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...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

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Wednesday, May 11, 2016

Red Lake County Commissioners met

The Red Lake County Commissioners met on April 12th at the Courthouse with all members present.

Chairperson Chuck Simpson asked if there were any additions or changes, and there were none,

County Treasurer Nick Knott came before the board to request permission to place an ad in the paper to hire a person to help out when his assistant is on medical leave and he was also looking for a replacement for her position as she is getting close to retiring. Dave Sorenson made a motion to go forward with the hiring of an assistant for the Treasurers Assistant, John Lerohl seconded, motion carried.

Matt Anderson from the RLC Soil, Water & Conservation office was next to ask the commissioners to approve the permit being issued by the SWCD for work being done by Enbridge on their pipelines. Question asked by the commissioners was about the land they disturb, and the area will be 4 feet wide by 10 feet deep and they will put everything back in place the way it was. Lerohl made the motion with Ron Weiss seconded, motion carried.

The bills were next on the agenda and one question came from Weiss. He had attended a meeting in Dorothy for the natural gas pipeline coming in the area and it was not a normal committee meeting he attends. His question was should he get paid for that meeting. The answer from the auditor is that it is up to the other commissioners, and they said yes. The bills were paid with a motion from Lerohl, seconded by Anthony Flage. Roll call vote, all aye, carried.

Committee reports were given next starting with Weiss who had attended a Tri County Corrections Center (TCCC) meeting. Items discussed was a request from the TCCC for the purchase of a car, per diems paid by other counties for housing prisoners was down this month (\$98,000 this month, usually \$120,000 a month). There is no room for other counties right now is reason for decrease. Also discussed the hiring of 2 psychologist interns for 4 months, it saves money. And inmate phone services is bringing in less money in an effort for inmates to stay in contact with their families and is federally capped, so money from calls has decreased also from around \$45,000 to \$30,000.

Flage was next to report on the Safety meeting he attended. The county has to have a mitigation plan, and talked about tornado shelters. He thought in Oklee, it was the school, Plummer the Church. Flage also mentioned the new Air Ambulance from Roseau but we use Bemidji and Fargo. And he said that April 14th was severe weather week and

there will be two test alerts for tornados on that day.

The other meeting Flage attended was the SWCD (Soil & Water Conservation District) meeting and they have gotten a new pickup and the tree order for this year is approx. 23,000 trees. A grant has been received for \$74,000 and a new Polaris Ranger has been received.

Flage reported that 7 teams from RLCC went to the Envirothon held at the Rydell Refuge. Also a garage (30' x 60') has been built and the SWCD will occupy ½ of the garage, making payments for half of the cost, then leasing /maintenance plan will be put in place. Matt Anderson has been evaluated and a recommendation for a \$1.00 an hour increase was given to Anderson. Linda Mickelson has just finished up reading the Long Lake Camp Essays.

Dave Sorensen reported on the MRCC interactive TV meeting he attended. Discussion on how to draw people in to your county was discussed and Christopher Ingraham was featured. Still discussing AMC and MRCC affiliation and what to do about it. Sorensen had also attended the TCCC meeting.

Lerohl had attended a RDC (Regional Development Corp) meeting and the speaker talked about the corridor and efforts to bring it back. The Senior Link-Age line is manned by nurses or social workers). Revolving funds have too much money sitting in them and need to make more loans.

Lerohl had also attended the RLC Fair Board meeting on March 23rd and it went well. People have been assigned jobs. "Bad Campers" will be the band, raffle tickets have not been order yet, and they are looking for Old Time musicians for Friday night.

The last meeting Lerohl reported on was at ICCC (Inter County Community Council) and there were discussions on many items: Family Services, MNSure, Employment training, Live Well @ Home grant, Head Start, and Weatherization programs.

Chuck Simpson had attended the Fair Board with Lerohl and had nothing to add and no other meetings to report on.

Lerohl added to his report with ICCC that they had received their audit results and the finding were much the same as before.

Minutes were looked over and approved with no changes or additions with a motion by Sorensen and seconded by Flage.

Korky Kleven discussed the Red Lake Corridor project that was started in 2003/04 on the Red Lake River. At that time it didn't go anywhere but it is starting up again and requesting to re-affirm the joint powers agreement by the end of April. Kleven said he would go to the meetings and report on the progress. A motion was made by Sorensen and Lerohl to affirm and continue with the joint powers agreement.

Kleven also reported he had issued the permits for the natural gas pipeline listing three concerns he had. The permit was issued on Friday, April 8th.

Auditor Bob Schmitz commented on an article he had seen in the Star Tribune about the pipeline and what has transpired so far on the Sandpiper.

The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Falge and seconded Lerohl. Carried.

Help STAMP out Hunger

The post offices around the area are participating in the "Stamp Out Hunger" program on Saturday, May 14th. Our local post offices are holding a contest to see which post office could get the most pounds per deliveries.

The people that have post office boxes could drop off food that day at their local post office.

So remember, on Saturday May 14th people can place a bag or bags of nonperishable food items by their mailboxes for the carrier to pick up or they can bring it into their post office that day.



RLCC students competed in Envirothon at Rydell Wildlife Refuge. Standing: Adam Cater, Seth Johnson, Connor Lambert, Ethan Vettleson, Dawson Rystad, Megan Berberich, Ashley Longtin, Kelsey Sirjord, Nikki Schmitz, Brandon Lee, Seth Paradis, Nick Pahlen, Alec Castaneda, Dylan Gustafson, and Asia Davis. Kneeling: Austin Waliser, Alan Nemec, Devin Lambert, Julia Bernstein, Marie Johnson, Sydnie Gunderson, Angel Auman, Natalie Aakhus, Lyndsey Morris, Ana Almeida, Hannah Kolstoe, and Taylor Bushelle. Sitting: Morgan Bushelle and Katherine DeHate.

RLCC Envirothon Team Advances to State

By: Ana Almeida

The 2016 Regional Envirothon competition was held Wednesday, April 27th at the Rydell National Wildlife Refuge near Mentor. Thirty students in grades 9 through 12 from the Red Lake County Central High School participated. They were divided in five teams and supervised by Mr. Steve Strutz.

The current events station was invasive species in the state which is one of the top conservation challenges of our time and a high priority for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. The specie of interest was the Hydrilla. Students go through a total of six stations: Aquatics, Soils, Forestry, Wildlife, Current Issue and an Oral presentation on Hydrilla. On the first five stations they answer a 20-point exam based on that station's topic and then at last they give their 8-9 minute oral presentation.

For the first time a RLCC team advanced to the State Envirothon to be held Monday, May 16 at Lake Bronson State Park. The team of juniors Angel Auman, Kelsie Sirjord, Ashley Longtin, Nikki Schmitz and Megan Berberich came in tied for second place and on the tie breaker came in third place still advancing to state competition.

Juniors Taylor Bushelle and Alec Castaneda, and seniors Austin Waliser,

Devin Lambert and Seth Johnson were another team. Their team received the highest score in the Oral presentation from all the RLCC teams and were just one point away from the overall best presentation.

Other RLCC teams participating were the junior team of Lynsey Morris, Brandon Lee, Dylan Gustafson, Ana Almeida and Natalie Aakhus; sophomore's team including Seth Paradis, Nick Pahlen, Hannah Kolstoe, Ethan Vettleson and freshman Connor Lambert; and the freshmen team of Julia Bernstein, Marie Johnson, Dawson Rystad, Sydnie Gunderson and Adam Cater.

The local sponsors of

this Regional Envirothon competition were Anderson Family Funeral Home, Bejou Community Club, First National Bank of Mahnomen, Mahnomen Rod and Gun Club, Midwest Bank of Waubun, Shooting Star Casino, Snow-Drifters Snowmobile Club, Wambach & Hanson Law Office, WAMO and Wild Rice Watershed District from Mahnomen County; the American Federal Bank of Ada, American Legion #431 Twin Valley, Bennett Houghlum Agency, Centrol Inc., Cliff Hanson, Inc., First National Bank Twin Valley/Mahnomen, Gary State Bank, Kelly's Chrysler, Lee Brothers, Otter Tail, Prairie Dental, Skaurud

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The Minnesota State Envirothon is sponsored by the Minnesota Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts and the Minnesota Association of Conservation District Employees with contributions from many businesses and organizations.



