

Oklee Precipitation
By Einar Kvasager

	Rain	Snow
April 16	0.01	
April 17	0.46	
April 18	0.07	
April 19	0.04	
April 20	Trace	
April 21	0.03	
Total in.	0.61	0.00

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...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

OKLEE (RED LAKE COUNTY) MINN. 56742



The RLCC Fifth graders holding their canoes before launching them in the Clearwater river.

RLCC Fifth Graders learn about watersheds

On April 15th, the fifth graders from Red Lake County Central joined the Riverwatch group from RLCC High School along with Andrew Ulven, who works for the International Water Institute, a nonprofit education and research organization based in the Red River Basin. Along with him were two others who work for the International Water Institute, Evelyn Ashiamah and Asher Kingery. They were working with the 5th grade students from Red Lake County Central on a project called River of Dreams, which is a comprehensive watershed education and exploration program.

From their website: The River of Dreams (ROD) program gives children the opportunity to learn about rivers, watersheds, and how we are all connected through them. Inspired by the Caldecott Medal-winning children's novel "Paddle-to-the-Sea" by Holling C. Holling, ROD takes elementary students on a journey through both their watershed and imagination. Much like the boy in the story, students will learn how all people are connected through watersheds. In the process, they will gain an understanding of new terms and ideas.

In addition to grasping new and exciting concepts, ROD students will be encouraged to use their creative genius to decorate a small cedar canoe and develop a "dream" for a voyage of their own. The boy in "Paddle-to-the-Sea" dreamed that his canoe would make it to the ocean after traveling through all of the great lakes from its origin in the Nipigon region

of Ontario, Canada. Students are asked to think about what their canoe's journey will be like. Will the canoe be rained on, frozen into a sheet of ice, or used in a beaver dam? Will the journey be scary, exciting, or fun (or all)? Perhaps the canoe will make it all the way from their town to Winnipeg, Manitoba - or beyond? The possibilities are endless, as is the variety of different designs and dreams which will emerge from the canoe decoration phase.

After displaying their canoes and dreams to members of the community, each participant releases their vessel in the river nearest their town, sending it on its journey to the sea. Student involvement does not end there, however. Each canoe is equipped with information to track its whereabouts, using our web application at riverofdreams.org. Citizens who find a canoe downstream will be encouraged to follow the instructions on the canoe to log the geographic location where it was found and then release it back into the water in a place where it has a good chance to continue its journey downriver.

Each student will be able to access a page online to keep tabs on their canoe's progress, including a map showing locations where it was found and (if provided) a message from the discoverers. If they wish, students can continue tracking the canoe during the summer months at home. In addition, teachers will be able to access a page showing the progress of all canoes launched by the class. Communities downstream and along the Red River will be notified through news releases to look for the canoes and keep them moving down the river.

The Plummer students learned about their subwatershed (Clearwater River) and how it fits into the bigger picture of the Red

River Basin and larger Hudson Bay drainage basin while also writing poems and designing and decorating a 14" cedar canoe to launch on a real journey down their local river.

Inspired by the book Paddle to the Sea, students are able to follow the journey of their canoes thanks to a web application we created. Through this process, we enforce that the Red River flows north and that we are all connected through water. At the same time, we draw out the creative genius of these students. In the past, we have had canoes discovered in Selkirk, Manitoba!

The purpose of the April 15th gathering was to do a canoe launch in Plummer, the canoes decorated and tagged by the 5th graders and the teachers.

There were 30+ 5th grade students taking part in the canoe launch, and though there were some difficulties with the wind that afternoon. The wind was strong enough to push some of the small canoes upstream if they hadn't landed in the strongest part of the river current. Asher was in his kayak making sure that the canoes caught by the wind were directed back in the correct direction and as the children left for the school, all of the canoes did make it past the small rapids to the south of the bridge just west of Plummer on County Rd 1.

The children will now be tracking their canoes and the Oklee Herald looks forward to hearing where the canoes end up along with the children.

Asher and Andrew located most of the canoes within the first mile or two of downstream kayaking after the children had left and logged the locations of several of these (online at <https://riverofdreams.org/launches/16RLC/canoes>). And hopes that people along the river will keep an eye out for them as well.



The fifth graders were excited to see their canoes going past the small rapids on the Clearwater river.



Asher Kingery and Evelyn Ashiamah setting up camera's to take photos of the canoe launch on the Clearwater river on Friday, April 15th.

Oklee Board of Appeal & Equalization & Council meeting

At 5:30 pm. on Monday April 11, 2016, the Board of Appeal & Equalization meeting was to be held, but the council members were not reminded that the Board of Appeal started earlier, so City Clerk Derek Cross, called members, and by 5:45 p.m. Lori Melby, Alan Jensen and Kaye Munt had arrived and the meeting was called to order by Mayor George Burthwick. Bergerson came in later.

Others present were Leo Olson, Derek Cross, Darrell Tougas, Gale Schmitz from Gale E. Schmitz, LTD, and a representative from Brady Martz, CPA's. Locals attending: Sandra Tougas, Cheryl O'Neill, Ione Nelson, Amanda Nelson, Robert Torkelson, Matthew Genova, Conway Olson, Gloria Anderson, JoAnn Hamm, Deputy Lovely, Toni Burthwick and Bonny Cote from the Oklee Herald.

Nancy Amberson, County Assessor and Roger Schmitz, contracted by City of Oklee to assess properties, were on hand to answer questions.

Resident Matthew Genova had a question of why his property taxes still reflected that there was a house on the property he bought, after the house had burnt down.

Amberson explained that

the property assessment dates is January 2, 2015 and at that time there was a house on the property. The house burnt in August 2015 and will be reflected in the following years' property tax assessment. Genova not quite understanding why the county hadn't changed it, again asked, and Amberson explained that the taxes should have been dealt with between the buyer and the seller when purchasing the property. Genova asked who does he go to appeal this.

Schmitz added that when you take possession of a property, the attorney's should have dealt with the value and classifications. Genova stated that the he believed the attorney said the seller was responsible for the taxes due. Genova thanked them for the information and said he would be contacting the lawyer who helped draw up the paperwork.

Amberson then asked if there were any other concerns that anyone wanted to address. The Mayor asked if there was any other questions.

A question of assessing property was asked about water bills, mowing, etc. Yes, the City of Oklee can add unpaid utility bills and mowing charges to the property which would then be a lien against the property. If the

property is later sold, the lien is paid, and the city receives the money when the lien is paid. The city can do this in November and it can include water bills, electricity, water bills, mowing, so it can be added before the end of the year.

Once more, a call for more questions was asked for the Board of Appeals.

The council started discussing the minutes to reflect the answer to Jensen's question last month about the out of sequence checks amongst themselves.

Genova asked, "Is this on the record right now?"

Cross said, "Yes, this is on the record right now."

Genova made the statement - "no call to order?" The board ignored or didn't hear Genova. And continued to discuss the check numbers and asked Jensen if he understood.

Gale Schmitz explained that it was payroll taxes that were paid with electronic transfers, not actual checks. It will be added to the next minutes as a correction.

Then Burthwick asked for a motion to accept the last minutes, March 14ths. The motion was made by Bergerson and seconded by Jensen.

City of Oklee
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The cast of "A Hillbilly Weddin" included - Back row (l to r): Ceelie Belsnickle (Sydney Melby), Reverend (David Clifton), Lucy Maxwell (DeDe Walton), Cousin Zede (Austin Waliser), Pianist (Holly Vettleson), Obey Upchlager (Nick Pahlen), and Ronald Maxwell (Erin Jones). Middle row (l to r): Six Belsnickle (Heather Longtin), Chiz Opschalger (Hannah Kolstoe), Junie Lou Belsnickle (Kara Longtin), Bonnie Mae Belsnickle (Jade Person), and Four Belsnickle (Natalie Aakhus). Seated are Pa and Ma Belsnickle (Tom Olson and Kjersten Walton).

A Hillbilly Weddin' presented by RLCC High School

On Friday, Saturday and Sunday this past weekend, a very fun play called "A Hillbilly Weddin'" was presented to the public. The RLCC Theater's production is by Le Roma Greth and is by special arrangement with Heuer Publishing.

The play takes place in the living room of the Belsnickle cabin deep in the Ozark Hills., in present day, however in Horsehair Junction, Arkansas it seems to be the 1870's. The family survives on the hogs it raises and lives from the land, from the animals hunted and other foods gathered from the woods. This family would give you the shirt from their backs if you needed the help, they are a proud people, but never have caught up to the 20th century.

These people live by simple rules, when one is a ripe old age of 14, a gal has to get hitched. By sixteen, she is over the hill.

And the story begins with Ma suggesting to Pa that he should be finding husbands for the two older girls, because Juney Lou, his third daughter, wants to marry Chiz Upchlager, and it wouldn't look right if the third youngest got married before Ceelie, a ripe old nineteen, and Bonnie Mae, the bookworm.

Pa takes his shotgun off the wall with a very simple method of procuring the necessary husbands. He decides to "wing" 'em, pick out the buckshot, and have the boys married to his girls before they know what happened.

Ronald Maxwell, a medical student, and his aunt Lucy Maxwell arrive at the Belsnickle's mountain cabin because their car broke down. Both Ceelie and Bonnie Mae are instantly attracted to the handsome stranger. Bonnie

Mae keeps her adoration secret, however, Ceelie utterly refuses to marry anyone else.

