

Oklee Precipitation
By Einar Kvasager

	Rain	Snow
May 29	0.24	
May 31	0.72	
June 1	0.22	
June 2	0.10	
June 3	0.03	
Total in.	1.31	0.00

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Oklee Herald

...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

OKLEE (RED LAKE COUNTY) MINN. 56742

Sample Issue



Green trees, blue skies and military branch flags waving provided a peaceful backdrop for the Memorial Day Service at the Veterans Park in Plummer on May 30. The program was put on by the Plummer Legion Post 623 and the Auxiliary Unit 623.

Plummer Legion Post 623 & Auxiliary hold Memorial Day Program

Green trees provided the backdrop. Flags of the military branches along with the American flag waved gently in the breeze while the sun peeked through the clouds. Attendees sat on the bleacher stands. To the left 36 white crosses with the American flag were precisely placed to provide perfect rows no matter how you looked. Such was the setting for the Plummer American Legion Memorial Day Service held at the Veterans Park.

Post Commander David Eskeli presided over the service. Kaylee Eskeli, who will be attending the Air

Force Academy this fall, read a poem *Freedom isn't Free*. First Lieutenant Dan Shield from the Grand Forks Air Base provided the address. He reminded listeners of the over one million people who have sacrificed their lives since the Revolutionary war to keep America free. He quoted from former President Reagan's October 22, 1964, *A Time for Choosing* Speech: "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction."

After the speaker, the names of all the deceased were read by Les Hofstad for the Legion and Alice Jobe from the Auxiliary. At the conclusion of the program the rifle squad fired a 3 volley salute after which Matt Schmitz played taps. The program then retired to the river where Chaplin Les Hofstad read a prayer for those who died at sea and Alice Jobe tossed a wreath into the river in their honor. Program concluded with another rifle squad salute and the playing of taps again by Schmitz. Following the program everyone was invited to the Legion for lunch.



As part of Plummer's Memorial Day Service Alice Jobe tosses a wreath into the river at the Plummer bridge to honor those veterans who were lost at sea.

Calendar of Events
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!
Sun, June 12:
-Worship at the church of your choice.
Mon, June 13:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
Tue, June 14:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards
Wed, June 15:
-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 16:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
Fri, June 17:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
Sat, June 18:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!
Sun, June 19:
-Worship at the church of your choice.

All area residents receiving Fair Premium List

Red Lake County is looking to hosting the annual fair. It will be held in Oklee and the dates to mark on your calendar are June 24, 25, & 26 - Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

To make sure that all in the area are aware of the event, a premium list is being mailed, through this issue of the Oklee Herald to all residents in the Oklee, Plummer, Brooks and Trail areas.

This copy of the Oklee Herald and the Red Lake County Fair Premium List serves two purposes. Get you enthused about your Fair and introduce you to the Oklee Herald, if you are not familiar with it.

We would like to send the Oklee Herald to each and every one of you, every week. See elsewhere for a limited time introductory offer of \$5 off a new regular subscription. For renewals, get \$2 off your renewal. And we are now ONLINE too!

The "Tri-County Canary" is a supplement to each weekly paper that is a useful tool to be used when looking to buy and sell all kinds of products and services and also carries area news of interest.

We hop you will enjoy the Complementary Oklee Herald and the Red Lake County Fair June 24, 25 & 26th.

Oklee Memorial Day Program

On Monday, May 30th, Oklee's American Legion and Auxiliary from Post 159 held a Memorial Day program at Red Lake County Central High School Gymnasium.

American Legion Post 159 Commander Dean Walstad welcomed everyone and the Color Guard advance the colors.

Caplain Don Stenberg gave the invocation before the audience was asked to join in singing "My Country Tis of Thee" with pianist Barb Melby accompanying.

Walstad introduced Annalee Woodstrom, the Memorial Day speaker.

Annelee was born in Germany in 1926 where she grew up under the regime of Adolf Hitler during World War II. During her childhood & adolescence, constant propaganda and strictly enforced censorship in Hitler's Germany influenced Annelee's thinking. The bombings and all the suffering caused by World War II affected her deeply.

