

Oklee Precipitation
By Einar Kvasager

	Rain	Snow
May 23	0.77	
May 24	0.06	
May 26	0.73	
May 27	0.32	
Total in.	1.88	0.00

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...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

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Spring Crops “Coffee Shop Talk”

Do you want to know what the latest information is regarding the recently seeded spring crops such as soybeans and corn? You can find out what the concerns and issues are with the 2016 crop by attending the “COFFEE SHOP SESSION” led by Phil Glogoza, UM Crops Extension Educator. He will be at the Red Lake County Cooperative Agronomy Fertilizer Center located on county highway 11 at the south end of Red Lake Falls starting at 9:00 a m on Tuesday June 7th. PLEASE COME WITH YOUR CONCERNS AND QUESTIONS. Also be prepared to be involved in the discussion following Phil’s presentation. For additional information, contact Doug Knott at the Fertilizer Plant at 253.2149 or Curtis Nyegaard at the Red Lake County Extension Office at 253.2895.

This program is sponsored by the University of Minnesota Extension, The Red Lake County Cooperative Agronomy Center, and the Red Lake County Extension Office and is open to the public.

Rep. Deb Kiel schedules Town Halls in area towns

Representative Deb Kiel (R-Crookston) has scheduled town hall meetings in a number of communities across her district. Rep. Kiel will review the 2016 legislative session, discuss changes to state law and answer questions from constituents. The meetings are open to the public, and she encourages people to attend.

Crookston: Saturday, June 4, 2016, at 10:00 AM at the Irishman’s Shanty (1501 South Main Street).

East Grand Forks: Monday, June 6, 2016, at 5:00 PM at East Grand Forks City Hall (600 Demers Ave).

Fertile: Wednesday, June 8, 2016, at 5:30 PM at Erickson’s Smokehouse (605 S Mill Street).

Oklee: Thursday, June 9, 2016, at 12:00 PM at the Oklee Café (301 Main Street).

Brooks: Thursday, June 9, 2016, at 5:00 PM at the Brooks Community Center (200 Main Street).

Red Lake Falls: Thursday, June 9, 2016, at 7:00 PM at City Hall (108 2nd Street SW).

“It’s an honor to be a state representative for Northwest Minnesota, and I appreciate the questions, comments and input that folks share with me during town hall meetings,” said Rep. Kiel. “I look forward to sharing our accomplishments from the 2016 legislative session, and gathering input and answering questions about issues important to our area. I am hopeful that people will attend and share their ideas on how we can make our great state even better.”

Calendar of Events

- 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!
- Sun, June 5:**
-Worship at the church of your choice.
- Mon, June 6:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
- Tue, June 7:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards.
-Senior Potluck @ Oklee Cafe 5:00 p.m.
- Wed, June 8:**
-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 9:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
- Fri, June 10:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
- Sat, June 11:**
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!

Red Lake County Central Class of 2016 Graduation

Thirty-three students received their diplomas in commencement exercises on Friday, May 27th



Wyatt Waldal and Austin May



Tristan Larson

Mr. Randall Pederson, principal of Red Lake County Central presented the Class of 2016 for graduation at the ceremony held Friday evening at 7:30 p.m.

Three students addressed their classmates, Holly Vettleson, Devin Lambert and Samantha Smith all relating memories and giving thanks to those who supported them as they completed their education.

Holly Vettleson, Kjersten Walton, Miranda Magnell, Shawnee Styles, Brandi Jensen and Taylor Klasen-Gryskiewicz sang "Take These Wings," by Steve Kupfenschmid and Don Besig.

Members of the Senior Class sang "Forever Young" as sung by Alphaville.

The Class Video was played

showing many pictures taken of the classmates throughout the years and their senior photo.

Superintendent James Guetter and School Board Chairman, Matt Kolstoe presented the students with their diplomas as their names were called.

The color guard from Plummer American Legion Post #623 presented the Colors at the beginning of the ceremony and Retired the Colors at the end of the ceremony.

Peggy Miller played the processional and recessional music and the songs were directed by Music Instructor Patty Mickelson.

Honor Guards were Angel Auman & Ashley Longtin. Usherettes were Natalie Aakhus, Megan Berberich, Taylor Bushelle, and Kelsie Sirjord.



Austin Waliser and Miranda Magnell



Ben Kolling and Cade Bachand



Brandi Jensen and Asia Davis



Brendan Krueger and Chase Agnes



Devin Lambert and Elsie Abrahamson



Heaven Heard and Katheryne DeHate



Holly Vettleson and Alan Nemec



Kjersten Walton and Levi Linder



Michelle Sundquist and Kayla Olson



Samantha Smith and Katie Pendelton



Seth Johnson and Marcus Christianson



Shawnee Styles and Josef Paradis



Shelby Haugen and Kyler Fluharty



Taylor Klasen-Gryskiewicz and Morgan Bushelle



Tyler Sandahl and Nicole Riendeau

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Margaret Jacobus
Wed, June 1: 7:00 p.m.
Salem WELCA and 7:00 p.m.
Zion WELCA meetings.
Sun, June 5: 9:00 a.m. Zion
(C). 10:30 a.m. Salem (C).

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH OKLEE
Fr. Adam Hamness
Sun, June 5: 7:30 a.m.
Confessions 8:00 a.m. Mass.

BROOKS – RED LAKE FALLS CATHOLIC PARISH
Fr. Bill DeCrans
Sat, June 4: 5:30 p.m. Mass
at St. Joseph – RLF
Sun, June 5: 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
Fri, June 3: 1:30 p.m.
Worship at Hillcrest.
Sun, June 5: 9:00 a.m.
Worship at Immanuel (C). 10:30 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer (C).
Tue, June 7: 6:30 p.m.
Youth Table at Immanuel.
Wed, June 8: 7:00 p.m.
Ebenezer WELCA

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Interim Pastor Phil Johnson
Sun, June 5: 8:30 a.m.
Faith. 9:45 Bethany. 11:00 a.m. Ekelund.
Mon, June 6: 1:30 p.m.
Ekelund Ladies Aid.
Tue, June 7: 1:30 p.m.
Eve Circle.

LSS Caregivers Group meets June 23rd

The Thief River Falls Caregiver Group will meet on Thursday, June 23rd at 10:00 a.m. at the Heritage Senior Center located at 301 E. 4th St, Thief River Falls.

These groups are open to all caregivers.

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.

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, June 4: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.

Sun, June 5: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri. Nazareth: 9:00 a.m. Brunch, 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, June 1: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

Thu, June 2: 12:00 p.m. Rotary meeting.

Sun, June 5: 9:30 a.m. Worship.

Tue, June 7: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study. 10:30 a.m. Quilting.

