

Oklee Precipitation

By Einar Kvasager

	Rain	Snow
Jan. 9		Trace
Jan. 10	Trace	2.00
Jan. 11		0.50
Total in.	0.00	2.50

Oklee Herald

...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

OKLEE (RED LAKE COUNTY) MINN. 56742

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The Year in Review

March 2, 2016:

In November or earlier, Matthew Genova came before the Oklee City Council and asked why the City didn't have a Coat of Arms Flag. He wanted to start a project with RLCC School to create a Coat of Arms for the City of Oklee.

Lerohl had a Red Lake County Fair Board meeting. Talked about grants for a fair building from the Legacy funds. There will be a raffle and mud run, Baja, and dance.

Darrell Tougas, Oklee City Maintenance, was busy breaking up the ice buildup on the streets last Thursday & Friday so water would drain in to the storm drains.

Faithful Fans: RLCC Boosters recognized and treated two fans who attend most every home game. Don and Alma Stenberg were at the February 19, the last home game in Oklee.

At a tournament last week, Tristan Larson placed fourth for heavy weight, Dylan Gustafson placed sixth at the 126 lbs, and Nick Pahlen also placed sixth in the 195 lbs weight class. Bryce Bergerson 106 lbs, Tyler Sandahl 120 lbs, Tristyn Ferguson 152 lbs, Kyle Gagner 160 lbs, and Alec Castaneda 220 lbs also wrestled but did not place.

Iona Berry attended a meeting in Brooks last week concerning Red Lake County Dementia Friendly Community Project. She received some information which she will share with anyone who is interested. They want volunteers to help with the project.

A birthday party was held at the Legion in Plummer Saturday evening for Melvin Hesse, who was 86 on Saturday and his sister Doris Malwitz, who was 90 on Friday.

March 9, 2016:

On Sunday night, the Relay For Life team Kamp Kenneth, held an evening of food and fun. The food was Klub, a Norwegian specialty enjoyed by many in

the area and afterward was a concert with the musical talents of North Country Gospel group.

RLCC Elementary Spelling Bee was held January 11th. Winners were Taya Morinville, runner up and winner Jonathan Roue. Mrs. Laura Conneran was the Spelling Bee Coordinator. Roue went on to compete at the Multi-Regional Spelling Bee.

The Red Lake County Central ninth graders were invited to TRIO Day 2016 celebrating 50 years of TRIO at the University of North Dakota. The event included a welcome, luncheon, video presentations and keynote addresses.

Friday, February 26 was the girls' basketball playoff game between the Red Lake County Central Mustangs and Red Lake Falls Eagles. Red Lake Falls hosted the games. In the first half RLF was ahead, 30-17. Mustangs lost 39-57.

This past weekend the weather was too good for March. Temps in the 50's on Sunday just warmed your heart.

March 16, 2016:

On Sunday, March 13th, the 95 quilts were blessed at Zion Lutheran Church. The quilts were made by mostly Zion Lutheran WELCA members, Ardell Opdahl, Ione Nelson, Joyce Austad, Liz Follmann, LaVonne Brown, and a former Oklee resident, Leona Brekke, who sewed tops at her home.

Holly Vettleson has received a \$6,000 Valedictorian Scholarship from Minnesota State University Moorhead. Vettleson is the daughter of Alan and Chris Vettleson, Oklee, MN.

Sami Smith, a senior at RLCC High School, has turned a hobby of sewing into a community service project. While sewing a blanket for a baby she babysits, her sister, Stephanie, who is a nurse in Fargo, ND, mentioned there was a need for baby blankets at the hospital where she is employed. With generous donations from her family and with the help of her Grandma, Ardelle Olson, cutting all the fabric, Sami began sewing blankets over her Christmas break from school. She made 21 quilts.

RLCC's February Students of the Month, Shelby Gunderson and Garrett Qualley, and their nominating teachers Ms. Jessie Hamrum and Ms. Shelley Steva.

