 'hi,' active in volleyball, River Watch, Knowledge Bowl, speech and choir, a great fundraiser, an awesome TA for Mrs. Mickelson and loves the #11 at McDonald's."

Gunderson is in 11th grade and is 16 years old. Her parents are Jamey and Suzie Gunderson and she has two sisters, Cheyenne and Sydnie. She enjoys hanging out with friends and reading in her free time.

February's junior high Student of the Month was nominated by Ms. Shelley Steva.

Garrett Qualley is in eighth grade, loves the wildlife and the outdoors. He also loves hunting ruffed grouse and riding his snowmobiling. According to Steva, "He did a scientific experiment on trying to preserve minnows in salt water and found out it didn't work!"

Qualley is in eighth grade and 14 years old. His parents are Kyle and Jolene Qualley. He has one sister Tera. His only school activity is golf, but he enjoys snowmobiling, and hunting in the great outdoors.

Congratulations to Shelby and Garrett.



RLCC wrestlers and former wrestlers refereed the Youth Tournament. Numerous wrestlers wrestle at one time during this tournament in Oklee.



Around 175 youth wrestlers participated in RLCC's 2016 Youth Wrestling Tournament held Thursday, March 3.

Lace 'Em up Basketball Camp

By: Katie Pendelton

The 23rd annual Lace 'Em up Basketball Camp will be held June 6-10 in Red Lake Falls at the Robert Matzke Gym. Any boys or girls who are currently in grades K-11 are welcome to attend. The camp will run from 8:00 am until 11:30 am for grades 6-11 and from 12:00 pm until 3:00 pm for grades K-5. Sixth graders may go to the morning, afternoon, or both sessions for the price of one.

The cost to attend the camp is \$60 with a maximum cost of \$100 per family. In order to receive a camp T-shirt you must register before May 20. After May 25 all single registration fees will be \$70 and \$120 maximum cost per family due to camp preparation and award orders. Make checks payable to Lace 'Em Up Basketball Camp.

Application forms are available at the Red Lake County Central and Red Lake Falls Schools. The applications can be returned to Steve Philion at 518 Champagne Ave., Red Lake Falls, MN 56750. To contact Philion call (218-253-2499) or email sphilion@rlfedu.org.

Rebels Speech

Team competes in large meet

By: Ethan Vettleson

Red Lake County's Speech Team took a small group to the Chuck Beckman Memorial Speech Invitational Saturday, March 5th in Walker. It was the biggest meet the Rebels ever attended. There were 32 teams in the competition and almost 600 entries. According to Speech coach Mrs. Judy Schue, this meet was "the strongest competition the Rebel speakers have faced so far this season."

Three speech members earned honors. In Humor there were 62 competitors and Jade Person took seventh place. Poetry had 56 competitors and Lily Guillemette received a red ribbon, and Jayden Iverson red ribbon.

The next meet will be March 12th in Detroit Lakes.

RLC Rebels Break

MN Turnover Record

By: Nicole Riendeau

The Red Lake County Rebels boys' basketball team set a Minnesota State Boys' Basketball record this season. The original record for fewest turnovers in a game was set in 1967 by Luverne High School. They only had three turnovers in a boys' basketball game.

RLC Rebels broke the record with only one turnover on December 18, 2015 in a game against Stephen-Argyle. The record has been confirmed by the Minnesota State High School League with video confirmation of the game.

The record covers all classes of Minnesota boys' basketball for 103 years. The RLC Rebels head coach is Steve Philion and assistant coach is Randy Huie along with Kory Baril and Kevin Philion.

A huge congratulations to the Rebels for this awesome achievement.

Conservation Corps Applications Available

By: Taylor Klasen

Applications for Conservation Corps of Minnesota Summer Youth

Corps are being taken for 15-18 year old. If you like to be in an outdoor setting, camp and live in the outdoors for extended periods of time, and have an interest in service and community work and desire to make a difference, you may be interested in applying for Conservation Corps MN. Base camp is at St. Croix State Park and the workers will travel throughout Minnesota regions to complete various environmental service projects.

Jonathan Goldenberg is the coordinator for the Corps MN Summer Youth Corps. Around 150 high school aged (15-18 years) are hired for a month to do natural resource work across the state. It is a paid job and opportunity to learn work skills, meet others from across the region, and see the power and value of work as it makes a difference in the lives of others. Youth will participate in three days of training at a training location. Training would include proper use of hand tools, safety, camping skills, etc.

While on work projects out on various sites, participants will sleep in tents, often in a state or national park campsites. All food, transportation, and lodging are provided throughout the summer. The youth will receive an allowance of \$250 per week. Pay will be twice per month by paycheck which can either be sent home or held by Program Coordinator until end of program.

If interested, pick up information on the counter in the Red Lake County Central High School office. For questions, contact Jonathan Goldenberg at jonathan@conservationcorps.org or 651-209-9900 ext. 27.

Apply online at: www.conservationcorps.org/applications-youth. Deadline to apply online is April 4, 2016.

Upcoming Important Dates at RLCC

By: Taylor Klasen

Red Lake County Central Elementary and High School will have no school Friday, March 25 and Monday, March 28 due to Easter break. The end of the third quarter will be Thursday, March 24. Parent-Teacher Conferences at the elementary will be Tuesday, March 29 and for the high school it will be Thursday, March 31. Conferences will go from 4-8 p.m.

ECFE News

Thursday, March 17 - 3-5 year old class #4: Oklee site 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Get your tool belt ready for some "tool time" with Mr. Bernier, shop instructor at the RLCC High School. We will be making tool boxes or tool kits by working with our hands and rolling up our sleeves. Each project will be taken home at the end of the evening, and soup and sandwich supper is included. Call ahead of time to register by March 10 (Oklee School 796-5136 or Plummer School 465-4222). Cost is \$12.00.

Thursday, March 31 - Family Fun Night: Plummer site 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. for 0-5 year olds. Explore science with planting seeds, mixing cornstarch and water to make "glurch," creating a tornado in a bottle, and blending ingredients to make "dirt dessert."