The RLCC freshmen Dawson Rystad, Marie Johnson, Julia Bernstein, Adam Cater, and Sydnie Gunderson discussing information for one of the stations during the Envirothon competition.

USDA Offers New Loans for Portable Farm Storage and Handling Equipment

Portable Equipment Can Help Producers, including Small-Scale and Local Farmers, Get Products to Market Quickly

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will provide a new financing option to help farmers purchase portable storage and handling equipment. Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Val Dolcini and Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) Administrator Elanor Starmer announced changes to the Farm Storage Facility Loan (FSFL) program today during a local and regional food roundtable in Columbus, Ohio. The loans, which now include a smaller microloan option with lower down payments, are designed to help producers, including new, small and mid-sized producers, grow their businesses and markets.

"As more communities reconnect with agriculture, consumer demand is increasing for food produced locally or regionally," said Dolcini. "Portable handling and storage equipment is vital to helping farmers get their products to market more quickly and better maintain product quality, bringing them greater returns. That's why we've added this type of equipment as a new category for our Farm Storage Facility Loan program."

The program also offers a new "microloan" option, which allows applicants seeking less than \$50,000 to qualify for a reduced down payment of five percent and no requirement to provide three years of production history. Farms and ranches of all sizes are eligible. The microloan option is expected to be of particular benefit to smaller farms and ranches, and specialty crop producers who may not have access to commercial storage or on-farm storage after harvest. These producers can invest in equipment like conveyers, scales or refrigeration units and trucks that can store commodities before delivering them to markets. Producers do not need to demonstrate the lack of commercial credit availability to apply.

"Growing high-value crops for local and regional markets is a common entry point for new farmers," said Starmer. "Since they often rent land and have to transport perishable commodities, a loan that can cover mobile coolers or even refrigerated trucks fills an important gap. These producers in turn supply the growing number of food hubs,

farmers markets or stores and restaurants interested in sourcing local food."

Earlier this year, FSA significantly expanded the list of commodities eligible for Farm Storage Facility Loan. Eligible commodities now include aquaculture; floriculture; fruits (including nuts) and vegetables; corn, grain sorghum, rice, oilseeds, oats, wheat, triticale, spelt, buckwheat, lentils, chickpeas, drypeas sugar, peanuts, barley, rye, hay, honey, hops, maple sap, unprocessed meat and poultry, eggs, milk, cheese, butter, yogurt and renewable biomass. FSFL microloans can also be used to finance wash and pack equipment used post-harvest, before a commodity is placed in cold storage.

AMS helps thousands of agricultural food producers and businesses enhance their marketing efforts through a combination of research, technical services and grants. The agency works to improve marketing opportunities for U.S. growers and producers, including those involved in specialty crop production and in the local and regional food

systems. Visit www.ams.usda.gov to learn more about AMS services.

Today's announcement will further advance the efforts of USDA's Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food initiative, which coordinates the Department's work to develop local and regional food systems. USDA is committed to helping farmers, ranchers, and businesses access the growing market for local and regional foods, which was valued at \$12 billion in 2014 according to industry estimates. Under this Administration, USDA has invested more than \$1 billion in more than 40,000 local and regional food businesses and infrastructure projects. More information on how USDA investments are connecting producers with consumers and expanding rural economic opportunities is available in Chapter IV of USDA Results on Medium.

To learn more about Farm Storage Facility Loans, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/pricesupport or contact a local FSA county office. To find your local FSA county office, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

Calendar of Events

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.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards.
-Senior Potluck at Café 5:00 p.m.
Wed, May 18:
-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 19:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Margaret Jacobus
Sun, May 15: 9:00 a.m.
Zion. 10:30 a.m. Salem.
Thu, May 19: 7:00 p.m.
Parish Board meeting.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH OKLEE
Fr. Adam Hamness
Sun, May 15: 7:30 a.m.
Confessions 8:00 a.m. Mass.

BROOKS – RED LAKE FALLS CATHOLIC PARISH
Fr. Bill DeCrans
Sat, May 14: 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph – RLF
Sun, May 15: 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph – Brooks. 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph - RLF.

IMMANUEL–EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Wed, May 11: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation at Parsonage.
Sun, May 15: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Immanuel (C). 10:30 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer (C).
Mon, May 16: 9 a.m. Quilting at Immanuel.
Wed, May 18: 7:00 p.m. Ebenezer WELCA.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Bethany–Ekelund–Faith Interim Pastor Phil Johnson
Sun, May 15: 8:30 a.m. Bethany. 9:45 Ekelund. 11:00 a.m. Faith.
Wed, May 18: 7:30 p.m. GHS Baccalaureate at Comm. Ctr.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive – Nazareth Oak Park – St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseth
Wed, May 11: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School.
Sat, May 14: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School.
Sun, May 15: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri. 9:15 a.m. St. Petri SS; 9:00 a.m. Nazareth Sunday School. 9:45 a.m. Nazareth, 11:00 a.m. Oak Park Confirmation.
Wed, May 18: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School Picnic. 7:00 p.m. Oak Park Ladies Aid.

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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.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, May 11: 6:30 p.m. AWANA and Youth Group.
Thu, May 12: 12:00 p.m. Rotary meeting.
Fri, May 13: 8:00 a.m. Friday School.
Sun, May 15: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.
Tue, May 17: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study. 10:30 a.m. Quilting.
Wed, May 18: 9:30 a.m. Christian Women's Club. 6:30 p.m. AWANA and Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund Sand Valley Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Wed, May 11: 2:00 p.m. Lund WELCA.
Sun, May 15: 9:00 a.m. Lund. 10:30 a.m. Sand Valley.
Wed, May 18: 2:00 p.m. Sand Valley WELCA.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston
Jon Marx, Lead Pastor
Seth Johnson, Assist. Pastor
Sun, May 15: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

May 16 - 20

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: Egg salad sandwich, bacon wildrice soup, dessert, and milk.

Tuesday: BBQ on bun, hash browns, vegetables, dessert and milk.

Wednesday: Cheeseburger on bun, chili, dessert and milk.

Thursday: Roast pork, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetables, dessert and milk.

Friday: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, tossed salad, toast, dessert and milk.

Plummer Fire

Department Report

May 5, 2016:
At 05:13 am: A natural Vegetation Fire, Land management escaped boundaries. (10 Acres) was reported at the 14000 Block of 160th Street SE, Red Lake Falls MN. No injuries were reported. Responding Agencies: Plummer Fire Department, Oklee Ambulance
May 5, 2016:
At 10:10 pm.: A natural Vegetation Fire, road right of way (<1 Acre) was reported at the 24000 Block of Center Street E, Thief River Falls MN. No injuries were reported. Responding Agencies: Plummer Fire Department

IF you are:

High School student between the ages of 16 - 19 years, living in the area and likes working on the computer and taking pictures, this may be the perfect summer job for you!

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Paul Cyr inducted into Wrestling Hall of Fame

Paul Cyr was inducted into the 2016 David Bartelma Wrestling Hall of Fame on April 30, 2016 at a dinner held in Benson, MN.

Cyr attended Oklee High School, participating in football, wrestling and track. He thought he was a basketball player until Coach Bishop arrived in Oklee in the fall of 1970 and convinced him otherwise.

After graduating in 1972, he enrolled at the University of Minnesota—Morris graduating with an education degree in 1978 and then transferred to Bemidji State earning his Master's Degree in Education and finished up at Mankato State with his Principal's Licensure.