Wed, June 8: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson,
Lay Minister
Sun, June 5: 9:00 a.m.
Lund. 10:30 a.m. Bethany.
Wed, June 8: 2:00 p.m.
Lund WELCA.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston
Jon Marx, Lead Pastor
Seth Johnson,
Assist. Pastor
Sun, June 5: 10:00 a.m.
Worship.

PLUMMER COMMUNITY

RUMMAGE SALE
DAY

Sat., June 11th
8am-2pm

Maps will be available.

ADDRESS CHANGES

CONTACT THE
OKLEE HERALD AT
218-796-5181

OR

EMAIL:

okleeherald@gmail.com



Poppy Poster Winners: Left to Right: Shawna Majeres (1st Place), Marissa Thomas (2nd Place), Natalie Lindemoen (3rd Place).

Grief Support/ Celebration of Life

A support group is going to be held at Kingo Lutheran Church on 220 Johnson Ave N, Fosston on June 5th at 7:00 p.m.

All of us will experience grief at some time in our life. The journey with grief can seem difficult and lonely. Learn techniques to help you work through grief. Share with others ways that have worked for you in learning how to cope and continue living your life. Our time will end with a celebration of the lives of our loved ones who have died.

Everyone is welcome. Refreshments & lunch to be served.

For more information, contact Carrie Danielson, LSW, Essentia Health-Fosston at 218-435-7661. This program is sponsored by Essentia Health, Carlin-Hoilmen, and Fosston Ministerial Association.



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

Nerissa LaCoursiere Owner

30822 240th St. SE
2 3/4 miles SE of Oklee
218-464-7769

Input Wanted

Red Lake County and the cities of Red Lake Falls, Plummer, Brooks and Oklee invite your input on the final version of the updated Red Lake County Hazard Mitigation Plan. For those wishing to participate in this opportunity, the plan can be found at the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office or online at www.co.red-lake.mn.us. Input will be accepted until 5 p.m. on June 10, 2016. If you have any questions, you can contact Mitch Bernstein at 218-253-2996.

Sons of Norway

Granlund Lodge 240 Sons of Norway will hold its June 9th meeting at the Embassy Center, 603 3rd St NE, Fosston at 6:30 p.m. Our guests speaker will be Monica Miller of Support Within Reach of Bemidji. We'll celebrate Midsummers Eve with A salad pot luck. Monica has an interesting story that you are sure to enjoy. If your Scandinavian roots need a little fertilizer this is the place to be.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

June 6 - 10
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: Chicken strip, tossed salad, cottage cheese, dessert, and milk.

Tuesday: Meatballs, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, dessert and milk.

Wednesday: Cold ham & cheese sandwich, potato ham soup, dessert and milk.

Thursday: Meatloaf, boiled potatoes, vegetables, dessert and milk.

Friday: Shrimp, hash browns, vegetables, dessert and milk.

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.



This young man turns 80 years young on June 1st!!!
Happy Birthday!

Red Lake Falls Library News

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

On-line patrons are reminded that they can visit www.nwrlib.org/rlf.htm at anytime, where they can create their own patron accounts to browse, request and renew materials all from their home computers.

New in adult nonfiction: "My Father and Atticus Finch: A Lawyer's Fight for Justice in 1930's Alabama" by Joseph Beck tells the story of Foster Beck, the author's late father, whose defense of a black man accused of rape in 1930s Alabama foreshadowed the trial at the heart of "To Kill a Mockingbird."

As a child, Joseph Beck heard the stories; his father courageously defended a black man charged with raping a white woman. Now a lawyer himself, Beck reconstructs his father's role in State of Alabama vs. Charles White, Alias, a trial that was much publicized when Harper Lee

City of Oklee Changing to Mail in Ballot for 2016 Primary and General Elections Adopted July 13th 2015

NOTICE OF MAIL BALLOT PROCEDURES TO VOTERS OF OKLEE IN RED LAKE COUNTY, MINNESOTA

1. Beginning in 2016, voters in Oklee in Red Lake County will vote entirely by mail in statewide elections as authorized by the township/city under MN Statutes 204B.45.

2. For 2016 statewide elections, the election dates and the corresponding dates that ballots will be mailed to all registered voters in mail ballot precincts are:

Statewide Primary Election: August 9th, 2016
Ballot Mailing Dates: June 24th – July 26th, 2016
Statewide General Election: November 8th, 2016
Ballot Mailing Dates: September 23rd – October 25th, 2016

Each voter registered by July 19th, 2016 for the Statewide Primary Election, and/or October 18th, 2016 for the Statewide General Election will be mailed a ballot automatically.

3. Eligible voters not pre-registered by the dates noted, or pre-registered voters wishing to receive their ballot at a temporary address may contact the Red Lake County Auditor's Office by phone, mail or in person for an absentee ballot application.

4. All ballots may be returned by mail (a postage prepaid return envelope is included when the ballots are mailed), or may be delivered in person, or delivered by designated agent to:

Red Lake County
124 Langevin Ave
Red Lake Falls, MN, 56752

Ballots must be received no later than 8:00 p.m. on Election Day in order to be counted. Normal business hours are Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

5. In addition to the normal business hours, extended hours for mail ballot voting are:

Statewide Primary Election:
Saturday, August 6th, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.;
Monday, August 8th, 2016 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.;

Statewide General Election:
Saturday, November 5th, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.;
Monday, November 7th, 2016 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.;

6. The polling place for this election will be at Red Lake County Auditor's office.

The polls will be open:

Statewide Primary Election:
Tuesday, August 9th, 2016 from 9am to 8pm.

Statewide General Election:
Tuesday, November 8th, 2016 from 9am to 8pm.

At least one assistive voting device will be available at the polling place; allowing for persons with disabilities to vote privately and independently.

7. All mail ballots will be counted at the Red Lake Auditors Office after 8:00 p.m. on the respective election dates.

Additional information is available by contacting
RED LAKE COUNTY AUDITORS OFFICE
rlcauditor@cared-lake.mn, phone 218-253-2598

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.

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, June 2: Grand Forks – Thief River Falls.

Tue, June 7: Mahnomen/ Shooting Star Casino – Crookston., Mentor, Erskine.

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6	7	1	4	3	2	8	9	5
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RLCC Class of 2016 classmates Holly Vettleson, Austin Waliser, Samantha Smith, Kayla Olson, and Devin Lambert (not pictured) received their Associate's degree from Northland Community and Technical College. These students took college courses (OCHS and CIHS) while attending RLCC.

Red Lake County wins against Fertile-Beltrami

By: Ethan Vettleson
Red Lake County hosted and beat Fertile Beltrami 7-1 in boys' baseball on Friday, May 20. RLC scored one run in the first inning. Falcons didn't score until the third inning with their one and only run. RLC scored two runs in the third inning and another one in the fourth inning. In the sixth inning RLC scored three more runs to defeat the Falcons.

Josh Casavan and Nate Hofstad from RLC were 2x3 at bats. Chase Schmitz hit a triple with one RBI. Casavan had 11 strike outs with two walks while pitching all seven innings for the Rebels. Losing pitcher was Michael Stuhag.