The Red Lake County Rebels boys' basketball team set a Minnesota State Boys' Basketball record this season. The original record for fewest turnovers in a game was set in 1967 by Luverne High School. They only had three turnovers in a boys' basketball game. RLC Rebels broke the record with only one turnover on December 18, 2015 in a game against Stephen-Argyle. The record has been confirmed by the Minnesota State High School League with video confirmation of the game.

The Iditarod started Sunday the 6th. Snow was shipped from Fairbanks to Anchorage, Alaska because of lack of snow.

March 23, 2016:

A 90th birthday celebration for Helen Fisher was held at the Brooks Community Center, Saturday, March 12th. The program was at 1:30 p.m. Helen's granddaughter sang a song and Matt Anderson (grandson) played the guitar. All the grandkids sang "Happy Birthday." Helen's 91 year old sister and two brothers came from North Dakota.

The past few weeks the Plummer Legion guys have worked inside the Legion, replacing the flooring which looks very nice and painted the bar counter. More work is left to do in the kitchen.

Red Lake County Rebels Assistant Basketball Coach Randy Huie has been selected as the 2016 Class A Minnesota State Assistant Coach of the Year.

RLC's Junior High Speech Team received the third place trophy at the Fisher Novice Meet. Competing were: Natalie Aakhus, Jayden Fore, Jade Person, Lilly Hanson, Serenity May, Lana Bravo, Kara Longtin, Lily Guillemette, Allison Aakhus, Sydney Melby and Carly Williams. Phillip Sorenson, Tom Nelson, Abby Walton, Dede Walton, and Jayden Iverson.

March 30, 2016:



Recently these kids participated and passed the snowmobile safety class offered by the Moonlighters Snowmobile Club. Pictured front from left are: Kehan Nelson, Tyler Parsley, Jennifer Johnson. Back from left: Keatin Goering, Nolan Magnell, Kia Bachand, Arianna Robinette, Landin Robinette.

Celebrate the 50th Annual Moonlighter Snowmobile Safari on January 28th

The Oklee Moonlighters Snowmobile Club will once again be hosting their Snowmobile Safari Ride – their 50th year on January 28th. This year will be different since it is their 50th anniversary of holding their annual Safari.

Because it is their 50th anniversary, they plan on celebrating it with a different type of ride. This year they are doing purely a trail ride with stops at the warming shacks and having a fire with hot dogs and marshmallows at the west warming shack. When the group comes back to T.J.'s,

the Moonlighter's are doing free appetizers from 6-7:00 along with the normal cash prizes and raffle drawings. Door prizes after the ride and you must be present to win.

They want to welcome everyone to the day. So gather your sledding gear and gather at TJ's Tavern of Oklee at 12:00 p.m. with the ride starting at 1:00 p.m. You don't have to be

a member to enjoy this fun day of riding.

The snowfall has been great this year which should make the ride fun and interesting. The trails should be nice for riding and hopefully the temperatures will be just right this year.

To complete the day of fun, that evening at TJ's Tavern of Oklee, a band will be playing for a night of dancing.

So make plans to join the 50th anniversary of Moonlighter's Snowmobile's Safari by riding the trails and dancing the night away on January 28, 2017.



“Snowman / Snow Sculpture” Contest

The 2nd Annual Snowman/Snow Sculpture contest has been announced. This includes the City of Oklee and the surrounding area.

When does it start: From now until Feb. 24 (Winners will be announced at the Fireman's Blizzard Bazaar and also listed in the Oklee Herald)

Prize Money: \$50 1st Place, \$30 2nd Place, \$20 3rd Place. When your Snowman or Snow Sculpture is ready to be judged, Text SNOWMAN to 218-230-8960. There will be at least 3 judges.

Questions? Contact Isaac Melby or Grace Dessellier.

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt in Oklee was held on Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. at the Oklee Community Hall.