Annelee was twenty years old when she immigrated to America in 1947 to marry Kenny Woodstrom, an American soldier she had met after the war. Annelee did not speak English and her husband did not speak German, giving this

relationship many challenges and always carrying a German /English dictionary. She was catholic and he was Lutheran. They had two children, Roy and Sandra. She worked as a sales clerk, advanced to secretarial work, and finally, in 1967, she was able to fulfill her life's dream.

Annelee attended university and became a teacher. She taught Junior and Senior high school English, German, civics, and psychology. She has also written two books autobiographies of her life, *War Child: Growing Up in Adolf Hitler's Germany* and *Empty Chairs*.

Annelee spoke on Monday about the war years she experienced and they were horrific. She prayed the U.S. would be their occupiers instead of the Russians. And it was after the war that she met her future husband, Kenny Woodstrom. And became the first war bride in 1947 from Germany.

She spoke of her teen years where she lived under a dictatorship and wars. At a young age she learned about hunger and poverty, about the powerlessness to change things. And the importance of not forgetting the soldiers who have and are still serving our

country and keeping us safe.

Kenny served in Company C-352 Infantry, and 90th Division. In 1943 he was assigned to prepare the equipment to be shipped overseas by waterproofing everything, and the chemicals used ruined his lungs. He served from 1942 to 1945.

Kenny's original Company had already received 1000 replacements over the years, and he was 1 of the 5 original members.

She said that Memorial Day is a day to honor the people who served, sacrificed their lives for our freedom. We need to teach our children what Memorial Day stands for. Freedom is here because of these men and women who served our country. Without their sacrifices, we could have an entirely different life, without liberty and freedom.

The courage and beliefs of these soldiers have kept our freedom alive. And today as you walk through the cemeteries think of the soldiers and say thank you. And remember, we will also have a responsibility to keep our liberty and freedom.

After Annalee's speech, Natalie Aakhus sung the "Battly Hymn of the Republic."

Mrs. Annalee Woodstrom came to the podium again, right before the Auxiliary Roll Call with a suggestion on teaching our children about Memorial Day and to participate in the day of honor instead of thinking of the day as a day to go to the lake or another none Memorial event, would be to have graduation after Memorial Day and have it as a requirement of graduation.

The Honorary Roll Call was read of the WWI, WWII, Korean, Vietnam, Cold War, Persian Gulf War and Auxiliary members who have served and died by Elmer Hanson, Don Stenberg, Dean Walstad and Mary Lynn Bachand.

Taps was played by Seth Johnson.

Colors were retired. Coffee and bars were served by the American Legion Auxiliary.



The Oklee American Legion Color Guard Advanced the Colors for the Memorial Day program on Monday, May 30th.



Annalee Woodstrom, who lived in Germany during WWII, was the speaker.



Seth Johnson played Taps at the end of the Memorial Day program.



Legion members Elmer Hanson, Don Stenberg, Speaker Annalee Woodstrom and Auxiliary member Mary Lynn Bachand.

Facts about the Vietnam Wall

There are 58,267 names on the Wall.
39,996 were just 22 years old or younger.
8,283 were 19.
33,103 were 18 years old.
12 were 17 years old.
5 were 16 years old.
There are 3 sets of fathers and sons on the Wall.

31 sets of parents lost 2 of their sons.
997 were killed their first day.
1,448 were killed on their last day.
8 women were on the wall, they were nurses.
244 soldiers were awarded the Medal of Honor during the war, 153 of them are on the Wall.