Ceelie is the dirtiest, homeliest hillbilly girl in the valley and loves her animals and snakes more than people. Ceelie is made to clean up (take the first bath she has ever had), fix her hair while Pa gets his trusted gun, but unfortunately misses Ronald.

Meanwhile, two neighbors (Chiz and Obey Upchlager) decide to fake a feud to scare Ronald away as he is a threat to them because Ceelie is wanting Ronald as her husband. Ma forbids Pa to take another shot at Ronald so he, ignorant of the other plan, also decides to fake a feud and shoot a husband for Ceelie. The feudin' finally settles long enough for Ceelie, Bonnie Mae and Junie Lou to find happiness.



At the end of the play, Ceelie (Sydney Melby) and Obey in front of the Reverend (David Clifton) with Bonnie Mae (Jade Person) Lucy Maxwell (DeDe Walton), Chiz (Hannah Kostoe) and Pa and Ma (Tom Olson and Kjersten Walton) watching.

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Margaret Jacobus
Wed, Apr. 27: Confirmation Banquet at Salem. 6:30 p.m. Confirmation. 6:30 p.m. Chime Choir.

Sun, May 1: Confirmation Sunday - 9:00 a.m. Zion. 10:30 a.m. Salem.

Wed, May 4: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Pizza & Movie. 6:30 p.m. Chime Choir.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH OKLEE
Fr. Adam Hamness
Sun, May 1: 7:30 a.m. Confessions 8:00 a.m. Mass.

BROOKS - RED LAKE FALLS CATHOLIC PARISH
Fr. Bill DeCrans
Sat, Apr. 30: 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph - RLF
Sun, May 1: 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph - Brooks. 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph - RLF.

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun, May 1: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Immanuel. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School at Immanuel. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer.
Mon, May 2: 9:00 a.m. Quilting at Immanuel.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Interim Pastor Phil Johnson
Wed, Apr. 27: Release Time.
Sun, May 1: 8:30 a.m. Ekelund. 9:45 Ekelund SS. 9:45 a.m. Bethany. 11:00 a.m. Bethany SS. 11:00 a.m. Faith. 9:45 a.m. Faith SS.
Wed, May 4: Release Time.

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Oklee Senior Site Dining

May 2 - 6
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: Ham & Swiss melt w/bun, vegetable soup, dessert, and milk.

Tuesday: Evening meal: Beef roast, mashed potatoes, vegetables, dessert and milk.

Wednesday: Grilled cheese & tomato sandwich, chili, dessert and milk.

Thursday: 2 pc. French toast, scrambled egg, sausage patty, dessert and milk.

Friday: Tator Tot hotdish, tossed salad, toast, dessert and milk.

Deadline: Friday's at noon!

RLCC School Legals

ISD 2906 Red Lake County Central Minutes-April, 2016

The ISD 2906 Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at RLCC High School in Oklee.

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

Motion to repeal the Community Service requirement failed.

Motions were carried to approve: March minutes, Financials, Mr. Guetter as Official Authority to authorize user access to MDE secure websites, non-renewal of teaching contract of probationary teacher Nick Lorensen, Superintendent's contract, share Superintendent agreement with Red Lake Falls, ISD #630, the updated policies from the 2015 Legislative changes, Mrs. Schue's resignation as Head Speech Coach, hiring Cody Gagner as Junior High Track Coach, Matt Kehn's resignation as Bus Driver.

(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
O5C

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Wed, Apr. 27: No Wednesday School - Students asked to attend Circuit Visitors on April 24th.

Sat, Apr. 30: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School.

Sun, May 1: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri. 9:15 a.m. St. Petri SS; 8:30 a.m. Nazareth Sunday School. 9:00 a.m. Nazareth Brunch. 9:45 a.m. Nazareth. 9:45 a.m. Oak Park SS. 11:00 a.m. Oak Park.

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

Wed, Apr. 27: 6:30 p.m. AWANA and Youth Group.

Thu, Apr. 28: 12:00 p.m. Rotary meeting.

Fri, Apr. 29: 8:00 a.m. Friday School.

Sun, May 1: 9:30 a.m. Worship. Honor Grad Sunday Potluck lunch.

Mon, May 2: 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout meeting.

Tue, May 3: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study. 10:30 a.m. Quilting.

Wed, May 4: 6:30 p.m. AWANA and Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, May 1: 9:00 a.m. Lund. 10:30 a.m. Sand Valley.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY FOSSTON
Jon Marx, Lead Pastor
Seth Johnson, Assist. Pastor
Sun, May 1: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship.

Sudoku Solution

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

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, Apr. 28: *Fargo / Moorhead* - Thief River Falls.

Mon, May 2: *Grand Forks* - Fosston, McIntosh, Erskine, Mentor, Crookston.

RLC Fair News

The Red Lake County Fair is scheduled for June 24, 25 & 26th.

Vendor spots are available by contacting 686-9382, by text or calling to reserve your place for the fair.

A dance with the music of Bad Campers will be held on Saturday night after enjoying a day at the fair that includes Baja races at 2:00 pm at the South Park and Demonstrations, 4H Awards, and many Contests in town.

Save the dates for a fun time at the Fair!

Outstanding Senior Citizen award

The Red Lake County Outstanding Senior Citizen award will be given Friday, June 24th. Anyone interested in nominating someone should contact Lowell Hamrum at 218-698-4449 or John Lerohl at 218-796-5370.

Century Farms

The Century Farm recognition program, sponsored by the Minnesota State Fair and the Minnesota Farm Bureau, recognizes farms that have been in continuous ownership by a family for 100 years or more. Since the program began in 1976, over 9,700 Minnesota farms have been recognized. Each year, Century Farm recipients receive an outdoor sign designating the farm as a "Century Farm" and a certificate signed by the governor of Minnesota and presidents of the Farm Bureau and Minnesota State Fair. Applications for the 2014 Century Farm program are available for download on the right or may be requested via email by contacting centuryfarms@mnstatefair.org.

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RLCC Elementary Principal Mr. Fougner filling in for cooks. Pictured with him is Vicky Malwitz, a cook at RLCC Elementary.

Red Lake Falls Library News

The library is open on Tuesday from Noon until 7:00 pm, Wednesday from Noon until 7:00 pm, Thursday from Noon to 5:00 p.m.; Friday from Noon until 5:00 pm, and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 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.

It was great to see all those who stopped by the library during National Library Week, made use of the Northwest Regional Library branch in our community, registered for prizes and enjoyed refreshments. Winners of prizes were Judith Anderson, Kim Knutson, Shelly Nelson, Aubrie Philion and Lane Renner. Winner of the guessing contest for number of rubber bands in the large rubber band ball was Boe Nelson with his guess of 818; the actual count was 812. Great guess! Close runners-up were Donna Hasby - 757, and Linda Carroll - 888. Thanks for participating in the fun!



Lucy Maxwell (DeDe Walton) and Ronald Maxwell (Erin Jones) stop at the Belsnickle residence because they had car trouble. Pa (Tom Olson) with two of his daughters Bonnie Mae (Jade Person) and Ceelie (Sydney Melby) offer them advice on where to get help and also offer them a place to stay. The two girls are both struck by Ronald and want him for their husband.

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City of Oklee Minutes

Regular Council Meeting February 8th 2016 Oklee Café, 6.00pm

Meeting called to order at 6.04 PM

Roll Call: Burthwick, Munt, Bergerson and Melby. Also present, Cross, Tougas and Olson, plus a large Public turn out.

January Minutes, Motion by Munt to accept, seconded by Bergerson, Motion carried.

January Financials, Motion by Bergerson seconded by Melby, motion carried.

Updated December financials, motion to accept by Bergerson, seconded by Munt, motion carried.

January Bills, Motion by Bergerson seconded by Munt, motion carried.

Pay equity report was mentioned, we will look into it for the next Council meeting.

Matthew Genova
Genova was given the Floor, He thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and he stated the flag design was ongoing.

He also stated a bank account had been set up for donations and that Mayor Burthwick was on the Checking account also, this account is for the purchase of the flag pole and the flag.

Genova also said he had been in a conversation with Cross regarding putting a message on the monthly utility billing regarding the Garbage/ Appliances that are around the City, Cross commented we have to be very careful with the wording on the billing, as it may upset people.

Genova went on to say how it would be a great avenue for letting people know about the issues, also comments on junk Vehicles, Burthwick stated that the residents are good people and we don't want to appear as if we are going after them.

A business owner in the City commented on mattresses and refrigerators around town and that the people in question should know better, that there is a danger of a kid getting trapped in a freezer.

Burthwick offered to have a word with the owners of the properties brought to the attention of the Council by Genova who also offered photographs of the offending properties.

Bergerson asked the question where to draw the line, Genova responded with the City ordinance that covers these matters.

The Large item pickup was discussed also, Tougas to speak with Cal at sanitary services to find out the cost.

Genova then showed a letter he had received from Sheriff Bernstein which covered their recent meeting regarding the unaccounted monies; Genova announced it was going into the Oklee Herald the following week to be published in the paper.

RLCC takedown Club
The takedown club requested a Donation, it was decided by the Council to turn down the request, stating that if we do it for the Takedown club we have to do it for every request

Fire Department
Budget set at 10,170.00.
Motion by Melby second by Munt, motion carried

Transfer any excess funds from 2015 and add a line item to show

current balance.
Motion by Melby second by Munt, motion carried

Water Softener.
The City of Oklee received two bids, one from Pats Heating and the other one from Culligan's to replace the ageing Café water softener.
Cap price at \$1800.00 including installation, Cross has discretion on which bid to accept.