Paul began his coaching career at Fertile-Beltrami where he helped set the table for a team that went on to win four Region 8 titles in a row. In 1986, Cyr was hired as a math teacher and wrestling coach at New Richland-Hartland, then became the middle school principal and finally was named high school principal at New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva (NRHEG) where he compiled an impressive record as a wrestling coach as well as a principal.

Paul's career coaching record stands at 445-304-12 with 11 conference titles and four team appearances in the state tournament, placing second in 1999, fourth in 2004, and Consolation Champs in 2005.

THIS WEEK'S DEADLINE FOR NEWS AND ADS IS FRIDAYS AT 12:00 NOON. CONTACT THE RICHARDS AT 218-487-5225

Centennial Recipe Corner

Honey-Lime Marinade for Grilled Chicken
Donna (Jensen) Larson

1/2 cup honey
1/3 cup soy sauce
1/4 cup lime juice
3 to 5 lbs boneless, skinless chicken pieces



Put the first 3 ingredients in a Pyrex (microwaveable) 2-cup liquid measuring cup. Heat in microwave about 30 seconds. Stir to mix and pour over thawed/draind or frozen chicken. (You can do this right in the bag they come in, or put in another container of your choosing.)

Refrigerate until ready to grill -- at least 20 minutes or as long as overnight (you'll want it to be a few hours or overnight if you begin with frozen chicken pieces so the chicken is thawed by grilling time.)

Discard all marinade after removing chicken from it. Grill chicken until done. Use a meat thermometer to make sure you don't overcook it, let sit 10-15 minutes after removing from the grill - before slicing and serving -- so juices can redistribute.

Notes: I always make up more chicken than we are going to eat so I can keep some to chop and put on salads or in enchiladas or casseroles the next day. This is the BEST marinade! I've never had anyone who didn't just love it, and it keeps the chicken SOOOOO tender and moist -- even boneless breast pieces do not get dry! Yum Yum! Enjoy!

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Minnesota's Farmers Lead by Example on Water Quality

Clean water is important to all Minnesotans, especially farmers.

There is a new, voluntary program in Minnesota that recognizes and rewards farmers for leading by example. The Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program began in four pilot sub-watersheds and recently became available to farmers statewide.

The program is an opportunity for farmers to gauge their progress in protecting water quality on their land—trained conservation specialists work with farmers to identify risks to water quality on a crop by crop, field by field basis. Farmers who pursue certification are eligible for priority on-farm financial and technical assistance to treat any risks to water quality found on their farm.

Farmers and landowners who implement and maintain approved farm management practices are certified and are deemed to be following all new water quality rules and laws for 10 years. Certified farmers also receive field signs to show their friends and neighbors how they're caring for Minnesota's waters and can use their certified status in their marketing efforts.

The strength of this program is the fact it's tailored to each farmer's individual operation. This program can help everyone from a small organic farmer to a large conventional crop farmer make improvements that will benefit our waters.

Local conservation professionals are currently working with several hundred farms seeking certification from across the state. To date the program has certified 110 farms, covering more than 64,000 acres, and generating 229 new conservation practices.

It's easy to get started, farmers interested in seeking certification should contact Red Lake County Soil & Water Conservation District at (218) 253-2593 ext. 4, or go to the following websites: www.redlakecountyswdc.org or www.mylandmylegacy.com to learn more.

07-9C

CORNERSTONE VETERINARY SERVICE

will be offering **Spring Vaccinations** for your Dog and Cat in Oklee at the Fire Hall on **May 17, 2016**, from 6:00pm-7:00pm.



Please bring your pet on a leash or in a kennel and bring any records you may have.

Bravecto, Nexgard, Frontline and Heartgard will be available at a much reduced price.

****Free Pet License from the City of Oklee with Registration****

07C

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 a.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**

06-7C



These boys made their First Communion at St. Joseph Church on Sunday

May 1st. The homily was preached by the new Deacon Matt Schmitz who was ordained on Saturday April 30th. The boys are Nathan Altepeter, son of Ryan and Jessica Altepeter, Nicholas Suchy, son of Kristie Suchy, Will Gieseke, son of Randy and Pam Gieseke, and Connor Duden son of Rodney and Jody Duden. Behind them are Deacon Matt Schmitz, and Father Bill DeCrans.

LSS Caregivers Group meets May 12th

The Thief River Falls Caregiver Group will meet on Thursday, May 12th at 10:00 a.m. at the Heritage Senior Center located at 301 E. 4th St, TRF, MN.

The group provides education and support for caregivers and opportunities to share with other caregivers in a confidential setting.

Caregiver Q & A – Answers and Ideas regarding frequently asked caregiver questions. (Please feel free to bring a list of questions for the group to address).

There is no charge. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Jaime Hemphill at 218-850-8616.

This project is made possible in part, under the Federal Older American's Act through a contract with the Land of the Dancing Sky AAA under an Area Plan approved by the Minnesota Board on Aging.

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RLCC Menus

May 16 - 20

Oklee

Mon: Breakfast: Egg, cheese & sausage biscuit, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Chicken Quesadilla, lettuce salad, fresh vegs, fruit, and milk.

Tue: Breakfast: Muffins, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Hamburger (w mayo, cheese, lettuce, pickles), French fries, vegs, fruit, and milk.

Wed: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, fried rice, vegs, fruit, dipping sauce, and milk.

Thu: Breakfast: Bagels with cream cheese, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Taco's in a Bag or soft shell, refried beans, fruit, and milk.

Fri: Breakfast: Bakery roll, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Pulled pork, potato salad, baked beans, chips, fruit, and milk.

Plummer

Mon: Breakfast: Cooks choice, variety of cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Pork fritter, cheesy broccoli, hash browns, strawberry shortcake, and milk.

Tue: Breakfast: Egg patty, sausage, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Crunchy chicken nuggets, baked potato, green beans, buttered bread, fruit, and milk.

Wed: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Creamy tomato soup, Crispitos, salad w/cROUTONS, Ritz Bitz, fruit, and milk.

Thu: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Turkey roast, mashed potatoes, vegetables, fruit, dinner roll, and milk.

Fri: Breakfast: Pancakes, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Super nachos (hamburger, lettuce, tomato, cheese sauce) oven fries, fruit, and milk.

ECFE News

May EFCE Events

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.

RLC loses to Prowlers

By: Ethan Vettleson
Red Lake County baseball team lost to Thief River Falls 5-6. They played in TRF on Friday, April 29. TRF didn't score until the second inning when they scored one run. RLC didn't score until the third inning and scored two runs. In the fourth inning TRF scored two runs. Both teams scored one run in the fifth inning. RLC added two in the sixth inning and TRF two in the seventh inning to finish the game winning 6-5.

Bailey Schmitz from RLC was 2x5 on bats with one RBI and a double. Josh Casavan was 2x3 on bats and had one RBI and two doubles. Kurt Larson was 2x3 on bats. Chase Schmitz pitched the whole game and had eight strike outs with four walks. Schmitz pitched 6 1/3 innings.

For the Prowlers Kade Nelson had one home run and one RBI. Lucas Magnusson was 2x4 on bats including one RBI. Brenden Vigen was 2x3 on bats. Brady Hoffard had two RBIs. Winning pitcher for the Prowlers was Magnusson.

Mustang victory over Lake Park-Audubon

By Seth Paradis
Red Lake County Central softball team came home with the win over Lake Park-Audubon 11-5 on Friday, April 29 in Lake Park. In the first inning RLCC scored one and four in the second inning. Both teams scored five in the third. RLCC scored the final run in the fifth.

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Shelia Gerardy, Joanie Simpson, and Clara Olson were selected as RLCC's Friends of Education. RLCC Education Association co-president Shelly Steva presented the Friends of Education apple awards to them at the Kramer Brown Recognition Dinner.

RLCC recognizes Friends of Education

By: Ana Almeida and Ethan Vettleson

There are many individuals in the community who give of themselves to their local school. Each year these "Friends of Education" are recognized and presented a small token of appreciation. This year the Friends of Education Awards were presented at the Kramer-Brown Recognition Dinner at Quality Inn in Thief River Falls Tuesday, May 3.

