

Oklee Precipitation
By Einar Kvasager

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RLCC Graduation on May 27

Red Lake County Central High School graduation will be held on Friday, May 27 at 7:30 pm in the RLCC High School gym. 33 seniors will be graduating this year.

The top three ranked seniors of their class are Holly Vettleson, Devin Lambert, and Samantha Smith. They each will be giving a speech at graduation.

Class of 2016's class colors are royal blue, black, and purple. Class flower is the white chrysanthemum. The class motto is "We're kind of a b16 deal."

At the graduation ceremony, the presentation and the



retiring of the colors will be by the Plummer American Legion Post #623.

The processional "Pomp and Circumstance" by Edward Elgar and the recessional will be played on the piano by Peggy Miller.

Introduction of the Program will be given by the Principal,

Mr. Randall Pederson.

"Take These Wings" by Steve Kupferschmid and Don Besig will be sung by seniors Holly Vettleson, Kjersten Walton, Miranda Magnell, Shawnee Styles, Brandi Jensen, and Taylor Klasen. "Forever Young" as sung by Alphaville, will be sung by members of the Senior Class. The presentation of flowers and class of 2016 video will follow.

Presentation of the Class of 2016 will be done by the Principal Pederson and diplomas presented by the School Board Chairman Matt Kolstoe and Superintendent Mr. James Guetter.

Plummer American Legion selects Girls Staters



Ashley Longtin

The Plummer American Legion Auxiliary Post 623 has selected Ashley Longtin and Taylor Bushelle to attend the 70th Session of the Minnesota Girls State Program. The program will be held June 12-



Taylor Bushelle

18, 2016 at Bethel University located in Arden Hills, MN.

Representatives to Girls State must have completed their Junior year of high school and are selected based their outstanding qualifications

set forth as requirements by the program, as well as their school and community involvement. It is an interactive program teaching Minnesota government on how to form city, county and state government offices. They vote for and carry out elected and appointed positions in government. This program gives participants the experience of living together as self-governing citizens with the privileges, rights, and responsibilities of American citizenship, plus gaining knowledge of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Ashley Longtin, daughter of Lonnie and Michelle Longtin, and Taylor Bushelle, daughter of Jesse and Tiffany Bushelle and Jason and Alex Goodman. Ashley and Taylor are very active in their school, sports and community functions.

More Than \$483,000 of Garden Valley Capital Credits Paid In May

Over 15,700 checks, totaling more than \$483,000, were issued on May 19 to Garden Valley Telephone Company members who had service with the cooperative in 2000 and/or 2015, including over \$35,000 for members with Oklee, Brooks, Gully and Plummer addresses.

Advantages of a Cooperative

More than \$12.6-million of capital credits have been authorized by the Board of Directors for payment to Garden Valley members over the last ten years. Article VII of the cooperative's By-Laws provides that capital credited to members may be retired and paid if the financial condition of the cooperative will not be

impaired.

111th Annual Meeting

Garden Valley's 111th annual membership meeting will be held in the auditorium of the Win-E-Mac Public School near Erskine on Tuesday, June 7, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. and "The WoodPicks" will entertain during registration.

Why I Fly Old Glory

Our flag is a symbol of American endeavor and sacrifice. It is a standard for the beliefs and values Americans cherish. It is the cornerstone of freedom for every citizen.

The American flag is not just a bit of cloth and gold thread. It signifies everything we are and want to become. For more than two hundred years, the American flag has led troops into battle. Many men and women have died to preserve "Old Glory" and the way of life it rep-

resents. And when they were brought home, the flag became their solemn shroud. To the families of our fallen heroes, the American flag is a badge of pride and symbol of our nation's gratitude.

Immigrants see our flag as a banner of freedom. It signifies their dream that they and their children can begin anew...and achieve their true potential...as citizens of a free nation.

Our flag flies proudly. It has been with us in every Great War...as the focal point of unity and support for our troops. What an awesome feeling to go into battle with that symbol of great power and respect!

Days to fly your flag: Mother's Day, Armed Forces Day, and Memorial Day (observed)

on Monday, May 30, 2016. Remember the Flag is half-staffed until noon on Memorial Day. We have Flag Day, Father's Day. In July we have Independence Day, July 4th, National Korean Veteran's Armistice Day.



Let's Go Paddle Down the River

The International Water Institute is holding evening paddle events we are leading in partnership with Wilderness Inquiry June 8-10 in Crookston, TRF, and EGF. Three events are planned.

June 8: Crookston at Central Park from 5:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.

June 9: Thief River Falls at LaFave Beach from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

June 10: East Grand Forks at LaFave Park from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Questions? Contact andy@iwinst.org or 701.429.4518.



Memorial Day Program in Oklee

The Memorial Day Program will be at the RLCC School in Oklee at 9:30 a.m. Monday, May 30th to remember our veterans. The American Legion will lead the program and the American Legion Auxiliary will be serving coffee, lemonade, and bars following. Patriotic music will be provided by members of the RLCC High School choir under the direction of Patti Mickelson.

Anna Lee Woodstrom from Ada, MN will share memories of her days growing up in Germany under the Hitler reign. She has written two books on this interesting topic and is working on another. Mrs. Woodstrom's husband was a member of the US military.

Please join us in remembering those military members who died in the service of our country.

Plummer Memorial Day Program

The Memorial Day Program will be Monday, May 30 at 10:30 a.m. in the Plummer City Park (in case of rain it will be at RLCC Plummer Site). Following the service the Honor Guard will march to the river at the Creamery Bridge for a tribute to those who died at sea. Free will offering lunch will be served at the American Legion Club following the Service.

Memorial Day in the United States

In the United States, Memorial Day is observed on the last Monday of May. It was formerly known as Decoration Day and commemorates all men and women, who have died in military service for the United States. Many people visit cemeteries and memorials on Memorial Day and it is traditionally seen as the start of the summer season.

Flags and Memorial Day

It is traditional to fly the flag of the United States at half-staff at dawn, where it remains at half-staff, only until noon. And people visit cemeteries and memorials, particularly to honor those who have died in military service. Many volunteers place an American flag on each grave in national cemeteries. And in our area, the Veteran's groups place flags on members of the military who served and died while serving.

Memorial Day has become less of an occasion of remembrance. Many people

choose to hold picnics, sports events and family gatherings on this weekend. This day is traditionally seen as the start of the summer season for cultural events. And for the fashion conscious, it was and is still seen as the day that it is acceptable to wear white clothing, particularly shoes from Memorial Day until Labor Day. However, fewer and fewer people follow this rule and many wear white clothing throughout the year.