Collin Taggart ready to take on his opponent during the RLCC 2016 Youth Wrestling Tournament.



Kane Nelson going for a pin during the Youth Wrestling Tournament in Oklee.



Senior wrestler Tyler Sandahl refereeing Masen Pahlen's match in RLCC's youth tournament.

Media coalition calls on Senators to support FOIA reforms

Stars may align during Sunshine Week for FOIA reform in Senate

A coalition of media groups today urged every U.S. Senator to support legislation that establishes a presumption of openness in law, encourages agencies to use public-friendly technology, and makes other changes to the way agencies respond to requests for information from the public.

The Sunshine in Government Initiative (SGI) sent a letter to every senator encouraging support for legislation that would improve the way federal agencies respond to Freedom of Information Act

(FOIA) requests. "These changes would help ensure the government discloses information the way

Congress intended a half century ago when Congress enacted the original Freedom of Information

Act," said Rick Blum, director of the Sunshine in Government Initiative. The coalition is composed of newspaper, media and journalist groups.

Citing the approaching 50th anniversary of the enactment of the federal FOIA on July 4, 1966, the coalition wrote, "now is the time for Congress to enact improvements to FOIA that will enhance government transparency and accountability."

Despite long wait times, high fees to deter requests, and procedural hurdles, journalists have relied on FOIA for stories that show, for example, the slow government response to the water crisis in Flint, historically low prosecution rates for white collar crime, and whether the government found any parmesan cheese in food sold as parmesan cheese. (It didn't.) FOIA was also critical to uncovering the long wait times and delays that veterans face obtaining benefits.

The bipartisan group of Senators completing work on the measure (S. 337) carries considerable clout in the Senate. The bill's sponsors include Chuck Grassley (R-Ia.) and Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.), the Chairman and ranking Democrat of the Senate Judiciary Committee, respectively, and John Cornyn (R-Tex.), another Judiciary Committee member who is part of the Senate Republican leadership.

The Senate could vote as early as next week, which would coincide with the annual Sunshine Week, the annual effort to appreciate the value and challenges of open government.

S. 337 would write into law the presumption of openness, give the federal FOIA ombudsman the independence that Congress intended when it established the Office of Government Information

Services in 2007 to mediate disputes and recommend ways agencies can improve FOIA operations, and modernize FOIA technology at agencies. The measure also ends the

ability of agencies to withhold historical records not otherwise exempt form disclosure that are created 25 years or more prior to a FOIA request solely because disclosure would reveal internal deliberations.

The Senate unanimously approved similar legislation at the end of 2014 but the bill's sponsors could not overcome last-minute fears voiced about the potential impact on agencies that oversee the financial industry to push the legislation over the finish line.

The House of Representatives already passed a very similar bill in January. If the bill passes in the Senate, House and Senate negotiators would have to work out differences before sending the legislation to the President for his signature.

FOIA Reforms

Status: H.R. 653 passed the House of Representatives.

S. 337 to be scheduled for a vote (passed the Senate Judiciary Committee)

The FOIA reform bills take a number of steps to fix persistent problems that FOIA requesters face by improving the federal government's handling of FOIA requests. H.R. 653 and S. 337:

- Strengthen the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) by clarifying the Office must speak with an independent voice. Currently

OGIS must seek input from other agencies and the Office of Management and Budget before making its recommendations for improving FOIA available to the public. This limits what OGIS can say.

- Ensure future administrations start from a presumption of openness. That means agencies may withhold information only if they reasonably foresee that disclosure would cause specific, identifiable harm from one of the nine types of interests already protected by FOIA (such as personal privacy, national security and trade secrets). Agencies have used this same standard since 2009.
- Push agencies to modernize technology in responding to FOIA requests by creating a single FOIA portal to accept FOIA requests for any agency.
- Require agencies to submit annual FOIA processing statistics a month earlier each year so they are available for Sunshine Week.
- Limit the ability of agencies to keep internal deliberations confidential to a period of 25 years. Agencies would lose the ability to cite Exemption 5 (protecting internal deliberations) in denying requests if the information is more than 25 years old.

Family Fun Night

MARCH 22, 2016

RLCC Elementary School

5:00 pm—7:00 pm

Experience Family Fun through:

- **Movement**
- **Technology**
- **Music**
- **Art**
- **Games**

Free Books!

Register for a chance to win a family fun gift basket.

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5pm-6:30pm

All Ages Welcome

FAMILY FUN NIGHT MADE POSSIBLE BY:
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This February Dennis McGeary from Oklee hosted an annual ice fishing trip for his brothers to Lake of the Woods. Dennis is pictured here with his seven brothers from left to right: Doug(Omaha, NE) Dennis, Ed(St. Cloud, MN) Tom (Benson, MN), Joe (Danvers, MN), Dave(Bismarck, ND), Harold (St. Cloud, MN), and Pat (Danvers, MN). This year marked the 10th anniversary of the McGeary Brother's ice fishing reunion. The group spent the week fishing near Rocky Point and Zippel Bay Resort on Lake of the Woods.

Red Lake County Commissioners Minutes

RED LAKE COUNTY Regular Meeting Held January 26, 2016

Pursuant to adjournment of its regular meeting the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners duly met in regular session at the courthouse in Red Lake Falls, MN on January 26, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. Chair Simpson called the meeting to order. All members were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

SWCD Technician Matt Anderson was present and informed that the 2015 County Feedlot report is complete. Chairman Simpson signed the document as the report was approved at a prior meeting.

Social Services Director Kristi Nelson was present to request that the board approve a resolution to allow the Social Services Department access to the Minnesota Court Data Services. Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Sorensen and carried unanimously to approve Resolution No. 01-01-16 as follows:

WHEREAS, Minnesota Court Data Services are offered to governmental units for certain governmental uses; and WHEREAS, this data exists to assist governmental units in the efficient performance of governmental duties as required or authorized by law or court rule in connection with any civil, criminal, administrative, or arbitral proceeding in any federal, state, or local court or agency of before any self-regulating body;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners approves the Red Lake County Social Service Center to enter into a Master Subscriber Agreement for Minnesota Court Data Services with the State of Minnesota Office of the State Court Administrator.