RLC competes at Ada-Borup Invite Meet

By Seth Paradis
Red Lake County Rebels Track and Field traveled to Ada for the Ada-Borup Invite Meet on May 19th.

The girls placed sixth and here are the results for the girls' Track and Field.
100 Meter = 2nd place: Zoe Russillo, 12.96
100 Meter = 3rd place: AJ Jones 13.16
100 Hurdles = 1st place: Ashley Longtin, 18.06
100 Hurdles = 6th place: Megan LaCrosse, 18.80
4x200 Meter Relay = 7th place: Josie Huot, Julia Bernstein, Makenzie Williams, & Zoe Russillo, 1:54.46
1600 Meter = 5th place: Clara Girdler, 5:51.40

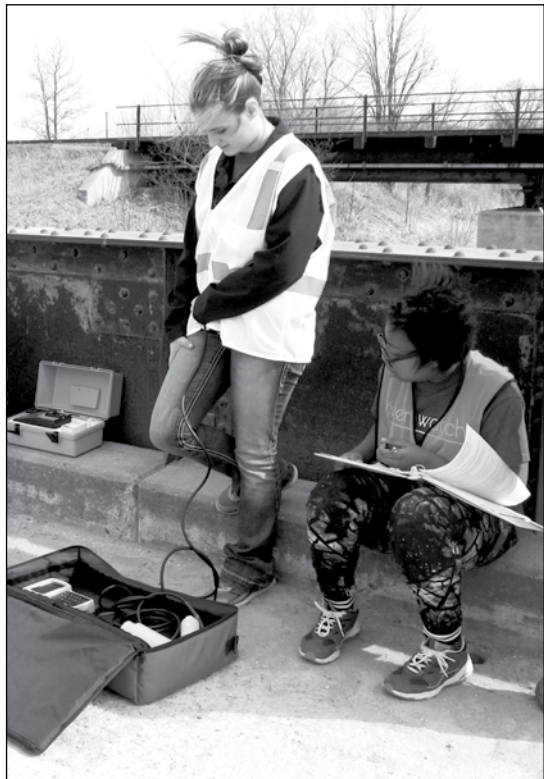
300 Hurdles = 6th place: Megan LaCrosse, 51.05
300 Hurdles = 7th place: Ashley Longtin, 52.03
4x400 Meter Relay = 6th place: Josie Huot, Julia Bernstein, Makenzie Williams, & Megan LaCrosse, 4:31.44
High Jump = 1st place: Ashley Longtin, 4'11"
The boys finished in 12th place. These are their results.
110 Hurdles = 5th place: Devin Lambert, 17.80
300 Hurdles = 6th place: Dylan Gustafson, 45.69
200 Meter = 5th place: Dylan Gustafson, 24.02
4x400 Meter Relay = 4th place: Devin Lambert, Chris Longtin, Connor Lambert, & Dylan Gustafson, 3:50.57
Long Jump = 5th place: Dylan Gustafson, 18'4 1/2"

athletes still may advance to the section meet based on wild card placement which will be announced Friday, May 27.
The girls' team finished in fourth place and the results are:
100 Meter = 1st place: Zoe Russillo, 13.17, advancing to the Section Meet
100 Meter = 5th place: DJ Bernstein, 13.88
100 Hurdles = 5th place: Ashley Longtin, 17.79
100 Hurdles = 7th place: Megan LaCrosse, 18.39
100 Hurdles = 8th place: Madison Derosier, 18.51
4x200 Meter Relay = 4th place: Josie Huot, Julia Bernstein, Makenzie Williams, & Zoe Russillo, 1:55.71
1600 Meter = 6th place: Clara Girdler, 5:49.43

4x100 Meter Relay = 6th place: Hollie Knott, Clara Girdler, DJ Bernstein, & AJ Jones, 57.04
300 Hurdles = 4th place: Megan LaCrosse, 52.16, advancing to the Section Meet
300 Hurdles = 7th place: Ashley Longtin, 53.30
800 Meter = 6th place: Josie Huot, 2:38.77
200 Meter = 1st place: Zoe Russillo, 27.73, advancing to the Section Meet
100 Meter = 7th place: AJ Jones, 29.35
4x400 Meter Relay = 3rd place: Josie Huot, Julia Bernstein, Makenzie Williams, & Megan LaCrosse, 4:30.91
High Jump = 1st place: Ashley Longtin, 4'11", advancing to the Section Meet

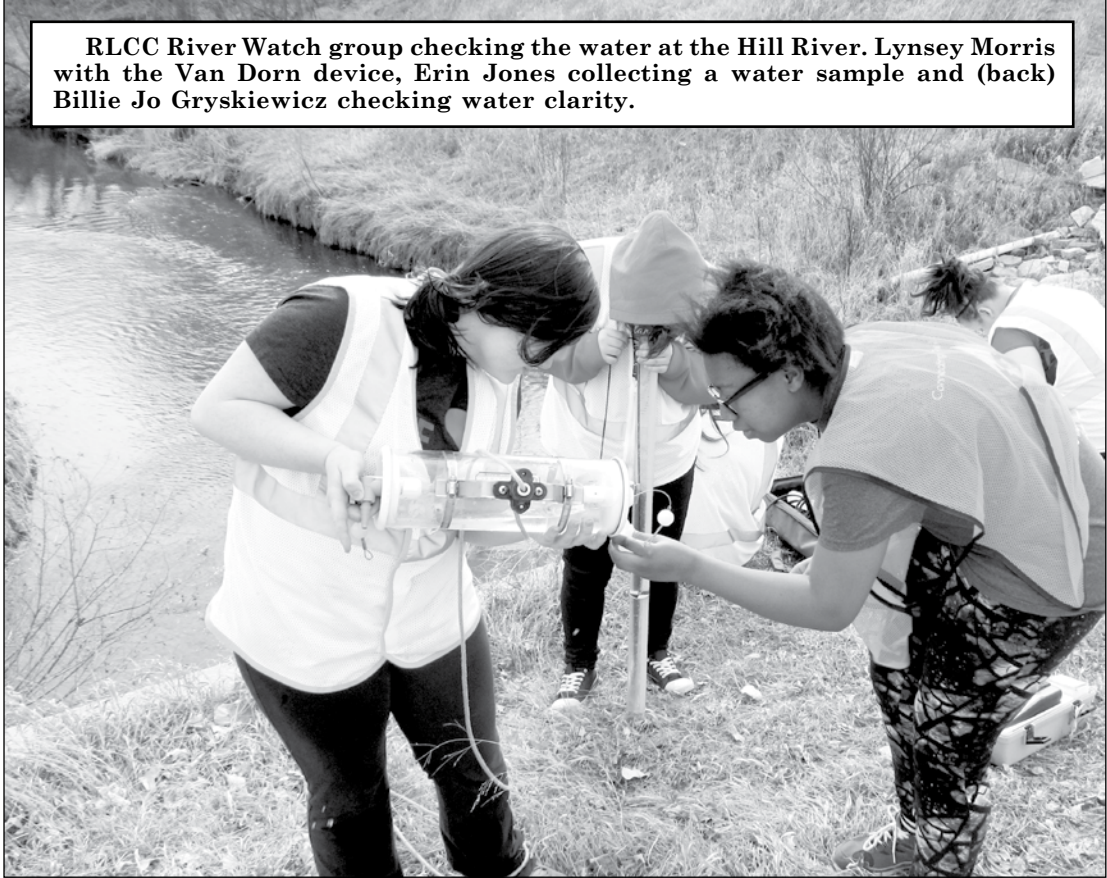
RLC Track advance to section meet in 9 events