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Margaret Jacobus
Sun, June 12: 9:00 a.m.
Zion. 10:30 a.m. Salem.
Mon, June 13: 7:00 p.m.
Zion Board
Tue, June 14: 7:00 p.m.
Salem Board

BROOKS - RED LAKE FALLS CATHOLIC PARISH
Fr. Bill DeCrans
Sat, June 11: 5:30 p.m.
Mass at St. Joseph - RLF.
Sun, June 12: 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, June 12: 9:00 a.m.
Worship at Ebenezer. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Immanuel.
Immanuel Church Council
Wed, June 15: 6:00 p.m.
Bible Study at Immanuel. 7:00 p.m. Worship at Immanuel

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Interim Pastor Phil Johnson
Sun, June 12: 8:30 a.m.
Faith. 9:45 a.m. Bethany. 11:00 a.m. Ekelund.
Mon, June 13: Parish board meeting, 7:00 p.m. at Faith.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

June 13 - 17

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: Grilled ham & cheese, chili, dessert, and milk.
Tuesday: Hamburger patty, hash browns, vegetables, dessert and milk.

Wednesday: Cold meatloaf sandwich, hamburger vegetable soup, dessert and milk.

Thursday: 1/2 Hot pork, vegetables, dessert and milk.

Friday: Birthday meal: Grilled chicken breast, 1/2 baked potato, vegetable, dessert and milk.

Deadline:
Friday's at noon!

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.

CLEARWATER LUTHERN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth
Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Sat, June 11: 9:00 a.m.
Mt. Olive.
Sun, June 12: 8:00 a.m.
St. Petri. 9:45 a.m. Nazareth.
11:00 a.m. Oak Park.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pasotor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, June 8: 6:30 p.m.
Youth Group.
Thu, June 9: 12:00 p.m.
Rotary.
Sun, June 12: 9:30 a.m.
Worship.
Tue, June 14: 8:00 a.m. LSS Meeting. 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study. 10:30 a.m. Quilting.
Wed, June 15: 12:30-3:30 p.m. Food Shelf. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn ahnson
Lay Minister
Wed, June 8: 2:00 p.m.
Lund WELCA
Sun, June 12: 9:00 a.m.
Lund. 10:30 a.m. Sand Valley.
Wed, June 15: 2:00 p.m.
Sand Valley WELCA

BETHEL ASSEMBLY
Fosston
Jon Marx, Lead Pastor
Seth Johnson, Assist. Pastor
Sun, June 12: 10:00 a.m.
Worship

The Retired And Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) Promotes "Veteran Drive" To Celebrate National Senior Corp Week, May 16-20, 2016



When Crookston's Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Coordinators, Bill and Jamie Cassavant, suggested ways that RSVP volunteers could help Veterans and Military Personnel/Families, it is likely that they didn't count on such an amazing outpouring of response from residents of the 7-county region!

In honor and recognition of Senior Corp Week, May 16-20, RSVP Board Members, Volunteers, Volunteer Stations and Staff promoted and facilitated a new socks and quarters (for vending machines) donation drive for Veterans at the Veteran Hospital in Fargo, ND.

Donations were collected throughout NW Minnesota communities, during the weeklong celebration, generating more than \$1500.00 in quarters and bags and bags filled with new socks. "Northwest Minnesota residents are incredibly generous! Not only with this project, giving back to Veterans who have sacrificed so much for our freedom, but also in the time and energy they give regularly as RSVP Volunteers and partners!" commented RSVP Director Tammy Frohlich, "We are so grateful to those who made this Senior Corp Week project a 'sock-cess'!"

RSVP Advisory Board members Bev Phillion, Red Lake County; Wanda Philipi and Loralee Marvin, Roseau County; Myrna Kiser, Norman County; Sheryl Carriere, Karen Michalski and Carole DeMars, Marshall County; Lois Bergland and Sharon Jorde, Pennington County; and Irene Hemphill, Polk County took the lead within their respective communities, demonstrating their dedication and commitment toward civic engagement and community service.

The RSVP office received support and assistance with the Crookston Drive from RSVP Station Managers Patty Dillibough, The Golden Link,

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

Wedding Dance

for

Teshia Wright

& Trenton Mugaas

Saturday, June 18, 2016

2:00-1:00

MUSIC by "Backbeat Productions"

at the Oklee Hall

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.

Thurs, June 9: Fargo/ Moorhead - Thief River Falls, St. Hilaire

Fri, June 10 : Bemidji - Red Lake Falls, Plummer, Oklee/Brooks, Trail/Gully. Fosston

Mon, June 13: Grand Forks - Fosston, McIntosh, Erskine, Mentor

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.