A complete document is available at the County Auditor's office.

Nelson informed that a Community Support Services grant in the amount of \$64,397.00 was awarded to the county. Commissioner Sorensen moved, seconded by Weiss and unanimously carried to authorize the Board Chairman to sign the document to accept the CSP grant funds.

County Treasurer Nick Knott was present at the meeting to provide a county investment report. Knott reviewed the county investment portfolio and interest earnings on county funds for the previous year.

Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Flage and unanimously carried to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held January 5, 2016.

Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Sorensen and unanimously carried to approve the expenditures for the period as follows:

Revenue:	\$77,480.08
Road & Bridge:	68,145.20
Welfare:	6,184.00
Ditch:	440.00
Total:	\$152,249.28

The motion includes the following added bills: \$2,100.00 to MN Rural Counties Caucus, and \$420.17 to Quill.

The following Commissioner/Committee reports were shared: Commissioner Meeting/Report Weiss Quin CHS: budget report, SHIP update and elected officers; Tri County Corrections: review of budget items and population numbers. Flage SWCD: elected officers, Enbridge Ecofoot Print Grant, and policy items. Sorensen Tri County Corrections: officer elections, housing per diem revenue, new food service provider beginning January 2016.

Lerohl NW Regional Development: audit contract and reviewed expenses; NW HRA: discussed apartment sale; ICC: financial audit, Weatherization funds, Head Start program, CP Rail donation for local Food Bank, and Office Legislative Auditor report on CAA's statewide.

Simpson Economic Development: new chairperson elected, reviewed active loans and approved one new business loan, term limits changed to (3) terms of (3) years each.

Attorney Mike Rengel from Pemberton Law Office of Fergus Falls, MN was at the meeting on behalf of Red Lake County to provide board members with information regarding Red Lake County Attorney Mike LaCoursiere's appeal of his 2016 salary and budget. LaCoursiere's appeal was served upon the County Board on January 5, 2016. LaCoursiere is being represented by Attorney Michael Jorgenson of Thief River Falls, MN who was also in attendance during

the meeting. Rengel informed that a state statute (Minnesota Statutes 388.18) allows elected officials to appeal their adopted budget and salary by serving notice within 15 days after the date the County Board adopted such salary and budget. Red Lake County's salaries and budgets were approved at the December 22, 2015 regular board meeting. Rengel has been retained as special council pursuant to section 388.09 to represent the county in the appeal proceedings. Rengel reviewed detailed information comparing attorney salaries of counties of similar size, counties located within the Ninth Judicial District, caseload and etc. Board members considered the information during their discussion regarding the 2016 salary and budget for County Attorney LaCoursiere. The following document was presented for board action.

Resolution No 01-02-16
RESOLUTION OF THE RED LAKE COUNTY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ESTABLISHING THE 2016 SALARY AND BUDGET OF THE RED LAKE COUNTY ATTORNEY
WHEREAS, Red Lake County engaged in a comprehensive process to set the 2016 salary and budget for the Red Lake County Attorney pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §388.18.

WHEREAS, with respects to the Red Lake County Attorney, the Board first determined the comparative groups to be analyzed would be: (1) the ten Minnesota counties closest in size to Red Lake County as measured by population (hereinafter "Population Comparative Group"); and (2) counties geographically located near Red Lake County in the Ninth Judicial District (hereinafter "Ninth Judicial District Comparative Group").

WHEREAS, after determining the comparative groups, the Board gathered and analyzed information on each county with respects to their population, whether the county attorney was full or part time, years working as an attorney, years working in the county attorney's office, 2015 salary, 2016 salary, number of assistant county attorneys, number of staff, number of felonies sentenced in 2014, and general information regarding responsibilities and duties, experience, qualifications, and performance while carrying out the duties of a county attorney.

WHEREAS, the Board also analyzed caseload comparisons of select counties provided by the State of Minnesota.

WHEREAS, the following information of the Red Lake County Attorney's Office was considered in comparison with the information gathered for the comparative groups:

1. The 2015 salary of the Red Lake County Attorney was \$75,500.00.
2. The Red Lake County Attorney has been practicing as a licensed attorney for 21 years.
3. The Red Lake County Attorney has been in the Red Lake County Attorney's Office for 2.5 years.
4. The Red Lake County Attorney has no assistant county attorneys whom he supervises.
5. The Red Lake County Attorney's Office has 1.6 staff.
6. The number of felonies sentenced by the Red Lake County Attorney in 2014 was 11.

WHEREAS, the information obtained for the Population Comparative Group was analyzed and the following findings were made:

1. The average salary for county attorneys in 2015 was \$76,194.00.
2. The adjusted average salary for county attorneys in 2015 removing the highest and lowest salaries was \$78,286.00.
3. The average salary for county attorneys in 2016 is \$78,564.00.
4. The adjusted average salary for county attorneys in 2016 removing the highest and lowest salaries was \$80,649.00.
5. The average years' experience as a practicing attorney is 22.4.
6. The average number of years of experience in a county attorney's office is 14.9.
7. The average number of assistant county attorneys is 0.9.
8. The average number of staff is 1.1.
9. The average number of felonies sentenced in 2014 was 22.

WHEREAS, the information obtained for the Ninth Judicial District Comparative Group was analyzed and the following findings were made:

1. The average salary for county attorneys in 2015 was \$101,570.00.
2. The adjusted average salary for county attorneys in 2015 removing the highest and lowest salaries was \$102,643.00.

