

Oklee Precipitation

By Einar Kvasager

	Rain	Snow
April 23	0.02	
April 24	0.23	
April 25	0.32	
April 26	0.21	
Total in.	0.78	0.00

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...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

OKLEE (RED LAKE COUNTY) MINN. 56742



St. Anthony of Padua has been a part of Terrebonne since Louis Cadieux donated 10 acres of land to build a church. This photo was taken before they removed any of the stained glass windows or other items.



On Friday evening, April 29th, the Red Lake Falls Fire Department, Red Lake County Sheriff's Department (for traffic control) and a water truck from Oklee's Fire Department were on hand to burn down St. Anthony's. The RLF Fire Department did some training exercises before letting the fire take the building.



Calendar of Events
Wed, May 4:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
Thu, May 5:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
Fri, May 6:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
Sat, May 7:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!
Sun, May 8:
-Worship at the church of your choice.
Mon, May 9:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards
Wed, May 11:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
Thu, May 12:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
Fri, May 13:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
Sat, May 14:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!
Sun, May 15:
-Worship at the church of your choice.
Mon, May 16:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
Tue, May 17:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.

There was not much left of the church by 7:00 p.m. but the RLF Fire Department would be spending much time yet at the fire to make sure it stayed contained.

Oklee City Council approves comp time for Tougas at April meeting

Next on the agenda for the Oklee City Council meeting held on April 11, 2016 was the Sheriff's report and Sheriff Mitch Bernstein was not present to make a report. A representative, Ms. Tracy, from Brady Martz Certified Public Accountants from Thief River Falls was at the meeting with the completed audit report. Tracy thanked the Council for choosing Brady Martz for their audit and also thanked the employees for their help in providing the information required for the audit. Tracy read the comments to management to improve Internal Accounting Controls and Procedures which listed the following recommendations. Starting with coding errors. In the prior year, they had noted a lot of coding errors in the general ledger. Example: the expenses from one vendor were coded to many accounts and expenses were not recorded in the correct funds. In the current year, they found that the City had greatly improved in the coding of expenses, however, errors in coding still were found and the recommendation was that the City Council continue to review the general ledger detail every month to make sure all items are coded correctly. Another issue noted was the signing of the minutes. When

they reviewed the minutes, minutes were being signed by the city clerk, but the City was using a stamp for approval from the City Council. The Office of the State Auditor recommends that the minutes be signed by the clerk at the conclusion of each meeting. Meeting minutes should also be approved by the council the following meeting. The recommendation to the City Council is to discontinue its use of a stamp for approval of the minutes and that the City Clerk sign the minutes at the conclusion of each meeting with a member of the City Council signing the minutes after they have been approved at the following meeting. In regards to the Utility Billing adjustments it was recommended that the City should have a council member review the utility billing adjustments on a monthly basis because the adjustments are now being made by the clerk but are not being reviewed or approved by another person. Brady Martz also noted that the City had awarded a contract to the wrong contractor. Initially, the City Council approved contractor "A", but contractor "B" was awarded the contract. At a later meeting, City Council approved the contractor change. The recommendation is that the

Terrebonne loses historic landmark

that purpose. The cemetery was established that year, later enlarged in 1916 and again in 1933.

Rev. G. T. Dugal became the first resident pastor of Terrebonne in 1883 and lived with the Louis Cadieux family until the first rectory was finished in 1883. The first marriage was that of Francois Boissonneau and Joseph Paquet on July 31, 1883. The first burial is recorded that same year for Rose Anna Perreault, and the first baptism administered by Father Dugal in Terrebonne was Thomas Juneau in June. For awhile when the church was without a pastor in 1884, Terrebonne was served from Red Lake Falls by Father J.H. Marcil on alternate Sundays until Rev. Vaudry came in September 1884. He stayed until March 1885 and Father Marcel came again in July 1887.

Rev. Eli Theillon came in that month and remained until November 1888. He was succeeded by Rev. Louis Feige. In 1890, Terrebonne received the first visit of a bishop when Right Rev. James McGolrick of Duluth came to administer confirmation. At this time all of northern Minnesota was in the diocese of Duluth. That same year, Father Feige enlarged the church.

Father Feige left in 1892 to become the first resident pastor of Lambert. He was succeeded by Rev. W. T. Roy. By 1895, the Terrebonne parish was prosperous enough to build a new and larger church. Father Roy left in 1901 and there were various succeeding pastors: Rev. B. Pujos, Rev. C. Dube, Rev. L.J. Fournier, Rev. A. Tapin, Rev. J.M. Barras, and Rev. S. Veilleux.

On December 31, 1909, the diocese of Crookston was formed and Terrebonne became part of this diocese. Rev. C. Bossus served the parish from 1911 through 1912 and during this time decorated the sanctuary and the ceiling himself. Rev. P. LeFloch was here from 1912 to 1917, and he built a new rectory in 1917 for about \$3,000.00. In 1912 the articles of incorporation for the church were written.

Father LeFloch's successors were Rev. C.O. Trudeau and Rev. J.H. Perrin-Laurent who had a basement put under the church in 1921. In 1922 Rev. Samuel Bouchard came and served the church until 1930. Major changes were made by him in 1923 when he hired a stonemason who, with the help of the parishioners, under his instructions, cut the fieldstones and made the present foundation.

The two outdoor shrines, one in honor of the Sacred Heart and the other of the Blessed Mother and St. Bernadette, were erected and donated by Father Bouchard. Since 1957 these two shrines have been illuminated.

Father Ernest Paquin came to Terrebonne church in 1930 and served the parishioners until 1955. Rev. Louis Proulx came in June of that year and served until 1969. In the winter of 1957, the men of the parish removed the main altar and constructed a modern one. The side altars were also removed and a new crucifix made and installed on the back wall behind the altar.

In 1969 Terrebonne became a mission and began being served by Rev. Henry Carriere, the pastor of Brooks. Rev. Larry Wieseler came in 1972. In 1973 the interior of the church was given a full remodeling. Father Wieseler stayed until 1982 when he left to become a missionary in South America.

In 1912 there were about 127 families in the parish and it cost about \$1,000 a year to maintain the church. In 1973 there were about 77 families in the parish and it cost about \$16,000 to maintain a year.

The last to serve were Father Laurn Virnig, Father

Pat Creeden, Father Thom Baxter Father Gary LeMoine, Father Tim Bushy the last pastor to serve St. Anthony.

The church closed in 2000.

An article was written in March 2015 by Matt McKenney from the Star Tribune about the struggles a group of people went through trying to save the historic church.

For many generations, the steeples of St. Anthony Catholic Church have presided over life in Terrebonne, a farm community that once was a bustling town that had a flour mill and cheese factory. The church has always been a landmark for Terrebonne.

According to the Star Tribune article, Dan Derosier stated, "You tear down the church, Terrebonne really doesn't exist anymore." Derosier heads up the small group working to preserve St. Anthony's.

The years of being empty have left the building with leaning walls, uneven floors, mold growing on the walls which now made the building unsavable.

Demolition was put off after a group led by the Derosiers loudly called for preserving the church in a lonely fight to keep St. Anthony's standing.

Using \$36,600 from fundraisers over the years, the group has twice painted the church. After an F2 tornado hit St. Anthony's, toppling a chimney, they repaired a bathtub-sized hole in the roof.

Still hoping in 2013, Derosier told Crookston Bishop Michael Hoepfner that the church needed about \$20,000 in repairs, paid for with more donations. Hoepfner told him to wait.

Over the past year, members have been dismantling the stained glass windows, finding homes for the items worth saving and the final plan to burn the church down became a reality on Friday, April 29th.

And Terrebonne's skyline has changed forever.

New Business now open in Oklee



Kinsley's Klostet & Consign All is now open and has a wide variety of items from collectables to household, and much, much more. They are open 6 days a week and Thursdays open late. Stop by and see what they have to offer!

City establish a procedure and controls for awarding a contract.

The Fire Department fund also had a concern for the Brady Martz CPA's. At the September 15, 2014 City Council meeting, the Council approved the 2015 Fire Department Budget at \$21,462. The detailed budget showed the City's share of the budget was \$10,731 and the fire district's share was \$10,731. During 2015, the City transferred \$21,462 to the fire department and the fire districts share was not received. The recommendation is that the City of Oklee only transfer the amount approved by the City Council to the fire fund. And the City should reduce the 2016 transfer by the amount that was transferred in excess of the approved 205 budget.

Payroll was mentioned in the comments with a note that a significant increase in the City's payroll expense compared to prior periods, recommending

that the City Council continue to monitor the payroll expense.

In the Firemen account: The Oklee Community Club assists the firemen with its fundraising events, and the City has purchased and donated the prizes for the fundraising event. The City received two donations from the Oklee Community club for the firemen's fundraisers in 2015. The City does not have the authority to hold fundraisers and does not have the authority to purchase and donate prizes to a fundraising event. If the Fire Relief Association's bylaws permit it, the Association may solicit donations or conduct fundraisers. Proceeds from fundraising events should be held in the Fire Relief Association's general fund, not in a City account. Donations made to a fire department are really donations made to the City. To accept a donation, the city council must pass a resolution by a two-thirds majority. The resolution

should identify all limitations on how the funds may be used, including whether the donation is limited to fire department expenditures. The recommendation is that the City should not purchase or donate prizes to a fundraising event. The City Council should work with the Fire Relief Association and determine if the Association's bylaws permit the Association to fundraise. If the Association is authorized to fundraise, all future events should be held in the Fire Relief Associations general fund, not in a city account. If the Association is not authorized to fundraise, then there should be no fundraising events until the Fire Relief Association amends its bylaws. Finally, all donations given to the City should be accepted by city council.