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

HOTDISH DINNER

FREE WILL OFFERING.

Sunday, June 12 Serving is 11:30 am-12:30 pm

MENU: variety of hotdishes, salads, buns, and desserts

Everyone is welcome.

Proceeds will go to help with the stained glass window repair.

ATTENTION

RED LAKE COUNTY SMALL BUSINESS AND POTENTIAL STARTUP ENTERPRISES

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

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

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

043-43C (2x/mo.)

Oklee Summer Recreation

Oklee Summer Rec starts June 6

From June 6-24 swimming lessons will take place from 8:50 a.m. and returning at 12:45. Students will bring their own snack/lunch/drink to swimming lessons.

The schedule that follows is subject to change as summer rec trips will be announced. These trips will have additional costs.

Mondays: From 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. basketball will be held in the gym for all ages. After basketball from 2:00 p.m.-3:00p.m. cadet/peewee Baseball Practice will be at the South East softball fields for ages 9-13. Later in the evening from 6:00p.m.-7:00p.m. is T-Ball practice behind the school. Parents are welcome to volunteer.

Tuesdays: 1:00p.m.-2:00p.m. all ages are welcome to play kick ball and Mites Baseball Practice for ages

7-8 will also take place at this time behind the school. From 2:00p.m.-3:00p.m. Cadet/ Peewee Baseball Practice. Peewee games are played at 10:00 a.m. starting June 14, we may have to wait until swimming lessons are over.

Wednesdays: Starting June 15, Kloster league at Clearbrook for ages 9-14. The bus leaves the school at 8:00 a.m. and returns around 3-3:30p.m. Students will need to bring their own snack/lunch/drink.

Thursdays: On June 16 at 10:00 a.m. Cadet Baseball games will start. Football behind the school for all ages will run from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00p.m. Then from 2:00p.m.-3:00p.m. All ages are welcome to play basketball in the gym.

Fridays: After swimming lessons are completed, open swimming will begin starting at 12:30a.m. to 4:00p.m.

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.

Obituary



Rites held for Richard L. Plante

Richard Leon Plante, age 71, passed away peacefully at his home in Sebastian, FL on February 8, 2016.

He was born April 1, 1944. the son of Vedo and Myrtle Plante of Erskine.

He is survived by his wife, Leona, sons Randy (Mary), Matthew (Theresa), and Kory Bobbi Jo; grandchildren Charles, Samantha, Daniel, Bailey, Kali, and Audrey; great grandchild Winward; siblings - Violet Cote of Oklee, Virgil (Jan) Plante of Mentor, David (Lola) Plante of Erskine, and Gloria Benedick, Erskine. And many friends and relatives.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Vedo & Myrtle, sisters, Darlane Fjerstad, and Joyce Cook.

As a U.S. Veteran, Rick was put to rest at the Northern Wisconsin Veteran's Memorial Cemetery in Spooner, Wisconsin.

New in adult fiction: "First Comes Love" by Emily Griffin is the story of sisters Josie and Meredith Garland, whose relationship growing up was contentious. Josie was impulsive, spirited, and outgoing, Meredith hardworking, thoughtful, and reserved. When tragedy strikes, their delicate bond splinters. After 15 years, their lives are on very different paths. Josie, a first grade teacher, is single; she wants the right guy, but moreover, to be a mother, and decides to take matters into her own hands. Meredith is a successful attorney, married to a wonderful man and raising a beautiful 4-year-old daughter, yet feels dissatisfied, wondering if she chose the life expected of her rather than one she desired. The anniversary of the tragedy looms and painful secrets from the past emerge; Josie and Meredith must confront the issues that divide them as well as come to terms with their choices. Both sisters begin to discover that they need each other more than they knew—and that in the search for true happiness, love always comes first.