Motion by Bergerson seconded by Munt, motion carried.
Café Refrigerator.

Café refrigerator failure, not worth fixing the old one.

Cross presented two estimates to replace the old Refrigerator.

Check with the Freedom Living Center if they would sell the one they have there as it is a commercial one.

More Checking.
Commissions

only two changes to the listings
Skid Steer Rental \$65.00 and including Operator hourly rate at \$20.00 and hours.

Also Truck Rental will be \$35.00 a trip.

Being left at someone's house will count as just one trip.

Check with Law enforcement on the \$75 charge for policing events.

Motion by Bergerson seconded by Munt, Motion carried.
Council Appointment.

Three Applicants
Matthew Genova
Alan Jensen
Jacqueline Cross

Mayor Burthwick thanked all the applicants for attending
The voting was unanimous, three votes for Alan Jensen.

Matthew Genova then asked Alan Jensen how many Council meetings he had attended and that there had been some irregularities with Clay Haugen being told his place was guaranteed on the Council, he then commented that Alan Jensen doesn't even know what's going on, it got Rowdy as Genova accused Melby of promising Haugen a place on the Council and said to her she should resign. Melby denied this had happened and said "do you really think I am that dumb?" and again denied it, Olson then stated that it was he who spoke with Haugen and suggested he apply for the council position.

Genova insisted on accusing Melby of wrong doing, Melby commented that she did not ask Haugen to run on the Council and she had spoken to him about this matter since the accusations had come out. Genova then questioned Melby's ethics. Mayor Burthwick then spoke with Genova, telling him that this Council position is only until January and there is nothing we can do about it until November when he is up for re-election

Motion to accept Alan Jensen as new Council member by Bergerson, seconded by Munt, motion carried.

Motion to close the meeting by Munt, seconded by Melby, motion carried

Meeting closed at 7.15pm

Due to the Council Meeting ending in some chaos, Alan Jensen did not formally take the Oath of Office until the Following day in the Clerk's office with Mayor Burthwick Present along with the City Clerk, Derek Cross. o5c

Special Meeting Clerk's Office, 5.00pm 17th February 2016

Agenda
Refrigerator
Meeting Called to order at 4.59 PM

Roll call: Burthwick, Melby, Bergerson and Jensen, absent Munt.

Motion by Bergerson to allow the purchase of the Refrigerator from the Freedom living Center to a maximum offer of \$1350.00, seconded by Jensen, motion carried.

Discussion also on Meeting procedures

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5.25 PM by Bergerson seconded by Jensen, Motion carried o5c

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RLCC Menus

May 2 - 6

Oklee

Mon: Breakfast: Biscuit & gravy, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Pizza burgers, French fries, fruit, and milk.

Tue: Breakfast: French toast sticks, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Hot dog or polish w/cheese sauce & chili, baked beans, chips, vegetables, and milk.

Wed: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Cheesy bread with pizza sauce, lettuce salad, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Thu: Breakfast: Apple turnover, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Chicken burgers w/lettuce, cheese, mayo and pickles, French fries, fruit, vegetables, and milk.

Fri: Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Chicken legs, potato, potato, vegetables, fruit, dinner roll, and milk.

Plummer

Mon: Breakfast: Cook's Choice, cereal, fruit, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Cheeseburger hotdish, green beans, nummy cornbread, watermelon, and milk.

Tue: Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, toast w/PB-jelly, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Hamburger gravy, whipped potatoes, broccoli Normandy, dinner roll, fruit, and milk.

Wed: Breakfast: French toast sticks, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, smiles potatoes, seasoned carrots, plain or buttered bread, fruit, and milk.

Thu: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Tator Tot hotdish, salad & veggies, PBJ sandwich, fruit, and milk.

Fri: Breakfast: Cinnamon streusel coffee cake, cereal, Go-Gurt, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** K-2: Hamburger on bun; 3-6: Shredded beef & pork on bun – sliced cheese, potato chips, creamy coleslaw, fruit, and milk.

ECFE News

There will be a "Field Trip to the Headwaters Science Center in Bemidji" Thursday, April 28 from 4:30-9:30 pm for 3 ½ -5 year olds and their parents. We will be eating at Giovanni's Pizza and touring the Science Center. This is an awesome field trip!!! Check it out at www.hscbemidji.org. The bus will be leaving at 4:30 pm from Red Lake Falls School and picking up at Plummer at 4:45 pm and then Oklee families at 5:10 pm. The bus ride will cost \$5.00 per family. Supper at Giovanni's Pizza will be free-will donation and the money will be collected on the bus. Entry to the museum is paid for by a REA Operation Round-up grant.

All families interested in attending this field trip must call in ahead of time by Thursday, April 21st to determine how many pizzas and how many busses will be needed. Red Lake Falls' families should call: Wanda Nelson at 253-2161 ext. 229 or wnelson@rlfedu.org. Plummer families call: Margaret Hamrum at 465-4222 ext. 18 or mhamrum@rlcc.k12.mn.us, and Oklee families call: Joni Bjerklie at 796-5136.

Fourth Quarter Mid-Quarter is April 27 at RLCC

By: Nicole Riendeau
Red Lake County Central's mid-quarter for the fourth quarter is coming up Wednesday, April 27. Mid-quarter reports will be handed out to high school students to take home on Thursday, April 28. Parents, check with your child for their reports in their classes.

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RLCC High School 3rd Qtr Honor Roll

7th Grade: "A" Honor Roll: Kia Bachand, Adriel Bakken, Bailey Culkins, Emily Kolstoe, Karena Melby, Janae Olson, and Katelyn Suchy.

"B" Honor Roll: Dominica Bernstein, Jillian Booth, Wakely Bryl, George Duden, Tristyn Ferguson, Levi Flatgard, AnaRosa Gibbs, Eric Gieseke, Heather Longtin, Bryan Meyer, Brody Moen, Morgan Plante, Elijah Rathsack, Isabella Russillo, and Brock Tvedt.

8th Grade: "A" Honor Roll: Calyssa Eskeli, Sophie Linder, Christopher Longtin, Derek Peterson, Garrett Qualley, and Rickey Ulrich.

"B" Honor Roll: Britain Arlt, Zach Benson, Madison Carlson, Brandie DeHate, Lilly Guilmette, Tyler Hanson, Jayden Iverson, Adrienne Jones, Jacob Olson, Sidney Olson, Jenna Pahlen, Natalia Snegireff, Tanisha Srnsky, Gunnar Thompson, and Abby Walton.

9th Grade: "A" Honor Roll: Marie Johnson.

"B" Honor Roll: Jarisa Bailey, Julia Bernstein, Adam Cater, Grace Gieseke, Sydnie Gunderson, Connor Lambert, Justin Nemec, Zoe Russillo, and Dawson Rystad.

10th Grade: "A" Honor Roll: Jayden Fore, Hannah Kolstoe, Kara Longtin, Sydney Melby, Katie Olson, and Matthew Vettleson.

"B" Honor Roll: Holly Johnsrud, Erin Jones, Nicholas Pahlen, Seth Paradis, Jade Person, Megan Smith, Lindsey Thompson, and Ethan Vettleson.

11th Grade: "A" Honor Roll: Natalie Aakhus, Ana Almeida, Mary Auman, Megan Berberich, Taylor Bushelle, Ashley Longtin, Talon Porter, and Kelsie Sirjord.

"B" Honor Roll: Kyle Gagner, Shelby Gunderson, Dylan Gustafson, Carolyn Kehn, Nick Piersol, Nicholas Plante, and Nikki Schmitz.

12th Grade: "A" Honor Roll: Asia Davis, Devin Lambert, Kayla Olson, Samantha Smith, Michelle Sundquist, Holly Vettleson, and Wyatt Waldal.

"B" Honor Roll: Chase Agnes, Morgan Bushelle, Marcus Christensen, Katherine DeHate, Shelby Haugen, Brandi Jensen, Seth Johnson, Tristan Larson, Levi Linder, Miranda Magnell, Alan Nemec, Katie Pendelton, and Austin Waliser.

Red Lake County Track Team in Barnesville

By: Ethan Vettleson

Red Lake County Rebels Track and Field had their first varsity meet. The Barnesville meet was the Early Bird meet on Friday, April 15.

The girls' team finished fourth overall. Individual results were: 100 Meters Hurdles, Ashley Longtin, first place time of 17.98. 100 Meter, Zoe Russillo, first place time of 12.83. High Jump, Longtin, first place height of 4' 10". 4x400 Meter relay, Josie Huot, Julia Bernstein, Makenzie Williams, and Megan LaCrosse, second place time of 4:35. 200 Meter, Zoe Russillo, second place time of 27.78. 300 Hurdles, Megan LaCrosse, second place time of 55.71. 100 Hurdles, Megan LaCrosse, second place time of 18.02. 300 Hurdles, Ashley Longtin, third place time of 55.98. 800 Meter, Josie Huot, fourth place time of 2:41.37. 4x200 Meter relay, Shayla Lallier, Madison Derosier,

Josie Huot, and Zoe Russillo, fifth place time of 2:05.25. High Jump, Julia Bernstein, fifth place height of 4' 2". 300 Hurdles, Madison Derosier, sixth place time of 58.90.