Red Lake County Central recognized three individuals at this year's recognition dinner. RLCC High School selected Sheila Gerardy as their Friend of Education. RLCC Elementary School's Friends of Education were Clara Olson and Joanie Simpson.

Gerardy received the honor for her for her hard work over the years with the Sports

Boosters. She finds volunteers, orders supplies and goes to most of the games even long after her children have graduated. She has been known for putting hours and hours into making the food herself for concessions at games when she can't find volunteers. RLCC has chosen Gerardy for dedication to the Boosters and all her hard work for the concessions stands. Many do not have time after work to get food before the games and are hoping that there will be something available at the games. Gerardy and the other volunteers make that possible.

Olson and Simpson were selected as Friends of Education for all they do for the elementary school in Plummer. Olson works with the Math Corp and Simpson works with the Reading Corp. Math and

Reading Corps are part of the Americorps program and are intervention programs that focuses on helping students from the elementary master reading and math foundational skills. The math also helps with number and operations that help get them on track for algebra readiness. Simpson and Olson are paid a small stipend for the program. But nothing close to what they are actually worth, or what they would earn in another position. Both are always willing to help others and give a friendly smile each day.

RLCC is very grateful to these three for their hard work and dedication to the RLCC Schools. Thank you and well done. Each recipient received a Friends of Education apple award as a token of appreciation.



RLCC juniors Angel Auman, Ashley Longtin, Kelsie Sirjord, Nikki Schmitz, Megan Berberich, with their teacher Mr. Steven Strutz (third from left), placed third at the Regional Envirothon competition at Rydell Wildlife Refuge and advanced to state competition at Lake Bronson State Park.

Mustangs Jayden Fore hit a double. Angel Auman and Brandi Jensen each had two RBIs. Michelle Sundquist, Taylor Bushelle, and Sarah Christensen all had one RBI.

For the Raiders Carli Ecker had a double and Carli Raaen a triple. And Paige Hovelson, Raaen each brought in two RBIs and Etta Miosek had one RBI.

Brandi Jensen pitched seven innings with four strikeouts and two walks. For the Raiders Miosek pitched three innings with three strikeouts and four balls and Ecker pitched four innings with one strikeout and one walk.

Three game winning streak

By: Taylor Klasen
Monday, May 2nd Red Lake County Central Mustangs softball team won over Laporte Wildcats at Oklee giving them a three game winning streak. The first inning the Mustangs took the lead, 1-0. Second inning no one scored. Third inning Mustangs were still in the lead, 3-0. Again in the fourth inning no one scored. Fifth inning the Wildcats scored their first run and Mustangs scored two still leaving Mustangs in the lead, 5-1. Sixth inning the Mustangs scored five ending the game 10-1.

For the Mustangs hitting a double was Brandi Jensen

and hitting a triple was Megan Berberich. RBIs included Jensen, Michelle Sundquist, Berberich, and Taylor Bushelle each with one. Sydnie Gunderson, Berberich, and Bushelle each had stolen bases. For the Wildcats Janis Hawk had one RBI. Kalei Kerby had two stolen bases and Brittney Lutgen had one stolen base.

Jensen pitched six innings, gave up one run, struck out three, and walked two. Sarah Christensen pitch one inning and throwing 16 pitches. Christensen struck out one. Kerby pitched 5 2/3 innings for the Wildcats and pitched 108 balls. Kerby gave up 10 runs, struck out four, and walked five. Alex Smith pitched 1/3 innings.

RLC loses to Sacred Heart

By: Katie Pendelton
Red Lake County Rebels played against Sacred Heart Eagles Monday, May 2nd in East Grand Forks. Rebels scored one run in the first inning and two in the first inning. Eagles scored one run in the first inning, three in the second inning, and one in the third inning. The Rebels lost 3-5. For RLC, Drake Engelstad, Mason Hanson, and Kurt Larson all were one for three. Sacred Heart highlights were Brenden Bethe who was two for three and had two RBIs,

and Ryan Holte was one for two and had two RBIs.

Josh Casavan pitched six innings for the Rebels, faced 31 batters, had seven strikes out, and had eight walks. The winning pitcher was Devin Evavold and the losing pitcher was Josh Casavan.

RLC Track & Field against West Marshall Boosters

By: Nicole Riendeau
The Red Lake County Rebels Track & Field Junior High team had a meet with West Marshall Boosters Monday, May 2. The following students from RLC placed at the meet: **Girls "A" Division**
Team finished in fourth place.
100 Hurdles = 1st Place: Makenzie Williams, 18.16
100 Hurdles = 4th Place: Julia Bernstein, 19.47
200 Meter = 1st Place: Julia Bernstein, 29.99
400 Meter = 1st Place: Makenzie Williams, 1:06.90
300 Hurdles = 1st Place: Julia Bernstein, 54.59
High Jump = 1st Place: Makenzie Williams, 4'8"
High Jump = 3rd Place: Julia Bernstein, 4'2"
Girls "B" Division
Team finished in second place.
100 Meter = 1st Place: DJ Bernstein, 14.01
100 Meter = 3rd Place: AJ

Farm Service Agency Update

By Mike Philipp, CED, East Polk/Red Lake Counties

Office Activity Update- Our offices are gearing up for the expected increase in customer traffic during the upcoming months. Activities will include 2016 ARCPLC Enrollment, producers picking up aerial maps, and finally Acreage Certification (July 15th deadline). We generally appreciate an appointment, especially as we get closer to deadlines, but we will always make our best effort to assist walk-ins.

Aerial Maps- During the past few months county FSA offices have been reviewing and updating the aerial maps which are used by producers for certifying their crops and also used as a record of official fields, wetlands, and highly erodible land. Producers and land owners will be notified if there's been any changes to their fields.

With that project complete we are now ready to print the new maps and distribute them for the 2016 crop season. Producers are encouraged to contact the office prior to stopping by so that we can have your maps ready, and we can also email them out if you have access to a color printer. As fields are planted

this spring the maps should be filled in with the crop and planting date and then call for an appointment later this spring when planting is complete so we can get the farm certified. As in the past, farmers will then be provided a copy of the 2016 certification for their records and their crop insurance agent.

2016 ARCPLC

Enrollment- Some producers are still surprised that there is more to do with regards to the farm program decisions they made last year. The good news is that there are no difficult decisions to make for a while, but farm operators still need to "enroll" the farm/s each year by signing another contract at our office. If you have time now please stop by or call because we would like to get as many done as possible before we get really busy with certifying. One idea may be to pick up your maps and get the enrollment done now, then come back to certify when you're done planting. As always if there are any changes to the land you operate or in shares, be sure to bring those in now so that the farm records can be adjusted accordingly. Thank you in advance and have a safe spring.

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.

"On May 11, 1858 Minnesota became the 32nd state. The enabling act for statehood had been passed on February 26 of the previous year, and the state's constitution was written that summer and ratified in October. Full statehood had been held up by southern senators who wanted Kansas to enter the union as a slave state.

Finally approved by Congress, the bill was signed by President James Buchanan. Word of statehood did not reach St. Paul until May 13." This from "The Minnesota Book of Days: An Almanac of State History" compiled by Tony Greiner; a chronological compendium of remarkable and curious events in the history of the North Star State.

This any many other unique and fascinating titles about our state can be found in the Minnesota section of the library, such as "Backroads of Minnesota," your guide to Minnesota's most scenic backroad adventures by Shawn Perich, "Oddball Minnesota," a guide to some really strange places by Jerome Pohlen, and "Lost Minnesota," stories of vanished places by Jack El-Hai.