Rick and Arlene Froiland traveled to Camp Ripley, near Little Falls, MN Friday, March 18th. They attended the promotion of their daughter Shannon to First Sergeant of Headquarters and Headquarters Company 347th Regional Support Group.

First annual snowman contest was held with very little snow this year!

Winners: 1st: DJ Bernstein, Second place went to Janae Olsen & her exchange sister Anna A. Third place was a tie, with Megan Smith & Billie Jo Gryskiewicz and Peyton & Owen O'Neil who built their 2 snowmen in front of Great Grandma Irene Rosten's.

Ducks Unlimited banquet was Friday night. BBQ ribs, walleye, baked potato and coleslaw, about 100 suppers served. There were gun drawings and other things given away.

Senior Alan Nemec from RLCC made two night stands made out of knotty hickory and

a mirror with etched glass with a moose on it in shop class.

April 6, 2016:

RLCC Theater will be presenting the three act comedy, "A Hillbilly Wedding" by Le Roma Greth and by special arrangement with Heuer Publishing on April 15-16-17 in the Oklee School gym.

Several athletes from RLCC High School recently received certificates for R & J Broadcasting Star of the Game. For the October 26 RLCC volleyball game against Clearbrook-Gonvick, Julia Bernstein, Kelsie Sirjord, and Ashely Longtin were named Stars of the Game. The February 26 RLCC girls' basketball game against Red Lake Falls was Ashely Longtin.

Austin Waliser, a senior at Red Lake County Central and a Red Lake County Rebel basketball player, was selected as Academic All-State for boys' basketball by the Minnesota Basketball Coaches Association.

April 13, 2016:

The Red Lake County Central Students of the Month for March were announced



Surprise!

On a bright sunny day in mid-January after a snap of severe cold and blizzards, with a parish-wide service followed by a potluck, one might expect a few extra people to turn up in church.

But this day happened to be Pastor Dawn Hanson's 60th birthday, and much to her surprise, the regular congregation members were joined by a whole bunch of Dawn's family members. Several generations of relatives poured into Lund Church in Gully, potlucks in hand, to wish her a "Happy Birthday". What fun to see a full church!

When you turn 60, everything is fair game; and a good time was had by all

Thursday, March 31. Among Senior High students it was 12th grader Seth Johnson. From the Junior High Students, it was seventh grader Elijah Rathack.

RLC Speech Coach Mrs. Judy Schue was selected as Subsection 31A Coach of the Year and was then honored by the coaches of Section 8A as Section Coach of the Year. Schue will be retiring from the head coaching position.

Mini-Canoes were launched April 15 on Clearwater River near Plummer. The canoes were launched Friday, April 15. Each canoe is labeled with a number to identify it and to hopefully track its progress.

The parishes of St. Joseph in Red Lake Falls and Brooks are getting excited about the ordination of one of our own. Matt Schmitz is being ordained April 30 into the diaconate. His ordination will be at Red Lake Falls and his first Mass will be at St. Joe's in Brooks.

April 20, 2016:

Long-time area coach Rick Koivisto has been selected for induction into the Minnesota Girls Basketball Hall of Fame.

For Autism Awareness Month, Red Lake County Central's David Clifton is a 16-year-old student with Asperger's Disorder, a variation of Autism, who is on the Speech team and presented an Informative Speech about Autism.

2016 Academic Banquet speaker at RLCC was Kim Vettleson, a 1987 graduate of Oklee High School.

April 27, 2016:

Red Lake County Central Trap Shooting team held its first practice on April 6th at the Plummer Area Sportsmen's Club. RLCC started trap shooting as a Minnesota High School League sport with eight participating members last year.

Plummer Senior Citizens met on Thur., April 21st with 9 present. They voted for a \$100 scholarship and Shelby Haugen was the recipient.

Red Lake County Central music students who competed at Vocal Ensembles: Nick Pahlen, Holly Vettleson, Miranda Magnell, Dede Walton, Jayden Fore, Sydney Melby, and Natalie Aakhus.



Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Margaret Jacobus
Wed, Jan. 18: 6:30 p.m.
Confirmation Classes.
Sun, Jan. 22: 9:00 a.m.
Zion. 9:00 a.m. SS at Salem.
10:15 a.m. SS at Zion. 10:30 a.m. Salem. Annual meeting following service and potluck after.
Mon, Jan. 23: 9:00 a.m. Quilting at Zion.
Wed, Jan. 25: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Classes.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH OKLEE
Fr. Adam Hamness
Sun, Jan. 22: 7:30 a.m.
Confessions 8:00 a.m. Mass.

BROOKS - RED LAKE FALLS CATHOLIC PARISH
Fr. Bob Schreiner
Sat, Jan. 21: 5:30 p.m. RLF
Sun, Jan. 22: 8:00 a.m. Brooks. 10:00 a.m. RLF.

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Wed, Jan. 18: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation at Immanuel.
Fri, Jan. 20: 6:30 p.m. Luther League event.
Sun, Jan. 22: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Immanuel. 10:15 a.m. SS at Immanuel. 5:30 p.m. Bible Study at Ebenezer. 6:30 p.m. Worship at Ebenezer.
Wed, Jan. 25: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation at Immanuel.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Wed, Jan. 18: Release Time. No Confirmation.
Sun, Jan. 22: 8:30 a.m. Faith, 9:45 a.m. SS; 9:45 a.m. Bethany, 11:00 a.m. SS. 11:00 a.m. Ekelund, 9:45 a.m. SS. Ekelund annual meeting.
Mon, Jan. 23: 9:30 a.m. Faith Quilting with potluck.
Wed, Jan. 25: Release Time. Confirmation. Confirmation.

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Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial Update
Recently, a contribution was made to the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial. Iona Berry, Oklee, made a donation in memory of her friend, Rose Mandt, who was a lifelong resident of Oklee and well known in the community. Contributions to the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial may be sent to Security State Bank, Box 69, Oklee, MN 56742, Attn: Lori Melby. Donations to the Memorial fund perpetual care, flowers and flag replacement as well as other projects.

Sudoku Solution

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

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth
Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Wed, Jan. 18: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School/Confirmation.
Sat, Jan. 21: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.
Sun, Jan. 22: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri, 9:15 a.m. SS. 9:45 a.m. Oak Park, 8:00 a.m. SS. 11:00 a.m. Nazareth, 10 a.m. SS.
Wed, Jan. 25: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School/Confirmation.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Jan. 18: 6:30 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Thu, Jan. 19: 12:00 p.m. Rotary.
Fri, Jan. 20: 8:45 a.m. Friday School.
Sun, Jan. 22: 9:30 a.m. AWANA Sunday Worship. 10:50 a.m. Sunday School.
Tue, Jan. 24: 6:30 p.m. Bible Study.
Wed, Jan. 25: 6:30 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, Jan. 22: 10:30 a.m. Worship at Sand Valley. Annual meeting to follow.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY
Fosston
Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor
Sun, Jan. 22: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

January 23 - 27
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: Cold meatloaf sandwich, wild rice soup, and dessert.
Tuesday: 1/2 Hot beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetables, and dessert.
Wednesday: Biscuits w/ sausage gravy, 1 pc. bacon, 1 egg, and dessert.
Thursday: 1/2 Patty melt, macaroni salad, vegetables, and dessert.
Friday: Hamburger on bun, hash browns, vegetables, and dessert.

January ECFE Event
On Thu, January 26th, ECFE Book Bingo will be held at the Plummer Site at 6:00-7:00 p.m. for 3-5 year olds. Start with the alphabet tomato soup and sandwiches, and then we will be playing different kinds of Bingo games to win books for your home library!

Snowbird - Red Lake County Picnic
There will be a Red Lake County Picnic again this year. It will be held at Red Mountain Park, 7745 East Brown Road, Mesa, AZ on February 20, 2017, commencing at 11:00 am. Would you please place a notice or invite to all interested parties who wish to attend?