Overall the boys' team placed third. Individual results were: 110 Meter Hurdles, Devin Lambert, first place time of 17.34. 100 Meter, Dylan Gustafson, second place time of 12.04. 200 Meter, Dylan Gustafson, second place time of 25.03. 4x400 Meter relay, John Renner, Connor Lambert, Chris Longtin, and Dylan Gustafson, third place time of 4:05.09. 300 Hurdles, Devin Lambert, third place time of 47.33. 110 Meter Hurdles, Connor Lambert, fourth place time of 19.72. 300 Meter Hurdles, Connor Lambert, fifth place time of 48.53. Discus, Marcus Christensen, fifth place distance of 98' 1". Shot Put, Marcus Christensen, sixth place distance of 36' 10".



Eckstein's Greenhouse brought marigolds for every student at RLCC Elementary.



Mrs. Jamie Hendrickson's kindergarten and Mrs. Andrea Eskeli's 6th grade reading buddies worked together to plant marigolds donated by Eckstein's Greenhouse.

MEET THE RLCC SENIORS



Shawnee Styles

Family members: Dylan, Marcus, Shyla
Favorite movie: The Best of Me

Favorite song/band: Thomas Rhett & G-Eazy

Favorite class: Anatomy

Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: River Watch

Favorite teacher/coach: Mrs. Aakhus & Mr. Strutz

Most important person in your life: My parents

Life has rules. What is your personal rule you plan on following in your life: Live with purpose: Don't just exist – really go out and enjoy life.

Best memory from school: Homecoming Senior year.

Your plans for the Future: I plan on taking care of my medical problems and then pursuing college for either becoming a nurse or vet tech.



Brendan Krueger

Family members: Alysa, Kelly, Dave

Favorite movie: Reservoir Dogs

Favorite song/band: Anything by Pink Floyd

Favorite class: English

Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Football

Favorite teacher/coach: Mr. Illies, Coach Steve Philipp

Most important person in your life: Either my parents or whoever signs my paycheck.

Life has rules. What is your personal rule you plan on following in your life: Do what makes you happy.

Best memory from school: Kickball tournaments in elementary school.

Your plans for the Future: Work full-time.



Brandi Jensen

Family members: Jason & Carrie Jensen, Tyler, Austin, Peyton, Baby Z

Favorite movie: The Labrynth

Favorite song/band: Panic at the Disco

Favorite class: Anatomy

Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Softball

Favorite teacher/coach: Mrs. Bergeson

Most important person in your life: Parents

Life has rules. What is your personal rule you plan on following in your life: Never let people tell you who to be.

Best memory from school: Never passing the bunny hill on ski trip and bifting it to get back.

Your plans for the Future: Marine biology, water resource management



Taylor Klasen

Family members: Angie Klasen, Ryan, Billie Jo, and Andrew Gryskiewicz.

Favorite movie: Dirty Dancing

Favorite song/band: "Freedom" by Nicki Minaj

Favorite class: Math

Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Volleyball

Favorite teacher/coach: Mrs. Bergeson

Most important person in your life: My mom

Life has rules. What is your personal rule you plan on following in your life: Don't believe in what other people say you can't do.

Best memory from school: Every moment with my friends.

Your plans for the Future: I plan to own my own hair salon or move to New York or LA to work with big names.



Katie Pendelton

Family members: John & Tammy, Monica, Lacey, Lillian, Hayz & Jett

Favorite movie: O' Brother Where Art Thou? and The Lion King

Favorite song/band: Miranda Lambert

Favorite class: English, Anatomy

Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: none

Favorite teacher/coach: Mrs. Aakhus, Mr. Swenson, Ms. Steva, Mrs. Frisby Lee.

Most important person in your life: Family and friends

Life has rules. What is your personal rule you plan on following in your life: Count your blessings, not your troubles

Best memory from school: Moments with friends and my friends and I were dancing in the bathroom and I knocked over a container of glass tubes and they all shattered.

Your plans for the Future: Attend Northland Technical and Community College.



Levi Linder

Family members: Steve & Donna Linder, Ben, Amber Hartl

Favorite movie: Girl, Interrupted

Favorite song/band: Lana Del Rey

Favorite class: OCHS

Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: none

Most important person in your life: My parents

Life has rules. What is your personal rule you plan on following in your life: Try to over think less

Your plans for the Future: Northland Community and Technical College



Alan Nemec

Family members: Parents: Matt & Toni. Siblings: Justin Private Ryan

Favorite movie: Saving Private Ryan

Favorite song/band: "The Good Stuff" by Kenny Chesney

Favorite class: Online

Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Football

Favorite teacher/coach: Teacher: Mr. Baron. Coach: Steve Philipp

Most important person in your life: My Parents

Life has rules. What is your personal rule you plan on following in your life: Everyone is entitled to be stupid, but some abuse the privilege.

Best memory from school: When we took Cade's Oldsmobile down a train on his hunting land and then drove it through a river.

Your plans for the Future: Go to NDSOS to be a John Deere Technician.



Kyler Fluharty

Family members: Nicole, Chris, Jalen, Chloe, Nathan, Zoe

Favorite movie: Dragon Ball Z: The return of Broly

Favorite song/band: Monstrosus

Favorite class: Photoshop

Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Wrestling

Favorite teacher/coach: Mrs. Aakhus.

Most important person in your life: MY grandma Renee

Life has rules. What is your personal rule you plan on following in your life: Don't judge people until you get to know them.

Best memory from school: Photoshop and wrestling

Your plans for the Future: Join the workforce.



Nicole Riendeau

Family members: Michelle Riendeau, Mike Hamm, and Emily Riendeau

Favorite movie: Titanic

Favorite song/band: Fall Out Boy

Favorite class: Anatomy

Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: none

Favorite teacher/coach: Anatomy

Most important person in your life: My family and friends

Life has rules. What is your personal rule you plan on following in your life: Try new things

Best memory from school: Time with friends

Your plans for the Future: Undecided

Right on Target — RLCC Trap Shooting Team



2016 RLCC Trap Team: Front row- Nick Lill, Levi Flatgard, Tyler Sandal, Jed Duden. Back row- Joe Paradis, Seth Paradis, Ethan Vettleson, Marcus Christensen, Cade Bachand, Kyle Gagner, Chase Whalen. Not pictured Adam Cater and Gunnar Thompson.

By Seth Paradis
Red Lake County Central Trap Shooting team held its first practice on April 6th at the Plummer Area Sportsmen's Club. RLCC started trap shooting as a Minnesota High School League sport with eight participating members last year: Adam Cater, Cade Bachand, Gunnar Thompson, Seth Paradis, Mikayla Paradis, Josef Paradis, Kyle Gagner, and Marcus Christensen. Mr. Michael Illies introduced the idea to the school and is the trap shooting advisor and coach for RLCC.

Trapshooting in Minnesota started in 2001 at the Plymouth Gun Club when a group of members were discussing the future of the club including its aging members. Their solution was to go into the schools to get younger members in their club. The word spread and soon other schools were interested in having a club. In 2001-2008 there were three teams, three schools and 30 athletes. By 2015 there were 268 teams, 425 schools, and 8600 athletes. This year there are 292 trap teams and 27 skeet teams participating with over 10,000 student athletes involved. On December 6, 2012 the Minnesota State High School League approved a Trapshooting State Tournament that was be held

at the Minneapolis Gun Club in Prior Lake on June 14, 2014.

In trapshooting, the targets are thrown by a clay thrower which come from a "house" which is a concrete box with a thrower in the middle of it throwing the clays at various angles 16 yards away from the shooter. All athletes are required to supply their own shotgun, ammunition, proper eye protection, and ear protection. Each practice or competition event will consist of shooting two rounds of 25 for a total of 50 clays from the 16 yard station. There up to five shooters at the stations on the trap field and teams practice once or twice a week only if the coach and range safety officer are present. When a shooter is about to shoot he/she will call for the bird simply saying "pull." When he/she says "pull" the bird will come out and they will shoot at the clay. If they hit the clay the score keeper will mark it down in the score book or say "lost" if the shooter missed it. After every time a team meets their coach will enter all scores in the website and it will calculate the team's score.

At the end of the season a Trap Shooting Championship is held in Alexandria MN. This is the world's largest shooting event. Over 7,000 students are expected to compete in

the eight day event this year. Those winners advance to the MSHSL State Tournament in Prior Lake.

On Saturday April 2, 2016 the RLCC trap participants had a National Rifle Association (NRA) shotgun class and safety test. For the test, participants had to get at least 80% on the 40 point test. It was also on team fund raising and selling tickets for a gun raffle to support the team.

RLCC's first practice was April 6 for patterning the shotguns, tracking and shooting slow and straight targets. Practices were also scheduled for April 13, 20, and 27 and May 4, 11, 18, and 25 depending on the weather. A fun shoot along with a family picnic is planned during the week of May 29 for the "end of the season." June 14-21 is the League Tournament in Alexandria MN and June 25 is the State Tournament in Prior Lake MN.

There are 13 participants in trap this year including Adam Cater, Cade Bachand, Gunnar Thompson, Seth Paradis, Josef Paradis, Kyle Gagner, Marcus Christensen, Ethan Vettleson, Nicholas Lill, Jed Duden, Levi Flatgard, and Tyler Sandahl. The team also has support from many members of the community including some who help at the practices.



RLCC's Trap Team's first shoot at the Plummer Area Sportsmen's Club.

Junior High Honor Music Festival



Red Lake County Central music students who competed at Vocal Ensembles: Nick Pahlen, Holly Vettleson, Miranda Magnell, Dede Walton, Jayden Fore, Sydney Melby, and Natalie Aakhus.

By: Nicole Riendeau
Junior High Honor Band and Honor Choir students from area schools were welcomed to the Mahnommen School on Friday, April 15 for the Festival. The day began with rehearsal for the evening public performance. RLCC band and choir teacher Mrs. Patty Mickelson brought 12 students including six from the seventh grade class and six eighth graders.