RLCC loses against East Polk 9-15

By Seth Paradis
Red Lake County Central Mustangs lost 9-15 to East Polk North Stars in a softball game played Tuesday, May 3 at Win-E-Mac. In the first inning the Mustangs were leading 5-3. In the second inning the North Stars brought in eight runs and brought in two more in the fourth. Both teams scored one in the fifth. The North Stars scored one in the sixth and the Mustangs scored three in the seventh.

For the Mustangs Brandi Jensen hit a double, and Billie Gyskiewicz hit a triple. Gyskiewicz had three RBIs, Jensen had two RBIs and Sarah Christensen had one RBI.

For the North Stars, Anne Weik hit a home run and had four RBIs. Tanya Bring and Hannah Paulson each had two RBIs. Jaclyn Hubbard, Morgan Wilson, and Rebecca Olson all had one RBI.

Brandi Jensen pitched four innings for the Mustangs with two strikeouts and two walks. Sarah Christensen pitched three innings and had three strikeouts and five walks. Mckinsey Rosendahl for the North Stars pitched seven innings and had eight strikeouts and four walks.

Jensen, Michelle Sundquist and Angel Auman all had stolen bases for the Mustangs. For East Polk Jen Non, Bring, Weik, Paulson, Rosendahl, and Mckinsey Fuller all had stolen bases.

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.

Oklee Herald Early Files

Seventy Years Ago May 16, 1946

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Falardeau of Coleraine are the proud parents of a baby boy born Monday, May 13. He has been named Thomas Henry.

Miss Eunice Fore left here Monday for Grand Forks to resume her nurse's training after a visit with her mother, Mrs. Myrtle Fore.

President Truman has signed an emergency law extending the draft regulation to July 1. It is expected that youths must continue to register on their 18th birthday.

Sixty Years Ago May 10, 1956

Mrs. Tom Plante entertained Friday evening for supper Mrs. Wm. LaVoi Sr., Miss Patsy Senjun and Sharon and Teddy Ann Neisett, all of Fosston.

A three-act hillbilly play and fashion show which men will model lady's style creations will highlight the stage of a Bobcat Lodge carnival to be held here Tuesday night.

Construction of an all steel Quonset type building to be used for grain storage is underway at the Plummer elevator.

Fifty Years Ago May 5, 1966

Delton Sebenaler, who has been an assistant at the Oklee Creamery for 11 years will assume the management of the firm June 1st, when the

resignation of Otto Bakken becomes effective.

Red Lake County's population in the past five years has gone up by 703 persons or 12.1 percent. In the same period, Pennington County lost 555 person of 4.5 percent.

Continued with cold temperatures with rain and snow during the past week retarded field work in the northern two thirds of the state.

Forty Years Ago May 6, 1976

Members of Oak Park Congregation gathered on May 2nd for ground breaking ceremonies for their new church. The old church burned down last June and construction of the new one is to begin soon.

Mayor Alvin Jensen notified the Oklee Herald that the City Council has finalized plans to plot out lots on the land that is now the golf course.

Girls Stater has been chosen by the Plummer American Legion Auxiliary: Nancy Qualley and Laurie Heden.

Thirty Years Ago May 7, 1986

Norby Kaiser (formerly of Oklee) and wife Terri of Congress, AZ announced the birth of a son, born may 2nd. He was named Kody Jack.

Two businesses were

vandalized in the early hours of April 30th. The Oklee Municipal Liquor Store and the Greens Galore Greenhouse.

Maurice and Alma Lillo recently celebrated their 50th anniversary at a reception hosted by their seven sons and families.

Twenty Years Ago May 8, 1996

On April 12th, twin sisters, Dorothy (Morrisette) Bolin and Doris (Morrisette) Asselin celebrated their 80th birthday.

Poppy poster winners awarded this year by the Oklee American Legion Auxiliary were Andy Swenson (1st place), Christopher Hamm (2nd place), and Linette Lundeen (3rd place). All 3rd grade students at Oklee school.

Hannah Anderson (96) and Evelyn Gibeau (92) were recognized on April 24th for the volunteer work at the Senior Site.

Ten Years Ago May 11, 2006

An open house at the First Care Clinic will be held later this week. Stop by and visit with the providers Shelley Wahlin-Quinlan, Deb Severson, Patty Richter, and Nan Vobr.

RLCC Graduation is scheduled for May 19th and the top four ranking students in the senior class are Danielle Olson, Kayla Bachand, Betsy Winkler and Angela Paquin.

Senior Site News and Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

Mother's Day was great. Don took his employee and me out for dinner. The weather was great and the sun was in full agreement with the day. At the Site we are having a Norwegian day on May 19. There will be lots of goodies and coffee.

If anyone wants oranges, Don still has some left. I take a few to my house so stop by and I will give you some, I don't deliver!!! I read in the Grand Forks Herald that Harry Sandeen had passed away. He is the

son of a girl I graduated with at Fosston. Harry had visited with Don in the honey house so I knew him also. He is the – nephew of Milo Sandeen.

Dates to Remember

May 17 - Pot Luck Meal
May 19 - Site Council Meets 10 a.m.

May 19 - Bingo 12:30 p.m.
Norwegian Party following Bingo

May 20 - Birthday Meal

Words of Wisdom

Be an example of excellence.

Plummer News By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

Sean and Amanda Roff and family of Delano, MN were guests of Barb and Anne Schmitz. They came for the ordination to the sacred order of the Diaconate for Matt Schmitz. Matt is Amanda's brother. Many from Brooks and Plummer and also Oklee attended the special Mass and ceremony for Matt on Saturday at St. Joseph's church in Red Lake Falls. Bishop Michael Heoppner was the presider and ordaining Bishop. Many priests from the Crookston Diocese were in attendance. The singing was wonderful and the ceremony was very special. A wonderful dinner was served in the basement following. Matt's classmates from St. Meinrad's Seminary were there as well as Rev. Pater Marshall from St. Meinrad's Seminary.

Tri River Pioneers met Monday at 8p.m. Vice President Duane Myhre reported the wheat is up, soybeans would be seeded next. Phil Zimpel was a

guest and said the firemen are putting of a 4th of July parade and Fun Run. We were asked if we could have the museum open. It was agreed tentatively to have it open from 9-3 p.m. We may have a tractor display. The firemen need to line up food vendors. Also they will have helicopter touch town on the baseball field – a Medi Lift, I guess.

On Thursday, the Plummer ladies went to the Cozy in Brooks for liver & onions. It was a nice day to get out.

Wednesday, there was a presentation on Minnesota's gangsters past. It was at the McIntosh Community Center and started at 9:30 a.m. Coffee and cookies were served at 9. The presenter was Chad Lewis from Wisconsin. Some of the gangster stories were of John Dillinger, Baby Face Nelson, and the Barker-Karpis gang. This took place during the 20's and 30's. Much of it was

Every small improvement moves you toward success.

Joke Time

After arriving late to the Tower of London and to Buckingham Palace, the tour group finally arrived at Runnymede. The guide announced, "On this very spot, the Magna Carta was signed."

A woman asked, "When was that?"

The guide said, "1215."

"I knew it" said the woman. "We missed it by 15 minutes."

Red Lake County Extension Educator

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Rolling Soybeans: The Good and the Bad

Ground rolling soybean fields prepares the field for harvesting by pushing rocks down into the soil, shattering corn root balls, and smoothing the seedbed. This allows the combine head to be set low to the ground with less risk of picking up damaging rocks, root balls, and dirt. However, land rolling also poses agronomic, economic, and environmental concerns. These include potential plant injury, soil sealing, erosion, and added expense. Understanding the advantages and disadvantages of land rolling will help farmers decide if-- and when-- rolling makes sense.

How Late Can Soybeans Be Rolled?

One of the most important practical questions for farmers is how late can soybeans be rolled without reducing the yield. Rolling is usually done immediately before or after planting, but delays for wet weather or spring workload are common. A three year study by the U M Extension research department determined that soybeans can be safely rolled up to the third trifoliate growth stage, or V 3, when bean plants are about three inches tall. In wet years, stem injuries caused by rolling could make plants more susceptible to soil borne diseases. Rolling at or after V 3 is not recommended because of the greater potential for plant injury, goose necking and lodging. Also, wheel tracks cause more plant damage to emerged soybeans than the rollers themselves.