Oklee MOONLIGHTERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB
50TH SAFARI RIDE
Meet at Noon; Leave at 1:00 pm
at T.J.'s Tavern, Oklee, MN
2 - \$100 2 - \$50 Cash for Riders
Door Prizes after the ride
We will be riding the trail system
Must be present to win.
Sat., Jan. 28, 2017
Music to follow
1st Stop: Highland Warming Shack
2nd Stop: West Warming Shack
Return to Oklee by 6:00 pm for drawings
6:00-7:00 pm Hors d'oeuvres - Cash Prizes
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Now Taking Tree Orders for Spring 2017

Red Lake County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) is taking tree orders now for springs' tree planting season. Anyone interested in purchasing trees from the Red Lake County SWCD should have their order in by February 17th, 2017. Tree order forms are available at our office, on our website www.redlakecounty.org click on Programs, Projects & Services tab; and then on the District Tree Program tab or we can mail you a form. The SWCD office is located in the basement of the Wheat Grower's Building south of Red Lake Falls.

If you are interested in placing a tree order, for springs' tree planting season, please call the Red Lake County SWCD office at (218) 253-2593 ext. 4. O43C

City Of Oklee
Water and Sewer Rates increases 2017
- Residential New Rates 2017 -
For 2017 once again we have the one month free if you pay for the year.
Rate Rise, is purely to cover the costs of substantial repairs to both the water and sewer systems.

Rate 2016	\$60.08	2 persons 1 bag	Annual	710.38
Rate 2017	\$64.58			
Rate 2016	\$64.31	2 persons 2 bags	Annual	756.91
Rate 2017	\$68.81			
Rate 2016	\$66.26	3 persons 1 bag	Annual	778.36
Rate 2017	\$70.76			
Rate 2016	\$70.49	3 persons 2 bags	Annual	824.89
Rate 2017	\$74.99			
Vacant rate				
Rate 2016	\$23.75		Annual	280.83
Rate 2017	\$25.53			

The new charges come into effect for 2017, so the raises will show up on the February 1 Bill. O42-43C

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Every 1st, 3rd, & 5th Wednesday - Fargo/Moorhead.
Every 2nd & 4th Friday - Bemidji.

Red Lake County Commissioners Minutes

RED LAKE COUNTY Regular Meeting Held December 8, 2016

Pursuant to adjournment of its regular meeting the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners duly met in regular session at the courthouse in Red Lake Falls, MN on December 8, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. Chair Simpson called the meeting to order. Commissioner Sorensen was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Weiss and carried to approve the agenda.

County Treasurer Knott met with the board to provide a fourth quarter investment/interest earnings report.

Auditor Schmitz explained a notice from the NW Service Cooperative regarding VEBA plans. The VEBA is a funding mechanism for health reimbursement arrangements adopted by participating public employers that currently follows IRS Notice 2013-54 that allows reimbursement of spouse/dependent medical expenses. However, the IRS is leaning towards not allowing spouse/dependents to use a covered employees VEBA dollars for medical expenses beginning in 2017 under the recently issued IRS Notice 2015-87. The county has to make a decision whether to allow or not allow reimbursement. The County Attorney and HR Director are recommending to not allow at this time until the IRS provides a final ruling on the subject. Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Flage and carried by unanimous vote to accept IRS Notice 2015-87 which explains that an employee with self-only coverage cannot use VEBA funds to reimburse medical expenses for an employee's spouse and/or dependents.

Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Flage and carried by unanimous vote to approve the Law Enforcement Labor Services 3-year union contract for the years 2017, 2018, and 2019.

Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Weiss and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the November 22, 2016 regular board meeting.

Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Flage and carried by unanimous vote to approve the expenditures for the period as follows:

Vendor Name	Amount
Branden & Wade Delage	\$6,596.15

Computer Professionals Inc. 1,216.00

Elections Systems & Software Inc. 6,198.97

Plummer Co-op Creamery 2,375.56

Red Lake County Co-op 4,920.10

Thibert Chev-Buick 2,968.99

Triple D Construction & Leasing Co. 29,632.50

Ziegler Cat 3,854.40

48 Payments less than \$2,000 20,183.45

Final Total 78,856.12

The motion includes the following additional bills: \$750.00 to AMC; \$600.00 to Avenet, LLC; \$3,432.00 to Insight Technologies; \$299.00 to Thompson Reuters; \$212.04 to ThyssenKrupp Elevator; \$83.66 to Wilcox Plumbing, and \$19.44 expenses to Ron Weiss.

The following commissioner/committee reports were shared: Commissioner Report Weiss NW Regional Development meeting in East Grand Forks.

Flage County Extension meeting: discussion on various topics and completed evaluations of the 4-H and Ag Extension Educators.

Lerohl Inter County Community Council: reviewed financials and various programs, and noted the CP Holiday Train will be in Plummer on December 15th. NW Regional Development Commission Board meeting: passed new personnel policy, discussed the Comprehensive Economic Development Plan and reviewed Aging Committee information. Attended the AMC Annual Conference in St Paul and attended several seminars.

Simpson None.

Enbridge Energy representative Jenn Maleitke was present to update the board on the Line 3, Line 67, and the Sandpiper Pipeline projects, and the Eco-footprint Grant program. Also present were Highway Engineer Kleven, Allen Bertilrud and Teresa Hams during discussion about the Eco-footprint grant. Maleitke informed that the Eco-footprint Grant is a program of the MN Association of Resource & Conservation Development Councils with funding support from the Enbridge Energy Public Outreach Program. Kleven led the discussion on the project planned to improve access points and recreational facilities along rivers within the county using the grant dollars. Bertilrud commented that the local cities are in support of the project. There are six sites included in the proposal at an estimated \$125,000.00 project cost. The City of Red Lake Falls will act as the fiscal agent. The grant application deadline is January 31, 2017. The county board was asked to support the project. Kleven stated that there will be no monetary requirement of the county. Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Lerohl and carried by unanimous vote to support the project and submit the Eco-footprint grant application.

Auditor Schmitz presented a Procurement Policy for adoption by the county. The Red Lake County policy follows guidelines set forth by Minnesota Statutes-Uniform Municipal Contracting Law for the procurement of property and services. Commis-

sioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Flage and carried by unanimous vote to approve the Red Lake County Procurement Policy as presented with an effective date of December 8, 2016.

The board reviewed the annual agreement with the University of North Dakota for Medical Examiner services in 2017. Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Lerohl and carried by unanimous vote to approve the agreement as presented. The Board Chair and County Auditor were authorized to sign the agreement.

Auditor Schmitz presented the renewal contract for GIS parcel maintenance services with Prowest and Associates, Inc. The renewal covers 3 years of maintenance services beginning January 1, 2017. Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Weiss and carried unanimously to approve the agreement as presented. Auditor Schmitz is authorized to sign the document.

The board completed an annual survey of MRCC concerns and issues for the coming year. The greatest concern for Red Lake County is the significant reduction in County Program Aid for the past several years.

There being no further business the regular meeting was adjourned to conduct the county TNT hearing at 6:00 p.m. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for December 27, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

Attest:
Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

Chuck Simpson, Chair,
Board of Commissioners
O43C

Red Lake County Truth-In-Taxation Meeting Held December 8, 2016

Pursuant to M.S. 275.065 the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners met in special session at the Red Lake County Courthouse Commissioners Room on December 8, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct the county Truth-In-Taxation hearing for taxes payable in year 2017. Present were County Commissioners Lerohl, Flage, Simpson, and Weiss; County Assessor Nancy Amberson and County Auditor Robert Schmitz. One citizen was present. Commissioner Sorensen was absent.