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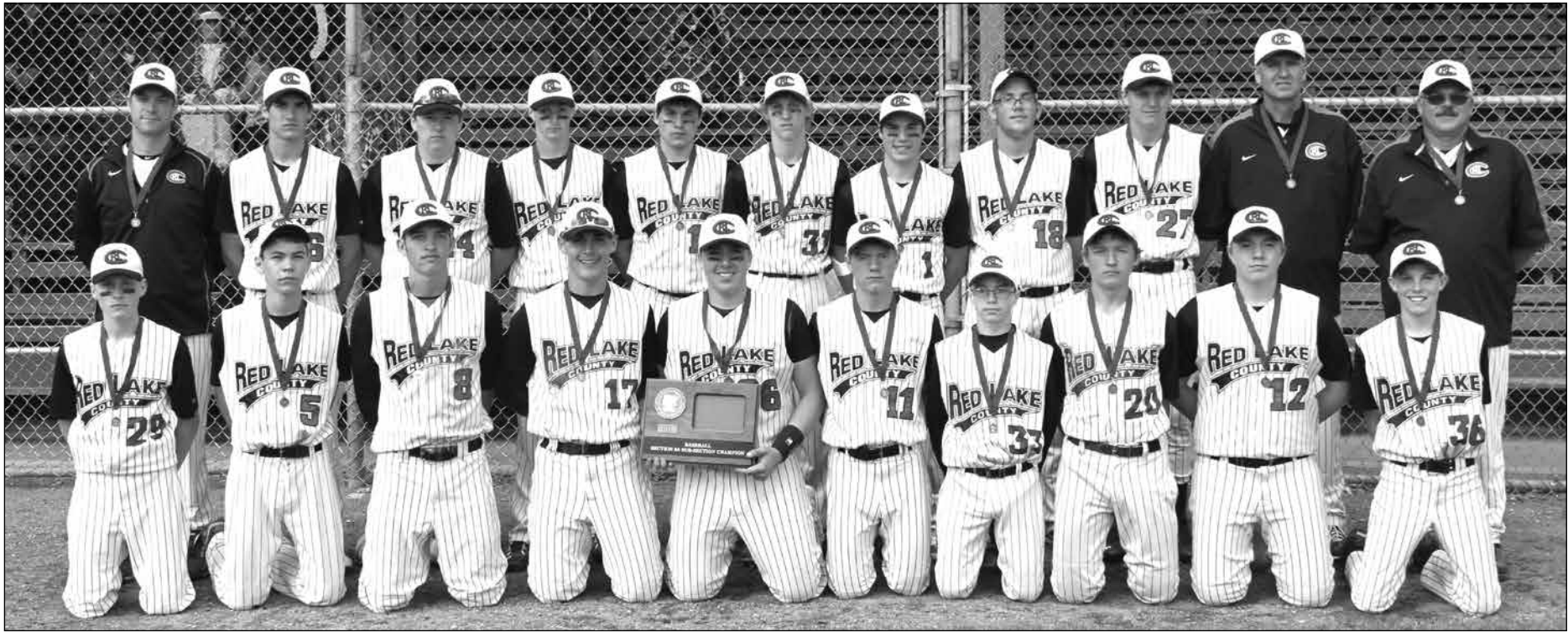
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MUSTANG STAMPEDE



RLC Rebels baseball team, Sub Section champs

Front row: Nathan Hofstad, Derek Peterson, Drake Engelstad, Taylor Kenfield, Bailey Schmitz, Matthew Vettleson, Freddy Landman, Austin Jensen, Hunter Schmitz, Ben Cardinal
Back row: Coach Alex Carlson, Chase Schmitz, Kurt Larson, Brandon Klipping, Josh Casavan, Talon Porter, Mason Hanson, Phillip Sorenson, Dawson Rystad, Coach Chris Nelson, Coach Gary Casavan.

Regional Ag News

Jim Stordahl, Extension Educator

Wet Weather Raises Nitrogen Loss Concerns

Brad Carlson, UM Extension Educator, who works with soils and water quality, shares this week's timely tip.