Memorial Day is a federal holiday. Most government offices are closed, as are schools, businesses and other organizations. Many people see Memorial Day weekend as an opportunity to go on a short vacation or visit family or friends.

History

Memorial Day started as an event to honor Union soldiers, who had died during the American Civil War. It was inspired by the way people in the Southern states honored

their dead. After World War I, it was extended to include all men and women, who died in any war or military action.

Memorial Day was originally known as Decoration Day. The current name for this day did not come into use until after World War II. Decoration Day and then Memorial Day used to be held on May 30, regardless of the day of the week, on which it fell. In 1968, the Uniform Holidays Bill was passed as part of a move to use federal holidays to create three-day weekends. This meant that that, from 1971, Memorial Day holiday has been officially observed on the last Monday in May. However, it took a longer period for all American states to recognize the new date.

Memorial Day is not to be confused with Veterans Day; Memorial Day is a day of remembering the men and women who died while serving, while Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans.

Walk! Bike! Fun! - Bike Safety Training Completed in Warren



As the weather warms, the numbers of bikers and walkers on area streets and sidewalks is increasing. That means it's time to get ready to refresh area educators and city and county personnel on biking and walking safety methods and practices.

Trainers from the Bicycle Alliance of MN, partnered with the Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP), presented a "Walk! Bike! Fun!" curriculum training program May 12 in the Warren, Alvarado, Oslo School district. Area physical education teachers, law enforcement personnel, public health officials and physical activity advocates from throughout northern Minnesota attended.

Their morning was spent in the classroom learning lessons and effective techniques to

teach kids about walking and biking safety. In the afternoon, they headed outside, braving the cold and windy weather, to learn different drills they could use to teach bike safety. They used the Bicycle Alliance bike fleet for the class and then took a 3.5-mile group ride in Warren to put their newly learned skills to good use.

Participants came from several area schools, including WAO, Kittson County Central, Grygla and Red Lake County Central. Staff from the Regional Development Commission, Marshall County Law Enforcement and are public health offices also came. The schools that sent participants now will have access, and may request, use of the Bicycle Alliance's bike fleet.

Upon request, the alliance will bring about 20 bikes that

include all necessary safety equipment to the schools. Those bikes can then be used for up to five days free. The alliance will also pick the bikes up at no charge. Trained educators also now have access to a variety of free resources and technical assistance from the alliance.

The goal of this training was to be able to educate and encourage kids to walk and bike to school and to ensure they are doing it safely. This training, which will now be passed on from educator to student, should ensure that goal is met.

For further information about the Bicycle Alliance of MN and its Walk! Bike! Fun! Curriculum, please contact: Frances Tougas at North Valley Public Health, 218-745-5154; or Laura Dahl at Quin County CHS, 218-874-7845.

Calendar of Events

Wed, May 25:

-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 26:

-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. - Bingo.

Fri, May 27:

-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.

Sat, May 28:

-Support your local business - Shop Locally!
Sun, May 29:
-Worship at the church of your choice.

Mon, May 30:

-Oklee Memorial Day Program 9:30 a.m.
-Plummer Memorial Day Program 10:30 a.m.

Tue, May 31:

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

Wed, June 1:

-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. - Bridge.

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

Thu, June 2:

-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. - Bingo.

Fri, June 3:

-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.

Sat, June 4:

-Support your local business - Shop Locally!

Youth FAS Field Day held May 7th



The graduates of the Youth FAS Field Day - More photos of FAS Field Day inside.

Youth FAS field day was held May 7, 2016 at the Plummer Sportsmens shooting range.

There were 30 youth certified, sponsored by the Plummer Area Sportsman Club and the Red Lake Falls Sportsman Club.

Volunteer instructors from both clubs were on hand to show the youth safe handling of firearms and different hunting scenarios.

DNR CO Tom Hutchins gave a short talk on hunting rules and helped with the outdoor course. The two clubs would like to thank all those who came out to help.

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Margaret Jacobus
Sun, May 29: 9:00 a.m.
Zion. 10:30 a.m. Salem.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH OKLEE
Fr. Adam Hamness
Sun, May 29: 7:30 a.m.
Confessions 8:00 a.m. Mass.

BROOKS – RED LAKE FALLS CATHOLIC PARISH
Fr. Bill DeCrans
Sat, May 28: 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph – RLF
Sun, May 29: 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 29: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Immanuel.
Mon, May 30: 9 a.m. Quilting at Immanuel.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Bethany–Ekelund–Faith Interim Pastor Phil Johnson
Sun, May 29: 8:30 a.m. Bethany. 9:45 Ekelund. 11:00 a.m. Faith.

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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.

Concessions are also available at the South Park sponsored by the Red Lake County Fair Board and TJ's Tavern.

In addition to the many activities, Demonstrations, 4H Awards, and many Contests in town, the Baja races at 2:00 pm at the South Park on June 25th.

A dance with the music of Bad Campers will be the perfect way to end the day after enjoying a day at the fair.

On Sunday, June 26th, a Demolition Derby will be held at 2 p.m. at the South Park. Registration at 11 a.m.

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
Sat, May 28: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.

Sun, May 29: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri. 9:45 a.m. Nazareth. 11:00 a.m. Oak Park.

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

Wed, May 25: 6:30 p.m. AWANA and Youth Group.

Thu, May 26: 12:00 p.m. Rotary meeting.

Fri, May 27: 8:00 a.m. Friday School.

Sun, May 29: 9:30 a.m. Worship.

Tue, May 31: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study. 10:30 a.m. Quilting.

Wed, May 25: 6:30 p.m. AWANA and Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson,
Lay Minister
Sun, May 29: 9:00 a.m. Lund. 10:30 a.m. Sand Valley.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston
Jon Marx, Lead Pastor
Seth Johnson,
Assist. Pastor
Sun, May 29: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship.

Nerissa's Greenhouse

We have doubled our size and now offer Potting Soil, Seed Potatoes, Complete Line of Annuals, Vegetable Plants, Hanging Baskets and Perennials!

Open Every Day 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Starting Saturday, April 30th

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CO Hutchins talks with the group on what to expect if they get stopped by a Conservation Officer (CO) in the field.