This needs to be handled

City of Oklee
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Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Margaret Jacobus
Wed, May 4: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Pizza & Movie. 6:30 p.m. Chime Choir. 7:00 p.m. Salem WELCA.
Fri, May 6: Zion WELCA Rummage Setup 4 – 7 p.m. Oklee Hall.
Sun, May 8: 9:00 a.m. Zion. 10:30 a.m. Salem.

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

BROOKS – RED LAKE FALLS CATHOLIC PARISH
Fr. Bill DeCrans
Sat, May 7: 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph – RLF
Sun, May 8: 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 8: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Immanuel.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith Interim Pastor Phil Johnson
Sun, May 8: 8:30 a.m. Bethany. 9:45 Ekelund. 11:00 a.m. Faith.

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Leaders in NW MN to discuss regional and statewide transportation

The Ass'n of Minnesota Counties is hosting a breakfast forum to discuss transportation needs and opportunities facing northwestern Minnesota. Many area county commissioners, mayors, county engineers, along with community leaders are expected to attend and participate.

WHO:County commissioners, local officials, and community leaders

WHERE: Pennington County Highway Department Meeting Room, 250 - 125th Ave NE, Thief River Falls

WHEN: Wednesday, May 4, 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM (meeting).

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.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive – Nazareth Oak Park – St. Petri Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Wed, May 4: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 7:00 p.m. LYS meeting.

Sat, May 7: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School.

Sun, May 8: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri. 9:15 a.m. St. Petri SS; 8:30 a.m. Nazareth Sunday School. 9:45 a.m. Nazareth, 9:45 a.m. Oak Park SS. 11:00 a.m. Oak Park.
Wed, May 11: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School.

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

Wed, May 4: 6:30 p.m. AWANA and Youth Group.
Thu, May 5: 12:00 p.m. Rotary meeting.

Fri, May 6: 8:00 a.m. Friday School.

Sun, May 8: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School graduation.

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

Wed, May 11: 6:30 p.m. AWANA and Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund Sand Valley Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, May 8: 9:00 a.m. Lund. 10:30 a.m. Bethany.
Wed, May 11: 2:00 p.m. Lund WELCA.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston
Jon Marx, Lead Pastor
Seth Johnson, Assist. Pastor
Sun, May 8: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

May 9 - 13

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: Taco on fried bread w/all the trimmings, dessert, and milk.

Tuesday: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, cream gravy, veg, dessert and milk.

Wednesday: BBQ pulled pork on bun, French fries, veg, dessert and milk.

Thursday: ½ hot beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, veg, dessert and milk.

Friday: Grilled chicken breast, stuffed baked potato w/ broccoli & cheese, toast, dessert and milk.



American Legion

Auxiliary meeting

American Legion Auxiliary meeting will be held on May 10th at 11:30 A.M. at the Oklee Café.

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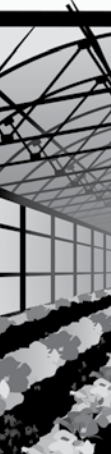
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Thu, May 6: *Grand Forks* – Thief River Falls.

Fri, May 7: *Crookston* – Thief River Falls, Plummer, Red Lake Falls.

Hours for Red Lake County Landfills

Red Lake Falls Landfill Site

Monday to Thursday:
7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon.
Saturdays:
1st & 3rd Saturdays
8:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Oklee Landfill Site

Wednesdays:
2:00 p.m. to 6:00 pm.
Saturdays:
2nd & 4th of the month
8:00 a.m. to 12 noon

218-253-2951 - RLF Landfill
218-253-4121 - RLC Environmental office

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.

New DVD's at the RLF Library include "The Revenant," the film based on book by the same name, done as historical fiction by Michael Punke about the life of real-life fur trapper Hugh Glass who was brutally attacked by a grizzly bear in 1823 while working with the Rocky Mountain Fur Company, and left for dead by his companions; also "In the Heart of the

Sea," also a book-made-movie based on Nathaniel Philbrick's gripping nonfiction account of the sinking of the whaleship Essek in 1820 after being rammed by a whale.

Also new: "Jafar Panahi's Taxi," in which internationally-acclaimed director Jafar Panahi "drives a yellow cab through the vibrant streets of Tehran, picking up a diverse group of passengers in a single day. Each man, woman, and child candidly expresses his or her own view of the world, while being interviewed by the curious and gracious driver." And "Shelter:" "Academy Award Winner Jennifer Connelly and Anthony Mackie (The Avengers) star in a riveting story of survival. Two strangers will find each other and rise above their struggle to get off of the streets of New York City."

Since the church was closed in 2000, there has been an effort to try and save the historic church. But the battle was lost. Over the past year, the stained glass windows and items inside have been donated to organizations at museums and other places. This window was one of many removed from the church before burning it down.

We produce more beef in the USA than any other country in the world. Beef production is the single largest segment of American agriculture with more than 800,000 ranches and cattle producers.

America's farmers and ranchers work hard to supply us with safe, wholesome, nutritious beef. May is beef month. Make beef part of your next meal.

City of Oklee Minutes

City of Oklee Regular Council Meeting Monday, March 14th 6:00PM Oklee Cafe

Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m.

Roll Call: Burthwick, Jensen, Munt, Melby and Bergerson, also present Cross, Tougas, Olson and Sheriff Bernstein and Genova.

Motion to accept February minutes by Bergerson, seconded by Jensen, motion carried.

17th February Special minutes, motion to accept by Melby, seconded by Jensen, motion carried.

Financials: Motion to accept by Bergerson seconded by Munt, motion carried.

Jenson questions the gap in the payment sequence numbering, Schmitz to look into it.

Bills: Motion to accept by Bergerson, seconded by Munt, motion carried.

Old Business: Motion to accept by Bergerson, seconded by Munt, motion carried.

Sheriff's Report: Hazard Mitigation update, to be viewed and ok'd, Bernstein to meet with Cross, it is basically to make sure what has been done and what new project are planned. Not much to report, dogs, and loud music just two issues mentioned.

Maintenance Report
Tougas reported a blocked Sewer pipe to ponds, Jet-line called out to unblock it, maybe as much as \$1800.00.

We will attempt to make a basket to capture some of the paper products that seem to be the cause of the problem.

Mike Wicks is ok with us making a burn pile South of the ponds, fire break and maybe a plant some trees.

Grease build up observed in the main catch basin, we are trying a new product to help reduce this, problem.

Televising Main sewer lines as requested by the MPCA for the 1&I plan last year, quotes on the way.

The Hallways waxed and hopefully doing the Cafe soon.

Tougas reported that ten new tables for the hall and new Batteries for the battery backups, to be purchased from Grand Forks. Dumpster delivery charge of \$20 goes towards funding new tables for the hall.

Quote for refurbishing the outside of the Water Tower; get another company to inspect work by Water Tower Clean and Coat.

Unaccounted Cash

Leo Olson brought up the subject of the "Missing Money" paperwork was shown to the Council that had previously been shown to the Auditors In 2015, giving an explanation on where the money had gone to, Olson produced the notes given to the Auditors at the last Audit which explains in detail that no money is actually missing. Tougas does not remember any cash being left under the keyboard: Bergerson asked Olson if this is what was shown to the Auditor, and they were fine with it and this has been going on three years and needs putting to bed. Bergerson went on to say, the missing money was brought to our (The Councils) attention and by the time the Audit had come around, everything was fine, so I am done talking about it. Olson asked for it to be noted in the minutes that it had been taken care of, Burthwick then commented that the auditors had addressed this last year and that locks had been changed in the office. Munt said we shouldn't be hearing about it anymore at our meetings, it is done. Jensen asked the Question if this in now taken care of? And Jensen said ok, it is settled, it's a none-issue, Jensen also said, within chambers it is a settled none issue.

Tougas commented that it was petty cash and he can't remember, Bergerson said, it was three years ago.

Olson then requested we contact the Attorney regarding the allegations to staff and Council members,

Cross agreed with Olson that accusations had been made and it seems a good idea to clear this matter up as it looks like we have done something criminal when we haven't, it really does need sorting out and putting to bed, in our mind it has never needed clearing up as there was an explanation for everything and Cross agreed with Olson about getting the attorney involved.

Motion by Bergerson to allow Olson to speak to the City Attorney, seconded by Jensen, motion carried.

South Park lease

Fair Board agree to Lease the concrete area to the City for Events, wording to be clear so it states the liquor license, edit Park Lease form to include liquor license and lease the are for only the specific dates of events.

Donations

Check on the legalities of Donating cash from City funds to Donor causes.

Pay Equity

The form has been filled in and we are now in compliance with the State Auditor's office.

Employee pay review

Tabled to next month.