3. The average salary for county attorneys in 2016 is \$103,441.00.

4. The adjusted average salary for county attorneys in 2016 removing the highest and lowest salaries was \$104,397.00.

5. The average years' experience as a practicing attorney is 21.

6. The average number of years of experience in a county attorney's office is 11.5.

7. The average number of assistant county attorneys is 2.9.

8. The average number of staff is 3.7.

9. The average number of felonies sentenced in 2014 was 99.5.

WHEREAS, the caseload comparisons of select counties provided by the State of Minnesota was analyzed and the following findings were made:

1. The number of cases filed by the Kittson County Attorney's Office in 2015 was 336.

2. The number of cases filed by the Norman County Attorney's Office in 2015 was 444.

3. The number of cases filed by the Red Lake County Attorney's Office in 2015 was 510.

4. The number of cases filed by the Marshall County Attorney's Office in 2015 was 600.

5. The number of cases filed by the Lake of the Woods County Attorney's Office in 2015 was 646.

WHEREAS, information provided by the Red Lake County Attorney was considered, including comparative information entitled "County Attorney Salaries, Full Time County Attorneys" as well as the 2015 County Attorney Salary Survey and Assistant County Attorney Salary Survey by the Minnesota County Attorneys Association.

Board Member Ron Weiss introduced the following motion:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners that upon consideration of the above-referenced information, as well as the Red Lake County Attorney's responsibilities and duties, experience, qualifications, and performance, that the Red Lake County Attorney's 2016 salary shall be set in the amount of \$80,500.00 per year. The Red Lake County Attorney's Office budget shall be adjusted accordingly.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly seconded by Board Member John Lerohl and, upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Ron Weiss, Chuck Flage, John Lerohl and Chuck Simpson; and the following voted against the same: Dave Sorensen; whereupon said Resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Rengel exited the meeting as there was no further discussion on the issue. The board thanked him for his attendance.

HR Director explained the revised Meal Reimbursement Policy for county employees. Commissioner Sorensen moved, seconded by Flage and carried unanimously to approve the policy as presented with an effective date of January 1, 2016.

Lundeen informed that Social Service Director Kristi Nelson is eligible for her annual step increase on January 14, 2016 going from Step 4 to Step 5 at a \$34.51 hourly rate. Commissioner Sorensen moved, seconded by Lerohl and unanimous carried to approved as presented.

Commissioner Sorensen moved, seconded by Lerohl and unanimously carried to approve an additional 4.5% salary increase to County Assessor Nancy Amberson, County Recorder Joyce Paquin, and County Treasurer Nick Knott, and a 1% salary increase to County Auditor Bob Schmitz. The salary increases are calculated on their ending 2015 salaries and are in addition to the cost of living increase approved for 2016, and is retroactive to January 1, 2016.

Chair Simpson mentioned that he received calls from Local 49 employees from the County Highway Department regarding the reduced insurance contribution by the county to employees for 2016, and the increase in union health insurance rates. The county health insurance premium rates are significantly lower than the Local 49 insurance rates, and thus the union employees must contribute additional dollars towards their monthly premiums. Board members concurred that it's the Local 49 union member's choice whether to take union health insurance or the county health insurance. No action was taken.

Commissioner Flage mentioned a replacement to the County Economic Development Committee to replace Kurt Casavan in District 4. Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Sorensen and carried unanimously to appoint Shirley Bregier for a 3-year term effective as of January 1, 2016.

Commissioner Lerohl mentioned that Enbridge Energy is asking County Commissioners to meet with Governor Dayton in St Paul regarding the Sandpiper and the No. 3 Pipeline to encourage the governor's support. Polk County Commissioner Joan Lee is spearheading the effort.

The board acknowledged a letter sent to the Plummer Snowmobile Club regarding the Seven Clans 300 Challenge Cup Snowmobile Race held January 24, 2016.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned until February 9, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

Attest:
Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

Chuck Simpson, Chair,
Board of Commissioners OS1C

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Red Lake County
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COUNTY OF RED LAKE

TO: ALL PERSONS WITH A LEGAL INTEREST IN THE PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE FOLLOWING DELINQUENT TAX LIST

A list of real property in Red Lake County on which delinquent property taxes and penalties are due has been filed with the District Court Administrator of Red Lake County. This list is published to inform all persons that the listed property is subject to forfeiture because of delinquent taxes. The property owner, taxpayer or other interested person must either pay the tax and penalty, plus costs or file a written objection with the District Court Administrator. The objection must be filed by April 12, 2016 stating the reason why the property tax or penalty is not due on the property. If no objection is filed, a court judgment will be entered against the property for the unpaid tax, penalty, interest, and costs. For property under court judgment, the period of redemption begins on May 9, 2016. The period of redemption means the time within which taxes must be paid to avoid losing the property through forfeiture. The period of redemption is three years, with a handful of exemptions. The redemption period is one year for most properties located in a targeted neighborhood, as defined in the Minnesota laws, and for municipal solid waste disposal facilities. The redemption period is five-weeks for certain abandoned or vacant properties. You may also enter into a confession of judgment as an alternative method to paying off the delinquent tax amount and avoiding forfeiture. This allows you to pay the delinquent balance in equal annual installments with a down payment due at the time you confess judgment. The length of the installment plan varies: 5 years for commercial-industrial/public utility property; 10 years for all other properties. If you have homesteaded property, you may be eligible for a Senior Citizen's Property Tax Deferral, which enables seniors to pay just 3% of their household income and allow remaining amounts to become a lien on the property that may be deferred for later payment (perhaps upon eventual sale of the property). It should also be noted by property homesteaders that you are ineligible to receive the Property Tax Refund while you owe delinquent tax. To determine how much interest and costs must be added to pay the tax in full, contact the Red Lake County Auditor's Office, Red Lake County Courthouse, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750. You may also contact the County Auditor's Office at (218) 253-2598 or at raschmiltz@co.red-lake.mn.us