Red Lake Falls Library News

Library Hours:
Tue & Wed: Noon - 7:00 pm,
Thu & Fri: Noon - 5:00 pm.
Sat.: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm.

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.

The Summer Reading Program gets underway in Northwest Regional Library branches on June 1. The special kick-off event will be held on Monday, June 6 at 2:00 pm in the RLF branch with a program by magician Jerry Frasier. This summer's

theme is "READ for the WIN" as a tie-in to the 2016 Summer Olympic Games taking place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, this year.

Each Wednesday, from noon to 7 pm, will be "summer reading" day in the Red Lake Falls Library, with special activities, refreshments, free stuff, prize registrations and book displays. Young readers through grade 6 are invited to attend the kick-off, or stop in anytime, to pick up reading-log bookmarks. Each completed reading log earns a t-shirt, plus registration for the grand prize drawing of midway passes to the Pennington County Fair in July, and each additional log completed gets another registration. Read for enjoyment & interest, and "Read for the Win" this summer at the library.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

May 30 – June 3
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: Memorial Day – Closed.

Tuesday: Closed.

Wednesday: Pancake, sausage patty, 1 egg, dessert and milk.

Thursday: Lemon pepper chicken, ½ baked potato, vegetable, dessert and milk.

Friday: Hamburger patty, hash browns, vegetables, dessert and milk.

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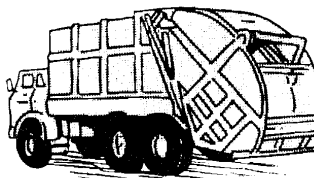
Sandbox fill

The Oklee Activities Club will be once again filling sand boxes. If you need sand in your sandbox, sign up at Oklee Cenex or D & R Grocery.

Oklee & Brooks Residents

Please Note:

Due to the Memorial Day Holiday, garbage will be picked up on Tuesday, May 31st.





Memorial Day



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City of Oklee Minutes

Oklee Board of Appeal & Equalization Oklee Café 5:30 p.m. April 11, 2016

Called to order at 5:45 p.m.
Roll Call: Mayor Burthwick, Melby, Munt and Jensen, Bergerson at 5:55 p.m.

Nancy Amberson (County Assessor), Roger Schmitz (City Assessor) Also present, Cross, Tougas, and Leo Olso, Trecee Bruggerman (Brady Martz), Gale Schmitz and a large public turnout.

Resident Matthew Genova asked why he was still paying property taxes on a property even though the house had burnt down in August 2015, it was explained by Amberson that the assessment was taken when there was a house on the property at the beginning of the year.

It was also stated by Roger Schmitz that this should have been taken care of by the attorneys of the parties involved.

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City of Oklee Regular Council meeting Oklee Café 6:00 p.m. April 11, 2016

Roll Call: Mayor Burthwick, Melby, Munt, Jensen and Bergerson.

Also present, Cross, Tougas, and Leo Olson, Tracee Bruggerman (Brady Martz), Gale Schmitz and Deputy Lovely with a large public turnout.

Jensen's query on check numbers from the previous meeting, it was explained by Schmitz that they were actually electronic payments and this was the reason for the out of sequence check numbers. Motion to accept by Bergerson, seconded by Jensen, motion carried.

Special meeting minutes 6th of April 2016

Motion by Bergerson, seconded by Jensen, motion carried.

Financial Report

Motion to accept the bills by Melby and seconded by Jensen, motion carried.

Bills

Motion to accept the bills by Melby, seconded by Munt, motion carried.

Sheriff's Report

Not present.

Brady Martz

Tracee Bruggerman of Brady Martz gave an overview of the 2015 audit she pointed out where improvement could still be made. There are still some coding errors, far less than previous years, Adjustments within the utility Program should be viewed by a council member. The wrong contractor was awarded the water tower contract, so we should check into procedures for awarding contracts.

It was also pointed out that although the water fund had a positive balance of \$3099 for 2015, that with the up and coming Loan/Bond payment of \$5000 due in 2015, we may have to look into raising more revenue for the water fund.

The Firemen's account was addressed also, Ms. Bruggeman pointed out that as of now it is City monies and the City is not allowed to buy prizes and to fund raise by law. The City also transferred the full budget amount of \$21462.00 as the Rural Fire half was not received until Jan 2016.

The recommendation of taking the Firemen's fund out of City control and handing it over to the Fire relief association which has far more flexibility.

All donations should be accepted

Tri-Valley Public Transportation

To reserve a seat, please call by 3:00 p.m. the day before - 1-800-951-9363. All routes will arrive approximately between 10 and 11 a.m. at the destination. All routes need at least five persons signed up.

Thu, May 26: Bemidji – Winger, Erskine, McIntosh, Fosston, Lengby. *Fargo/Moorhead* – Thief River Falls.

Fri, May 27: Thief River Falls/Seven Clans Casino – Crookston, Fertile, Winger, Erskine, Brooks.

Memorial Day, also known as Decoration Day, originally honored those who fought and died in the Civil War.

This Memorial Day, we as a nation pause to honor all servicemen and women who have given their lives for our country.

The Security State Bank will be closed on Monday, May 30th in observance of Memorial Day.

Congratulations
RED LAKE COUNTY CENTRAL
Class of 2016

by the City Council.

Motion to accept the Audit by Melby seconded by Bergerson, motion carried.

Genova asked if he could ask Bruggerman a question regarding the Audit, he said he thinks he is speaking for everyone and that concerns regarding the City Advisor (Leo Olson) and Derek Cross and does Bruggerman think there is big problem?

Jacqueline Cross stated to Genova that you are not speaking for me.

Maintenance Report

Tougas reported that we had another sewer blockage from the City lift station to the primary pond. Televising Sewer which was requested by the MPCA last year, two quotes 30,046.00 and the second quote of 23,000.

The plans vary from doing the whole town in one go or spacing it out over three years.

Tabled for now, Cross to look into financing options.

New signs for the ponds, as requested by the MPCA, it was noted at our last inspection there was a need for new signs.

The School is getting a batting cage and pitching machine, they have requested use of the City owned lot next to the ball field and use of Electric.

\$200 rental fee for season which will cover all expenses.

Motion by Melby seconded by Jensen, motion carried.

Large item pickup arranged with ads in the paper, it is also posted around Town. The Consumer Water report has been filled in Online.