Look up last pay raise and have info on hand for next meeting.

Comp Time

Tougas was asked to explain his concerns of the ambulance and fire calls payment differences, he feels there is an error and he is short of hours, As of 2016 payments are being made but for 2015 there was a change in the personnel policy and the change affected his hours. Tougas said he is missing 25 hours of vacation time and 10 hours of banked time an sick leave has never been added on for this year. Everyone agreed this needs simplifying and finally sorting out, this will be corrected at the next meeting.

Matthew Genova

Spoke about Council member's attendance records, he noted one

member had missed 1 meeting, and another had missed 5 meetings, it was pointed out to Genova that the Council Member he referred to had been sick.

He then moved on to a letter he had in his possession and asked the Mayor to read it out loud, Mayor refused and Bergerson pointed out it did not pertain to City business. Genova commented that he will prosecute the man or woman who wrote the letter if he finds out who it is.

Sanitary Services

Large Item pickup will be a large roll off dumpster, fill on the days, metal items only and to be done before graduation, no televisions or microwaves, metal items only.

Cal from Sanitary Services informed everyone that they pick up large item year round, they must be prepaid, fees available at the Clerk's office.

Matthew Genova commented that there is no code of ethics for the City of Oklee at present, Bergerson then commented that they sign a code of ethics when they start on the Council and showed Genova an example, the Council wages where mentioned and Genova asked how much the Council get Paid, Cross stated it is \$40 a meeting, Genova then asked how much Olson gets paid and was told it is a hourly rate, Genova then commented that In theory Olson could earn more than the Council members if the meeting was 3 hours long.

Cross was asked to see what other Cities do and to let them know at the next meeting.

There then followed a lively debate on various subjects as one business owner aired his views.

Motion to Adjourned the Meeting at 7:45 pm by Melby. Seconded by Jensen, motion carried.

City Of Oklee Special Meeting Maintenance Dept. April 6th 2016 6:00pm

Agenda
Call to Order
Roll Call
Procedures
Meeting called to order at 5.58 PM

Roll Call: Mayor Burthwick, Melby, Bergerson and Munt, absent Jensen, also present Cross.

Discussion on the agenda application sheet and the protocols involved for refusal of any applicant to go on the agenda.

It was proposed during the discussion 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 and with supporting documentation so the Council can be prepared to answer questions on the subject matter.

It was proposed to change the agenda form and to make it clear the form is only an application for future meetings and that the Council reserve the right to refuse any applicant if they feel any part of it is inappropriate or irrelevant to council business, disclaimer added so everything is clear to the applicant.

Also a refusal to allow an applicant onto the agenda letter was presented to the meeting" it was brought up by Burthwick that three signatures should be required, the form will always have to be signed by the Mayor, (or Vice Mayor) plus one- other Council member and the City Clerk.

The letter of refusal to be placed on the agenda to the applicant, will always be sent by certified mail.

Motion to accept updated application form and refusal letter, Motion by Bergerson seconded by Munt. Motion carried.

Motion to close the meeting by Bergerson and seconded by Melby, motion carried.

Meeting Closed at 6:13 pm

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RLCC Menus

May 8 - 13

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Mon: Breakfast: Ham & cheese croissant, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Chicken quesadilla, lettuce salad, fresh vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Tue: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Corn dogs, mac & cheese, veg, fruit, and milk.

Wed: Breakfast: Coffee cake, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Ham patty w/cheese, mayo, lettuce & pickles, French fries, fruit, and milk.

Thu: Breakfast: Pancake on a stick, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Pizza, lettuce salad, fresh vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Fri: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Cold subs w/lettuce, mayo, cheese & pickles, chips, veg, fruit, and milk.

Plummer

Mon: Breakfast: Blueberry muffin, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Corn dog, mac & cheese, sweet peas, apple crisp w/whipped topping, and milk.

Tue: Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, toast w/PB & jelly, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Meatballs, whipped potatoes, seasoned carrots, fruit, buttered bread, and milk.

Wed: Breakfast: Cook's Choice, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Subs (ham, lettuce, tomato, cheese), Sun Chips, apples, carrot dippers, and milk.

Thu: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Hotdish, sweet corn cob, croissant, fruit, and milk.

Fri: Breakfast: Waffles, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Pizza, salad/salad bar, fruit, sherbet, and milk.

ECFE News

May EFCE Events

By: Taylor Klasen

You are your child's first and most important teacher. RLCC ECFE classes can help you with that role. Monthly sessions and activities are planned where you and your child together enjoy a classroom filled with developmentally appropriate play and learning. Family Fun Nights are for children ages birth-five years old and their parents and other special adult. Grandparents or other family members are always welcome.

Monday, May 2 is "Kindergarten Round-up" for all children in the RLCC school district who will be starting Kindergarten in the fall 2016. It will take place 6:30-7:30 p.m. and will start in the cafeteria at the RLCC Elementary School in Plummer.

Thursday, May 5 is "Infant/Toddler Class #7" at Oklee site, 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Old MacDonald Night will be ready for you with making a peek-a-boo farm book, and cutting out pictures of animals in the barn. Play with barn and animal sets and practice your animal sounds! Play and sing along with Old MacDonald! Soup and sandwich supper is included.

Thursday, May 12 is "Family Field Trip to Rydell Refuge in Erskine and trip to Dairy Queen" from 5:30 p.m.-8:45 p.m. Dress for the weather and bring your camera and good walking shoes. The bus will leave Oklee at 5:30 p.m. and in Plummer at 5:45 p.m. Take a wildlife walk through Rydell Refuge and stop at the signs along the way to look for birds, flowers, and other living things. After the walk, stop at DQ for a treat (don't forget to bring you own money), and then return back to Plummer at approximately 8:45 p.m. Strollers are welcome.



Minnesota State Student Council Secretary Ashley Longtin, Minnesota State Student Council President Taylor Bushelle and RLCC Student Council Adviser Randy Huie. The two officers were recently elected at the State Student Council Summit.

Wednesday, May 4, 2016

RLC competes at Mahnomen-Waubun Invitational

By: Nicholas Plante

Red Lake County Rebels Track & Field went to Mahnomen-Waubun Invitational track meet on Friday, April 22, 2016. The teammate times and results during the meet are as follows:

Girls track team meet took third place.

100 Hurdles: 3rd Place - Ashley Longtin, 17.79
100 Hurdles: 4th Place - Megan LaCrosse, 18.42
100 Hurdles: 8th Place - Makenzie Williams, 19.12

100 Meter: 1st Place - Zoe Russillo, 12.58 which was a new team record. (The previous record was 12.61 by Michelle Halvorson in 2003.)

4x200 Meter Relay: 1st Place - Madison Derosier, Josie Huot, Makenzie Williams, & Zoe Russillo, 1:56.55
300 Hurdles: 5th Place - Megan LaCrosse, 53.83
300 Hurdles: 7th Place - Ashley Longtin, 55.13

300 Hurdles: 8th Place - Madison Derosier, 56.99
800 Meter: 4th Place - Josie Huot, 2:40.26
200 Meter: 2nd Place - Zoe Russillo, 27.31

4x400 Meter Relay: 1st Place - Josie Huot, Julia Bernstein, Makenzie Williams, & Megan LaCrosse, 4:29.37
High Jump: 2nd Place - Ashley Longtin, 4'8"

High Jump: 5th Place - Julia Bernstein, 4'2"
Long Jump: 5th Place - Megan LaCrosse, 14'7 ¼"

Long Jump: 7th Place - Zoe Russillo, 13'11"

Long Jump: 8th Place - Megan LaCrosse, 13'6 ½"

Discus: 5th Place - Madison Derosier, 72'7"

Boys track team finished in fifth place for the meet.

110 Hurdles: 3rd Place - Devin Lambert, 16.70

110 Hurdles: 4th Place - Connor Lambert, 18.65

100 Meter: 6th Place - Dylan Gustafson, 11.68

300 Hurdles: 3rd Place - Dylan Gustafson, 44.43

300 Hurdles: 4th Place - Devin Lambert, 45.51

300 Hurdles: 5th Place - Connor Lambert, 46.34

4x200 Meter Relay: 4th Place - John Renner, Devin Lambert, Connor Lambert, & Dylan Gustafson, 2:01.89

Long Jump: 8th Place - Dylan Gustafson, 17'2 ½"

Discus: 2nd Place - Marcus Christensen, 109'5"

Shot Put: 5th Place - Marcus Christensen, 36'5"

RLC competes in Quentin Jones Invitational

By Seth Paradis

Red Lake County Rebels Track & Field team traveled to Thief River Falls for Quentin Jones Invitational on Tuesday, April 26.