DISTRICT COURT SEAL

Kathy Narlock, Court Administrator, 9th Judicial District

DELINQUENT TAX LIST				CITY OF OKLEE			
The following table contains a list of real property located in Red Lake County on which taxes and penalties became delinquent on January 2, 2016. Interest calculated from January 2, 2016 and county costs must be paid along with the total tax and penalties in order for a parcel of real property to be removed from the delinquent list.							
EMARDVILLE TOWNSHIP							
William L. Hess 33348 310th Ave SE McIntosh, MN 56556	N1/2 11-151-42	2015	4336.04	Toni Magnell 205 Bourden St P.O. Box 143 Oklee, MN 56742	OKL Lt 4 Blk 1	2015	429.68
James A Berg & Constance I Berg 26357 State Hwy 25 Belle Plain, MN 55011				Brooks Community Federal Credit Union P.O. Box 38 Brooks, MN 56715			
William & Carol J. Hess 33348 310th Ave SE McIntosh, MN 56556	S1/2 less Bldg Site 11-151-42	2015	4226.20	Christopher Molstad 403 Lambert St Oklee, MN 56742	OKL S1/2 of Lt 2; Lt 3 Blk 10	2015	419.23
Bank Forward 1301 Ralph Engelstad Arena Dr Grand Forks, ND 58203				Border State Bank P.O. Box 599 Thief River Falls, MN 56701			
LAKE PLEASANT				Daniel & Amber Wold 316 Arnold Ave N Thief River Falls, MN 56701	OKL Lt 13 Blk 10	2015	449.98
Kim & Sonja Knaack 23373 120th Ave SE Red Lake Falls, MN 56750	S 1050' of N 2350' of E 830' of NE1/4 12-150-44	2015	738.62	Border State Bank P.O. Box 599 Thief River Falls, MN 56701			
LAMBERT TOWNSHIP				John Bradshaw 411 Governor St P.O. Box 271 Oklee, MN 56742	OKL 1965 ADD Lt 2 & N 3' of Lt 3 Blk 18	2015	449.61
William & Carol J. Hess 33348 310th Ave SE McIntosh, MN 56556	SW1/4 LESS 10.10 ACRES IN SE1/4SW1/4 27-150-41	2015	1884.52	Patricia Glick 408 Bourden St P.O. Box 8 Oklee, MN 56742	OKL 1965 ADD Lt 4 & 5 Blk 29	2015	375.56
Ultima Bank 9 West Minnesota Ave P.O. Box 9 Winger, MN 56592				CITY OF PLUMMER			
CHS Capital LLC 5500 Cenex Dr. MS140 Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077				Janelle Rude 440 Central Ave W Plummer, MN 56748	PL Aud Lt D less tract in SW corner 9-151-42	2015	247.03
William & Carol J. Hess 33348 310th Ave SE McIntosh, MN 56556	E1/2SE1/4 28-150-41	2015	996.46	Border State Bank P.O. Box 599 Thief River Falls, MN 56701			
Ultima Bank 9 West Minnesota Ave P.O. Box 9 Winger, MN 56592				Kelly Perce 285 Pleth Ave Plummer, MN 56748	PL Lts 7-9 Blk 13	2015	228.99
CHS Capital LLC 5500 Cenex Dr. MS140 Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077				City of Plummer P.O. Box 128 Plummer, MN 56748			
William & Carol J. Hess 33348 310th Ave SE McIntosh, MN 56556	SE1/4 30-150-41	2015	2136.92	Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines ATTN: Community Investment Division 801 Walnut St. Suite200 Des Moines, IA 50309			
Ultima Bank 9 West Minnesota Ave P.O. Box 9 Winger, MN 56592				CITY OF RED LAKE FALLS			
CHS Capital LLC 5500 Cenex Dr. MS140 Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077				James Trickle 1250 N Center St Lt C11 Casper, WY 82601-1151	RLF C&D ADD E 74' Lt 24 Blk 3	2015	201.88
William & Carol J. Hess 33348 310th Ave SE McIntosh, MN 56556	N1/2 less tract in NW corner 31-150-41	2015	3740.10	Beverly Spencer 410 Main Ave N P.O. Box 224 Red Lake Falls, MN 56750	RLFs C&D ADD Lts 17 & 18 Blk 15	2015	398.11
Ultima Bank 9 West Minnesota Ave P.O. Box 9 Winger, MN 56592				Rodney Ulrich 17591 140th Ave SE Red Lake Falls, MN 56750	RLF Kretz ADD Lts 8-12 Blk 51	2015	2661.58
CHS Capital LLC 5500 Cenex Dr. MS140 Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077				Red Lake County State Bank AKA Unity Bank North P.O. Box 280 Red Lake Falls, MN 56750	RLF OTS ADD Lt 9-11 Blk 2	2015	734.11
William & Carol J. Hess 33348 310th Ave SE McIntosh, MN 56556	SW1/4 32-150-41	2015	1868.17	Daniel Maurstad 305 Main St Red Lake Falls, MN 56750	RLF RR ADD Lts 10-13 Blk 3	2015	1062.21
Ultima Bank 9 West Minnesota Ave P.O. Box 9 Winger, MN 56592				Benedict Murphy & Kathy A Murphy 11884 180th St SE Red Lake Falls, MN 56750			
CHS Capital LLC 5500 Cenex Dr. MS140 Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077				James & Carolyn Roff 615 Chicago Ave SW Red Lake Falls, MN 56750			
							051-52C

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It's Time To Look For
The Emerald Ash Borer

Woodpecker activity on ash trees is one of the best ways to locate trees infested with emerald ash borer (EAB), according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MNDNR's). Val Cervenaka, DNR forest health program coordinator, says "late winter and early spring before the leaves pop out is the best time of year to see woodpecker activity." Woodpeckers are searching for food such as EAB larvae that are under the tree's bark. To find food, woodpeckers flake off the outer bark, leaving light colored patches on the trunk and large branches. Before leaves emerge, these light patches are easily spotted from the ground. Holes within the light patches where the woodpecker dug out a larva can be seen with binoculars. According to Cervenaka, woodpecker activity is a great way to detect EAB because woodpeckers are attracted to trees infested with EAB and not to those infested with native borers, whose populations tend to stay small. The "Twin Cities" and Rochester metro areas and Wabasha County are the only places that have been infested with EAB in Minnesota at the present time. These areas have had success in slowing down the spread of EAB by targeting ash tree removal in areas with woodpecker activity. State and federal agencies need help monitoring the spread the