Street Light

Tracy Hamm requested a street light for Toupin Street close to her house, Cross actually inspected Toupin street and it came to his attention that there is no designated street light on the Street. Cost \$7.00 a month to the City. Cross was also asked to research bright street lights.

Motion to install a new street light by Melby, seconded by Munt, motion carried.

Hamm also mentioned problems with dogs, sheriff's department to deal with it.

Personnel policy

Comp time errors to be corrected and personnel policy now updated to reflect the policy.

Figure agreed by Tougas and the Council have no wish to hear about this again.

Motion by Bergerson, seconded by Jensen, motion carried.

Wage raise

It was agreed after some debate to give Tougas and Cross a 3% pay raise.

Burthwick suggested 2% but after discussion 3% was agreed on.

Motion by Bergerson seconded by Jensen, (motion carried clarified at the May 9th meeting).

The meeting was opened up to the public by Mayor Burthwick.

Genova commented that the new system of blocking the public from commenting and addressing any concerns they might have.

The council responded that three signatures are needed to refuse someone from getting on the agenda, The Mayor or Vice Mayor, a council Member and the City Clerk.

Genova then presented a letter that had been given to the local paper and proceeded to read it out, it basically called Genova a liar by the Mayor and former Mayor and the Council. Genova also found it offensive that a Council Member had looked up Matthew Genova on the internet and found an article about Genova's past.

Genova responded that yes he had been fired because he wouldn't falsify an accident report. Bergerson responded and told Genova he was not on the agenda because he had only brought personal problems to the Council. Genova then told Bergerson, "He should be in jail with the rest of them."

Motion to close the Meeting by Melby seconded by Munt, motion carried.

Meeting closed at 7:25 p.m.

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RLCC 11th graders Megan Berberich, Nikki Schmitz, Kelsie Sirjord, Angel Auman and Ashley Longtin finished in seventh place at the Minnesota State Envirothon competition. They were coached by Mr. Strutz.

RLCC's team places 7th at State Envirothon

By: Ethan Vettleson
Red Lake County Central's junior class State Envirothon team went to the Minnesota State Envirothon contest on Monday, May 16. They came in seventh place out of 24 teams. The team members were Angel Auman, Ashley Longtin, Megan Berberich, Nikki Schmitz, and Kelsie Sirjord. The State Competition took place at Lake Bronson State Park near Lake Bronson, MN.



This event is an outdoor academic competition where students are tested on knowledge of wildlife, aquatics, forestry, soil, and land use. Test questions for each of the five resource stations were prepared by natural resource professionals from various organizations. Students are also required to compose and present a 10 minute oral presentation on a current

events issue which this year was hydrilla. They also had to answer questions from the judges. The State Envirothon is way harder than the Regional competition which includes 20 multiple choice questions. At State there are 25 fill-in-the-blank questions requiring greater knowledge of the subject being tested.

The top three teams were: first place-St. Johns Prep with a score of 121, second place-Frazee, and third place-Hopkins. RLCC's team scored 111 points, only ten points less than the first place team. RLCC's Envirothon coach Mr. Steve Strutz commented this was a very close competition. Congratulations to the RLCC team for taking 7th at State.

The RLCC Envirothon team concentrating at one of the stations at the Minnesota State Envirothon at Lake Bronson held May 16. They placed seventh out of 24 teams.

RLCC End

of the Quarter

By: Ana Almeida
The fourth quarter for the Red Lake County Central High School ends Wednesday, May 25. The Report Cards will be mailed to the families Friday, June 3. The Graduation Ceremony will take place Friday, May 27 at the High School Gym in Oklee at 7:30 pm.

Mustangs lose to Falcons in extra inning

By Seth Paradis
Red Lake County Central Mustangs played in Fertile on May 17 and lost against the Fertile-Beltrami Falcons. Both teams were tied 8-8 at the end of the seventh inning. Fertile scored one run in the eighth inning to win 9-8. In the first two innings the Falcons held the Mustangs scoreless and the Falcons scored three. In the third inning RLCC score three. The Falcons scored two and the Mustangs scored four in the fifth. RLCC scored one in the sixth and the Falcons scored three to tie the game up and go into an extra inning. The Falcons scored one for the win. Megan Berberich hit one double and two triples and had three RBIs for the Mustangs. Sydnie Gunderson, Brandi Jensen, Michelle Sundquist, and Taylor Bushelle each had one RBI. For the Falcons Dana Dufault, Shelby Duckstad, Danielle Dufault, Ginnie Sannes, and Michaela Meine all hit RBIs. Pitcher for the Mustangs was Brandi Jensen who pitched eight innings with four strikeouts and no walks. For the Falcons it was Shelby Duckstad pitching eight innings with five strikeouts and five walks.

RLC Junior High Track & Field at Mahnomen

By: Nicole Riendeau
The Red Lake County Rebels Junior High Track & Field team attended the Mahnomen Jr. High Meet Monday, May 16 in Mahnomen. The following

students from RLC placed in the meet.

Girls "A" Division team finished in sixth place.

100 Hurdles = 1st place: Makenzie Williams, 18.52
100 Hurdles = 3rd place: Julia Bernstein, 19.63
400 Meter = 7th place: Julia Bernstein, 1:10.37
High Jump = 3rd place: Makenzie Williams, 4'4"
High Jump = 3rd place: Julia Bernstein, 4'4"
Shot Put = 7th place: Abby Walton, 17'3"

Girls "B" Division team finished in first place.

100 Meter = 2nd place: DJ Bernstein, 14.01
100 Hurdles = 2nd place: DJ Bernstein, 19.77
100 Hurdles = 3rd place: Sienna Olson, 20.28
200 Meter = 1st place: AJ Jones, 29.20
200 Meter = 6th place: Hollie Knott, 32:37
200 Meter = 7th place: Sienna Olson, 32:68
400 Meter = 1st place: Clara Girdler, 1:07.67
400 Meter = 3rd place: Kjerstin Nelson, 1:10.36
400 Meter = 1st place: AJ Jones, 1:20.16
800 Meter = 2nd place: Clara Girdler, 2:46.86
1600 Meter = 1st place: Clara Girdler, 6:13:95
4x100 Meter Relay = 1st place: AJ Jones, Hollie Knott, Clara Girdler, & DJ Bernstein, 57.52

800 Sprint Medley Meter Relay = 2nd place: Abby Walton, Rylee Ellefson, Sienna Olson, & Kjerstin Nelson, 2:19.71
High Jump = 2nd place: Rylee Ellefson, 3'10"

Long Jump = 1st place: AJ Jones, 12'10 1/4"
Long Jump = 2nd place: Clara Girdler, 12'5 3/4"

Long Jump = 3rd place: DJ Bernstein, 12'3"

Shot Put = 5th place: Hollie Knott, 19'3"

Discus = 1st place: Hollie Knott, 68'4"

Discus = 7th place: Sienna Olson, 51'8"

Boys "A" Division team finished in fourth place.