Girls' track team took fourth place during the meet with the following results:

100 Hurdles: 6th Place - Ashley Longtin, 17.55

100 Hurdles: 8th Place - Megan LaCrosse, 17.90

100 Meter: 1st Place - Zoe Russillo, 12.52 *****NEW TEAM RECORD**

4x200 Meter Relay: 1st Place - Madison Derosier, Josie Huot, Makenzie Williams, & Zoe Russillo, 2:01.46

4x100 Meter Relay: 5th Place - AJ Jones, Hollie Knott, Clara Girdler, & DJ Bernstein, 56.96

300 Hurdles: 4th Place - Megan LaCrosse, 52.71

300 Hurdles: 6th Place - Ashley Longtin, 55.34

300 Hurdles: 7th Place - Madison Derosier, 55.90

800 Meter: 3rd Place - Clara

Girdler, 2:51.05

200 Meter: 1st Place - Zoe Russillo, 27.08

4x400 Meter Relay: 2nd Place - Josie Huot, Julia Bernstein, Makenzie Williams, & Megan LaCrosse, 4:31.77

High Jump: 1st Place - Ashley Longtin, 4'10"

High Jump: 8th Place - Julia Bernstein, 4'2"

Long Jump: 5th Place - Megan LaCrosse, 14'6"

Long Jump: 6th Place - Zoe Russillo, 14'3 ½"

Long Jump: 7th Place - Megan LaCrosse, 13'6"

The boys track team finished fifth place in the meet.

Individual results include:

110 Hurdles: 3rd Place - Devin Lambert, 17.30

110 Hurdles: 5th Place - Connor Lambert, 18.90

100 Meter: 3rd Place - Dylan Gustafson, 11.87

300 Hurdles: 1st Place - Dylan Gustafson, 43.93

300 Hurdles: 4th Place - Devin Lambert, 45.68

300 Hurdles: 7th Place - Connor Lambert, 46.15

800 Meter: 8th Place - Tyler Jensen, 2:45.61

200 Meter: 4th Place - Dylan Gustafson, 24.62

Long Jump: 4th Place - Dylan Gustafson, 17'9"

Shot Put: 8th Place - Marcus Christensen, 36'10"



Zoe Russillo broke the RLC Rebel Track & Field team record in the 100 Meter. The previous record was set by Michelle Halvorson in 2003.

Russillo breaks RLC track record twice!

By: Taylor Klasen

Freshman Zoe Russillo from Red Lake County Central High School broke RLC's team record for the 100 meter with her time of 12.58 at Mahnomen-Waubun Invitational at Mahnomen on Friday, April 22. The very next track meet, the Quentin Jones Invitational in Thief River Falls on Tuesday, April 26, she broke her own record. She ran the 100 meter in 12.52.

The previous RLC team record for the 100 meter was held by Michelle Halvorson whose time was 12.61. It was made in 2003, Halvorson's senior year.

Zoe, daughter of Rob and Kelli Russillo and Magen Anderson, competes in the 100 meter, 200 meter, 4x200 meter relay, and long jump. Randy Huie, Cheryl Matzke, and Cody Gagner are the team coaches.

RLCC Awards Day to be held May 11

By: Katie Pendelton

Awards Day will be held at Red Lake County Central High School in the gym in Oklee. Awards Day will start at 1:00 pm Wednesday, May 11th. The public is invited to attend.

At Awards Day seniors are introduced including their future plans. Seniors will be awarded their scholarships. Some of the awards will include Academic letters, Attendance awards, Drama awards, Speech awards, Student Senate awards, Tri-Athletes awards, Music awards, and Knowledge Bowl awards.

ABE (Adult Basic Education)

ABE classes are available in Oklee starting May 5, Thursday evenings, 6:30 to 8:30 PM, at RLCC. Please use north door. FREE individualized study for qualifying adults (17 & over). One-time \$10.00 registration fee. GED & Accuplacer prep, improve basic skills for job retention, & life skills. Call 218-688-1558 if you have questions.

MEET THE RLCC SENIORS



Katheryne DeHate

Family members: Bernie, Jill, Blake, Brandie, Paul

Favorite movie: 8 Seconds

Favorite song/band: You Should Be Here

Favorite class: none

Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Basketball

Favorite teacher/coach: Mrs. Tvedt

Most important person in your life: My mom

Life has rules. What is your personal rule you plan on following in your life: To live life to the fullest

Best memory from school: Last day of junior year. Most of the class went out to the Oklee pits and grilled out. Then that night we had a bonfire.

Your plans for the Future: Going to Lake Region State College for Early Childhood Education.



Tristan Larson

Family members: Jarrod Larson, Leah Larson, Katlin Larson

Favorite movie: Convoy

Favorite song/band: Copperhead Road

Favorite class: Shop

Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Wrestling

Favorite teacher/coach: Mr. Bernier

Most important person in your life:

Life has rules. What is your personal rule you plan on following in your life: The best trill is racing.

Best memory from school: Your plans for the Future: Undetermined.



Morgan Bushelle

Family members: Jesse, Tiffany (Parents), Taylor, Alexis, Carissa, Alyson, Brett, Gabrielle, Stellan, Alex (mom) Jason (stepdad).

Favorite movie: The Nightmare Before Christmas

Favorite song/band: One Republic

Favorite class: Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Homecoming week

Favorite teacher/coach: Most important person in your life: My family

Life has rules. What is your personal rule you plan on following in your life: I think I should be respectful to all strangers I meet.

Best memory from school: Getting homecoming queen.

Your plans for the Future: Go to NDSU, graduate and get a job in town.



Kjersten Lillie Mae Walton

Family members: Krista (mom), Joseph (dad), Samantha, Deidra, Abigail (sisters)

Favorite movie: A Beautiful Mind, The Girl Who Leapt Through Time

Favorite song/band: Carry On My Wayward Son by Michael Bublé

Favorite class: Anatomy, Choir

Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Theater, Speech

Favorite teacher/coach: Mr. Strutz

Most important person in your life: God and my parents

Life has rules. What is your personal rule you plan on following in your life: Be kind.

Best memory from school: Doing anatomy experiments and the blindfolded one when Asia ran into the library door.

Your plans for the Future: Going into the Air Force next year, then college.



Tyler Gregory Rundolf

Family members: Tracy Winand, Brian Sandahl, Nicole Sandahl, Bryce Hyland

Favorite movie: Faster

Favorite song/band: AC/DC

Favorite class: Shop

Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Wrestling, Trap

Favorite teacher/coach: Mr. Larson

Most important person in your life: People that take care of my diabetes

Life has rules. What is your personal rule you plan on following in your life: My diabetes

Best memory from school: When Tristan Larson picked me up over his shoulder in front of the school.

Your plans for the Future: Going to college for law enforcement



Marcus Christianson

Family members: Anders, Annamae, Tim, Sarah Christensen, Louis Lallier

Favorite movie: Guardians of the Galaxy

Favorite song/band: Rock

Favorite class: Shop

Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: football/basketball and trap

Favorite teacher/coach: Coach Phillion, Coach Philipp, Coach Huie, and Bob Bernier.

Most important person in your life: Parents

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

Best memory from school: Athletics

Your plans for the Future: Northland for welding



Ben Kolling

Family members: Ernest Kolling, Jean Agnes, Sara Hoeft, Amber Basinger.

Favorite movie: Let's Be Cops

Favorite song/band: Red Hot Chili Peppers

Favorite class: Economics

Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Wrestling

Favorite teacher/coach: Aaron Nelson (wrestling coach)

Most important person in your life: My best friend

Life has rules. What is your personal rule you plan on following in your life: "We do what we can."

Best memory from school: When Chase backed over my dirt bike with his pickup.

Your plans for the Future: To work as hard as I can and chase my life goals.



Shelby Ann Haugen

Family members: Parents: David and Teresa Haugen.

Sister: Shania Haugen

Favorite movie: The Maze Runner

Favorite song/band: Rise by: Selena Gomez.

Favorite class: Newspaper

Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: When I played basketball and volleyball in 9th grade.

Favorite teacher/coach: Mrs. Bachand

Most important person in your life: My family

Life has rules. What is your personal rule you plan on following in your life: To always try and do my best.

Best memory from school: My last day of school during junior year when the majority of the class went to the pit and grilled out. Then later we got to go to a bonfire. It was really fun.

Your plans for the Future: Going to Northland Community and Technical College to finish my generals and then going on to further my education at a university.



Austin May

Family members: Dan, Serenity and Drew

Favorite movie: Friday

Favorite song/band: Juicy J

Favorite class: Lunch

Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Ball

Favorite teacher/coach: Mr. Illies and Mr. Huie

Most important person in your life: Wiz

Life has rules. What is your personal rule you plan on following in your life: "You get what you give."

Best memory from school: Homecoming games

Your plans for the Future: School.