Soil Issues in Wet Years

The most serious environmental disadvantage of soybean rolling is its effect on soil quality. Rolling crushes surface soil aggregates, increasing the potential for soil sealing, runoff, and erosion. In 2008 a hard rain at some of the research plots about the time of emergence caused ponding on rolled areas in research plots in southwest Minnesota, resulting in a 95% reduction of the stand. The problem was less severe on non-rolled plots resulting in a 46% reduction of stand. To minimize this problem, leaving approximately 40% residue on the field will protect the exposed soil. Standing water between the rows of rolled plots after a moderate

or heavy rains has also been observed in Northern Iowa research fields. This suggests that water infiltration may be slower in rolled fields. Reduced infiltration leads to more surface runoff after rainfall, contributes to soil and nutrient losses and water pollution. Both the University of Minnesota Extension and Iowa State University compared water infiltration in rolled and unrolled fields soon after rolling. Infiltration measurements were reduced on the rolled, poorly drained silty clam loam when the slopes were greater than 6%. Rolled research plots also had an increase in soil movement and phosphate loss.

Rolling increases the risk of both wind and water erosion, especially on susceptible soils or sloping terrain. After rolling, residue may come loose from the soil, reducing the soil conservation benefits of less tillage. There are many reported instances of blowing soil and residue after rolling. In parts of Minnesota, blowing corn residue following rolling can become a significant nuisance. Given a challenge, one can count on farmer ingenuity. One Minnesota farmer has created a between the rows land roller that can be used any time before canopy closure. The advantages of this system over a traditional roller include the following:

* No damage to the soybean plant

* No soil crusting issues before soybean emergence

* Better water infiltration in the row

Summary

The improved harvesting conditions and peace of mind that rolling offers must be balanced with the damaging effects of rolling on soil quality as well as additional expense. If you decide to roll, consider these guidelines:

* Confine rolling to rocky fields and flat fields with low erosion risk

* Roll before plants reach the third trifoliate growth stage, or about 3 inches tall. If you roll after emergence, expect some injury

* If you roll erosion prone fields, roll pre-plant or post emergence, rather than right after planting, when erosion risk is highest

*After emergence, roll in the afternoon, during the heat of the day, when soybeans are limp. Avoid rolling when plants are rigid

* Roll only when field conditions are favorable. To reduce the risk of crusting, don't roll when the soil is moist

* After emergence, avoid rolling when it's windy or plants are damp, because they will stick to the roll and be pulled out of the soil

* Roll carefully when there is little crop residue (<20%). The disadvantages may well outweigh any benefits.

For more information on ground rolling of soybeans; go to the web at www.extension.umn.edu and do a search for "Management Considerations for Rolling Soybean in the Upper Midwest". You can also get in touch with Phil Glogoza, U M Regional Extension Crops Educator by e mail at glogo001@umn.edu to have questions answered.

Source: Phil Glogoza, U M Regional Extension Crops Educator.



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Historical Bits



General Charles A. Lindbergh, the famed aviator of Darien, Connecticut, arrived in Red Lake Falls Saturday, April 16, 1966 for a visit at the home of his sister. The Oklee Historical Society was given a copy of this photo by Ann Healy of Red Lake Falls who was very involved in the area's history. She was a asset to the county & it's history.

entire concert. What fun.

Brianna and Kyle Wanner came from Bismarck to join in with Jess and Heidi Determan to watch the concert and have some down time from the kids.

Colton and Jamie and Kaydence and Camden came to enjoy Mother's Day with Cindy and Del Determan on Sunday. Cindy and Del were taking care of a passal of kids on Sunday. I caught them on Sunday at the Dairy Queen in the evening and Cindy was handling them very well and making sure that they were fed and having fun. Del of course did his part as well. The Dairy Queen was busy and Del was waiting for the food when we walked in. He got to be carry boy for the food while Cindy took care of the kids.

Colton and Jamie Determan went wild mushroom picking and also visited with Marc Parenteau. The kids watched the chipmunks that Marc feeds behind his house. It is like watching a circus. They also took rides on Marc's golf cart which we wonder if the kids or Marc enjoy more.

AJ and Gloria Parenteau

Bonny's Bits...

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An article on UP showed UP in my email inbox this week, and I thought I'd share it with you. UP can be a noun, verb, adjective, adverb, and preposition. This two-letter word in English has more meanings than any other two-letter word. If you were to check, it is listed in the dictionary as an [adv], [prep], [adj], [n] or [v].

It's easy to understand UP, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but consider these things. We wake UP, At a meeting, topics come UP, People speak UP, Incumbent officers are UP for election, It is UP to the secretary to write UP a report, We call UP our friends, You can brighten UP a room, We polish UP the silverware, I warm UP the leftovers and then I clean UP the kitchen, We lock UP the house, People fix UP the old car, My sister always stirs UP trouble.

We line UP for tickets, She works UP an appetite, You think UP excuses.

At other times, this little word gives a concept some special meaning:

To be dressed is one thing but to be dressed UP is special.

And some uses of UP are confusing:

A drain must be opened UP because it is stopped UP. We open UP a store in the morning but we close it UP at night.

To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of UP, look UP the word UP in the dictionary. In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes UP almost

1/4 of the page and can add UP to about thirty definitions.

If you are UP to it, you might try building UP a list of the many ways UP is used.

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USDA Establishes New Partnerships to Link Underserved Farmers to FSA Programs

Minority, Women, New and Beginning, Military Veteran and Urban Producers to Receive Training and Information on Agency Services

The U.S. Department Agriculture (USDA) today announced cooperative agreements with 55 partners to educate farmers and other producers that have been underserved by USDA programs historically about Farm Service Agency (FSA) programs that provide financial, disaster or technical support. Nearly \$2.5 million will go to nonprofits, associations, universities, and foundations that will provide training and information on agricultural best practices, local networking opportunities, and more.

“We’re always working to find new ways for our programs to reach more producers and create more jobs in agriculture,” said FSA Administrator Val Dolcini. “The organizations selected as part of this effort share USDA’s priority of helping more Americans build successful farms and ranches.”

FSA, which solicited applications last fall, received nearly 100 proposals that requested over \$9 million in funding. Cooperative agreements, encompassing more than 28 states, will be between \$20,000 and \$75,000 each and several involve multi-state or national efforts. A list of awardees can be found at www.fsa.usda.gov/outreach.

FSA also announced today that it is accepting proposals for consideration in the second evaluation period. Applications are due no later than July 11, 2016. Projects not selected during the first evaluation period will be reconsidered during the second period. Additional information on the funding solicitation and the related FSA programs can be found at www.grants.gov using reference number USDA-FSA-CA-2016-001. For nonprofits and public institutions of higher education that are considering participation, a recording of the online informational session held with stakeholders is posted on the web at www.fsa.usda.gov/outreach.

USDA is also helping producers find an entry into farming through urban agriculture opportunities and the increasing consumer demand for locally-produced items. Under this Administration, USDA has invested more than \$1 billion in over 40,000 local and regional food businesses

and infrastructure projects. USDA is committed to helping farmers, ranchers, and businesses access the growing market for local and regional foods, which was valued at \$12 billion in 2014 according to industry estimates. More information on how USDA investments are connecting producers with consumers and expanding rural economic opportunities is available in Chapter IV of USDA Results on Medium.