100 Hurdles = 2nd place: Connor Lambert, 15.55
200 Meter = 3rd place: Chris Longtin, 26.63

400 Meter = 2nd place: Connor Lambert, 59.96

800 Meter = 1st place: Chris Longtin, 2:21.44

800 Meter = 5th place: Isaac Eskeli, 3:13.60

1600 Meter = 1st place: Chris Longtin, 5:23.40

1600 Meter = 7th place: Isaac Eskeli, 6:16.61

Long Jump = 1st place: Connor Lambert, 17'1"

Long Jump = 4th place: Chris Longtin, 15'4"

Boys "B" Division team finished in fourth place.

100 Meter = 1st place: Tristyn Ferguson, 12.71

200 Meter = 2nd place: Britain Arlt, 29.01

400 Meter = 1st place: Britain Arlt, 1:06.15

800 Sprint Medley Meter Relay = 2nd place: Britain Arlt, Lane Renner, Tristyn Ferguson, & Isaiah Olson, 2:13.34

Long Jump = 8th place: Britain Arlt, 12'5"

Shot Put = 1st place: Tristyn Ferguson, 33'1"

Shot Put = 6th place: Isaiah Olson, 27'2"

Shot Put = 8th place: Lane Renner, 22'7"

Discus = 2nd place: Tristyn Ferguson, 88'2"

Discus = 4th place: Lane Renner, 73'9"

Discus = 8th place: George Duden, 58'0"

Eagles beat Mustangs

By Ethan Vettleson

Red Lake County Central Mustangs lost to Sacred Heart Eagles in a softball game held on Monday, May 16 in East Grand Forks. The Eagles scored four runs in the first inning. The Mustangs didn't score until the third inning when they scored one run. The Eagles scored two runs in fifth inning and the Mustangs scored two in the sixth. The Eagles scored another three runs in the seventh to put the final score Eagles 9, Mustangs 3.

Brandi Jensen from the Mustangs had one RBI. Angel Auman had three stolen bases. From the Eagles Ayla Edwards, Hannah Reimer, Michele Remer, Anna Koponen, and Jocelyn Adolphson all hit a double. Remer had a stolen base and a RBI. Lilly Bergman had three RBIs, Koponen had two RBIs, and Adolphson two RBIs.

Rebels-14, Titans-4

By: Katie Pendelton

Red Lake County Rebels hosted a baseball game against Norman County East-Ulen-Hitterdal Titans Friday, May 13th. The Rebels scored five in the first inning, two in the second, three in the third, and four in the fourth. The Titans scored one in the first inning and three in the fifth inning. The Rebels won 14-4.

Highlights for the Rebels were Taylor Kenfield who was two for three with one double; Drake Engelstad was two for four; Bailey Schmitz was two for four and three RBIs; Josh Casavan was two for two, had two RBIs and a double; Chase Schmitz was two for three, had two RBIs and a double; Mason Hanson was three for three and two RBIs; and Matt Vettleson was two for two.

For the Titans, Zepher Resnick was two for two and Tate Maesee had two RBIs.

Josh Casavan pitched four innings, faced 16 batters, and had four strikeouts. Drake Engelstad pitched one inning, faced seven batters, gave up three runs, and had two strikeouts. The winning pitcher was Josh Casavan and

the losing pitcher was Cody Peterick.

RLCC Mustangs

beat Bagley Flyers

By: Ana Almeida

The Red Lake County Central Mustangs softball team played in Bagley Friday, May 13. Despite Bagley's Faith Broten hitting a grand slam homerun, Mustangs still defeated the Flyers 26-8. In the first inning each team scored one run while in the second inning both didn't score. In the third inning RLCC scored five runs and Bagley scored three. In the fourth inning the Mustangs scored 11 more runs while the Flyers scored two. In the fifth and last inning, RLCC added nine more points to the scoreboard and Bagley two more.

Brandi Jensen pitched the whole five innings for the Mustangs having a total of 80 pitches, eight runs scored, three strikeouts and one walk. For the Flyers Cori Bonik pitched 3 2/3 innings having a total of 97 pitches, 12 runs scored, three strikeouts and three walks. Faith Broten and Bailey Nepean also pitched for

the Flyers. Broten pitched 1/3 of an inning having 52 pitches total, 11 runs scored and seven walks. Nepean pitched in an inning with 32 pitches, gave up three runs and walked three.

For the Mustangs, Billie Gryskiewicz was 4x5 including a triple, had five RBIs and two stolen bases. Jensen hit two doubles while batting 3x5 and had two RBIs. Sydnie Gunderson and Jayden Fore had two RBIs each. Berberich and Taylor Bushelle had one RBI each. Berberich had seven stolen bases. Angel Auman and Jayden Fore had five stolen bases each. Gunderson and Michelle Sundquist had four stolen bases each. Sarah Christensen had three stolen bases and Bushelle had two.

For the Flyers, Marissa Olson, Breanna Nelson and Emiley Iverson each hit a double. Nelson also hit a triple. Broten had four RBIs, Iverson had two RBIs, and Olson and Breanna Bellefy had each one RBI. Bellefy was 3x3 and had two stolen bases. Aleah Nelson, McKinzie Halvorson, Bonik and Lauren Trent-Thibert each had one stolen base.



RLCC April Students of the Month with their nominating teachers, Ms. Jessie Hamrum, sophomore Katie Olson, seventh grader Kia Bachand and Mr. Kory Baril.

RLCC April Students of the Month

By: Ana Almeida

The Students of the Month for April were announced Friday, May 6 at Red Lake County Central. The Junior High student nominated by Mr. Kory Baril was seventh grader Kia Bachand. The Senior High student nominated by Ms. Jessie Hamrum was sophomore Katie Olson.