of EAB. They need "you and me" to report any suspected new finds to the "ARREST THE PEST HOT LINE" by sending an email to: arrest.the.pest@state.mn.us. You could also call and leave a voice mail at "888.545.6684. Please provide a detailed message including your name, location of the tree, contact number and symptoms you have noticed, and email a picture of the tree. If you notice anything suspicious with your ash trees, it is very important that you report it, because so many people in Northwest Minnesota have ash tress in their yard or farmstead and or in field wind breaks. Minnesota is estimated to have about one billion ash trees; the most of any state in the U.S. It would be devastating to lose the ash trees in our area and in Minnesota. Early detection of EAB would mean we we could very likely save many of our ash trees. If an infestation of EAB goes undetected for several years; we could lose most of our ash trees like we did when Dutch Elm Disease hit our part of the state and we lost almost all of the elm trees. For additional information on EAB; visit the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's website at www.mda.state.mn.us/eab or MNDR's EAB website at www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives. Source: Val Cervenaka, DNR forest health program coordinator.

Oklee Senior
Site Dining

March 21- 25
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: BLT, hash browns, dessert, and milk.
Tuesday: Grilled ham & cheese, chili, dessert and milk.
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Thursday: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, dessert and milk.
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Who's Dat
This week's photo is of a young fellow playing with his best pal.
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I'm always in need of new Who Dat's so please email photo (300 dpi) to the okleeherald@gmail.com or stop by so I can scan them into the computer.



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**Seventy Years Ago
March 14, 1946**
Bradford Cyr left here Sunday for Seattle, Washington after a two week visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cyr.

Amund Lintvet returned last week from a Thief River Falls hospital, much improved in health.

Willard K. Lindquist, lieutenant (junior grade) in the Navy, son of Mrs. A. Lindquist of Oklee, was released from active service on March 11th.

**Sixty Years Ago
March 15, 1956**
A Sunday afternoon blaze completely destroyed the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Westlake 5 ½ miles northwest of Oklee.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fellman, Kathryn and Richard of Crookston, Mrs. Albert Toulouse and Dianne visited the Albert Fellman home Saturday to honor Mrs. Fellman on her birthday anniversary.

Minnesota voters will go to the polls Tuesday to express their choices in the presidential primary election.

An open house will be held at Oklee Lumber so the public could inspect their new office sand sales room on April 4th.

**Fifty Years Ago
March 17, 1966**
Mrs. Ida Seter, 78, died Friday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Adrian Benedick. Mrs. Seter used to operate a store at Cisco.

For less than 10 dollars you can buy a Midland Quality Muffler to fit any make, any model, car.

Voters in Chester Township concuded their annual election Tueday and Gerald Cote was elected supervisor and Walter Vettleson as Clerk.

Two more states,

Massachusetts and Virginia, have passed sales tax legislation. Forty-one states have chosen the sales tax as a fair way to provide public revenue. Minnesota, still leaning heavily on taxation of property and income to finance state and local budgets, remains one of nine hold-out states.

**Forty Years Ago
March 11, 1976**
The American Legion Auxiliary, Frank Lund Post, 159, chose Cindy Hendrickson to represent Oklee at the annual Girls State which will be held at the College of St. Catherine, St. Paul. Donna Jensen was chosen as alternate.

Randy Radniecki places in the State Tournament.

Judy Flateland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Flateland of Trail was accepted at Wadena Area Vocational Technical Institute and will being her studies in July.

Lieutenant Governor Rudy Perpich, today announced that the application of the City of Oklee to become a Bi-Centennial Community has been approved.

**Thirty Years Ago
March 12, 1986**
Mayor Shirley Cyr signed a proclamation declaring March 20-23 as Daffodil Days in support of the American Cancer Society.

Green Thumb employees were honored as Green Thumb celebrates its 20th anniversary. Honored were Myrtle Woods, Hilda Opdahl, Florence Pederson, Happy Hince and Omer Boucher.

William Grimm celebrated his 98th birthday on Sunday, March 2nd.

A surprise birthday party was held for Irene Dessellier,

who is a young 52 years old and holding.

**Twenty Years Ago
March 13, 1996**
The Oklee Liquor Store was the main topic at a special meeting held on March 6th – the decision if it should continue to be part of the city or independently run.

A new face at the Oklee Senior Craft Shop – Beverly M. Johnson, who will be working with Myrtle Woods.

Shannon and DeAnn Brekke of rural Brooks are the proud parents of a baby show Collin David, born on March 4th.

The Red Lake County Farm Family is Walter and Cindy Novak.

**Ten Years Ago
March 16, 2006**

What do the ladies do in the winter to make the time go faster? In Plummer they make quilts.

Henry Linder was presented a check from Mayor Clay Haugen for the winning Centennial logo.

An AARP Defensive Driving Class was held and there were 28 students attending.

Patty Thompson was the winner of the bike that was raffled off at the 22nd Annual Youth Wrestling Tournament held in Oklee on March 9th.

Gelene Lundeen was presented the Outstanding Volunteer Award at the Minnesota 4-H Adult Volunteer Association Conference on February 24-26th.

Roy and Carolyn Rystad of Oklee wish to announce the engagement of their daughter Tracy to Corey Gordon, son of Barry Gordon of Tuscon and JoEtta Michels-Gordon of Burnsville. The couple are planning a July wedding at St. Francis Xavier Church in Oklee.

with a no-till drill.

Frost seeding on top of snow is not a good practice because rapid snow melting may cause the seed to be washed off the pasture. So wait until the snow is gone, but the ground is frozen enough to drive on without damaging the soil surface. The ideal window is on us right now, so if you are so inclined to try this practice, now is a good time to do so.

Seeding need not be a complicated process; indeed, this is the appeal of frost seeding. Seed can be distributed by a tractor-mounted or hand-held broadcast seeder or mixed with fertilizer and applied. In smaller areas, an ATV with a battery operated seeder will work very well. Although is not always necessary, any action to incorporate the seed, such as allowing livestock to walk across the seeded area, or light tillage, will generally increase stand establishment.