Since 2009, USDA has worked to strengthen and support American agriculture, an industry that supports one in 11 American jobs, provides American consumers with more than 80 percent of the food we consume, ensures that Americans spend less of their paychecks at the grocery store than most people in other countries, and supports markets for homegrown renewable energy and materials. USDA has also provided \$5.6 billion of disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; expanded risk management tools with products like to Whole Farm Revenue Protection; and helped farm businesses grow with \$36 billion in farm credit. USDA has engaged its resources to support a strong next generation of farmers and ranchers by improving access to land and capital; building new markets and market opportunities; extending new conservation opportunities; offering appropriate risk management tools; and increasing our outreach, education, and technical support including 102,000 direct and guaranteed farm operating and ownership loans. USDA has also provided more than 18,000 microloans totaling over \$406 million since the program began in January 2013. Nearly 89 percent of microloans, or more than \$363 million, were used by new, beginning and underserved farmers to grow their farming operations. For more information, visit www.usda.gov/results.

Crossword Solution: TV Families

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Happy-Go-Lucky 4-H Club Meeting

The Happy Go Lucky 4-H Club met Saturday, April 30, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the Brooks Community Center. There were six members, one guest and four parents present.

We played a game of “Look of Death” led by Bailey Culkins.

We had a short business meeting to discuss the upcoming Red Lake County Fair and the many 4-H camps available this summer for different ages.

We watched the MNDOT Adopt A Highway safety video and then cleaned the ditches.

We finished with a delicious pot-luck lunch.

Bailey Culkins, Reporter
Happy Go Lucky 4-H Club



4-H County Ambassador, Tanisha Srnsky, (left) is helping lead the “Color Your Toast” session during “4-H Make It and Take Project Night.”

Youth Participate in 4-H “Make It and Take It” Project Night

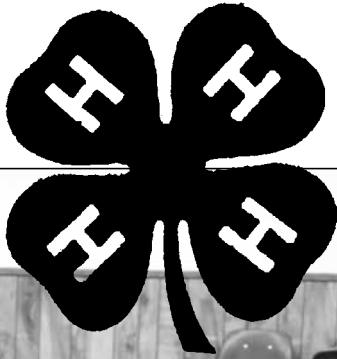
The 4-H “Make It and Take It” Project Night was held on May 3, 2016 at the Community Hall in Red Lake Falls. The projects included: “Doily Dream Catchers, Painted Flower Pots, Color Your Toast, and the Mobile 4-H Pledge. Each youth pre-registered for two projects that they would like to do at the “4-H Make It and Take It” Project Night event. The 4-H Club Volunteers, 4-H Ambassadors, and parents helped out at each of the sessions.

The 4-H Youth Development Program lets kids try new skills and express themselves through fun, hands-on activities. Working on projects helps connect kids with their friends, families, communities, and the world. 4-H helps kids gain confidence and develop life skills that will help them be successful. 4-H welcomes boys, girls, and adults from all backgrounds, no matter where they live. The entire family can join in projects and activities.

For more information about the 4-H Youth Development Program, call the Extension Office at 218-253-2897 or 1-800-770-1244. This project night was sponsored by the Red Lake County 4-H Leader’s Council and the University of Minnesota Extension.



Sarah Quick, 4-H County Ambassador, is helping participant Alice Warne during the 4-H Make It and Take It Project Night.



Septic System Fix-up Program

Polk County Environmental Services has a cost share grant/loan program that is available to property owners in Polk County that have noncompliant septic systems. Funds are made possible through a grant received from the Minnesota Clean Water Legacy Act.

There is a limited amount of funding available and preference for funding will be determined based on income status, condition of existing system, and proximity to priority surface waters. The County will provide a cost share grant/loan contributing 25% of installation cost up to a maximum of \$2,500. The remaining loan will have a .0001% interest rate and will be paid back over a 10 year term. To Qualify Maximum adjusted annual household income cannot exceed:

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Maximum Income	\$41,350	\$47,300	\$53,200	\$59,100	\$63,850	\$68,550	\$73,300	\$78,000

Applicants will be required to pay 10% down if approved. If you are interested in learning more about this great program please call Polk County Planning and Zoning at (218) 281-5700 or you can reach us by email at environmental.svs@co.polk.mn.us. The deadline to apply for the Septic System Fix-Up Program is June 1, 2016. After this date remaining funding will be available on a first come first serve basis.

Also remember that Polk County Planning and Zoning requires building/land use permits for all construction projects throughout the County. If you are planning any building/land use projects please contact planning and zoning prior to construction to see what setbacks and ordinance requirements may apply. More information on building/land use regulations can be found on the Polk County Website at www.co.polk.mn.us under the Environmental Services and Planning and Zoning Department pages.

A Bumper Crop of Pocket Gophers

As I drive around the region, I notice there seems to be a bumper crop of pocket gophers in the road ditches and hay fields. For anyone that produces alfalfa, one is always alert to these pesky critters that fashion dirt mounds creating another layer of difficulty for harvest. If you produce forage crops, the pocket gopher is your enemy.

Pocket gophers are burrowing rodents so named because they have fur-lined pouches outside of their mouth, one on each side of the face. These pockets, which are capable of being turned inside out, are used for carrying food. The forepaws are large-clawed and the lips close behind their large incisors, all marvelous adaptations to their underground existence.

Gophers have small external ears and small eyes. As sight and sound are severely limited, gophers are highly dependent on the sense of touch. The whiskers on their face are very sensitive to touch and assist pocket gophers while traveling about in their dark tunnels. The tail is sparsely haired and also serves as a sensory mechanism guiding gophers' backward movements. The tail is also important in thermoregulation, acting as a radiator.

Pocket gophers feed on plants in three ways: 1) they feed on roots that they encounter when digging; 2) they may go to the surface, venturing only a body length or so from their tunnel opening to feed on aboveground vegetation; and 3) they pull vegetation into their tunnel from below. Pocket gophers eat forbs, grasses, shrubs, and trees.

Alfalfa and dandelions are some of the most preferred and nutritious foods for pocket gophers. Generally, they prefer perennial forbs, but they will also eat annual plants with fleshy underground storage structures. Plains pocket gophers consume primarily grasses, especially those with rhizomes, but they seem to prefer forbs when they are succulent in spring and summer. Wouldn't be nice if they would just eat the quackgrass roots and leave everything else alone -- and didn't make mounds?

Portions of plants consumed also vary seasonally. Gophers utilize above-ground portions of vegetation mostly during the growing season, when the vegetation is green and succulent. Height and density of vegetation at this time of year may also offer protection from predators, reducing the risk of short surface trips. Year-round, however, roots are the major food source. Many trees and shrubs are clipped just above ground level. This occurs principally during winter under snow cover. Seedlings also have their roots clipped by pocket gophers.

Damage caused by gophers includes destruction of underground utility cables and irrigation pipe, direct consumption and smothering of forage by earthen mounds, and change in species composition on rangelands by providing seedbeds (mounds) for invading weeds. Ever wonder why how those nasty weeds get started in the ditches? Gopher mounds are a perfect environment to get thistles started from the seed blowing during the previous summer.

Gophers damage trees by stem girdling and clipping,

root pruning, and possibly root exposure caused by burrowing. Gopher mounds dull and plug sickles when harvesting hay or alfalfa, and soil brought to the surface as mounds is more likely to erode. In irrigated areas, gopher tunnels can channel water runoff, causing loss of surface irrigation water. Gopher tunnels in ditch banks and earthen dams can weaken these structures, causing water loss by seepage and piping through a bank or the complete loss or washout of a canal bank. The presence of gophers also increases the likelihood of badger activity, which can also cause considerable damage.

Pocket gophers raise havoc with their burrowing, feeding and creating dirt mounds in hay fields, CRP and road ditches. Gophers can be a challenge to control; following are several options to control these pesky critters.

Trapping is extremely effective for pocket gopher control in small areas. For effective trapping, the first task is to find the tunnel. The procedure will vary depending on whether traps are set in the main tunnel or in the lateral tunnels.

You may have to experiment with trap type and placement. Some trappers have success leaving tunnels completely open when they set their traps; others, when they place traps in the main, close off the tunnel completely, and when trapping the lateral, close most of the tunnel with sod or cover the hole with a shingle. Traps can be marked above ground with flags and should be anchored with a stake and wire or chain so a predator does not carry off the catch and the trap.