According to Mr. Baril, Bachand was nominated for her hard work in and outside of class. She also was nominated for the fact that she has not had one late or missing assignment

all year long and the material she turns in is very well done and that she manages to do this while participating in three sports: volleyball, basketball and softball. Bachand is 13 years old, a seventh grader and daughter of Jeff and Jodi Bachand. She has two siblings, Cade and Cari Bachand. She was involved in volleyball, basketball and softball, and she enjoys hanging out with friends and family in her free time.

Olson was nominated for being a "great and kind

student, taking online classes as a sophomore and putting a lot of effort in all classes including writing really good 4-squares," according to Ms. Hamrum. Olson is 16 years old, a sophomore and daughter of Steven and Karen Olson. She has four siblings: Corey, Nick and Jacob Olson, and Andrea and her husband Joe Larson. She was involved in Knowledge Bowl, band and choir and enjoys reading, baking, gardening and going for walks in her free time.



Mr. Steve Strutz nominated Angel Auman for RLCC May Senior High Student of the Month. Karena Melby was nominated by Mrs. Patty Mickelson for Junior High Student of the Month.

May Students of the Month

By: Ana Almeida

The Red Lake County Central Students of the Month for May were recognized Friday, May 6 along with the April students. The Junior High student was Karena Melby nominated by Mrs. Patty Mickelson. The Senior High student nominated by Mr. Steve Strutz was Angel Auman.

While presenting the honor, Mrs. Mickelson said that Melby excels academically and is involved in many different activities. The student is very conscious in class, works hard to succeed at new challenges, and is respectful and friendly to others. "I have the privilege

of opportunities to not only to have students in the classroom but in other settings as well, away from school. This student likes to have fun and will join in on any crazy song or game thrown at her, but is also willing to step in and be a leader and inclusive to everyone," Mrs. Mickelson also said. Melby is 13 years old, currently in seventh grade and daughter of Isaac and Marcella Melby and has a sister Sydney Melby. She was involved in volleyball, basketball and softball and enjoys playing with her cat and hanging out with friends in her free time. Auman was presented as a

hard-working student who is not afraid of challenges. Mr. Strutz also added that she, as a participant of Envirothon, took over the hardest section of the competition (soils) and it was the highest scored station of her team that advanced to State. Auman is 17 years old, currently a junior and daughter of Antoniette McPherson and Steven McPherson and has a brother Ric Ven Anthony Auman. She is involved in softball, Minnesota Honor Society and Envirothon and enjoys sketching, painting and surfing the internet in her free time.



RLCC Junior High Choir enthusiastically sang “Fresh Prince of Bel Air” during the Battle of the Choirs.



Each year RLCC music program participates in Battle of the Choirs. Singing “Eye of the Tiger” is the Senior High Choir, winner of the battle.



Both bands played “Twist and Shout” during the Battle of the Bands. Pictured is the Junior High Band.



Senior high band won the battle of the bands between RLCC’s Junior and Senior High bands.

2015-2016 RLCC Physics Class Trip



RLCC Physics and Pre-Calc Classes at Valley Fair: (Back) Devin Lambert, Cade Bachand, Seth Johnson, Kyler Fluharty, Wyatt Waldal, Austin Waliser, Marcus Christensen, Mr. Bryan Paskvan, Chase Whalen, and Mr. Mike Illies. (Front) Shelby Haugen, Taylor Klasen, Morgan Bushelle, Kayla Olson, Sami Smith, Asia Davis, Holly Vettleson, and Kjersten Walton.

By: Taylor Klasen
Tuesday, May 17th the Red Lake County Central Physics and Pre-Calculus classes went to Valley Fair at Shakopee, MN. Leaving early in the morning the class joined up with Fosston Physics class and went on their way. While there they would have to get in a group and do a packet on

many types of information like velocity, potential energy, etc. Remaining amount of time the class enjoyed the rides at Valley Fair. Marcus Christensen and Chase Agnes were from the Physics class. Shelby Haugen, Devin Lambert, Taylor Klasen, Cade Bachand, Morgan Bushelle, Seth Johnson, Kayla Olson,

Sami Smith, Wyatt Waldal, Asia Davis, Austin Waliser, Holly Vettleson, Kjersten Walton, and Chase Agnes who was also in the Pre-Calc class. Kyler Fluharty also came along. Mr. Illies, Physics teacher and Mr. Paskvan, Pre-Calc teacher also accompanied them.



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Wind Speeds & Pesticide Applications

The speed of the wind is that moment in time when YOU measure it with an accurate anemometer and record it. Furthermore, that speed is relevant only for the location and that in time where YOU measure it.

As a pesticide applicator you want to know what the speed is when and where YOU are making the application. Without that data, complying with the pesticide label is problematic. Furthermore, it does not matter what the speed is anywhere else-only what the wind speed is in the field where YOU are applying the pesticide. Too often, in haste, applicators rely on television, radio or an internet report from a remote sensing station near the spray site. The problem is, these reports may not be in real time and may be many miles away from where you are spraying. More important, the placement of the anemometer at a remote location may be at extreme variance to what is relevant in the field you are wanting to spray.

Placement counts:
* If, in the example above, you hear on the radio station the wind speed is X in Fargo, you will be getting a reading from the top of a 33’ pole at Hector International Airport. Clearly, the wind speed will be much different (likely higher) than at spray boom height.

* How about using an NDSU NDAWN remote station 10 miles from your field. Nope, NDAWN reports wind at 10’, which, with the exception of airplanes, is about five to eight feet above application height. Again the wind speed would likely be different where you are spraying.

* How about using your shop or home weather station? This would not be a good choice because of calibration issues. Especially because people often put the anemometer on locations well above application height. Furthermore, gauges, machine buildings, shelter trees, and grain bins can have a major impact on wind speed.

So, we have established there are issues with relying on off-site information. How about taking the measurement in the field? THAT IS THE BEST CHOICE! Even so, be careful when taking readings:

* Unfortunately, if you

use a simple analog and ball tuber gauge, you will likely have an accuracy problem because dirt in the tube and more often than not, improperly holding it in the wind.

* If you have a nice KESTREL GAUGE, it will work very well if it is held correctly into the wind. But if you take the measurement from the top of a high clearance sprayer, or behind a water truck, or along-side of a shelter belt, you will likely get a reading that will not be indicative of what is impacting the spray droplet at application height.

Best advice on determining wind speed for spraying is:

* Use off site reports as a general indicator and for planning purposes, but do not use them as a substitute for measuring the wind in the field you are going to spray.