Red Lake County Central Prom 2016



RLCC seniors at “Night to Remember” prom. Front Row: Kayla Olson, Asia Davis, Seth Johnson, Chase Agnes, Tyler Sandahl, Heaven Heard, Row Two: Michelle Sundquist, Miranda Magnell, Holly Vettleson, Sami Smith, Katheryn DeHate, Nicole Riendeau, Taylor Klasen, Katie Pendelton, Morgan Bushelle, Brandi Jensen. Row Three: Cade Bachand, Shelby Haugen, Joe Paradis, Marcus Christensen, Kjersten Walton, Shawnee Styles, Brendan Krueger. Back Row: Kyler Fluharty, Devin Lambert, Austin Waliser, Alan Nemec, and Tristan Larson. (Photo by Hickory Backroads Photography)



“A Night to Remember” was the theme chosen by RLCC’s junior class. Juniors included: (standing l-r) Tera Qualley, Megan Berberich, Ashley Longtin, Carolyn Kehn, Natalie Aakhus, Talon Porter, Shelby Gunderson, Lynsey Morris, Deidra Walton, Nikki Schmitz, Ana Almeida, Kyle Gagner, Angel Auman, MaKay Berns, Kelsie Sirjord, Taylor Bushelle, (kneeling) Austin Erlandson, Brandon Lee, Dylan Gustafson, and Nick Plante. (Photo by Hickory Backroads Photography)



RLCC’s freshman Connor Lambert along with sophomore boys Matthew Vettleson, Ethan Vettleson and Seth Paradis attended the RLCC’s 2016 prom. (Photo by Hickory Backroads Photography)



RLCC Prom servers were sophomores Noah Bakken, Sydney Melby, Nick Pahlen, and Jayden Fore. (Photo by Hickory Backroads Photography)

Red Lake County loses to Crookston

By: Ethan Vettleson
Red Lake County baseball teams played Crookston in Red Lake Falls on Saturday, April 23. The first inning was 2-2. The game remained scoreless until the third inning when Crookston had three runs. Then the fifth inning RLC scored two runs and Crookston three in the sixth inning. In the seventh inning RLC didn’t scored and Crookston brought in two runs. Final score was 10-4 victory for Crookston.

Drew Gragseth and Luke Froeber from Crookston both batted 2x4. Alex Lafrance batted 2x3.

For RLC Taylor Kenfield and Josh Casavan batted 2x4. Chase Schmitz batted 2x2. Schmitz pitched four innings with one strike out. Drake Engelstad pitched three innings and walked one person.

RLCC wins 12-9 over Kelliher/Northome

By Seth Paradis
Red Lake County Central played in Kelliher against the Kelliher–Northome Mustangs. RLCC beat the Mustangs 12-9 on Thursday, April 28. In the first inning RLCC had three runs and the Mustangs had four. In the second RLCC scored four, and in the third RLCC added three more. In the fifth the Mustangs brought one in, and in the seventh RLCC added two and the Mustangs had four runs.

Brandi Jensen pitched seven innings with three strikeouts and three walks. For the Mustangs Alyssa Fisher pitched seven innings with two strikeouts and two walks.

Angel Auman and Jayden Fore both had a double. Brandi Jensen, Megan Berberich, Angel Auman, Jayden Fore, and Sarah Christensen all had RBIs. The Mustangs Xenia Hillman, Whitney Vam Wert, and Alyssa Fisher all had doubles. Hillman, Tiana Weidenborner, Van Wert, Fisher, and Shanelle Head all had RBIs.

RLC defeated by NF

By: Ethan Vettleson
Red Lake County played Northern Freeze in Red Lake Falls on Thursday, April, 28. The final score was 6-3. The game was scoreless until the third inning when the Freeze scored one run. Then in the fifth inning the Freeze scored four runs and RLC scored three. Then in the final inning the Freeze scored one more run to win 6-3.

Eddie LeFrooth from the Freeze was 2x4 on batting and had two RBIs. Stoeke Spilde was 3x4 on bats including a double. Isaac Mills had a double with one RBI.

Bailey Schmitz from RLC was 4x4 on bats and had three RBIs and also had a double. Josh Casavan from RLC pitched three innings and had five strikes out and let up one run. Mason Hanson pitched two innings and one strike out, and gave up four runs. To finish the game Talon Porter pitched two innings giving up one run.

Staeness, Katelyn Gunnufson each had two. The players who had one RBI were Kylah Sullivan, Alayna Klemetson, and Charlie Lien.

The Titans Hoseth had five innings pitched, 84 pitches, eight strikeouts and three walks. RLCC’s Jensen had four innings pitched, 98 pitches, and had three walks. Sarah Christensen had one inning pitched, 34 pitches, one strikeout, and one walk.

Rebels vs. Gators

By: Katie Pendelton
Red Lake County Rebels lost to Badger/Greenbush-Middle River Gators Tuesday April, 26th in Red Lake Falls. The Gators scored four in the first inning, one in the fifth inning, and one in the sixth inning. The Rebels lost 0-6.

Some highlights for the Gators were Jordan Brandon hitting two for three with two RBIs, and Jack Peppel with a double and one RBI. Rebels highlight was Chase Schmitz who was two for three.

For the Rebels Brandon Klipping pitched six innings and faced 31 batters. Klipping gave up six runs, had six strikes out and five walks. Mason Hanson pitched one inning and faced three batters with one strike out. The winning pitcher was Hunter Gullikson and the losing pitcher was Brandon Klipping.

RLCC Against NCE/UN

By: Nicole Riendeau
The Red Lake County Central softball team played against Norman County East/Ulen-Hitterdal Titans on Tuesday, April 26 at Oklee. The final score was Titans 20-4. RLCC had a 4-0 lead in the first inning with the Titans making 10 runs in the second inning, seven in the third inning and three in the fifth. Brandi Jensen from RLCC had one RBI. Michelle Sundquist, Megan Berberich, and Angel Auman each had two stolen bases. Jensen also had a one steal.

The Titans Laurel Hoseth and Regan Opsahl hit doubles. Hoseth, Kellie Turpin, and Jessica Gall had three RBIs. Regan Opsahl, Mariah

RLC baseball against Fosston

By Seth Paradis
Red Lake County boys’ baseball played in Fosston on Friday, April 22 against the Greyhounds and lost 9-4. No one scored in the first inning. Fosston scored six runs in the second. RLC scored four in the fourth and Greyhounds with two. Neither team scored in the fifth then Fosston scored one in the sixth for the win.

Mason Hanson pitched for four innings for the Rebels with one strike out and two walks, and Talon Porter pitched two innings with one strike out and two walks. Highlight for Fosston was Dalton Agnes hitting 3x4 with two RBIs.

Plummer Fire Departmen Report

April 22, 2016:
At 04:26 p.m.: A natural vegetation Fire was reported at the 600 Block Central Avenue West, Plummer MN. No injuries were reported. Responding Agencies: Plummer Fire Department, Oklee Ambulance, Red Lake County SO, Otter Tail Power Co.

April 27, 2016:
At 12:20 a.m.: A motor vehicle crash was reported at the 500 Block Central Avenue West, Plummer MN. Injuries were reported. Responding Agencies: Plummer Fire Dept, Oklee Ambulance, TRF Ambulance, RLC Sheriff, MN State Patrol.



RLCC juniors Taylor Bushelle and Ashley Longtin holding their posters they used to run for State Student Council Office.

Mustangs play against Waubun

By: Ana Almeida
The Red Lake County Central Mustangs softball team played in Waubun Tuesday, April 19. The Mustangs lost 16-6 in six innings. In the first and second inning the Mustangs didn't score, in the third inning they scored four runs, in the fourth inning scored two runs and in the last two innings the RLCC team didn't score. Waubun scored one run in the first inning, nothing in the second inning, seven runs in the third inning, three runs in the fourth inning, four in the fifth inning and one more run in the sixth inning.

For the Mustangs, Brandi Jensen pitched five innings with a total of 106 pitches, two strikeouts and four base on balls. Sarah Christensen had a total of eight pitches in one-third inning. For the Waubun team, Vanessa Spry pitched four innings with a total of 97 pitches, four strikeouts and six base on balls. Deondra Jackson pitched two innings and had a total of 34 pitches, four strikeouts and one base on balls.

Highlights for the Mustangs were Jensen with two RBIs and Christensen and Sydnie Gunderson one RBI each. Michelle Sundquist, Megan Berberich and Taylor Bushelle had one stolen base each.

Megan Swedberg, Kaitlyn Haugen and Caitlin McArthur each had a double for the Waubun team. Alexis Heisler had four RBIs. Swedberg and Haugen had three RBIs each. McArthur and Makena Spaeth had one RBI each. Sydnie Bly had three stolen bases and Spaeth, Swedberg and Heisler had one stolen base each.

Mustang softball at Crookston

By: Taylor Klasen
Monday, April 18th Red Lake County Central Mustang softball team lost to Crookston Pirates at Crookston. The first inning Crookston led 1-0, second inning Mustangs scored two leading 2-1, Pirates came back in the third inning leading 7-4. The fourth inning the Pirates remained in the lead with 11-4, fifth inning Pirates led 15-9, and the sixth ended 20-10 with Pirates winning.

Brandi Jensen was 2x4 while batting. Megan Berberich had two RBIs. Jensen, Sydnie

Gunderson, Jayden Fore, Sara Christensen, and Billie Gryskiewicz all had one RBI. Gryskiewicz hit a double. Berberich and Angel Auman both had stolen bases.

For the Pirates, RBIs included Amanda Trandem and Nicole Goosen with four and Jaeden Lizakowski two. Tori Demarais, Brooke Cymbaluk, Macy Strem, and Emma Boll each had one RBI. Nicole Goosen hit a triple. Hitting doubles were Tori Demarais with two, Jaeden Lizakowski, and Amanda Trandem with one each. Strem had two stolen bases and Trandem with one.

Strem had 110 pitches thrown for the Pirates including six strike outs and six walks within six innings. RLCC's Jensen had 114 pitches, five strike outs, and five walks within 5.1 innings.