By: Ana Almeida
The Red Lake County Rebels Track and Field teams advanced to section meet in nine events after the Sub-Section 31 meet held in Crookston Monday, May 23. Four girls and two boys will advance to the Section 8A meet to be held Saturday, June 4 in Warren.
The athletes advancing are Zoe Russillo in the 100 meter and the 200 meter events, Megan LaCrosse in the 300 Hurdles and Long Jump events, Ashley Longtin in the High Jump and Triple Jump events, Mackenzie Williams in the High Jump event, Devin Lambert in the 110 Hurdles event and Dylan Gustafson in the Long Jump event.
Some of the following



River Watch members at the Clearwater River, Plummer stop. Katheryne DeHate using equipment that measures water temperature and dissolved oxygen and Erin Jones recording data.

River Watch Team is busy monitoring three rivers



Brandi Jensen and Katheryne DeHate from RLCC's River Watch group looking at a crayfish at their last check point at Plummer.

By: Nicholas Plante and Ms. Shelley Steva
Red Lake Country Central High School's River Watch team is busy throughout the school year gathering information at six monitoring sites. This group studies and checks three local rivers—the Lost River, Hill River, and Clearwater River. Also they help get the community involved in cleaning the rivers and in knowing more about the rivers.
Ashley Hitt from the Red Lake Watershed accompanies the team as they monitor and record the data at each site on the rivers. Hitt takes the recorded data back to the Watershed for their use. The group uses a water capturing device called the Van Dorn. It is used to get the water out of the river. The River Watch team tests water temperatures of the river, the height and depth of the river, pH, dissolved oxygen, and specific conductivity. The group checks the clarity of the rivers' water by checking the clearness in the tube. If the water is really clear you can see to the bottom of the 100 cm tube.
The River Watch group does many projects during the year. In the spring and in the fall during the warmer months of the school year, the team monitors and takes reading on six different sites on the three local rivers. The team attends a fall forum where they learn about the poster which they will present in the spring.

Then during the winter months the team works many hours to create the poster including photos and information about their research project. The poster is presented at the spring forum in March.
RLCC's River Watch team was involved in a new project this year. The International Waters Institute (IWI) launched a project called The River of Dreams. Three elementary schools including RLCC in Plummer decorated one foot long canoes. On April 15th the RLCC fifth graders launched their little canoes in the Clearwater River. Each canoe had its own identification number and an e-mail or app listed on it. Anyone finding a canoe was asked to contact the IWI and then put the canoe back into the water. What IWI hopes to see happen is that at least a few of the over ninety canoes that were launched will make it to Lake Winnipeg north of Winnipeg, Manitoba.
Members of RLCC's 2015-16 River Watch team were Shawnee Styles, Katheryne DeHate, Brandi Jensen, Nicholas Plante, Lynsey Morris, Shelby Gunderson, Marcus Styles, Billie Jo Gryskiewicz, Erin Jones and Ms. Shelley Steva as their advisor.
Support for the River Watch Program is provided by the State of Minnesota Clean Water Fund and the Red River Watershed Management Board.

Getting the Community Involved

The RLCC River Watch team had a blast going kayaking on the Clearwater River near Plummer! The RLCC team learned a lot about the Clearwater River and its surroundings. For instance, the team learned a lot about water quality, what obstacles are on the river, and how to improve the river. The team thought that the surrounding community would enjoy learning new things about what the river could provide or be used for. The team's first thought was about 4-H and other youth organizations, these youth organizations are all about exploring different things and expanding knowledge about community resources. The team's goal for next year is to get more youth involved in exploring the river and really get to know what River Watch is all about.

Source: RLCC River Watch

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The proposed kayak route starts southwest of Plummer at the intersection of Red Lake County 1 and the Clearwater River. It ends at Red Lake County 20. The RLCC River Watch team can say from experience that the Clearwater River is quite beautiful. Special features include muskrat beds, tree lined river banks, and crystal clear water.

It was noticed while kayaking that there were some issues with the river: ideas to improve the route would include river cleanup and more parking facilities. There were no restaurants along the route. It would be convenient to have public land to have a resting and picnic area.

Student Katheryne DeHate showing off her prized muskrat.

Bricks littering the banks of the Clearwater

Program Support, Contact Information:

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100 Governor Street
Oklee, Minnesota 56742
Shelley Steva Advisor
218-796-5136

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Making Memories Along the Clearwater River

Red Lake County Central River Watch, Oklee, Minnesota
Clearwater River
March 15, 2016

Clearwater River Kayaking Route

4.2 river miles
• 2.1 straight line miles
• 4.2/2.1 = 1.9
• 100 ft. start elevation at launch site
• 1085 ft. elevation at ending point
• 15 ft. elevation drop over 4.2 river miles = 3.6 ft. drop/mile

Trip Preparation

While planning the trip follow this check list.

- Check the weather
- Bring proper water proof clothing
- Life jackets
- Underwater camera
- Sunscreen
- First aid kit
- Food and water
- Water proof containers
- Bring a bag for trash
- Follow yourself!

Amenities for Clearwater River near Plummer

- Two service stations in the area
- Restaurants in Brooks
- Hotels in Oklee, Erskine, and Thief River Falls
- Camping grounds in Plummer and Oklee
- Electrical facilities in Oklee, Erskine, and Thief River Falls
- Rest areas in Plummer city park and near Highway 2 and US 99

Recreational Sites in the Area

- Fishing in Red Lake Falls
- Recreational trails in Red Lake Falls and Plummer
- Various Wildlife Management Areas in Red Lake and Polk Counties

Shoes found in the river off the side of County #6 20 bridge

Cattle crossing along the Clearwater River

Sound-Aden Allergy

Rip rap along the river

USGS 05010000 CLEARWATER RIVER AT PLUMMER, MN

The closest River Watch monitoring site to the kayak route is PL30. Water flow from this site from July 2011 through January 2016. Notice the data where there is high water flow, high river levels can have an adverse effect on aquatic life and the stream bed.