* You get what you pay for. Buy and use a good digital anemometer. Plan to spend a least \$80 and if you want all the bells and whistles, spend \$300 plus. Handle the device with care, protect it from damage, and keep spare batteries.

* Measure wind speed at application height (18 to 24 inches above the target).

* Location matters. Avoid taking readings at a location that will be artificially impacted by objects, like the sprayer, a truck or a tree.

* Take readings hourly and record them hourly.

* Use YOUR anemometer. A device that is in a tool box or on the seat of a truck that is not being used is worse than not having one at all!

Finally, where you take a wind measurement may be dictated by the pesticide labeling. Below is a sample statement:

“For all aerial non-aerial applications, wind speed must be measured adjacent to the application site, on the upwind side, immediately prior to the application”. If you encounter this statement or something similar, follow the instructions and note the location in your records. For more detailed information or to have questions answered; you can contact Andrew Thostenson, NDSU Extension Pesticide Specialist by e mail at andrewthostenson@ndsu.edu.

Source: Andrew Thostenson, NDSU Extension Specialist

RLC defeats Kittson County Central 1-0

By: Nicole Riendeau
Red Lake County boys’ baseball defeated Kittson County Central Tuesday, May 17 in Red Lake Falls. The teams were scoreless until the Rebels had one run in the third inning which was the only run for the game. The Rebels won 1-0.

RLC’s winning pitcher was Chase Schmitz and KCC’s losing pitcher was Dylan Olsonawski. Schmitz pitched seven innings facing 25 batters with seven strikeouts and three walks.

For the Rebels, Bailey Schmitz hit two for three and Brandon Klipping was one for two with a run.

RLF Summer Reading Program and TumbleBooks

By: Katie Pendelton
Red Lake Falls Public Library will be having a Summer Reading Program June 1st through July 15th. They will be hosting a Kick-off event Monday, June 6th at 2:00 pm which will feature Magician Jerry Frasier.

Wednesdays are Summer Reading Program days. On Wednesdays bring in reading logs to redeem for prizes, participate in activities, get freebies, see the special book

displays featuring sports, check out books, register for extra prizes, and enjoy popcorn and refreshments.

There will be a picnic held Wednesday, July 13th. It will begin at 4:00 pm.

TumbleBooks are E-books that are animated, talking picture books to read or have read to you. TumbleBooks is available for kids PreK-6th grade. They are available on the Northwest Regional Library Website www.nwrlib.org.

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Instructors Steve Phillips and Rodney Duden work with students on shotgun shooting.

Oklee Herald Early Files

Seventy Years Ago
May 30, 1946
The famous picture “The Bells of St. Mary’s” starring Bing Crosby and Ingrid Bergman will be shown at the Oak Theater.
The entire nation was without train service last Friday and Saturday, due to the operator’s strike. In Oklee, the greatest inconvenience was the last of mail service.
An announcement was made Tuesday that A. D. Collette had purchased from Gunder Skomedal the building in which the former has been operating Al’s Place for the past few years.

Sixty Years Ago
May 24, 1956
Audrey Gunderson and Eileen Johnson motored to Grand Rapids and Hibbing on Saturday and visiting with Julian Gunderson and at the Chester Myrum home at Hibbing and at the Marvin Tennesand home at Grand Rapids.
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Rewertz had their infant son baptized on Sunday at the first Presbyterian Church. He was given the name Barry Lee.
Mr. and Mrs. Thor Lund announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Patricia Lois to David Finseth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Finseth.

Fifty Years Ago
May 19, 1966
Seven honor students head this year’s graduation class of 37 members.
Mrs. Sena Chervestad spent a few days last week at the Gunder Gunderson home in Thief River Falls.
Voters in the Oklee School District cast their ballots and the new board members are: Dr. H. T. Lindquist and Larry O’Neill.
Forty Years Ago
May 20, 1976
This year, Oklee, for the first time, has an organized girls track team. Members are Gayle Lundeen, Renae Bjerklie, Tami Chervestad, Joyce LaCoursiere, Janet Brown, Toni Flatgard, Annette Magnell, Margaret Kirick, Becky Basinger, Elaine Lessard, Donna Lambert, Sandy Nelson, Sue Longtin, Margaret Lambert, Michelle Sellers, and Anita Hanson. Coach was Terry Bishop.
David Person, Red Lake County 4-H representative, plans to attend the five-day Minnesota 4-H Conservation Leadership Conference at Lake Itasca starting on June 7th.
Thirty Years Ago
May 21, 1986
There were 8 honor students at Oklee: Jodi Bergerson, Catherine Cyr, Richard Hendrickson, Karen Lindquist,

Irene Sue Olson, Shannon Olson, Karleen Parsley and Michelle Sevigny.
A potluck birthday party in honor of Henry Sweno will be held in honor of his 80th birthday.
As school ends, three teachers begin their retirement years: Janis Rahier, Marvin Bronken and Joan Bronken.
Twenty Years Ago
May 22, 1996
At a special council meeting held on Tuesday, the City Council accepted bids on the Municipal Liquor Store and the bid went to Richard Hendrickson and Larry Olson.
On Tuesday, Ronald Paradis had knee surgery at the Dakota Hospital and is doing well.
A 50th wedding anniversary open house will be held for Olaf and Alvera Olson on June 1st.
Ten Years Ago
May 25, 2006
Ardis Hofstad began teaching in Oklee in 1973 and now is retiring after 33 years as teacher, and administrator as well as an athletic director and coach.
Teisha Wright was the Sr. High Student of the month and is a 12th grader at RLCC High School. Brianna Spong was the May Junior High Student of the month and is a 7th grader.
Oklee’s First Care Clinic held an open house and many people stopped by to visit with the staff and enjoy goodies.

Senior Site News and Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

Another windy day!! It seems like we have nothing but wind lately. I think we are in need of rain and the prediction sounds like we might get a little. The rain we had after our dirt storm last week, didn’t amount to much in Oklee.
Our party last week was a success. Gloria Torkelson made delicious treats for us.
There is a change in our evening meal for June 7. The Pot Luck meal will take place that day and our evening meal will be June 21.
Since Memorial Day is coming up on May 30, I will print the information on how to display the American Flag. When carrying the flag in a procession with another flag, it shall be on the marching

right. When displayed with another flag, it is always on the right. If displayed on its staff with other flags, it should be at the peak of the staff, except when the flag is at half-staff. When the National Anthem is played, all present should face the flag with their hand over their heart. Men should remove their hats. Persons in uniform should remain silent, face the flag and salute.
There are more rules, but these are some of the important ones.