RLC baseball beats EGF

By: Ethan Vettleson
The Red Lake County baseball team played East Grand Forks on Monday, April 18 in Red Lake Falls. RLC beat EGF 5-4. The first inning both teams scored three runs. It was scoreless until RLC scored one run in the sixth inning. EGF tried to come back in the seventh inning but both teams scored once to have a final of 5-4.

Taylor Kenfield for RLC batted 2x2, had one double and one RBI. Bailey Schmitz hit 2x4 with one double and one RBI. Josh Casavan batted 2x4. For EGF Cole Hammagren batted 2x4 and had one double. Chance Borden had three RBIs and one double.

Drake Englestad pitched three innings with 15 batters faced and let up three runs. Englestad pitched two strike outs and three walks. Brandon Klipping came in to pitch later in the game and pitched four innings. He faced 18 batters and gave up one run. He also had two strike outs and walked two batters.

RLC Defeats Norman County

By: Nicole Riendeau
The Red Lake County Rebels baseball team defeated Norman County 7-5 in Ada on Thursday, April 21. RLC scored one run in the fourth inning, four in the fifth, and two in the ninth. Norman County had four runs in the third inning

and one in the fourth inning. Drake Englestad for the Rebels hit two for five and had one RBI, Bailey Schmitz was three for five including a double and three RBIs, Josh Casavan hit three for four including a double, and Taylor Kenfield had a double with one RBI. Dustin Olson from Norman County was two for five including a double. The losing pitcher for Norman County was Lucas Lindell.

The winning pitcher for RLC was Wyatt Casavan. Casavan had nine innings pitched, 41 batters faced, eight strikeouts, and four walks.

RLCC softball vs BGMR

By Seth Paradis
Red Lake County Central played in Greenbush against Badger-Greenbush-Middle River. The Mustangs lost 21-0 against the Gators on Thursday, April 21. In the first inning the Gators scored three, the second inning Gators scored 11, third inning three, fourth inning four. The Gators hit five doubles including Taylor Becker with two, Abbie Brockhouse, Amy Svir, Rachel Peterson each with one. Makenna Burslie hit a triple and Gracie Gullikson hit two homeruns and four RBIs. Hannah Anderson, Brockhouse, Mekash, Svir, Peterson, and Burslie all had RBIs. Brandi Jensen pitched three innings with one strikeouts and two walks. Sarah Christensen pitched one inning with one strikeouts and three walks.

Sheriff's Report

On 4/27/2016, at approximately 12:15 a.m., a motor vehicle crash was reported in the City of Plummer. A 2006 Ford pickup, driven by Joshua Darrell Haverkamp (29) of Erskine, struck a bridge on the west end of Plummer. Mr. Haverkamp was westbound on Central Ave and his vehicle struck the cement embankment on the southeast side of the bridge that crosses the Clearwater River. Mr. Haverkamp was the only occupant of the vehicle. Red Lake County Deputies, MN State Troopers, the Plummer Fire Department, Oklee Ambulance Service and the Thief River Falls area Ambulance were all called to respond to the scene. Mr. Haverkamp was found outside of his vehicle and he had sustained substantial injuries in the wreck. He was transported to the Sanford ER in TRF and was treated for those injuries. Details of his medical status will not be released, but it appears that he will recover from the injuries sustained in this crash. The vehicle was "totaled". It appears that speed and alcohol were factors of this crash and this incident is still under investigation.

Sheriff Mitch Bernstein

ATTENTION

RED LAKE COUNTY SMALL BUSINESS AND POTENTIAL STARTUP ENTERPRISES

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

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

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

O43-43C (2x/mo.)



RLCC Senior High Choir saw "Beauty and the Beast" at the Chanhassen Theater. Pictured are (standing) Tera Qualley, Shawnee Styles, Dede Walton, Taylor Klasen, Daphney Koralewski, Jocelyn Castaneda, Jade Person, Kara Longtin, Phillip Sorenson, Sara Simon, Erin Jones, Holly Johnsrud, Holly Vettleson, Katie Olson, Kjersten Walton, Jayden Fore, Shelby Gunderson, Brandi Jensen, Miranda Magnell, Jarisa Bailey, Tasha Manning, (kneeling) Billie Jo Gryskiewicz, Nick Plante, Adrien Verbout, Austin Jensen, and Sydney Melby.

Historical Bits



St. Anthony's of Padua Catholic Church was built in 1895 during the pastorate of Father W.T. Roy. The large garden was his handiwork. This photo was in the Red Lake County History book.

Last week's photo was from Omar Sundrud's files of Tom Toulouse and his Dray Service. Omer Boucher sitting on the lumber with Cliff Melby, Tom Melby, Thomas Melby and George Dessellier standing in front.

Wednesday, May 4, 2016

NOTICE OF FILING FOR THE 2016 STATE GENERAL ELECTION

RED LAKE COUNTY, MINNESOTA
MAY 2016

Notice is hereby given that a general election will be held in Red Lake County on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, for the purpose of electing candidates for the offices listed below. The filing period for these offices begins at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 and ends at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 31, 2016. The filing period for presidential elector candidates begins at 9:00 am on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 and ends at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, August 23, 2016, for non-major political party candidates and independent candidates. Note: Filing offices will be closed Monday, May 30, 2016 in observance of Memorial Day. Candidates who will be absent from the state during the filing period and meet the requirements of Minnesota Statutes section 204B.09 Subd. 1A, may arrange to file during the seven days immediately preceding the candidate's absence from the state.

Candidates filing for federal offices must file with the Office of the Secretary of State, State Office Building, Rm.180, 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd, St. Paul, MN 55155-1299. Candidates filing for state and judicial offices file with the Secretary of State, or with the County Auditor of the county in which the candidate resides. The filing location for county offices: County Auditor, 124 Langevin Avenue, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750.

FEDERAL OFFICES

Ten Presidential Electors
One United States Representative for District 7

STATE LEGISLATIVE OFFICES

One State Senator for District 1
One State Representative for District 1B

JUDICIAL OFFICES

One Associate Justice of the Supreme Court for Seat 6 (Incumbent: Hudson)
One Judge of the Court of Appeals for Seat 5 (Incumbent: Bjorkman)
One Judge of the Court of Appeals for Seat 8 (Incumbent: Reilly)
One Judge of the Court of Appeals for Seat 11 (Incumbent: Larkin)
One Judge of the Court of Appeals for Seat 13 – 6th Congressional District (Incumbent: Peterson)
One Judge of the Court of Appeals for Seat 14 – 8th Congressional District (Incumbent: Stauber)
One Judge of the Court of Appeals for Seat 16 (Incumbent: Reyes)
One Judge of the Court of Appeals for Seat 17 (Incumbent: Johnson)
One Judge of the Court of Appeals for Seat 18 (Incumbent: Schellhas)
One Judge of the Court of Appeals for Seat 19 (Incumbent: Connolly)
One Judge Ninth District Court for Seat 2 (Incumbent: Maus)
One Judge Ninth District Court for Seat 8 (Incumbent: Schieferdecker)
One Judge Ninth District Court for Seat 16 (Incumbent: Benshoof)
One Judge Ninth District Court for Seat 17 (Incumbent: Rasmussen)
One Judge Ninth District Court for Seat 20 (Incumbent: Dixon)
One Judge Ninth District Court for Seat 23 (Incumbent: DeMay)

COUNTY OFFICES

One County Commissioner for District 2
One County Commissioner for District 5
One Soil and Water Supervisor for District 3
One Soil and Water Supervisor for District 4
One Soil and Water Supervisor for District 5

Witness my hand and seal this 2nd day of May, 2016, Red Lake Falls, Minneso

Robert Schmitz
Red Lake County Auditor

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

There has been much activity this past weekend. On Friday there was a burning exercise that the Red Lake Falls Fire Department held at Terrebonne on the old St. Anthony church. The church had been condemned by the state and no more gatherings were allowed inside of it, and the weather was taking it's toll on it. So it was decided that the church should be taken down. Fire was the easiest way. At 6pm, on Friday night the fire department did some exercises, going in to stop a fire which is what fire departments do in their regular job. Then they set it on fire in earnest. It took only an hour for it to be consumed and down.

On Saturday the priests of the Diocese of Crookston, Bishop Michael Hoeppner and retired Bishop Victor Balke presided over the installation of a permanent Deacon of the church. Mathew Schmitz of Plummer and of the St. Josephs churches of Red Lake Falls and Brooks was the candidate. Many of his friends from the seminary of St. Meinrads in Indiana also attended. It was a beautiful rite and many people of the area attended, including many of Matt's friends and neighbors.

Congratulations to Arnie and Barb Schmitz of Plummer on the installation of their son Matt into the Diaconate of the Catholic Church. His first homily was done on Sunday in Brooks which also was the First Communion Sunday in Brooks. His homily was right on the button and those young boys were rapt in attention to Matt's words. He talked about making our hearts the home for Jesus. What an honor for those first communicants.

Gloria and AJ Parenteau have now moved to Fosston. Many people helped them make the move, and thanks to them it was a short lived job. How nice to make a move easier for the Parenteauss.

Jerome Novak is in the hospital until Wednesday of this week, and has been since Friday. Reinette Walter and Genny Vonasek visited him over the weekend.