- September 12, 2014 was the day of the kayak trip. At 12 noon, the discharge rate of the Clearwater River was 80 cubic feet per second.
- The river level was low but there weren't any problems during the kayaking trip.

Team members:

Brandi Jensen
Katheryne DeHate
Shawnee Styles
Lynsey Morris
Erin Jones

Nick Plante
Shelby Gunderson
Billie Jo Gryskiewicz
Marcus Styles

Advisor/Teacher:

Ms. Shelley Steva
Ms. Ashley Hitt

The River Watch team spent hours creating this poster of their research and findings in the nearby rivers. The poster was presented at the spring River Watch Forum.



Dylan Gustafson with the stand made in shop class at RLCC.



A glass top display case/table out of hickory was made by Austin Manning in his RLCC shop class.



Senior Cade Bachand from RLCC made a nice gun cabinet out of walnut wood in his senior woods class.

Faculty and staff receive college awards

NDSCS gives Excellence in Teaching Awards and Excellence in Service Awards, based on a number of factors

Eight North Dakota State College of Science faculty and staff members have been chosen and named recipients of the College's Excellence in Teaching Award and Excellence in Service Award for the 2015-16 academic year.

The Excellence in Teaching Award recognizes instructors who, among other outstanding characteristics, demonstrate competence and sincere interest in their subjects, present material in a suitable, well-integrated fashion and

encourage participation from students. Selection criteria include student evaluations, feedback and deliberations by the selection committee. This year's recipients were chosen by a selection committee comprised of faculty members,

students, academic deans and staff members from a group of 70 nominees. The honorees are: Rhonda Edwardson, Allied Dental Education Associate Professor; E. B. Floersch, Diesel Technology Assistant Professor; Jeff Hart, Social and Behavioral Sciences Associate Professor; Kathy Marquette, Business Administration and Management Associate Professor.

The Excellence in Service Award recognizes employees who consistently go above and beyond every day and exemplify the college's values of learning, integrity, flexibility and excellence. Nominations are open to those serving in the professional, clerical, trades and service positions that are not on probationary status with recipients chosen by Human Resources and the Rewards and Recognition Committee. The honorees are: Kijia Homes, Student Success Office Manager; Kerri Kava, Student Life Assistant Director; Lynnette (Swenson) Krack, originally from Oklee, Automotive Technology Assistant; and Ryan Meisch: Facilities Management Campus Plumber.

This article was submitted by the college. And was originally run in the Daily News of Wahpeton, North Dakota, on Sunday, May 22.



NDSCS honors faculty with Excellence in Service Awards. Honorees are Kijia Homes, Ryan Meisch, Lynnette (Swenson) Krack (originally from Oklee) and Kerri Kava.



NDSCS honors faculty with Excellence in Teaching Awards. Honorees are Kathy Marquette, Jeff Hart, Rhonda Edwardson and E. B. Floersch.

Centennial Recipe Corner

Taco Salad Jeanne (Dulka) Lindquist

1 head lettuce, shredded
4 oz can black olives, sliced
8 oz pkg cheddar cheese, shredded
1/2 lb hamburger
2 handfuls nacho cheese Doritos, crushed
1 large tomato, chopped
1/4 cup onion, minced
1 1/2 pkg dry taco seasoning
Hidden Valley Ranch salad dressing



Brown hamburger, drain fat and add taco seasoning. Chill in refrigerator. In large bowl, combine lettuce, olives, tomato, onion, hamburger mixture, and cheese. Add crushed chips and salad dressing (to taste) just before serving. Great side dish for summer time grilling.

Rebels compete at Thief River Falls Jr. Hi Meet

The track and field season ends for Red Lake County Junior High Track and Field after the meet at Thief River Falls on Thursday, May 26. None of the girls or boys teams placed at the meet. Individual and relay results follow.

Girls "A" Division:
100 Hurdles = 1st place: Julia Bernstein, 18.52
300 Hurdles = 2nd place: Julia Bernstein, 56.27
High Jump = 6th place = Julia Bernstein, 4'4"
Girls "B" Division:
100 Meter = 1st place: AJ Jones, 14.08
100 Meter = 3rd place: DJ Bernstein, 14.42
100 Hurdles = 1st place: DJ Bernstein, 17.84
100 Hurdles = 7th place: Sienna Olson, 21.09
200 Meter = 1st place: AJ Jones, 29.11
400 Meter = 3rd place: Kjerstin Nelson, 1:11.18
400 Meter = 7th place: Clara Girdler, 1:12.50
800 Meter = 3rd place: Kjerstin Nelson, 3:07.58
1600 Meter = 1st place: Clara Girdler, 6:07.58
4x100 Meter Relay = 1st place: Hollie Knott, Clara Girdler, DJ Bernstein, & AJ Jones, 56.46
4x200 Meter Relay = 4th place: Sienna Olson, Abby Walton, Rylee Ellefson, & Kjerstin Nelson, 2:25.11
High Jump = tied for 3rd place: Rylee Ellefson, 3'9"
Long Jump = 1st place: DJ Bernstein, 14'1 1/2"
Long Jump = 4th place: Clara Girdler, 12'3 1/2"

Long Jump = 5th place: AJ Jones, 12'2"
Shot Put = 5th place: Hollie Knott, 19'11"
Discus = 3rd place: Hollie Knott, 68'11"
Discus = 4th place: Sienna Olson, 68'0"
Boys "A" Division:
110 Hurdles = 1st place: Connor Lambert, 18.20
800 Meter = 3rd place: Isaac Eskeli, 2:53.30
300 Hurdles = 1st place: Connor Lambert, 48.74
1600 Meter = 1st place: Chris Longtin, 5:26.46
1600 Meter = 6th place: Isaac Eskeli, 6:17.00
Long Jump = 3rd place: Connor Lambert, 16'3"
Long Jump = 6th place: Chris Longtin, 15'3 1/2"
Boys "B" Division:
100 Meter = 4th place: Tristyn Ferguson, 12.96
200 Meter = 7th place: Britain Arlt, 29.51
400 Meter = 3rd place: Britain Arlt, 1:04.21
4x400 Meter Relay = 2nd place: Lane Renner, Isiah Olson, Tristyn Ferguson, & Britain Arlt, 5:01.14
Long Jump = 6th place: Britain Arlt, 14'7 1/2"
Shot Put = 1st place: Tristyn Ferguson, 33'7 1/2"
Shot Put = 3rd place: Isiah Olson, 30'7"
Shot Put = 8th place: George Duden, 24'5"
Discus = 2nd place: Tristyn Ferguson, 87'8"
Discus = 3rd place: Lane Renner, 80'6"
Discus = 5th place: Isiah Olson, 75'1"

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Fungicide Applications in Wheat

Winter and spring wheat are approaching (or have approached) the growth stage when producers will consider tank mixing a fungicide with a herbicide for management of early season fungal leaf spot diseases such as tan spot, Spetoria leaf spot and weeds. There are several factors that will influence the value of an early season fungicide. These conditions are reviewed in the following information:

1. Crop Rotation-Planting wheat into last year's broad leaf ground will reduce the risk of residue borne diseases from flaring up in a field and delay the onset of fungal leaf spot development. A wheat on wheat rotation will increase the risk for leaf spot development.