Frost seeding is not recommended for sandy soils because the freezing and thawing does not incorporate the seed. In those areas, a no-till drill would be a better choice, if soil conditions allow. Luckily, the Clearwater County SWCD office now has a new no-till drill available for rent, if this seeding method better fits your situation. They can be reached at 218-694-6584.

Lastly, before seeding any legumes, be sure to check the replant restrictions on herbicides applied within the past few years. Certain products, such as Milestone, will prevent legume reestablishment for some number of years.

For more information, contact me at 800-450-2465 or stordahl@umn.edu. Source: Dr. Dan Undersander, University of Wisconsin.

Regional Ag News Jim Stordahl, Extension Educator

Frost Seeding Legumes

The past few years have left many pasture stands overgrazed with depleted root reserves. With little snow cover and dry soil conditions, it's possible that some plants will not survive the winter, leaving unproductive bare spots creating an ideal environment for germinating thistles.

One easy way to improve pastures, without complete renovation, is to frost seed legumes into the pasture during the early spring.

Frost seeding is a simple system of introducing a legume into an existing pasture to improve the forage quality. The concept is simple; you merely broadcast the seed on the ground in the spring. In Wisconsin, farmers report that frost seeding works 60 to 70 % of the time. Although that may not seem overly impressive, it may be worth the risk because it's simple and inexpensive, and in the long haul, it works.

While frost seeding is less expensive than using traditional planters, it is also riskier than seeding with a drill because there is less seed-soil contact. And, when it does work, the resulting stand may not be consistent across the pasture. This is one reason it's not generally recommended for improving established hay fields. But, if you have rocky pastures where conventional equipment cannot be used, frost seeding may your only option to introduce a legume to the pasture.

The best time for frost seeding is early in the spring after the snow is gone but while the ground is still frozen or beginning to thaw. The freeze-thaw cycle creates tiny cracks on the soil surface allowing

seeds to *fall-in* enabling the seed to be *incorporated*. Once the seed is in the moist soil environment, germination can occur. With the normal spring rains, a near-idea environment is created for the seedlings to grow.

Chances for a good "catch" will be improved if the pasture residue has been removed to allow the seed to reach the soil surface. If your pastures had very little residue going into to winter, the following may not be necessary. But, if needed, this can be done by different methods:

✓ Frost seeding tends to be most successful if the pasture was heavily grazed last summer or fall which tends to suppress the existing grasses. It is best if grazing results in some soil showing -- not ideal if the area is prone to erosion.

✓ During legume seedling development, use short periods of heavy grazing to reduce the shading of the seedlings by grasses. Light grazing allows livestock to select the legumes. Grazing periods longer than 5 days during establishment may harm the establishing legumes.

✓ Legumes tend to be more successful than grasses in frost seeding. Use a legume which has relatively inexpensive seed, with good seedling vigor, and with tolerance to your soil conditions. Good choices include red or white clover, or perhaps birdsfoot trefoil. Alfalfa is not recommended because it does not germinate at temperatures as low as the clovers. If you want to try a grass, plant Italian (annual) ryegrass at 8 to 10 lbs/acre and orchardgrass at 4 lbs/acre. Other grasses have been frost seeded with less success. But, grasses would establish well

Outdoor Explorers is the classic summer camp experience full of fun at the lake and exploration in the woods. Campers spend time in the outdoors learning recreation skills, such as: canoeing, archery, orienteering, GPS, and camping!

In addition, campers participate in team building activities at Long Lake's low ropes Challenge Cooperation Course, the Long Lake Amazing Race, and team games. Furthermore, on top of all this fun, campers spend time honing their survival skills by building small cooking fires and shelters, and spend a night under the stars. You

won't want to miss this!!

Red Lake County SWCD will sponsor two youth to attend camp. If you are interested, please write a short paragraph (300 words or less) describing why you would like to attend camp. Also, please provide your full name, parent's names, and telephone number. The deadline is April 8th, 2016.

Please send to Tanya Hanson at the Red Lake County SWCD, 2602 Wheat Drive, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750 by April 8th, 2016.

If you have any questions please contact Tanya at (218) 253-2593 ext. 4.

Senior Site News and Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry & Bonny Cote

I am finally getting to feel better after my bout at home and the hospital.

While in TRF I had the room across the hall from Doris Nelson who had the misfortune of falling and suffered bone breakage. Einar, Carol and Dianne visited me several times.

I also had my good neighbors, Larry and Rosie came to visit. Last night I received a call from Lucy Christianson informing me Eleanor Christianson was in the Fosston Hospital with pneumonia. I work with Eleanor at the Site.

Donald came from Calif to take care of me on Wednesday and had to go back this afternoon. Suellen and Scott came last night and will stay for awhile. It is wonderful to have children so concerned.

This week at the Site we will be having the monthly Council Meeting for March.

Irene Rosten is one of our new desk people. She has filled in for the Senior Site when

someone needed a day off, but now will be working more often.

It has been decided that there will be no St. Patrick's Day celebration on March 17th.

Dates to Remember
March 17: Senior Site Council meeting 10:00 a.m.
March 18: Birthday Meal.
April 5: Evening Meal

Life's Little Instructions
Treat everyone you meet like you want to be treated.
Be forgiving of yourself and others.

Plant flowers every spring.
Don't let a little dispute injure a great friendship.

Laugh more, frown less
Show sincere interest in others and they'll return the favor.

Joke of the Week
Medicare and Alzheimer's
The phone rings and the lady of the house answers, "Hello".
"Mrs. Ward, please."

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

It is foggy this morning. It was also foggy last night and I found that driving in the fog is not like daytime. Nothing seems the same and it takes longer to go where you are heading. It seems like forever to get there. There are no landmarks to tell you where you are and if not for the white stripes on the road you could be lost very easily. I found this out at midnight last night while driving home from Crookston. Thankfully I got home okay but it was a new experience trying to drive in that pea soup.

Jerome Novak went to the emergency room at Crookston on Sunday night and then was transferred to Altru in Grand Forks for further tests.