Cindy and Del Determan, and Jess Determan attended the installation of Matt Schmitz to Deacon at Red Lake Falls on Saturday. Many others attended as well from the Brooks community. This is one time I can say the town and surrounding towns supported Matt together.

Clarence and Diane Gagner went to Fergus Falls on Friday and Saturday. They visited and helped Tim and Brenda Gagner, who are preparing for a wedding this summer. Clarence and Diane returned home late Saturday night.

We live in a unique town and area. We have noticed that when something great happens everyone gets on board to help make that celebration better and attends the event with good wishes. When something bad happens, those same people get on board to make that event feel a bit better because of their concern. I ran into a couple at the Church in Red Lake Falls on Saturday. I told them how happy I was to see them there, and they said they came because of Matt. He grew up in their town. They were happy of his accomplishment and they supported him. It is unique to have this care, compassion, and graciousness in a town these days. The people of the week are the people of our nearby towns who come to help celebrate or mourn, or support a cause. You all are so very much appreciated.

Have a great week. Looks like the weather is going to be very good all week



This was an interesting photo taken by Barb Novak who pointed out there looks like a lady walking down the steps of the church. Do you see her reaching skyward?

Oklee Herald Early Files

Seventy Years Ago May 9, 1946

Billie, four year old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Turgeon of Oklee, suffered a broken left elbow, Thursday of last week. One of his brothers was giving the boy a ride on a bicycle when the vehicle tipped.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Whalen are the proud parents of a baby girl born Thursday, May 2nd.

Red Lake County will receive \$12,000 for state aid roads and \$52,000 for county aid roads as its regular allotments from the 1946 state road and bridge fund.

Citizens of Oklee are hereby requested to clean up thoroughly all yards, vaults, and cesspools, also sheds and barns containing manure, on or before Saturday, May 25, 1946.

Sixty Years Ago May 3, 1956

Evelyn Eskeli heads the 1965 graduates at Pershing High School in Plummer as Valdictorian and Carol Leining is Salutatorian.

Pvt. Delano Halvorson returned home from Germany where he had been stationed for some time. He got his discharge at Fort Sheridan, IL.

Although seeding of small grains has been completed in many southern MN counties, progress of spring field work in this area is slow. Farming operations have been halted because of rain.

Fifty Years Ago April 28, 1966

A daughter, Lisa Marie, was born April 10, to Mr. and Mrs. "Bosie" Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Gunder Vake of Chisholm announce the engagement of their daughter, erlyss, to Larry Grimm, son of Mr. and Mrs. LaVern Grimm. General Charles A. Lindbergh, the famed aviator of Darien, Connecticut, arrived in Red Lake Falls Saturday, April 16, for a visit at the home of his sister. (see photo below)

A blizzard hit the area Monday evening leaving a new layer of snow.

Forty Years Ago May 6, 1976

Honor students named for Oklee's Class of 1976 were Gelene Stolaas, Leona Culkins, Kevin Karel, Vickie Mandt and Suellen Berry.

On Tuesday, May 4th, Lt. Governor Rudy Perpich was in Oklee to present the City with the official Bicentennial flag. The program was emceed by Elmer Hanson, president of the Bicentennial Committee.

Twenty Years Ago May 1, 1996

Outstanding Senior Awards were given to Talia Vettleson for English, Robert Hofstad for Science, Nicole Dudycha for Math, and Maria Austad for History.

Red Lake County Extension Service now promoted on the Internet. Red Lake County

is celebrating their 100th Anniversary and Sharon Weiss, Office Manager, decided that she would like to help advertise thins on the World Wide Web.

On April 26th, Ray Swenson was honored with a retirement party for his 30 years serving as Director at the Oklee Farmers Elevator.

Ten Years Ago May 4, 2006

A Quilt/Trunk Show was held at the Oklee Community Hall sponsored by Oklee Quilting and featuring quilter Gale Melby from McIntosh.

Rydell Refuge had a learning event on April 22nd about bluebirds and how to construct a house in which a bluebird could nest.

Shirley Cyr is a volunteer at RLCC Elementary in the Foster Grandparent program.

Jess and Heidi Determan from Brooks are the New Agassiz Ambassadors for the Red River Valley Emerging Leadership Program.

Jennifer Tougas and Patrick O'Neill along with their parents, Darrell and Sandra Tougas and Les and Cheryl O'Neill, all of Oklee, announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage.



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Consider Layered Residual Herbicides for Waterhemp in Soybeans

We talked about herbicide resistance issues at our winter pesticide applicator workshops. Your first clue of a problem might be a significant weed control failure. Managing resistance means preserving as many weed control options as you can for your farm.

Waterhemp currently seems to be the poster-child for weed resistance issue. We have several other weeds with resistance issues; and for more products than just glyphosate. Waterhemp is a very prolific seed producer. It has male and female flowers on separate plants. This provides a large genetic pool for developing resistance. It has a long emergence season; and frequently outlasts early pre-emergence herbicides. One strategy is to "layer" residual herbicides to extend the control of waterhemp further through the season.

Extension weed science staff, Jeff Gunsolus, Lisa Behnken, Fritz Breitenbach, and Communications Specialist Phyllis Bongard offered the following discussion recently about dealing with waterhemp in soybeans:

Extension researchers evaluated several residual herbicides in single and two-pass applications at Rochester in 2015. These trials included 1-Dual II Magnum (S-metolachlor), 2-Outlook (dimethenamid-P), and 3-Warrant (acetoclor). These were selected because of known effectiveness for controlling waterhemp and flexibility in application and timing. These would likely be used with glyphosate, glufosinate or other products that will control weeds that have already emerged.

Waterhemp at the Rochester site is resistant to Pursuit (imazethapyr). Pursuit was applied in tank mixtures with the pre-emerge herbicides to eliminate other broadleaf weeds in order to effectively measure control of waterhemp.

In July of 2015, weed control evaluations clearly showed that the early season pre-emerge applications did a good job. In Table 1, we can see by

June 26, the single pre-emerge applications were starting to fade; and continued to fade through the growing season – based on July 8 and September 29 declines in % of waterhemp controlled.

The season-long control of "layered" or PRE & POST applications of the residual herbicide persisted through the end of the growing season. By the end of September, waterhemp control was 90 to 95% in the two pass system versus 62 to 81% in the single PRE-emerge application system.

The yield of the layered herbicide treatments was 46 to 51 bushels per acre, while the PRE-only treatments ranged from 32 to 43 bushels per acre – indicating results for better weed control.

I'll add...the goal is to rotate herbicide sites-of-action to minimize risk of developing resistance to herbicides. Note that Dual, Outlook, and Warrant are all Site-of-Action 15 products. All three of these chemistries can be used for corn

too. But using SOA-15 products to deal with waterhemp issues in soybeans and in corn too, would seem contrary to the goal of reducing resistance risk.

The task of identifying a weed control strategy for corn using totally different SOA's than for soybeans is challenging. Finding a separate rotation of SOA's over a 3-4 year crop rotation would be even better. Doing this economically while also controlling a wide spectrum of weeds and not having carryover issues for the next crop adds to the challenge.

Tell your agronomy advisors "Thanks" for their diligent efforts in working work with you on this significant challenge. Do your part by identifying and mapping weed escapes in your fields. This is why some farmers are walking fields and pulling scattered weeds that are missed by other weed control efforts. Some of us are old enough to remember the good old days of "rogueing" fields. Source: Dan Martens, U of M Extension Educator

Table 1. PRE-emerge only and "layered" PRE-emerge and POST-emerge applications of residual herbicides compared at Rochester MN in 2015								
Herbicide Treatment	Rate /Acre	Appl. Time	% Control of Waterhemp by Date					Yield bu/A
			5/27	6/10	6/26	7/8	9/29	
Dual II M	1.5 pt	PRE	99	96	91	85	81	43
Dual II M/ Dual II M	1.5 pt/ 1.0 pt	PRE/ POST	99	98	96	97	95	49
Outlook	18 oz	PRE	99	96	85	73	71	40
Outlook/ Outlook	14 oz/ 10 oz	PRE/ POST	99	98	97	97	94	51
Warrant	1.6 qt	PRE	99	91	82	69	62	32
Warrant/ Warrant	1.6 qt/ 1.6 qt	PRE/ POST	98	95	95	94	90	46

Least Significant Difference 1 1 5 7 7 4
-All PRE treatments included 4 fluid ounces of Pursuit
-PRE application made on 5/5 after planting, POST apps on 6/8
-Waterhemp density on June 8 was 51/sq ft in Pursuit-only check.
-Pursuit-only weedy check yield was 14 bushels per acre.

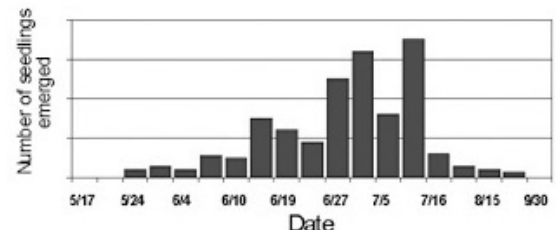


Figure 1. Waterhemp emergence pattern.
Source: Hartzler and Buhler. 1999. Weed Sci. 47:578-584

Who's Dat? / History Bit



Who's Dat?