The Honor Choir sang "Sing for Joy," "Misty Morning," "Hakuna Mungu Kama Wewe," and "The Cuckoo." The soprano members from Red Lake County Central were Dominica Berstein, Jenna Pahlen, and Tanisha Srnsky. The alto members were Adriel Bakken, Brandie DeHate, and Karena Melby.

The Honor Band played

"Adventure on Snake River," "Celtic Air and Dance," "Drums of Darkness," and "Jump Start." The band members from RLCC who played flute were Adrianne Jones and AnaRosa Gibbs-Marinez, Calyssa Eskeli played the clarinet, the trumpet was played by Katelyn Suchy and Tristyn Ferguson, and Jayden Iverson played the euphonium.

The Honor Choir Director was Donovan Hanson of Tracy Area Elementary who teaches K-6 classroom music as well as instrumentals to many fifth and sixth graders. He previously taught K-12 vocal music at Sleepy Eye Schools.

The Honor Band Director Linda Samuelson has been the director of Northland ensemble and music instructor

since 1999. Samuelson has a Bachelor of Music in Music Education from Lawrence University. Samuelsson teaches Introduction to Music, Jazz History, Rock History, and World Music. She also taught for five years at a few K-12 school districts in Montana.

Schools who participated in the festival included Ada-Borup, Crookston, Goodridge, Greenbush-Middle River, Grygla, Mahnommen, Norman County East, Norman County West, RLCC, Sebeka, Waubun, and Win-E-Mac.

Red Lake County Dance Recital May 1st in Plummer

There is a dance recital being held at the RLCC elementary site May 1 at 4:00 p.m.

RLCC 5th graders launch canoes



The fifth graders from RLCC with the canoes they painted and decorated. April 15 they launched them in the Clearwater River hoping for them to continue on to the Red Lake and Red Rivers and possibly as far as Hudson Bay. Also pictured are some of RLCC's River Watch team in the neon vests.

By: Nicole Riendeau
(The information in this article about River of Dreams and the canoe launch by Red Lake County Central Elementary School fifth graders was based on information provided by Andy Ulven, leader of the River of Dreams program.)

Friday, April 15 RLCC fifth graders were ready to launch the small canoes each had painted and decorated into the Clearwater River. As part of the River of Dreams project, the students had learned how the area watersheds are connected and were ready to find out how far their canoe might travel. Ulven and coworkers had inserted tracking information sheets into each canoe.

The class had read "Paddle to the Sea" by Holling C. Holling to begin the program. The story is about a boy who carves and paints a canoe

and the journey of the canoe through the Great Lakes and eventually to the ocean. Clearwater and Red Lake River Watersheds were taught to students as to how they fit into the bigger picture of the Red River Basin and Hudson Bay drainage area. To start the canoe designs, the students used a draft sheet of paper to plan their design on the canoes. In February when the canoes were brought to them, they used Sharpie markers to do the decorations.

They had 34 canoes launched into Clearwater River on April 15 at 1:00 pm in Plummer near the Elementary School. About 120 canoes from a total of four schools will be released in 2016. The main goal of the canoe launching is to reach Hudson Bay but it is more about the lesson about watershed connectivity.

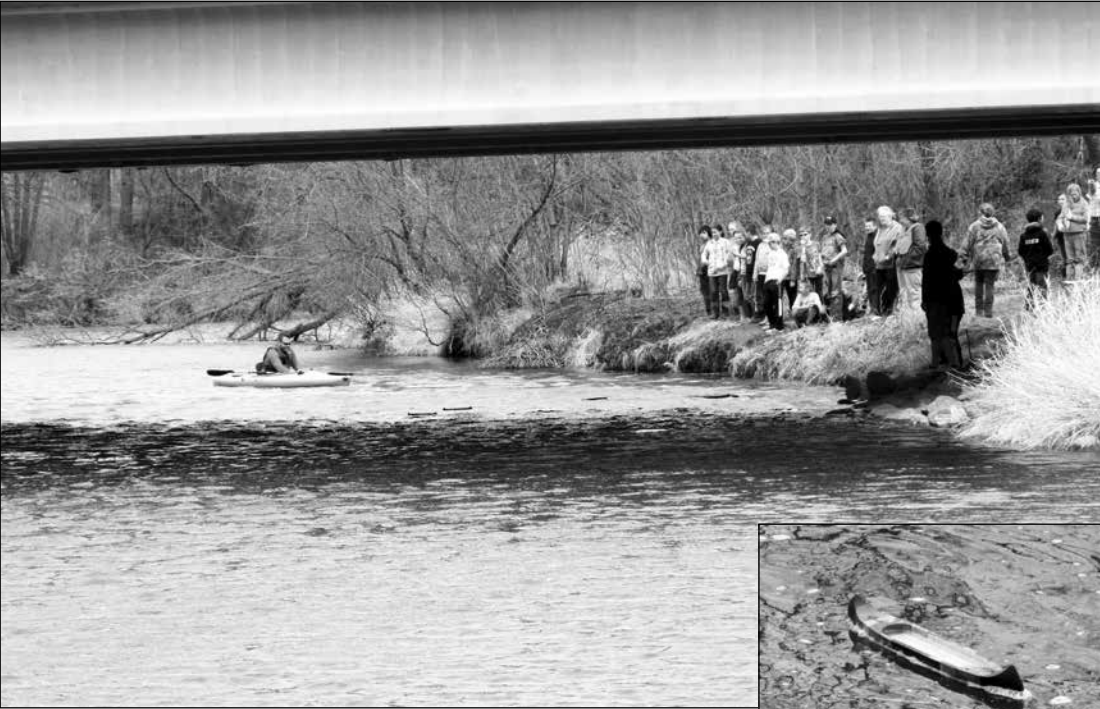
The River of Dreams

program is operated by the International Water Institute. The NW Regional Sustainable Development Partnership and the Red River Watershed Management Board supports this program with funding. Four schools were involved with this program: RLCC, Marshall County Central, Fertile-Beltrami, and Fisher and they hope to reach more in coming years.

It is hoped that anyone finding a canoe will use the tracking information in the canoe and document the discovery. Students will be able to locate discoveries throughout the spring and summer and read messages by those who find the canoes. Students can see how far their canoes have made it by a new app that is a mapping feature. In the past canoes were found near Winnipeg and Selkirk, MB.



Several RLCC 5th graders throwing their canoes into the Clearwater River for the River of Dreams project.



RLCC 5th grade watches as Asher in the kayak from International Water Institute retrieves some canoes on the Clearwater River after being blown upstream because of the strong winds. Each canoe has a tracker code and a tracker app listed inside.

Instrumental Contest Results for RLCC



RLCC band members who went to the Instrumental Contest: Holly Vettleson, Lacey Pendelton, Hannah Kolstoe, Sydney Melby, and Matt Vettleson.

By: Katie Pendelton
The Instrumental Contest was held Wednesday, April 13 in East Grand Forks. Red Lake County High School band director Mrs. Patty Mickelson brought students to the competition.

Ninth grader Lacey Pendelton who played a flute solo received excellent as a score. Tenth grader Hannah Kolstoe played a clarinet solo and received excellent. Tenth graders Sydney Melby played

the saxophone in a trio with Matt Vettleson on the trumpet and Kolstoe on the clarinet and scored excellent. Senior Holly Vettleson played the trumpet in a duet with Matt Vettleson and received a superior score.

Norsk Høstfest lineup set

MINOT ND - Norsk Høstfest has announced its main stage entertainment lineup for the 2016 edition of North America's largest Scandinavian festival which runs Sept. 28 - Oct. 1, 2016 at the North Dakota State Fairgrounds.

The 39th annual Norsk Høstfest kicks off Tuesday evening, Sept. 28, with the Scandinavian-American Hall of Fame Honoree Banquet. Doors to the festival open at 7:30 a.m., Wednesday with breakfast being served followed by entertainment and shopping beginning at 9 a.m. and lasting well through the evening.

Scheduled to appear in The Great Hall of the Vikings over the four days are Emmylou Harris, Daniel O'Donnell, Brenda Lee with special guest Dale Watson, Sara Evans, Dwight Yoakam with special guest Jackson Michelson, Chicago, and Tommy James and the Shondells. Wrapping up the festival is country music's Big & Rich.

Høstfest fans buying Big & Rich concert tickets can buy tickets to a reserved seat or join the crowd in the standing room "pit" area in front of the stage. "Country fans want to stand and sing during the concerts," David Reiten, President of Norsk Høstfest said. "Last year's pit sold out and was a great success so we decided we would do it again."

A LARGE EVENT

While entertainment is a big draw at Norsk Høstfest, there is plenty to see and do. Guests can learn new culinary techniques at the Nordic Kitchen, shop for one-of-a-kind gifts among the hundreds of vendors, indulge in Scandinavian cuisine or enroll in Høstfest University classes and be educated in an artisan craft from an expert instructor.

Another area of interest is Author's Corner, where guests can hear some of their favorite authors. Clint Hill — former secret service agent of Jackie Kennedy — will be releasing

his new book, Five Presidents. "The festival is truly amazing to see," said Leann Mellum, Marketing Director of Norsk Høstfest. "Many people are shocked at how large the festival is and at how many international guests attend."