Recent, excessively wet weather has raised concerns over the possibility of nitrogen (N) loss in corn for some parts of Minnesota. As the calendar has now turned to June, it's likely that anywhere from half to all of the applied N, regardless of the fertilizer form or application timing, is in the nitrate form. This conversion is due to soil microbial activity and is fueled by heat and moisture. This is significant, since nitrate is susceptible to environmental loss.

Nitrate will "denitrify" when the soil is saturated. Denitrification is the conversion of nitrate into inert nitrogen gas, which is then lost to the atmosphere. This is also a microbial process that speeds up when the soil is warm. Most recently, the Southern Research and Outreach Center in Waseca reported the 4" soil temperature was at 64° F. Research shows that soils that stay saturated for four days at this temperature will lose approximately 10% of the N present in the nitrate form, and the loss approaches 20% if the soil stays saturated for 10 days.

Additionally, nitrate will leach (move downward) as the water drains away. A rule of thumb for this is that nitrate will travel approximately 6" for every 1" of water that leaves as drainage. It is important to note that these processes will be highly variable across most fields based on local soil and water conditions.

Is there a need for supplemental N?

If a significant amount of N has been lost, it is likely that a supplemental fertilizer application will be necessary to reach the crop's yield potential. The University of Minnesota has developed a worksheet to assist farmers with making supplemental N application decisions for corn. The worksheet can be found at: <http://z.umn.edu/supplementaln>. In addition, the worksheet is available as an app for smart phones at: <http://z.umn.edu/cropcalc>.

Here are a few things to consider before applying supplemental fertilizer:

Soils that have been saturated for a long time will in all likelihood have stunted plants with reduced yield potential, so will require less N. In instances where leaching has occurred, it is probable that the N has moved lower in the soil profile; however, it may not be lost, since increased root growth may put the N back in reach of the plant.

There are several new technologies focused on making supplemental (and variable rate) N decisions, and while they hold promise, they are new, and the jury is still out with respect to how well they work.

Additional information can be found on the University of Minnesota Extension's Nutrient Management home page at: <http://www.extension.umn.edu/agriculture/nutrient-management>.

For more information, contact me at 800-450-2465 or stordahl@umn.edu.

Alan Nemec, Service Technician intern sponsored by Evergreen Implement Company

Alan Nemec has started with Evergreen Implement Company, Thief River Falls location, as a paid intern while he is now a student at NDSCS (North Dakota State College of Science) Wapeton, ND. He is enrolled in the John Deere Tech Program and is sponsored by Evergreen Implement Company. His time is spent in 8 week segments in school and 8 weeks interning at Evergreen Implement learning on the job, working in a supervised atmosphere with real customers in an actual service department environment. Some of the class electives include: Electrical/Electronics, JD Hydraulic Systems, Light and Medium Duty Engines, JD Engine Rebuild, Time Service Management, JD Powertrains, and JD Equipment operation.

Scott Miller, Service Department Manager says, "Alan will be a great addition to our staff of highly qualified

service technicians. I look forward to working with Alan in the future".

Alan Nemec is the son of Matt and Toni Nemec, Plummer, MN. He has a strong agriculture background as he grew up working on numerous farms in the area. He is a 2016 graduate of RLCC High School. Alan is expected to graduate from NDSCS in May 2018. He will then have the opportunity to be employed full time as a service technician with Evergreen Implement Company in Thief River Falls.

Evergreen Implement is always seeking students to become service technicians through the John Deere TECH program. The John Deere TECH program allows students to learn about John Deere agricultural equipment through sponsorship by Evergreen Implement. Evergreen Implement in Warren, Thief River Falls, Mahanomen or Baudette will



Alan Nemec

sponsor students to receive tuition reimbursement for the John Deere TECH Program.

The John Deere TECH program includes hands on training with John Deere's latest equipment. Whether it is repairing an engine or performing diagnostic tests, John Deere TECH will provide students with the skills they

need to perform their best at Evergreen Implement. After completion of the program they will be a certified service technician.