2. Tillage-No till production systems will have more wheat residue on the soil surface that harbor the overwintering structures (fruiting bodies) of fungal leaf spot pathogens.

3. Weather-Cool weather and prolonged moisture periods (dews) favor the development of fungal leaf spots. The Red River Valley usually experiences cool weather in the beginning of the

season and the moisture and dew that comes with the cool weather are the driving factor for fungal development.

4. Varietal Selection-Resistance to fungal leaf spots varies among wheat varieties and ratings are available in NDSU and U M variety selection guides.

5. Scout- One of the most important disease management practices is scouting. If fungal leaf spots are appearing on the oldest leaves at the time of an early season application, a fungicide is likely recommended. However, if a wheat on broad leaf rotation is used and no fungal leaf spots are observed on the oldest leaves, you may want to reconsider applying a fungicide at this time.

6. Fungicide selection- There are several products labeled for management of fungal leaf spots. Most of them are either excellent or very good in managing tan spot and Spetoria. For efficacy ratings of wheat diseases; review the fungicide efficacy table compiled by wheat plant pathologist NCERA184-Wheat Fungicide Table. This table is

available by doing a search at www.ag.ndsu.edu.

7. What to expect from an early season fungicide application? Studies conducted by NDSU over the last 20 years have shown that a 2 to 6 bushel response occurs when an early season fungicide was used in a wheat on wheat production system with minimum tillage when favorable weather was present. The incorporation of other management tools such as crop rotation and tillage will reduce the risk of tan spot development and improve the expected yield response. Also, remember an early season fungicide will protect the leaves available at the time of application, but as the wheat crop matures, newly developed leaves will be left to leaf spot and rust pathogens.

For more information about applying fungicides to your wheat crop or to have questions answered; contact NDSU Extension Plant Pathologist, Andrew Friskop by e mail at andrew.j.friskop@ndsu.edu.

Source: Andrew Friskop, NDSU Extension Plant Pathologist.

Regional Ag News

Jim Stordahl, Extension Educator

Trees without Leaves

Forest tent caterpillars are out in full force in many areas of northwest Minnesota. Forest tent caterpillars are quite common, but this year, we are experiencing an outbreak of another pest as well, the eastern tent caterpillar, a close relative to the FTC.

Both species occur throughout most of the United States and Canada wherever hardwood trees are found. It periodically infests oak, aspen and many other tree species over large areas of northern Minnesota. The caterpillars are commonly -- but mistakenly -- called 'armyworms'. Groups of these caterpillars can defoliate trees, potentially injuring them, but most often not.

The eastern tent caterpillar is a bit different in that they construct silken, funnel-shaped webbing which provide shelter they use at night and during rainy weather. The tent will be small at first but will increase in size and can eventually become quite conspicuous. During the day they crawl out of these tents and feed on tree leaves. Although they are found on a variety of hardwood trees, eastern tent caterpillars are particularly fond of fruit trees, including apple, chokecherry, crabapple, plum, and cherry.

The caterpillar larvae of both species emerge from egg masses in early to mid-May, about the same time aspen leaves begin to open. Caterpillars feed actively on aspen and other broadleaf trees for five to six weeks. Despite its name, the forest tent caterpillar does not make a true silken tent. However, the larvae do spin an inconspicuous silken mat where caterpillars congregate on the trunk and branches.

Right now, the older larvae have become restless and move around trees and other vegetation to find food. Significant damage to nearby plants can occur at this time. In a couple of weeks, full-grown caterpillars wander from where they have been feeding to search for protected places to spin silky cocoons (to pupate). Full-grown caterpillars are about two inches long, mostly blue and black, with a row of white, footprint shaped markings on their backs, and many hairs along the edge of the body.

Adult moths emerge from cocoons about two weeks later in mid-July. These tan moths are nocturnal and are attracted to lights at night. Adults live for about five days. During this time they deposit 100 to 350 eggs in gray cylindrical masses surrounding small twigs. The eggs overwinter and larvae hatch from them during the next spring. There is only one generation per year.

In Minnesota, the number of forest tent caterpillar's changes in relatively predictable cycles. At the beginning of this cycle, forest tent caterpillars can be difficult to find. Over a period of about ten (8-13) years, their populations start to increase until they reach tremendously large numbers. These outbreaks usually last for about three to four years in Minnesota.

Natural controls, including

cold or damp spring or early summer weather, starvation, and viral disease, can cause populations to crash quickly to very low numbers. Populations are also significantly reduced by wasps and flies that parasitize eggs, larvae, and pupae. The most conspicuous of these parasitic insects is a large gray fly, *Sarcophaga aldrichi*, which is often a nuisance to humans. This fly, native to Minnesota also increases numbers in response to forest tent caterpillar outbreaks.

Forest tent caterpillars can defoliate a large number of broadleaf trees and plants. In Minnesota, quaking aspens are most frequently attacked. Other highly preferred tree species in Minnesota include balsam poplar, basswood, oak, ash, birch, alder, and fruit trees. When trees are defoliated, forest tent caterpillars may also damage other nearby plants. Damage has been found on vegetables, fruit trees and other small fruits, and nursery crops. This caterpillar rarely feeds on red maple and conifers, such as pine and spruce.

Trees that are fed upon by forest tent caterpillars are rarely killed by these insects because following complete defoliation, deciduous trees are able to produce another set of leaves during the same season. The main impact of forest tent caterpillar feeding on deciduous trees is a reduction in the rate of growth. Vigorously growing trees can tolerate up to two or even three consecutive years of heavy defoliation without suffering serious damage or mortality. If a prolonged defoliation cycle occurs, (four or more years), moderate to heavily defoliated trees may experience a reduction in growth, suffer branch dieback and could eventually be killed. A stressed tree can be injured or even killed in a much shorter time period than an unstressed tree.

In the home landscape, simple physical procedures (mechanical control) by the homeowner can be carried out to help manage the forest tent caterpillar. One management procedure is to remove and destroy overwintering egg masses from branches of small trees before eggs start to hatch in the spring. Also, caterpillars and cocoons can be brushed off houses, picnic tables, or decks with a stiff broom or brush or knocked down with a spray of water. Be careful not to crush too many caterpillars; they can smear and leave marks on some paints.

A good non-chemical method to deal with eastern tent caterpillars is to wait until they have retreated back to their webbing at the end of the day or on a rainy day and then pull out the webbing, along with the caterpillars. Then bury or bag them to properly dispose of them.