Another Brooks resident is in the hospital at Altru. Aurel Parenteau could use some visitors too. He is having surgery today (Monday) on his leg. Get well soon Aurel and we are looking forward to seeing you again in Brooks.

Word of an accident that injured David Myhre came last week and he is in Altru hospital. No update on his condition as yet.

Congratulations on the

celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary go out to Mary and Vern Schindler of Terrebonne. Their children put on a great food fest for their parents. Many friends and neighbors came to wish them well and extend their congratulations. Vern and Mary sure did enjoy the many people who joined them in their special day.

Vern Schindler was surprised by a visit from the Plummer American Legion during their anniversary party. He was presented with a plaque and star for being a sustaining member for a continuous 60 years. What a nice tribute for him.

One of our snowbirds returned to Brooks this week. Cindy and Del Determan traveled extensively in the southwest this year, and she is able to say she is becoming a one shot wonder. She was hunting exotic deer and got a real nice buck with a great rack of horns. She is having it mounted for proof. We are going to have to call her "single shot" from now on.

My memory isn't as great as it should be and I forgot



Vern and Mary Schindler celebrated 50 years of marriage on Saturday at the Red Lake Falls Legion. Their children put on a great food fest for the guests and everyone had a great time. Many friends and neighbors and family came to wish them Happy Anniversary.



On Saturday the Plummer Post 630 honored Vern Schindler with a certificate and star commemorating 60 years of continuous membership in the Legion. This was presented to him at the Legion in Red Lake Falls.

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

Jason Cater and son, Adam, Don Fox and son David, and Don's grandson Jack Greelis went ice fishing on Lake of the Woods this past weekend. It was Jack's first time and he is 13. They had a great time.

Tuesday, March 8th, Jean Carpenter, Judy Kelley, Loretta Hesse, Bunny DuChamp, and Alice Jobe went to Oakland Park for Fern Eskeli's birthday. They had cake, ice cream and coffee with her. Glenyce Eskeli and Jean Matt also joined the group.

Duck's Unlimited will have their annual banquet at the Legion on March 18th. More than 25 guns will be given away from the raffle drawings.

John and Marilyn Classen, Lake Gladstone, MN, visited

Arlene Zimpel on Thursday. Marilyn is her sister.

Kim Carpenter of Hawley visited Jean Carpenter Monday through Tuesday.

Tri-River Pioneers met Monday at 7:00 p.m. There was discussion about the fire truck being restored and the tractor that Clayton Larson donated and what all needs replacing. Next month we meet at 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, the Plummer ladies went to the Cozy for dinner in Brooks. The special was a marinated pork chop dinner, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn or carrots, bread and dessert was pumpkin bar with pecan topping. It was very good. The ladies were: Jeanine Pahlen, Renae Fallon, Anna

"Speaking."
"Mrs. Ward, this is Doctor Jones at the Medical Testing Laboratory. When your doctor sent your husband's biopsy to the lab yesterday, a biopsy from another Mr. Ward arrived as well, and we are now uncertain which one is your husband's. Frankly the results are either bad or terrible."

"What do you mean?" Mrs. Ward asks nervously.

"Well, one of the specimens tested positive for Alzheimer's and the other one tested positive for AIDS. We can't tell which is your husband's."

"That's dreadful! Can't you do the test again?" questioned Mrs. Ward.

"Normally we can, but Medicare will only pay for these expensive tests one time."

"Well, what am I supposed to do now?"

"The people at Medicare recommend that you drop your husband off somewhere in the middle of town. If he finds his way home, don't sleep with him."

to add this item last week. Happy Birthday to Pat Larson who was honored by her Bible group on her birthday two weeks ago. The people of the Bible group brought her a beautiful cake and sang THE song, and then they ate cake. From my gleanings of the news I know that John and Karen Larson also joined with Pat to celebrate her birthday too. Happy Birthday Pat, from all of us, even if it is late it is sincere.

The parishioners at St. Joseph in Brooks are now going to sing even greater now that there are new hymnals. Sherry Knott came to accompany the choir on Sunday and introduce the new hymnals to the parish. She asked for help to get them ready for the pews, she will need help to ready them for use on Wednesday.

Prayers go out to Diane Gagner who is rehabilitating after a fall she had in which she was injured. She is in rehab in Fergus Falls. We miss you Diane, get well quickly.

Red Hats have been cancelled this month with scheduling and Easter getting in the way, there will be no Red Hats in March. In April the Red Hats will go to the Loft in TRF.

We hope you week is going to be really fun. Take time out for others it is the most fruitful of deeds.

Person of the week is David Clifton who made sure that an absent and ill member of the parish was given a roll for his breakfast. Thank you David.

Happy Go Lucky 4-H Club

Happy Go Lucky 4-H Club met Tuesday March 8, 2016 at the Plummer Hall at 7:00 PM. Seven members and 4 parents were present.

Bella Russillo correctly guessed that there were 19 candies in the jar.

We made plans for the Share the Fun Performance that will be held on Friday, April 8, 2016.

Bailey Culkins gave a report on BLU (Building Leadership and Understanding), a youth leadership conference she attended near Detroit Lakes on Feb 20 and 21, 2016.

Brock Tvedt led a game of Hide and Go Seek Tag.

Our next meeting will be Share the Fun practice on March 22, 2016 at the Plummer Hall at 7:00 PM.

Reporter, Bailey Culkins

DeHate, Wilma Arlt, Connie Nelson, Ann Traxler, Alice Jobe, Glenyce Eskeli, Bunny DuChamp, Jean Carpenter, Emilie Skjervén and Loretta Hesse.

Daylight Saving Time started on Saturday night. We know spring can't be too far away.

The Iditarod started Sunday the 6th. Snow was shipped from Fairbanks to Anchorage, Alaska because of lack of snow. Also the run was shortened three miles. I didn't hear the results.

Geese have been seen flying over as well as hearing robins. I can't believe how dry it is in the ditches.

It's hard to believe Easter will be here in a couple of weeks. It's early this year.

Enjoy the nice weather. Don't work too hard with your spring cleaning.