Not only do visitors come from Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Iceland and Finland, but others are a part of the festival experience itself. Every year, an elite team of chefs from Norway arrive to serve at the festival's pop-up restaurants Scandi, and En To Tre. Scandi serves traditional, homemade Norwegian cuisine while En To Tre is a fine dining establishment requiring reservations.

In the Viking Village, guests will find re-enactors from Sweden, Denmark and Iceland along with Vikings from the U.S. and Canada.

"The Viking Village has been growing every year," Mellum said. "Kids and adults love to watch the real sword battles and just walk among the Vikings and learn about their culture."

In addition to the Great Hall entertainment, Norsk Høstfest offers free stage acts throughout the festival. Høstfestivarians will see a return of many of their favorite acts such as Bjørø Haaland, Ricky Nelson Remembered, Williams & Ree, Telemark's Solli-Tangen and enjoy new talent coming from across the Atlantic such as Norway Idol star Steffen Jakobsen and Denmark folk trio Lydom, Bugge & Høirup.

"We are very excited to welcome Solli-Tangen back to the stage for the second year," said Pam Davy, executive director of Norsk Høstfest. "It's always great to see tremendous talent at the festival, but it is even better when the star hails from our sister-city region of Telemark, Norway."

FESTIVAL

The city of Minot has more

than 30 hotels to choose from or, for the person looking to create their own adventure, one can bring an RV and stay right on festival grounds. Campsites are open September 22 through October 2. Guests arriving early can take in the RV Pre-Party on Monday, Sept. 26, for a night of food and dance.

Festival tickets go on sale 8 a.m., CDT, Tuesday, May 17. General admission is \$40 per day or guests can take in a Great Hall concert starting at \$65 reserved seating. The purchase of any concert ticket includes general admission. Tickets can be ordered online at hostfest.com, by calling (701) 852-2368, or in person at 1020 S. Broadway, Minot ND 58701.

Performing on the free stages are:

Solli-Tangen
Steffen Jakobsen
Mollie B
Henrik Bothe
Williams & Ree
Bjørø Haaland
Ricky Nelson Remembered
Lydom, Bugge & Høirup
Ringling 5
Queen Elsa & Olaf
Country Gentlemen
Ivares Pojkarna
Western Senators
Jenta O'Ja
Skålmusik
Skandi Ski Fantasy
Naustedalen
Spelemannslag
JMB Band
Nordic Bees
Crazy Fingers
Glenn & Millie
Glenn Henriksen
Swedes in the Weeds
Magic Tap Cloggers
Dakota Drifters
Adam's Voice
Auntie Kreamsaugen
Clint Hill
The Christmas Wish
Dance of the
Norwegian Sweaters
Norsk Høstfest
Accordion Club
Moments Notice
Shelby Huston

City of Oklee
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Carried.

Special minutes from April 6th, 2016 to be approved were made with a motion by Bergerson and seconded by Jensen.

The Special meeting was held on April 6, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Maintenance Department. Council members present were Mayor Burthwick, Lori Melby, Kent Bergerson, and Kaye Munt. Alan Jensen was absent. Derek Cross was present.

Summary of the Special Meeting minutes on April 6, 2016 was a discussion on the agenda application sheet and the protocols involved for refusal of any applicant to go on the agenda. The proposal was that there is a need for some clarity on what it is that should be acceptable on the application form, the subject matter should be clear with supporting documentation in order for the Council to be prepared to answer questions on the subject matter. It was

also proposed to change the agenda form into a application to be accepted on the agenda and that the Council reserves the right to refuse any applicant if they feel any part of it is inappropriate or irrelevant to council business, with a disclaimer added so everything is clear to the applicant. In order to refuse an application was also discussed, a refusal form requires three signatures to the refusal letter, which include the Mayor (or vice mayor), the City Clerk and one Council member. The letter than will mailed by certified mail to the applicant informing them they are not included on the agenda. Copies of the forms were in the packets available to the public attending the meeting.

The Financial report was given by Gale Schmitz. He usually goes through the many page report listing off the income and expenses of the different funds.

Schmitz reported that in the Firemen's Fund, the \$10,711.35 for State Fire Aid may be in the wrong account

and may have to be moved to the general fund. Schmitz said the city was a little down in our collections for the water fund compared to last year. Schmitz also reminded the council there were a couple of major repair items last year with the sewer.

Mayor Burthwick asked if there were any questions to the council. A motion was made by Melby to approve the financial report and Jensen seconded, carried.

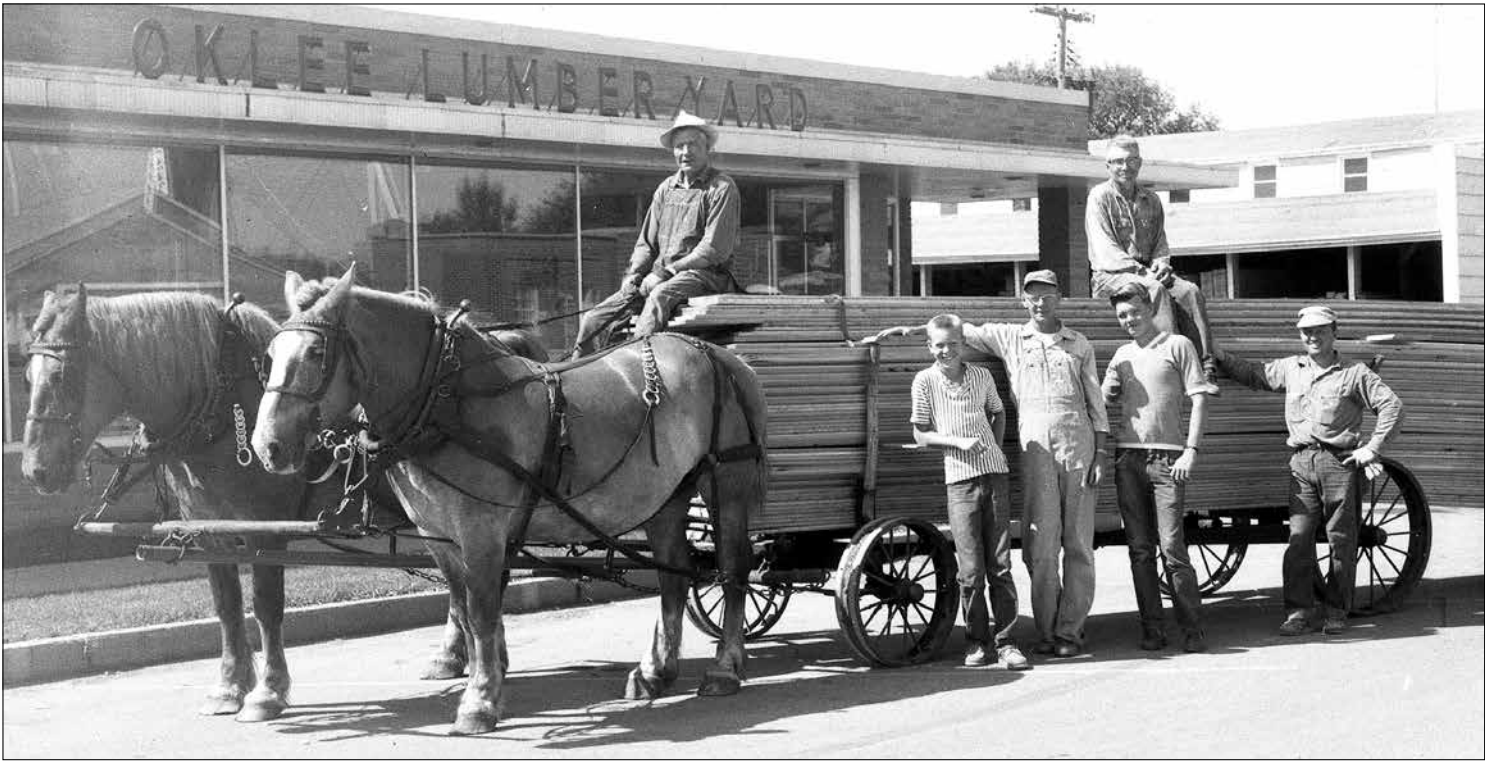
The bills were looked over next. Expenditures starting with check # 2716 to 2748 with one check missing (2728 which Schmitz said had been voided) for a total of \$30,515.85. Questions asked were about a check made to Troy Peterson, it was explained that he was hired to help clean the plugged sewer and a payment to Red Lake County Highway for snow plowing. There was one extra bill for AT&T that was not on the list. Melby made the motion to pay the bills, and Munt seconded, carried.

The rest of the report will be in next week Oklee Herald.

Oklee Financial Statement: beginning with Page 1:

	End of February 2016	End of February 2015		
Cash	\$248,296.96	\$176,310.07		
	1 mo. end	1 mo. end	3 mo. end	3 mo. end
	March 2016	March 2015	YTD 2016	YTD 2015
Combined Statement of Revenues & Expense				
Revenue (P 3)	27,453.31	27,097.20	124,263.01	109,517.63
Expenses (P 4)	28,366.16	52,370.11	107,223.46	117,535.51
Profit	(912.85)	(25,272.91)	17,039.55	(8,017.88)
General Fund (P 6 & 7)				
Revenues	831.77	793.91	8,785.17	11,764.32
Expenses	18,838.87	43,456.57	76,840.86	92,935.81
Profit	(18,007.10)	(42,662.66)	(68,055.69)	(81,171.49)
Street Fund (P 9)	880.00	880.00	2,640.00	2,304.19
Fire Fund (P 11)	9,135.66	(173.28)	17,705.88	19,461.21
Firemen's (P 13)	2,213.96	6,146.00	6,018.40	5,946.00
EDA (P 15)	530.43	774.70	15,115.36	2,309.10
Cap Replace (P 19)	996.33	800.00	2,988.99	2,400.00
Water Fund (P 21)	3,102.10	6,399.56	23,567.48	26,150.19
Sewer Fund (P 23)	1,653.31	2,551.07	13,592.19	10,654.92
Garbage (P 25)	(1,417.54)	11.70	3,466.94	3,928.00

Historical Bit/Who's Dat?