Learn how to service today's high-tech and ever changing agricultural equipment power up your career with the John Deere TECH program through Evergreen Implement. The actual tuition and fees will be reimbursed with equal monthly payments over a 48 month time frame starting with the first full month of employment after graduation from the John Deere Tech program at the North Dakota State College of Science.

Student is required to maintain an above average cumulative grade point in the John Deere Tech program.

For more information on JD TECH please call Brent Lunke, Evergreen Implement Co., 218-681-1131 or email: brent.l@evergreenimplement.com

May Oklee City Council meeting

The City of Oklee held their May meeting on the 9th at 6:00 p.m. at the Oklee Cafe. All members were present along with Deputy Lovely and approx. fifteen residents.

Mayor George Burthwich called the meeting to order. The minutes were looked over and two corrections were pointed out. One pertaining to a motion made on the wage raise, the other concerning a affidavit for the Consumer Confidence Water report. A motion to approve minutes with corrections was made by Kaye Munt, with Kent Bergerson making the second. Carried.

The Board of Appeal and Equalization minutes was approved with a motion by Lori Melby and seconded by Alan Jensen. Carried.

A Special meeting was also held on April 19, 2016 in the Maintenance Shop with all council members present along with Derek Cross, Darrell Tougas and Leo Olson. The meeting minutes state it was called to order at 5:58 p.m. and closed at 6:55 p.m. but no other information other than employee review was listed. The minutes were also approved. Carried.

Sheriff's Report concerning a few traffic complaints and animal complaints.

Rick Sherman from D & R Grocery came before the council with concerns about the road in front of the store. The surface is in bad shape and was wondering what could the City do to fix this before someone get hurt. The Mayor said it would cost a lot to fix, if they hire someone to fix it, but maybe if the Oklee Maintenance cleans out the old broken tar, and then filled it in with some hot mix. Burthwich also stated that this has been talked about last year, but the plan the City was working on didn't work out.

Sherman also informed the Council that since he and Debbie are now 60, they will close in five years, if the store is not sold. It would be great if they City could help them find a buyer so Oklee keeps a grocery store. Sherman's are willing to work with the City on this issue.

Melby and Bergerson made a motion to allow Tougas and Burthwich to use their judgement to fix the portion of Main Street in front of D & R Grocery.

Linda McCloskey also came before the council with concerns about the property to the north of their home. It has been empty for most of the past 10 years, there is black mold inside, garbage outside and animals going in and out of the building. Signs of children going in the house also and the city has been mowing the property for years, because the owner is absent. McCloskey

also asked the City if they have been billing for the mowing and the water/sewer bill.

Nuisance homes were discussed briefly, concerning condemning of a home. Could it be condemn for safety reasons by the Fire Department.

The City said they have not charged for mowing and they will check on the water/sewer bill for the property. Derek Cross, City Clerk will get information, and said he will check with attorney on condemnation. Resident Matt Genova said the ordinance the City has in place should cover the clean up of the property.

Linda has contacted Collin Peterson and will be contacting LeRoy Stumpf. Council said they will check with lawyer on how to handle it.

Maintenance Report was given by Darrell Tougas. Hydrant flushing was done, and one hydrant had been broken by someone opening it improperly and it had to be repaired. Tougas would like permission to press charges if someone is caught messing around with hydrants - it is a theft of service - and would like to turn these acts into the Sheriff's Department. Also mail a letter out to Well Drillers that have been working in the area was mentioned. There are two places that water for farmers and others in need of water, can access water, and pay the city of the service.

Tougas reported that the Large Item Pickup was successful, picking up 18 tons. 13 TV's, 9 Microwaves, and 1 Mattress was paid for pickup and brought to the landfill.

Tougas has been lowering the ponds, mowing and keeping the screens at least once a week.

A motion was made to give Tougas or any City/Fire person to report activity pertaining hydrants.

Tougas asked if the City was going forward with the cleaning & camera scans for the sewer. The City said yes, and loan information was presented to the council and Bergerson made a motion to move forward with the loan, Melby seconded, carried.

Discussion on brighter

lighting for the street lights. It was reported that it was mostly trees blocking the light. Burthwich suggested to wait until LED come in approx. 12 months.