Another management tool available to the homeowner involves chemical treatment with insecticides. Insecticides should be sprayed when caterpillars are small and easy to manage. Larger larvae are more difficult to kill and can continue to heavily defoliate trees before some insecticides take effect. An effective larval

insecticide is *Bacillus thuringiensis* var. *kurstaki* (also referred to as Bt), a microbial insecticide approved for organic production. Bt offers effective control and conserves beneficial insects. Other insecticides available to homeowners that conserve beneficial insects are insecticidal soap, spinosad (Conserve), and azadirachtin (Azatin).

More toxic insecticides are available to homeowners but tend to be more dangerous to handle and have the disadvantage of killing non-target beneficial insects which may lead to further problems later.

The most practical solution is patience with possible mechanical removal of tents and cocoons around your home. One common exception may be the newly planted yard tree that is heavily infested. Older yard trees will regrow new leaves once the caterpillars pupate in the next few weeks, but young, newly planted trees may need more protection.

For more information on forages, contact me at 800-450-2465, or at stordahl@umn.edu. Source: Jeff Hahn, UM Entomologist.



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World No Tobacco Day was May 31

May 31st marked World No Tobacco Day, with the purpose to increase awareness of the health risks associated with tobacco use and advocating for effective policies to reduce the use of tobacco. The World Health Organization (WHO) created World No Tobacco Day in 1987. In the past 20 years, the day has been met with both enthusiasm and resistance around the world from governments, public health organizations, smokers, growers, and the tobacco industry.

One intent of World No Tobacco Day is to encourage on the global scale, a 24-hour period of abstinence from all forms of tobacco use. Another intent is to highlight the significant prevalence of tobacco use and the negative health effects, which lead to about 6 million deaths each year worldwide, including 600,000 deaths that are the result of non-smokers being

exposed to secondhand smoke.

Get Ready For Plain Packaging

For World No Tobacco Day, the WHO is calling for countries to get ready for plain (standardized) packaging of tobacco products. Plain packaging of tobacco products will restrict or prohibit the use of logos, colors, brand images or promotional information on packaging other than brand names and product names displayed in a standard color and font style. Since attractive tobacco packaging is an effective form of tobacco advertisement and promotion, plain packaging is important because it reduces the attractiveness of tobacco products, limits misleading packaging and labeling, and increases the effectiveness of health warnings.

Plain packaging is part of a comprehensive multi-dimensional approach to tobacco control. The WHO Framework Convention on

Tobacco Control recommends that policy makers, civil society and the public take action to ensure that their governments consider adoption of plain packaging.

Facts About Plain Packaging

Interest in plain packaging is increasing worldwide.

- In December 2012, Australia became the first country to fully implement plain packaging.

- In 2015, Ireland, the United Kingdom of Great Britain, Northern Ireland and France all passed laws to implement plain packaging from May 2016.

- A number of countries are in advanced stages of considering adoption of plain packaging laws.

For Minnesotans that want to quit using tobacco, go to www.quitplan.com or call 1-888-354-PLAN (7526). They want to help you become 100 percent tobacco-free.



20 members of the Senior Class of 2016 sang "Forever Young" as sung by Alphaville. They were directed by Music Instructor Patty Mickelson.



Take These Wings sung by (back) Miranda Magnell, Kjersten Walton, Brandi Jensen. Front: Taylor Klasen-Gryskiewicz, Holly Vettleson and Shawnee Styles.

Photo left:
Honor Guards
Ashley Longtin
and Angel Aumen.
The usherettes,
not pictured were:
Natalie Aakhus,
Megan Berberich,
Taylor Bushelle and
Kelsie Sirjord.

WIC SCHEDULE

The Women, Infants and Children's Supplemental Nutrition Education Program (WIC) is being held the month of June 2016.

Infants, children up to the age of 5, and women who are pregnant or breastfeeding may be eligible for the program. We are very interested in enrolling pregnant women in the program. We feel that the prenatal nutrition is a vital part of producing a healthy baby. Therefore, it is important to apply for WIC early in your pregnancy. We need no proof of pregnancy.

All potential clients must contact the WIC Program to schedule an appointment.

The following is the schedule of WIC Clinics for the month of June

Thu, June 9 Red Lake Falls Community Center
Mon, June 13 Thief River Falls Redeemer Lutheran Church

Tue, June 14 Thief River Falls Redeemer Lutheran Church

Wed, June 15 Thief River Falls Redeemer Lutheran Church

Thu, June 16 Thief River Falls Redeemer Lutheran Church

Fri, June 17 Thief River Falls Redeemer Lutheran Church

For further information concerning the WIC program, call or write WIC Quin, PO Box 248, Newfolden, MN 56738, phone 874-7845 (Newfolden, Viking, Middle River, Holt or Thief River Falls residents) or 1-800-223-1591, or e-mail at quinchs@wiktel.com.

North Valley Home Health will offer immunizations, dental varnishing & blood lead testing at the Newfolden and Warren clinics from 9 to 11 am. Arrangements should be made prior to clinics by contacting North Valley Public Health. For more information contact North Valley Public Health at 218-745-5154 or 1-800-950-6986.

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Senior Site News and Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

This past week has given us some much needed rain. However, it could stop for awhile now as it seems like we are getting some every day. It is hard to find a day when it is dry enough to mow lawns.

This week we have Memorial Day on Monday. I hope many of you came to The American Legion program at the school. The speaker lived in Germany during War II and endured all of the hardships Hitler brought to the citizens. She has written books about her experiences and, if you were unable to attend the program, it is well worth the time to read her books. The Legion Auxiliary served coffee, lemonade and treats following the program.

Graduation has come and gone for another year. I attended the program and enjoyed the student speakers and the music. It is so impressive to see the Seniors march in.

My son called my attention to the fact that my joke was not completed in last week's paper. I don't know what happened, but he said "I don't think that was funny?" Here is the ending which, for some reason didn't appear. "One of the workers finally said, "Well, I know it isn't me who smells, cause I didn't even use deodorant." *****

Dates to Remember

June 7 - Pot Luck Meal 5 p.m.

June 16 - Site Council Meets 10 a.m.

June 17 - Birthday Meal
June 21- Evening Meal

Words of Wisdom

Remember, you're truly successful when you no longer need an alarm clock;

If your instincts instruct you to "take a flying leap," take it.

Joke Time

John, I can see that all your buttons are sewed on perfectly. You must be married."

"That's right. Sewing on buttons was the first thing my wife taught me on our honeymoon."



Back row: Cassandra Leseman, Grace Dessellier, LeAnn Smith, Loretta Syrtveit, and Julie Derosier. Front row: Janet Shaw, Sydney Ralph, Jamie Flatgard, and Jennifer Johnson.

10 Quilt tops for Project Linus

On June 21st, Oklee Quilting was the host to a Project Linus day. 10 women and kids came to help sew and tie quilts Project Linus.