How many remember seeing the lumber being delivered to Oklee Lumber by Dray Service.

Centennial Recipe Corner

S'mores Bars
Debra Vettleson

12 double (5 x 2-1/2) graham crackers
2 cups miniature marshmallows
1/2 cup milk chocolate chips
3/4 cup brown sugar
3/4 cup butter
1 tsp vanilla



Heat oven to 350 degrees. In ungreased 15 x 10 pan place graham crackers side by side-2 rows, 6 per row. Sprinkle marshmallows and chips evenly over crackers. In a heavy 2 quart saucepan, combine brown sugar, butter and vanilla. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly until butter melts and it begins to bubble, about 5 minutes. Pour evenly over crackers. Bake 8 – 12 minutes. Cool completely and cut into bars. May add mini M&M's or toasted coconut or pecans.

Letter to the Editor

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 #.

Input Encouraged at Public Meetings on Proposed Pipeline Projects

We encourage your participation in the Sandpiper Pipeline and Line 3 Replacement Projects' series of public scoping meetings hosted by the State of Minnesota's Department of Commerce.

Beginning April 25 and continuing through May 11, the Minnesota Department of Commerce (DOC) will hold 12 public meetings across the state as part of the scoping process for the Environmental Impact Statement for the Sandpiper Pipeline and the Line 3 Replacement Projects. The public input from these meetings will assist the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for each project.

This latest round of meetings follows 22 public hearings and meetings that have already been held about both projects, which have broad and deep support throughout Minnesota. Enbridge has secured easement agreements with approximately 95 percent of the private landowners along the proposed route.

Scoping meetings are the first step in the development of an EIS and identify the route alternatives and topics to be included in the EIS, which the DOC will use in determining the scope of the EIS. These meetings will give the public another opportunity to learn more about each proposed project, ask questions and provide input. As the projects' proponent, we encourage public engagement and participation in the scoping process.

Enbridge has recognized

that the ongoing maintenance program for its existing 34-inch Line 3 pipeline will require extensive maintenance and repairs along the entire pipeline in Minnesota. As a result, we are proposing to replace the 1960s-vintage pipe with a new pipeline. This critical project will encompass 1,031 miles of 36-inch diameter pipeline from Alberta, Canada, to Superior, Wis., at a total private investment of \$7.5 billion.

The Sandpiper Pipeline Project will transport growing supplies of North American crude oil to Clearbrook, Minn. and to Superior, Wis., where Enbridge connects to existing pipeline networks to transport oil to refineries in the Midwest and eastern Canada. The project is approximately 616 miles and a \$2.6 billion private investment in infrastructure. Sandpiper will help address rail congestion by putting North Dakota oil supplies in pipelines, improve U.S. energy security and provide an economic boost to northern Minnesota communities.

Protecting the environment is important to all of us, and numerous factors went into developing a route that balanced sensitive environmental considerations. Enbridge followed the MPUC's route criteria in the selection and analysis of the proposed routes. In fact, more than 240,000 hours were spent in careful selection of these routes. Once we identified a general location for the pipelines, we conducted detailed engineering and environmental survey work and worked with affected landowners to further refine the routes to avoid or minimize human and environmental impacts.

We believe the proposed route provides the best balance for Minnesota, taking into account impacts to both people and the environment. It is an energy-efficient route and it impacts fewer landowners, cities and towns, and fewer natural resources overall.

Enbridge strongly encourages public input. We encourage you to provide your thoughts at the Department of Commerce scoping meeting closest to your community or by providing your comments in writing to the Department.

The meeting in Thief River Falls will take place on Thursday, April 28 at 6 p.m. at the Ralph Engelstad Arena, 525 Brooks Ave North, Thief River Falls. Comments will also be accepted through Thursday, May 26, 2016 online or by mail.

Online www.sandpiperline3.us via email: PipelineComments@state.mn.us

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Thank you for your consideration,
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Bonny Bit's Answers:
Fish: Walleye
Grain: Wild Rice
Bird: Common Loon
Mushroom: Morel
Fruit: Honey Crisp Apple
Muffin: Blueberry
Tree: Red Pine
Flower: Pink & White
Ladyslipper
Butterfly: Monarch
Gemstone: Lake Superior
Agate
Song: Hail Minnesota



View of New York City's skyline, picture taken by RLCC Exchange Student Ana Almeida while in a tour through Washington DC, Philadelphia and New York City.



A group of 17 Exchange Students from all over the world met at the United States Capital, Washington DC, for a tour. RLCC student Ana Almeida is the first on the left side on the back.

Oklee Herald Early Files

Seventy Years Ago May 2, 1946

A bridal shower was held for Mrs. Maynerd Johnson last Sunday afternoon.

Spare stamp 49 in the family ration books was validated yesterday for five pounds of sugar, succeeding stamp 39 which expired on April 30. Stamp 49 will expire on August 31.

Sixty Years Ago April 26, 1956

Top students of the 1956 graduating seniors in Oklee were named this week. Irene Barsness, Valdictorian, Twyla Salvhus and Ronald Mathson as Salutarians.

There are 33 candidates for graduation at commencement exercises on May 22nd.

Fifty Years Ago April 28, 1966

The Plummer High School music department will present the production on Friday and Saturday called, "Plenty of Money" a musical comedy.

Mr. and Mrs. Aristide Paquin announce the marriage of their daughter Myrna to Everett Engbretson on Saturday, May 7th at St. Francis in Oklee.

Forty Years Ago April 22, 1976

Samatha Lee Paradis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Paradis was baptized Sunday at St. Joseph's Church.

Sybil and LaVonne Radniecki of Oklee entered the West Acres Cake Show in Fargo and placed in the showing. Sybil one first place and LaVonne received two 3rd place awards.

The garage at the Merald Halvorson farm was destroyed by fire on Wednesday.

Thirty Years Ago April 23, 1986

Dennis and Cheryl Magnell are the proud parents of a baby girl born April 15th. She will be named Jillian Ann.

Gary Paquin was the lucky winner of the Steven 22 rifle through a raffle which the local Jaycees sponsored.

A baby shower was held for Shawn Larson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Larson of rural Oklee.

Coach Dale Svaren has had three honors given to him for this past football season – Conference Coach, 9-Man Coach of the Year and

the opportunity to coach the offensive line in an All-Star game.

Twenty Years Ago April 24, 1996

Seth and Zachary Knutson would like to announce the arrival of the new baby sister, Brook, who was born on March 18th. Proud parents are Scott and Shannon (Olson) Knutson.

The old timers who live in Hill River Township north of McIntosh are witnessing history in the making. For the first time in nearly a century, the Hill River overflowed its banks at the point of the Hill River Dam.

Ten Years Ago April 27, 2006

Bernie DeHate retired as maintenance person for Plummer and new maintenance person is Joe Pueringer.

American Legion Post 623 selects Marc Walter as the Boys Stater and will attend the 57t Annual Legion Boy's State.

A new group of citizens of the county gained notice at the Plummer City Council when they asked for information on a building site for a historical building.

Red Lake County Extension Educator Ray Bisek 320-247-2590 - bisek001@umn.edu

Decision Time for Winter Cereal Stands

One of the hardest decisions with growing fall rye, winter wheat, or winter barley is evaluating the amount of winter kill and making the decision whether to keep a stand. Winter cereals are planted in the fall and develops in the spring during relatively ideal conditions for tiller development. Therefore the optimum plant stands of winter cereals can be less than that of their spring counter parts. A stand of 900,000 - 1,000,000 plants/acre or 21 - 23 plants/ft² will be enough to maximize grain yield.

Some winter kill is to be expected in Minnesota. This past winter was relatively mild but bare by Minnesota standards. The warm conditions at the end of March allowed dormancy to break early but cool weather that followed has meant that fields have been slow to green up and have just started to put on new leaves and tillers, especially north of Interstate 94. This past week was probably the first time that evaluating surviving plant density was fairly straightforward.

Winter survival in all likelihood will variable within a field and depending on topography (windblown hilltops having less stand than protected areas of the field). If stands are reduced uniformly across the field, stands of 17 plants/ft² can still produce near maximum grain yields. Even stands as low as 11 plants/ft² can still produce a 40 bu/A yield.

To do a stand count, use one of the following two methods:

1. Count the number of plants in a foot of row at several locations in the field. Take an average and convert in plants per acre using Table 1.

2. Take a hula-hoop, let it fall, and count the number of plants inside the hoop. Repeat this at random several times across the field and calculate an average. Use Table 2 to convert the count to an approximate

Table 1. Average number of plants per foot of row for different row spacing and plant densities per acre.

Row Width	Plants per acre (times 1 million)							
	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5
6"	9.2	10.3	11.5	12.6	13.8	14.9	16.1	17.2
7"	10.7	12.1	13.4	14.7	16.1	17.4	18.7	20.1
10"	15.3	17.2	19.1	21.0	23.0	24.9	26.8	28.7
12"	18.4	20.7	23.0	25.3	27.5	29.8	32.1	34.4

Table 2. Adjustment factors to multiply the number of plants inside a hoop and convert the number in to number of plants per acre.