DATES TO REMEMBER
May 30 - Memorial Day celebrated at the Oklee School Gym at 9:30 a.m.
June 7 - Pot Luck meal
June 16 - Site Council meets

10:00 a.m.
June 17 - Birthday Meal

WORDS OF WISDOM
A room is perfectly decorated when it contains hundreds of books, a good reading lamp, and a comfortable chair.
We are remembered not for what we acquire, but for what we give.

JOKE TIME
It was a baking hot day in the office. The temperature was nudging 100 outside and a really foul smell was wafting around the room. As the odor grew more intense, the fourteen strong workers began to suffer. Eventually, one man said pointedly: “Clearly someone’s deodorant isn’t working.”

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

The incessant wind keeps a blowing. I have picked up so many branches that when I look up I expect to see denuded trees. It seems as soon as I clean up the branches another big blow comes up and I need to start all over. It is good exercise though. Hooray we were blessed with some rain Sunday night. It seems as if we will get more this week. Lord knows we need the rain for the crops and the yards. The wind has been doing a number on the soil erosion in our area clouds of dust rise high in the air and the furrows are obliterated in some cases. Some replanting has been planned due to wind ruining plants especially in the beet fields. Another blessing of rain it cleans the air and the dust off of everything else.

They helped Elizabeth and Emma Determan celebrate their birthdays. Julliana and Brooklyn Purrington of Marshall Minnesota also came to join in the birthday festivities. The girls played games and were princesses and played in the bouncy house. All this was topped off with ice cream and cake.
On April 25th Chris, Noah and Torin Walsh welcomed their new baby sister into their family. She weighed 7 pounds 3 ounces. She was 19 and ½ inches long. Her proud parents are Darci and Morgan Walsh and her grandparents are Mary Walsh of Red Lake Falls and

Joanne and Francis Bradley of Brooks. We congratulate this family and hope that this little girl has the blessing of a healthy life and family.
Person of the week is the coffee pourer at our table on Sunday last week Jeanette McMullen.
Have a great week everyone maybe the weather will cooperate now that we got a drop or two of rain. By the way the 5 gallon pails did not protect my plants so I need to buy more tomatoes and peppers. The cabbage did survive, except one. So more work is in store.

Plummer News
By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

On Tuesday, May 10th, Loretta Hesse, Peggy Hesse, Doris Malwitz’s daughters, Connie Peterson and Barb Culkins, went to the Care Center in Thief River Falls, for a fund raiser picnic lunch and spent time visiting with Doris.
Alice Jobe and friend, Esther Evenson of Thief River Falls, went to the Syttende Mai celebration on Tuesday at Northern State Bank for Norwegian goodies, lefse, krum kake, fattimand, etc.
Peggy Hesse ad Loretta went to Honker’s Flats up north. They picked Peggy’s daughter and after being at the greenhouse, they visited Peggy’s family members who live around Middle River and enjoyed supper before they came home. They got some beautiful wave petunias

and others.
Alice Jobe visited her mom in Roseau the previous Saturday and had dinner. She was feeling good this time, so it was fun. Also, visited nephew David and Krista by Badger.
The “Meet and Greet Your PenPal” was held Tuesday at RLCC Elementary in Plummer from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. Alice Jobe and Bunny DuChamp attended. Also Anne Traxler, Carol Wright, and Frank and Margaret Ehling attended. For entertainment in the gym, they had the band play one number, 4th grade played the recorders (like a flutephone) and a skit with Goldilocks and the Three Frogs, which was cute. Then we split into groups and some of us went to the Library. There we

had an activity with 15 cards and questions for the kids to answer. That was fun. We had bananas and cookies, milk or coffee for lunch. The next season, they’ll go back to having one penpal all year. The kids I had were Aaron, Colin, Rylan, Donovan, and Gracyn. Kylie was missing.
Birds I’ve seen lately. 2 sand hill cranes south of Holt, and snow geese north of Plummer.
Thursday, the Plummer Senior Citizens met at the hall with 8 members present. Clayton and Bunny won the drawings. Glenyce had items to pass out from RSVP for use in emergencies. Also, no meeting in June. It will be Senior Citizen’s Day on June 24th at 1 p.m. at the Red Lake County Fair in Oklee.
Enjoy the graduation parties!

Who Dat From Past RLC Fairs!

Last week’s photo is from a fair, not too long ago. This contest as you can see involved pets. Who were the contestants that won?
The 2011 Pet Contestants winners were: Taylor Bushelle with Gimli, Stephanie Smith with Chevy and Grand Prize Winner was Bailly Culkins with her rabbit Snoopy.



Sixth graders from RLCC being promoted to seventh grade. Back row: Jed Duden, Grayson Rystad, Serenity May, Zachery Cater, Steven Sogla, Michael Lowell, Mallory Urielle, Shyla Styles, and Thomas Benson. Second row from the back: Cari Bachand, Kjerstin Nelson, Lillian Hanson, Avery Sannes, Hannah Bassage, Erin Sundquist, and Tristen Skjervin. Third row from the back: Bailey Sherman, Kylie Parsley, Leilah VanDam, Tyler Eskeli, Noah Hanson, Afton Benoit, Leah Peterson, Jeremiah Baker, and Nolan Magnell. Front Row: Paul DeHate, Jeremiah Rath sack, Lauren Jones, Issabella Plante, Taya Morinville, Skylar Longtin, Jonathan Roue, and Halie Thompson.

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BIDS CLOSE 11:00 AM, Tuesday June 14, 2016

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Sealed bids will be received until 11:00 AM Tuesday, June 14, 2016
By the Red Lake County Auditor at the Red Lake Falls Courthouse
On behalf of the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners for the following:

SAP 063-613-015
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DESCRIPTION OF WORK: Culvert replacement with one line 8x8 PC Box Culvert
Project includes remove 84ft of 96” CMP and provide and install 68 LF of 8x8 Precast box culvert and end sections on CSAH #14, 3 miles E of TH #32
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ALL BIDS MUST BE DELIVERED TO THE RED LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR AT THE COURTHOUSE, P.O. Box 367 Red Lake Falls, MN 56750 by 11:00 AM on Tuesday, June 14, 2016.
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Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

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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.redlakecountyswcd.org or www.mylandmylegacy.com to learn more.

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Friday, May 27, 2016
 7:30 pm
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