A motion to make the raise received by Tougas and Cross to be effective from January 1st, was made, with Bergerson making the motion, Melby seconded, carried.

Old Business:

Firemen's Fund needs to be transferred out of the City's General Fund and the Firemen will control. A motion was needed - Bergerson made the motion, Jensen seconded, carried.

New Business:

Economic Development Association: Jim Dulka will no longer be the president of the EDA. The EDA needs to bring their recommendations to the council.

Beautification funds: \$300 was approved for flowers to the Community Club. Question asked if Beito Foundation is donating funds like they have in the past. Yes, was the answer.

Coya Sign: Plan is for a granite and it the responsibility of the Veteran's Park group.

Matthew asked if the council was going to let Leo Olson go, now that the audit has been completed, as he and others had been told. Cross if the clerk and the City can't continue to afford paying for two persons for the Clerks job. Melby answered with the statement that Olson is an employee of the City.

Bill's were passed around to the council since Gale Schmitz hadn't come yet to the meeting. He should be on his way.

Residents Genova and Grove left at 7:00 p.m. along with D & R Grocery owners. Deputy Lovely also left.

Gale Schmitz finally came and went through the financials with the council. There were less transfers this year and the Firemen's Fund is to be transferred to the Firemen. It will no longer be on the City accounts which make less confusion with the Fire

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Washing Clothing After Applying Pesticides

Pesticide contaminated clothing needs to be treated differently than the rest of the family laundry because "PESTICIDES" pose a potential health risk.

"The Risk Even Applies To The Person Handling And Washing Pesticide Contaminated Clothing".

Most pesticide exposure occurs through the skin, therefore a good laundering routine helps keep the family safe. To be safe when using pesticides and washing the clothing used; always begin by reviewing the pesticide label!

The label is a legal document that determines if the clothing can be washed and if so; how! For example, for clothing not heavily contaminated, the label may direct using strong detergents, hot water, and a long wash cycle. Other suggested laundry tips include:

1. Discard garments drenched or heavily contaminated with pesticides! This includes shoes and boots!
2. Wear a long sleeved shirt and resistant gloves to minimize skin exposure to pesticides.
3. "While outdoors, shake sweep, or dust off contaminated clothing with compressed air." Empty cuffs and pockets where

residues may collect."

4. "Wash clothing immediately!" If the clothing will not be laundered within 24 hours, store it separately outside the home in a designated area, in a plastic bag garbage bag or a sealed container designated for this purpose.

5. "Always wash pesticide contaminated clothing separately from the other family wash."

Additional 10 Laundry Room Tips For Pesticide Contaminated Clothing

1. Check the manufacturer's directions for your specific washing machine.

2. Pre-rinse, presoak or pretreat clothing used for applying pesticides.

3. Use hot water and the maximum recommended amount of heavy duty (extra strength) liquid detergent.

4. Use the highest water level and the longest wash cycle - at least 20 minutes. Wash clothing two or three times for extra dirty clothing; discard the clothing if it is heavily contaminated.

5. Load washer to no more than 50 to 75% of clothing capacity for best results.

6. Use a high speed spin cycle to further remove moisture and

contaminates from clothing.

7. When wash is complete, run one additional empty cycle without clothing, using detergent and hot water, before using the machine for family laundry.

8. Dry clothes outside if possible. Sunlight can further break down any residues and prevent any residues from getting into the clothes dryer.

9. Note that bleach, ammonia, and fabric softeners do not consistently help remove pesticides from the clothing.

10. If using a commercial laundry firm or laundromat, notify the management.

For additional information, go to the NDSU Extension website at <https://www.ag.ndsu.edu/pubs/pest/ps1778.pdf> for a copy of "LAUNDERING PESTICIDE-CONTAMINATED WORK CLOTHING" ps1778. To have questions answered by e mail, contact Dean Herzfeld, U M Extension Pesticide Coordinator at deanh@umn.edu or Andrew Thostenson, NDSU Extension Pesticide Specialist, at andrew.thostenson@ndsu.edu.

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