Hoop Diameter	Multiply by
30"	8,900
32"	7,800
34"	6,900
36"	6,200
38"	5,500

population per square foot or acre.

Huckleberry Gold – A Low Glycemic Index Potato

Recently a local gardener brought to my attention an article on research of potatoes relating to type two diabetes which had been printed in the Feb. 5th, 2016 edition of the *Farm and Ranch Guide*.

University of Montana researchers had screened numerous varieties looking for varieties with low glycemic indexes. Varieties that when consumed, would not cause a rapid spike in blood sugar from eating such a starchy food.

Potatoes in general are a healthy food, especially when consumed with skin on and without all the added fats and salt but for diabetics the rapid blood sugar spike can be dangerous. Thus researchers screened 110 varieties from seed banks and whittled that number down to the six most promising varieties. None of the varieties where genetically modified and had come from standard potato breeding programs. The lines of potatoes are currently being increased and will be test marketed. Many potato breeding lines in a breeding program, although acceptable to packers and consumers, are often overlooked due to yield and or agronomic issues.

Demand and production has to go hand in hand, thus researchers, producers,

Extension are working with diabetic support groups helping to raise awareness, which in turn should create demand or niche markets. Current focus is on the garden seed market, natural markets, farmer's markets, and health markets.

One variety, Huckleberry Gold, has already been released by the MSU Potato lab and the Tri-State Potato commission and currently is in production by four Montana certified seed potato growers/suppliers.

Huckleberry Gold (purple skin with yellow flesh), is a nutritious variety that produces round to oval tubers, more resistant to growth cracks, secondary growth, and hollow heart than Yukon Gold. It is also high in antioxidant concentrations, and has good resistance to common scab and Verticillium wilt. The other five varieties won't be available for release for at least two seasons.

I looked on-line for offerings of Huckleberry Gold and found a few suppliers, some out of stock. I did not check local NW Minnesota garden centers to see if any of them carried this variety. My two local source did not carry this variety. Thus if type two diabetes is an issue with you or family, and potatoes are a staple part of your diet, you will want to watch markets for offering of some of these low glycemic index potatoes.

For further information you can Ray Bisek, Interim Extension Educator, Red Lake Co. at the courthouse in Red Lake Falls on Tuesdays', or call me at 218-253-2897 (office), 320-247-2590 (cell) bisek001@umn.edu (email).



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Senior Site News and Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

It is Monday morning and I am writing my column. It is drizzling out and feels cold. I hope to see the sun later this morning as we need warmer weather. It is almost May and I want to seed a few things in my garden.

Yesterday was a cool day too. I went to a birthday party in Bemidji so I enjoyed my day.

At our Senior Site meeting last week. It was decided to have a Norwegian party at the Site to celebrate the 17th

of May. You will see more about this party in next week's column.

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 3 - Evening Meal
17 - Pot Luck Meal
19 - Site Council Meets
20 - Birthday Meal

JOKE TIME

Exiting church one Sunday morning, a middle aged woman said to her husband, "Do you

think that Nicholson girl is tinting her hair?"

"I didn't even see her" admitted the husband.

"And that skirt Mrs. Johnson was wearing," continued the woman. "Don't tell me you thought that was suitable attire for a mother of two?"

"I'm afraid I didn't notice that either" said the husband.

"Huh," said the woman, "a lot of good it does you going to church."

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

It is raining outside today and the Lord knows we need it and you can stop praying at any time now. Otherwise, we get what they have in Houston Texas flooding. Those people are swimming in water. We do not need that. Some farmers got their land worked and seeded before the rains came, but now they will have to wait. It promises to rain and be rather cool for the remainder of the week. There is always yard work or machinery to fix in the meantime.

Happy Birthday to Joyce Morinville. She celebrated on Saturday with the Golf Sisters group. They went to Sand Hills golf club to play. She did not get her hole in one but they all had a great time.

The Golf Sisters are Joyce Morinville, Nancy Seeger, Cindy Determan, Linda Hemly, Diane Anderson, and Clare Olson. They dined at Ericksons Smokehouse after golf. Dianne and Clarence Gagner joined them at Brooks when they returned to Brooks, they played Bingo and there was a special cake for Joyce that was served at the Cozy Bar and grill.

Happy Birthday to my special friend Joyce Morinville. I hope

we have many more years of reporting your doings on your birthday.

Elaine Radniecki was happy to report that her daughter, Beth Raebel of Woodville Wisconsin visited with her over the weekend. They visited on Saturday and also spent some time with Mary Ann Lambert over the weekend. They went to church in Oklee on Sunday. Beth returned to Wisconsin on Monday.

If you see Pam Paradis with a cast on her arm, don't think she broke her arm. She has had surgery and the cast is to protect the doctor's handiwork. She needs healing prayers now. Good luck on this Pam.

Joanne Bradley attended the wedding of her granddaughter Alyssa Krebs to Quinn Wenger in Savannah, Georgia. She traveled with her son Brian, who also attended the wedding. They left on April 16th and returned on April 20th.

On Sunday Frank Buer and Margie, of Trail visited with Joanne and Francis Bradley in Brooks. They enjoyed a good dinner and visited in the afternoon.

Reinette Walter, of Plummer visited with her brother and

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

Red Lake County Central Elementary Spring Concert was held on Thursday, the 14th at 7:00 p.m. It was named "Let's Jam, It's our Band." 4-6 grade sang and the band played.

A 40th birthday party for Jill DeHate was held at the Legion Friday night. Kelly Baune hosted it. BBQ's, chips, cake & ice cream were served.

Debbie DuChamp celebrated her birthday on April 19th.

Becky Opatz of Miles City, Montana and her daughter, Brooke Duray of Tioga, ND visited Karen Tvedt for a few days.

RLCC Oklee had a 3 act play name "A Hillbilly Weddin'." It was April 15, 16, and 17th. It was well attended and fun to watch. Some of those attending from Plummer were Randy and Jeanine Pahlen and son Steve, Chuck and Jolayne Simpson,

Joni and Pat Simpson, Jeff and Lynette Clifton and family, Alice Jobe and Loretta Hesse. The stage was set for a scene from a hillbilly home in the Ozarks of a family as hillbilly as they could be.

There was a shotgun on the wall and red one piece long johns on the wall. The cast spoke with a hillbilly accent. It was a fun play.

Plummer Senior Citizens met on Thur, April 21st with 9 present. They voted for a \$100 scholarship and Shelby Haugen won. Lunch was served. Good to see Ronnie and Micki back.

Inga Linder attended the baptism of her great-great grandson Levi Walter at the Covenant Church in Thief River Falls. Levi is the son of Mark and Allyssa Walter. Afterwards they went to Roger Walters.

Monday evening, there was a beautiful sunset, a pretty reddish orange over the trees southeast of my place. Then, I saw what may have been turkey vultures, about 6 of them. They flew over the tall trees, circling over the area. They were huge black and large wing spans – half white & half black underneath. They have red heads but since they were high I couldn't see their head color. Fun to watch. I wish I had been closer to them. I also heard frogs croaking.

Bonny's Bits...

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The April showers are now here and the outdoors is bursting with buds on the trees and green, green grass. It is a joy to see the colors starting to bloom and make our world a beautiful place to be. The May flowers will be shortly starting in force with their blooms of all colors.

I have heard some of the farmers have been planting and working in the fields. I would have thought that ground is too cold, but I suppose we have had enough warm days to warm the topsoil.

Though I really didn't like seeing all that top soil blowing around last week or so. Reminded me of when I lived near Fargo, with the dust storms. You could see them coming from miles away, because of the scarcity of trees to block the wind and keep the soil in place. It is starting to look a lot like the Red River Valley which is something I didn't think I would see in this brushy and swampy area.

Joke

Ole was having eye trouble, so he went to see the optometrist. "Put this little gadget over your left eye, Ole," said the optometrist. "Now over the right eye, over the left eye.

No, Ole, I said left eye. Now right . . . No Ole, your right eye!" Completely confused, Ole just looked at the optometrist. "Now, Ole," the optometrist continued, "just remember which is your left hand. OK, Ole, cover your right eye . . . No Ole, that's your left eye!" Finally in exasperation, the optometrist took a brown paper bag, cut a hole in it, put it over Ole's head, and moved the hole back and forth from the left eye to the right eye. "Now, Ole," asked the optometrist, "How is that?" "Vell, Doc, I guess it's all right," said Ole. "But I was vishing I could have some wire rims like Sven."

Minnesota Trivia

We all know there are state designated things such as the State Drink is Milk.

But do you know these State items:

Fish: _____
Grain: _____
Bird: _____
Mushroom: _____
Fruit: _____
Muffin: _____
Tree: _____
Flower: _____
Butterfly: _____
Gemstone: _____
Song: _____
Answers on page 5.

Who's Dat?



Who's Dat?

This week's photo is of a couple who lived in the area. They have still have many family members living in the area in addition to other

places around the country.

Last week's photo is of four siblings. The three that lived in the Oklee area were Birdie Gunderson, Knute Flateland and Oscar Flateland. Their brother Ted Flateland lived in Montana most of his life, but came home in his last years to retire. They are all deceased.

The Oklee Herald is always looking for photos to put in the Who's Dat? column. If you have a photo to share, stop by my office so it can be scanned or you can mail to Oklee Herald, PO Box 9, Oklee, MN 56742. If you want the photo mailed back to you, please include a stamped self-addressed envelope.

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

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