Trapping is most effective when gophers are pushing up new mounds, generally in spring and fall. If a trap is not visited within 48 hours, move it to a new location. Leave traps set in a tunnel system even if you have trapped a gopher in spring and early summer, when gophers are most likely to share their quarters.

Some predator odors have been tested as gopher repellents and show some promise. Commercially available sonic devices are claimed to repel pocket gophers. There is, however, no scientific supporting evidence. The plants known as caper spurge, gopher purge, or mole plant (*Euphorbia lathyris*) and the castor-oil plant (*Ricinus communis*) have been promoted as gopher repellents, but there is no evidence of their effectiveness. In addition, these are not recommended as they are both poisonous to humans and pets.

Several rodenticides currently are federally registered and available for pocket gopher control. The most widely used and evaluated is strychnine alkaloid (0.25 to 0.5% active ingredients) on grain baits. There is some concern that pocket gophers may consume sub-lethal doses of strychnine and then develop bait shyness. Strychnine acts very rapidly and gophers sometimes die within an hour after consuming a lethal dose. If the label has directions for use with a burrow builder machine, then it is a Restricted Use Pesticide. Zinc phosphide (2%) is less effective than strychnine for gopher control. Anticoagulants now are available for pocket gopher control. Currently, the only federally registered products

are chlorophacinone and diphacinone. Before making plans to control this way, but sure to check to see if you need a Private Pesticide Applicator License to purchase these products.

To poison pocket gophers, the bait must be placed in their tunnel systems by hand or by a special machine known as a burrow builder. Underground baiting for pocket gopher control with strychnine presents minimal hazards to non-target wildlife, either by direct consumption of bait or by eating poisoned gophers. Poison bait spilled on the surface of the ground may be hazardous to ground-feeding birds such as mourning doves.

The main drawback to grain baits is their high susceptibility to decomposition in the damp burrows. A new product that contains a grain mixture plus the anticoagulant, diphacinone, in a paraffin block not only increases the bait's effective life, but also makes it possible for more than one gopher to be killed with the same bait. Once the resident gopher ingests the toxicant and dies, it is typical for a neighboring gopher to take over the tunnel system and thus to ingest the still-toxic bait.

Bait can be placed in a burrow system by hand, using a special hand-operated bait dispenser probe, or by making an opening to the burrow system with a probe. Placing bait in the burrow by hand is more time-consuming than either of the probing methods, but there is no doubt that the bait is delivered to the tunnel system.

A variation to the hand probe delivering bait is one that delivers propane and then ignites it in the tunnel. This system offers another level of danger if too much propane is delivered before ignition!

The key to efficient and effective use of these methods is locating the burrow system. The main burrow generally is found 12 to 18 inches away from the plug on the fan-shaped mounds. If you use a trowel or shovel to locate the main burrow, dig 12 to 18 inches away from the plug. When the main burrow is located, place a rounded tablespoon (15 ml) of bait in each direction. Place the bait well into each tunnel system with a long-handled spoon and then block off each tunnel with sod clumps and soil. Bait blocks are also applied in this manner. The reason for closing the burrow is that pocket gophers are attracted to openings in their system with the intent of closing them with soil. Thus, if there is a detectable opening near the placement of poison, the pocket gopher may cover the bait with soil as it plugs the opening. Pocket gophers normally travel all portions of their burrow system during a day.

Mechanical Burrow Builder. The burrow builder delivers bait underground mechanically, so large areas can be economically treated for pocket gopher control. It is tractor-drawn and is available in hydraulically operated units or three-point hitch models.

This information is adapted from Prevention and Control of Wildlife Damage. A publication from University of Nebraska Extension that is available at all of the finer Extension offices. For more information contact me at stordahl@umn.edu or 800-450-2465.

Statepoint Crossword Theme: TV Families

ACROSS

- Type of room
- Pop-ups, e.g.
- Plural of serum
- One up
- Hawaiian wreath
- Pandemonium
- "Frozen" hairdo
- Hold title to
- Like Siberian winters
- Sheep's wool
- *Earl of Grantham's last name
- Modern address
- Close an envelope
- Louisville Slugger
- Cozy corner
- Like directory pages
- *What the "Brady" kids did before our eyes

- "Dark" movie
- Mold a mind
- Jack of all trades' sphere of expertise
- *Kardashian sister
- Purse at the Emmy Awards
- Swedish money
- Smelting waste
- Celt, alternative spelling
- Famous existentialist
- Trend-setting
- Will Ferrell's "Funny or ____"
- *Alice in "the Brady Bunch"
- *Ewing family business in "Dallas"
- *Tim the tool man and family

- *Windy city real ones
- A do-nothing
- Acid
- City on Rhone River
- Literature in metrical form
- To increase, commonly used with "out"
- Monocot's alternative
- Doctrines
- ____ the season ..."
- Like a mountain top

DOWN

- Have a bawl
- Gang land
- And others, for short
- French farewell
- *Like Pritchett clan
- Burn-soothing plant
- Blade drops
- From then on
- Playwright George Bernard ____
- James ____ Jones
- *McGowan, starred as sister in "Charmed"
- Grayish
- Swiss structure
- Thump
- *Marie and Frank Barone's son
- Like an expert
- *Uncle Philip or aunt Vivian
- Ancient market
- Andrea Bocelli, e.g.
- Sounds of amazement
- Onion's kin
- Archaic word for belated
- Round openings
- *Walter or Skyler or Walter Jr.
- Bad impression
- Cormac McCarthy's "The ____"
- Incite
- Arsenal storage
- Organ of balance
- Lets pedestrians go first
- Small body of land
- Hoard like a squirrel
- Cone-shaped quarters
- Fusses
- Original matter
- Not as much
- Lyric poems
- Crazy, slang
- President of Panem
- Glide in Aspen
- Hog haven

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May is Older Americans Month

Sauk Centre, Minnesota – Older Americans Month celebrates older adults as they play growing and increasingly vital roles in communities all across the country. This year's theme, "Blaze a Trail", emphasizes the ways older adults are reinventing themselves through new work and new passions, engaging their communities, and blazing a trail of positive impact on the lives of people of all ages. Experience Works, a national nonprofit organization, dedicates year-round programs and services that are helping them do just that. Its largest program, the U.S. Department of Labor-funded Senior Community Service Employment Program or SCSEP, provides assistance to low-income older adults needing help transitioning back into the workforce. Operating in 30 states and Puerto Rico, including 55 Minnesota counties, participants like 56-year-old Simone Christensen of Fergus Falls, build confidence, update job skills through a wide range of community service opportunities, and access customized training as a stepping stone to employment.

"Older Americans Month is the perfect time to remind Minnesotans that Experience Works is an important community resource for low-

income older adults and their communities – especially in rural areas," says Deb Trygstad, Minnesota State Program Manager for Experience Works. "The SCSEP is a wonderful example of how we help people age with dignity and purpose."

As an Administrative Assistant at Someplace Safe, an organization that provides emergency services and support for victims of violence, and their families Christensen is learning receptionist and secretarial skills for the first time in her life. While she learns valuable skills, Someplace Safe benefits from an expanded workforce that helps meet the increasing need for its services.

The program is available to

people 55 and older who are unemployed and have incomes of \$14,850 per year or less for a family of one; \$20,025 for a family of two. (Call for additional guidelines for more family members.)

Trygstad also wants to connect with public and nonprofit organizations interested in becoming community partners. "Working together is the best way to ensure older adults have the support and resources they need to be successful," she says.

For more information on becoming a community partner, or enrolling in the program, call Experience Works toll-free 1-855-270-9660 or visit www.experienceworks.org.

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A number of years ago, the Red Lake County Fair had a contest called the Back Seat Driver. Do you remember these contestants? Do you remember what year this event took place? Give the Herald a call: 796-5181 or an email: okleeherald@gmail.com with your answers.