They have made tops for 10 quilts that need to be tied, so we will be open June 18 from 9 to 3 if anyone wants to come help finish the quilts.

The quilts created here will be donated to local hospitals. Thrivent provided the funds for the materials.

Project Linus, is a non-profit organization that provides homemade blankets to children in need. Our blankets are lovingly made by adults and children from all walks of life and many different sources.

Our volunteers, known as "blanketeers," provide new, handmade, washable blankets to be given as gifts to seriously ill and traumatized children, ages 0-18. It is Project Linus' policy to accept blankets of all sizes, depending on local

chapter needs. All blanket styles are welcome, including quilts, tied comforters, fleece blankets, crocheted or knitted afghans, and receiving blankets in child-friendly colors. Always remember that blankets must

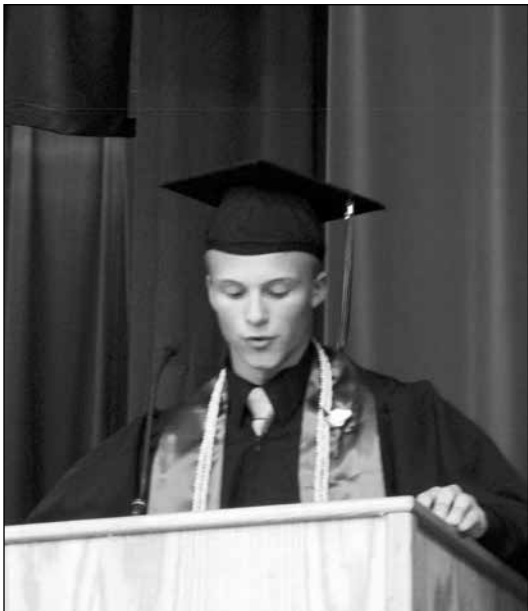
be homemade, washable, free of pins, and come from smoke-free environments due to allergy reasons.

Quilts are welcomed at Oklee Quilting all year long for Project Linus.



Jennifer Johnson, Sydney Ralph, and Jamie Flatgard.

Student Speakers and Principal give addresses



Devin Lambert



Holly Vettleson



Principal Randall Pederson



Samantha Smith

An emotional time for Graduates and Parents during the Presentation of Flowers at Graduation on Friday night at RLCC High School Graduation.



Seventy Years Ago

June 6, 1946

Roman and Aloysius Radniecki, who are operating the Radniecki Welding Company in Oklee, this week purchased the Bruggeman Chevrolet Garage, which has been operated by Herman Bruggerman.

Lowell Sandeen and Jerry Horstman left here Monday for a trip to Fargo. They are making the trip by boat, down the Lost, Clearwater, and Red Lake rivers as far as Grand Forks, then up the Red River of the North. In the event they get tired of rowing, they brought an outboard motor. They expect the trip to take 7 to 10 days.

Miss Lorina Torske, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Torske of Plummer and Herbert Vettleson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Vettleson of Trail were married at the Lutheran Parsonage in Oklee on Saturday, June 1st.

Sixty Years Ago

May 31, 1956

The following enjoyed a fishing trip to Pine Lake Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hofius and Jacqueline, Mrs. Ella Jones, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Pahlen and children and Mr. and Mrs. El J. St. Michel and son.

Miss Irene Barsness, daughter of Mrs. Lovina Barsness of Oklee became the bride of Raymond Rosten, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Rosten of Plummer.

Coya Knutson introduced a bill this week for low interest loans to college students and expressed her concern that means be made available for all high school graduates to go on to higher education if they

so desire.

Fifty Years Ago

May 26, 1966

A 4 ½ pound northern has been caught in the Lost River by Paul Cry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cyr.

There will be a bridal shower held in honor of Karen Torkelson on May 31st at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Plummer.

The Cease triplets of Bagley marked their fourth birthday on Saturday.

Older people are urged to sign up for Medicare before May 31 - Americans who were 65 before January 1965 and who did not sign up for the voluntary doctor bill insurance before the original deadline of March 31st, now have a chance as the enrollment period was extended to May 31st.

Forty Years Ago

May 27, 1976

Renae Bjerklie and Greg Sletto, 1976 graduates of Oklee High School, received the American Legion awards.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Arlt are the parents of a baby girl born May 19th at Northwestern Hospital in Thief River Falls. She will be named Amy Raeann.

Army worms are invading the area, but there is no need to be alarmed.

Joe Cyr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cyr of Oklee attended the Olympic Wrestling trials in Cleveland, Ohio. Joe was the only Minnesota High School Wrestler at the trials.

Thirty Years Ago

May 28, 1986

Jillian Ann Magnell, daughter of Dennis and Cheryl Magnell was baptized Sunday at Zion Lutheran Church.

45th wedding anniversary

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

Memorial Day today and the sun is shining but it promises to be wet by the end of the day. That is very normal for this weekend. Being near the solstice that is going to happen in June there is always unsettled weather before and after the solstice. So grin and bear it and enjoy what good weather we have.

Many people were able to spruce up their yards for the holiday and the countryside looks so nice and green. This is why I love where we live. The color green it is so easy on the eyes. I had a mowing experience this week and thought that the mower was kaput forever because the noise it made was awful. It was a sudden thing as I was mowing one of the back areas of the yard so I thought I hit something like a rock. As it turned out it was a stick that caused the belt to come off and whatever the noise was I don't know. Didn't want to have to buy a new mower or put in fancy priced repairs right now.

Sometimes you get a break.

Graduations were a big thing this weekend. Walter and Cindy Novak, Gerard and Kim Novak, Jerome and Barb Novak, Alyssa Novak and Colby Waterworth, Leonard and Marilyn Novak, Reinette and Ray Walter, Brian and Sue Walter, went to Argyle to attend the graduation party of Justin Yutrzeuka, and Kelsey Lindgren. These cousins live in the same community and went to school together and are best friends. They both love sports. Congratulations to both Kelsey and Justin.

The Brooks girls got together this week too. In celebration of Sandra Gagner's birthday, Mary Schindler, Elaine Radniecki, Myrtle Hamrum, and Barb Novak gathered at the Brooks Cozy Bar and Grill for dinner on Tuesday. Everyone had a great meal and enjoyed the company of each other. It was good getting together again.

An accident near where

I live took the lives of two Canadian men. The accident occurred on the intersection of County Highway 49 and County Highway 12. This is a wide open intersection, but though there are stop signs on Hwy 49, the drivers seem to run right through the intersection not stopping for the sign. I have observed this very often and it seems that because it is in the country nobody will know. It is important to take extra care at this intersection, because when the signs were not there many people had accidents, some were killed. Now that the signs are up people are still getting killed there. Please be careful on those country stops.

That is it for the week, I hope you have a great week ahead and that you enjoy life and family to the fullest.

Always remember our Veterans, they are why we are free. Don't forget them once they are home. They deserve to be held as heroes. God Bless America.

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