This week really isn't a who dat, but a history piece that correlates with the Early Files.

Last week's Who's Dat was of Owen and Peggy O'Neill. They lived and farmed where Larry and Jeanie O'Neill live now. The photo was taken in 1960.



Senior Site News and Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

Joke Time

Through the pitch-black night, the captain sees a light dead ahead on a collision with his ship. He sent a signal, "Change your course 10 degrees east."

The light signals back: "Change your course, sir!" Angry, the captain sends, "I'm a navy captain! Change your course sir!"

"I'm a seaman, second class," comes the reply. "Change your course, sir."

Now the captain is furious. "I'm a battleship! I'm not changing course!"

There's one last reply. "I'm a lighthouse. Your call."

It's Sunday and no wind! I have been hoping every day the wind would stop blowing and today is calm. Yesterday it was very windy when I was moving the lawn.

Donald arrived home with the bees last week, I am always happy to have him around as he does so many chores for me. The other morning when I was returning from my early morning walk, I spotted a big bird flying over my house. I decided it must be a hawk, but when I looked again, I realized it was an eagle. Later on I went over to Donald's place and the eagle was still flying around his place. I guess it is a good practice to keep small pets near the house as

DATES to REMEMBER
May 8 - Mother's Day
May 17 - Pot Luck Meal
May 19 - Senior Site Officers Meeting 10 a.m.
May 20 - Birthday Meal

WORDS of WISDOM

Don't expect life's very best if you're not giving it your very best.

A good deed is like a boomerang. In some way it always comes back to the one who threw it.

Plummer News By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

Immanuel Lutheran Church had their Annual Spring Dinner on Sunday the 24th, at the Plummer Community Hall. They served meatballs, mashed potatoes, coleslaw, vegetables, and dinner roll with a nice selection of desserts. The tables were nicely decorated. It was good very good. Since the weather was cool and rainy, the turnout was somewhat less.

On Saturday, Alice Jobe visited her mom, Sylvia Kokowski at Roseau, at the nursing home. They enjoyed dinner and a good visit. While there, Alice called her brother

Allan. He had been to Iowa, Easter week, to sell two quarter horses to a couple of gals that were sisters. He got \$3000 a piece. He still has his Percherons, Snip & Snap and a younger quarter horse.

Recently Merle and Lorna Jesme had come back from Arizona, but went to Rochester to the doctors. Looking forward to visiting with them or Lorna joining us for coffee or lunch sometime.

Jean Carpenter and Alice Jobe visited Jean Matt and Fern Eskeli at Oakland Park nursing home in Thief River

City of Oklee

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differently in the future and the firemen's Fund should have its own account and not be in the City accounts.

Disbursements: The City paid from a monthly statement and did not have the supporting invoices attached to the monthly statement. In addition the balance was past due and a portion of the invoice was paid by another party. The recommendation: the City must have an itemized receipt for all disbursements, only City expenses should be billed to the City, and the City's bills should be paid timely. We recommend the City implement a cash disbursement policy and procedures.

Expenditures: We noted an expense for \$317 for a firemen appreciation dinner. The League of Minnesota Cities has provided some guidance to the City on the expenditure as follows: To have appreciation-style dinners for the fire district employees or volunteers, the fire district would need to include this as part of the compensation/recognition plan for volunteers/employees. The recommendation is that the City implement the guidance provided by the League of Minnesota Cities.

Water Fund: During 2015, the water fund generated a positive cash flow of \$3,099. In 2016, the fund will have approximately \$5,000 in additional debt service payments. Based on the current year' cash flow, the water fund will not have cash sufficient to make the required debt payments. The recommendation is that the City will need to consider increasing revenues and/or reducing expenses in the water fund in order to meet the debt service payments.

There was a motion to accept the audit by Melby, seconded by Bergerson, carried.

Genova asked if he could ask a question of the Brady Martz representative. Genova continues with the question if there was a big problem concerning the city advisor training the city clerk based on all the errors. Genova expressed that the council needs to address this issue. Jackie Cross spoke up stating that Genova was not speaking for her. Bergerson informed Genova that he was not on the agenda because he has only brought personal problems before the council.

The Maintenance report was next with Darrell Tougas reporting on problems at the settling ponds. People are throwing wipes into their toilets and flushing them. The packaging says they are flushable, but they do not break apart and are causing clogs. Troy Peterson was called to help clean away the clog and sand on March 18th.

Tougas recommends the City should hire someone to clean the sewer lines and has gotten quotes from Johnson Jet-Line, a sewer cleaning & pipe inspection service. The first quote is for cleaning and televising approx. 21,932 feet for doing it all in 1 year. To clean or televise the cost is \$14,225.80 at \$0.65 a foot. To do both clean and televise, the

cost estimate is \$23,028.60 at \$1.06 a foot. And a charge of \$500 for each trip would be added. Extras could be for root cutting, tap cutting, lift station cleaning and will be charged at an additional \$300 per hour. They had two other quotes for doing the same services but in a 5 year plan and a 3 year plan. The difference in price is higher with more trips to the City to complete them.

Stack Bros Mechanical Contractors also sent a quote which was \$18,642.20 for cleaning 21,932 feet of 8" PVC pipe and televising of the same footage at \$0.52 per foot for a cost of \$11,404.62. The bid is based on cleaning and televising at least 10,000 feet. In the event the cleaning and televising is less than 10,000 feet, Stack Bros will adjust the price per foot.

Tougas recommends they use Johnson Jet-Line and would like to see the city sewer lines cleaned and the main line should be cleaned every 5 to 10 years.

The plugged line causes stress on the line and the pump broke during this time. Jensen asked if this is budgeted and the general answer was no. Loans from Rural Water may help pay for this.

After some discussion it was decided to research the funds and make plans. Tougas said it is taking him more time to clear the screens his has placed in front of the intakes, at least an hour.

Tougas also reported that the MPCA (Minnesota Pollution Control Agency) is requiring new signage so he would like to order 12 signs at a cost of \$21 each. Council decided to table the cleaning/ televising of the sewer to get more information, but said to order the new signs.

Tougas received an inquiry on getting electricity set up on the north side of the ball fields. RLCC is willing to pay for the electricity and make a donation if the city would allow them to be installed. Motion by Melby, seconded by Jensen to accept \$200 donation, carried.

Tougas also reported that an ad for copies of the Consumer Water Report being available is in the paper. Tougas also reported that signs for the cleanup day and consumer water report availability have been made and hung up around town.

Tracy Hamm came before the Council to ask for a new streetlight on her street. A map showing where the current street lights are located was shown and Hamm said Kelly Brekke, who lives across from Hamm's, that he would allow to have it installed on his property. There is no installment cost to the residents or city as Ottertail owns them, but there will be an additional cost to the city of \$7.00 a month. Melby made the motion, Munt seconded, carried.

Hamm also said there has been issues with two dogs and has called the Sheriff's office because that is the policy in Oklee, and will keep calling.

The last items on the agenda had to do with the Personnel Policy, Tougas' Comp/Overtime corrections and Raises.

Olson had come up with a few more hours than Tougas

had listed and the council didn't want to have discuss this issue anymore. They asked Tougas if the numbers presented and the policy changes were ok with him that were presented that evening, and Tougas said yes, he was satisfied. A motion by Bergerson and seconded by Jensen, motion carried.

A discussion amongst the Council began on raises for Tougas and Cross. Burthwick recommended 2% and Bergerson recommended 3% since they didn't receive a raise last year. Burthwick reminded the Council that the City has a lot of extra expenses coming up and to keep that in consideration. After some more discussion, Munt and Jensen both agreed with Bergerson that 3% was appropriate for a raise and Bergerson made the motion, Jensen seconded for a 3% raise for Tougas and Cross. Motion carried.

The meeting was now done with business and Burthwick asked if anyone in the audience had items they wanted to discuss.

Matthew Genova came before the Council with the question/comment on the recent change of getting on the agenda. He felt the city is blocking the public from being able to address items that are concerns to them.

The Council replied that in order to try and keep things fair to the community, it takes more than one person to deny a person being accepted on the agenda, that is why three signatures are required to be denied.

Genova also brought up a letter left in the the Oklee Herald door proclaiming Genova is a liar by the former Mayor, current Mayor and the Council. And the Council hasn't wanted to address. Genova asked them directly if they thought he was a liar and the mayor and council said no. Genova also found it offensive that a member of the Council had gone online, checking Genova's past and spreading false information. Genova wanted a chance to clear up any misunderstandings about his past. Yes, he was let go by the police department after many years of service due to the fact he made the decision not be a corrupt cop. He was fired because he wouldn't falsify an accident report.

People from the audience also had a questions on the procedure on getting on the agenda, and the form for denial and also why the minutes are not in the paper. Cross said he would get the March minutes in the paper since they have been approved and the Oklee Herald reminded him that the February ones had not been printed either.

The meeting was adjourned by a motion from Melby and seconded by Munt. Carried.

Bonny's Bits...

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Make your plans now...
The Govick Lions Rodeo will start at 6:00 pm both Friday and Saturday nights July 15 and 16. Rodeo will be approximately two hours in length. Parade at 2:00 p.m Saturday.