Chairman Simpson called the meeting to order. Auditor Schmitz explained the requirements of the budget and levy hearing process. Assessor Amberson reviewed the proposed valuation totals for payable 2017 noting an 11.92% increase in tax capacity from the previous year, mainly attributed to value increases due to agriculture land sales and new construction by Enbridge at Plummer. Amberson also commented on the agriculture credit and its effect on some of the proposed tax amounts on the TNT notices.

Auditor Schmitz provided a review of the proposed Social Services and County Revenue Fund budgets, and an overall summary of the proposed county budget and levy for 2017, noting that no budget information was received from the County Highway Department. Additional information was provided comparing 2017 proposed levies and percentage increases from the surrounding counties. Questions from the public were also addressed at this time.

Auditor Schmitz mentioned that the County Board would be adopting the tax levy and budget at the regular board meeting scheduled for December 27, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

There, being no further business, the TNT hearing was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Attest:
Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

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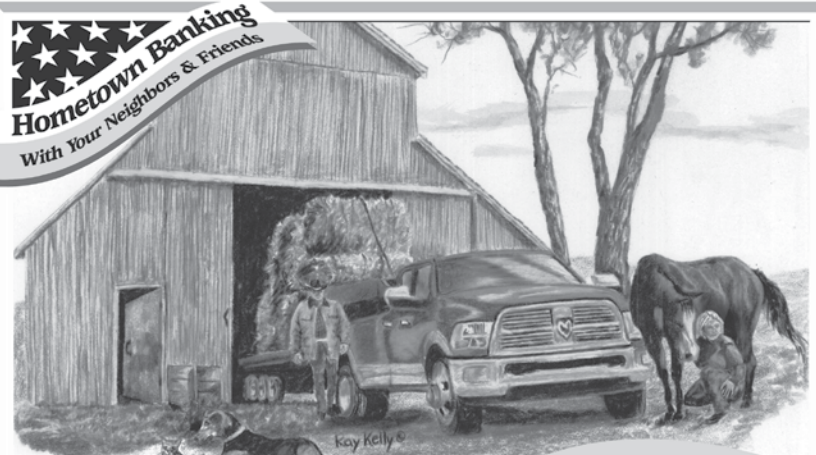
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**Winner 1st place Best Single News or Feature Story, Minnesota Medical Association, 1992.

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RLCC Sports Schedules

RLC Rebel Varsity Boys Basketball

Thu, Jan. 19: Against Fosston in *Plummer* at 6:00 p.m.

Tues, Jan. 24: Against Roseau in *RLF* at 5:00 p.m.

Sat. Jan. 28: Against Waubun in *RLF* at 6:00 p.m.

Tues, Jan. 31: Against Northern Freeze in *Plummer* at 6:00 p.m.

Fri, Feb. 3: Parent's Night: Against W-A-O in *RLF* at 6:00 p.m.

Thu, Feb. 9: Against C-G in *Oklee* at 6:00 p.m.

Sat. Feb. 11: Super Saturday at *NCTC*-TBD

Tues, Feb. 14: Against Northern Freeze in *New Folden* at 6:00 p.m.

Thurs, Feb. 16: Against Mahnomen in *Mahnomen* at 6:00 p.m.

Fri, Feb. 17: Against Sacred Heart in *Sacred Heart* at 6:00 p.m.

Tues, Feb. 21: F-Bin *Fertile* at 6:00 p.m.

Thu, Feb. 23: Against G-G in *Plummer* at 6:00 p.m.

Fri, Feb. 24: C-G in *C-G* at 6:00 p.m.

Mon, Feb. 27: Against W-E-M in *Oklee* at 6:00 p.m.

Mon, Mar. 6: Section 8A Pig Tail at *High Seed* at 7:00 p.m.

Thu, Mar. 9: Section 8A Play in at *NCTC/UMC*-TBD

Sat. Mar. 11: Section 8A ¼ Final at *REA* in *TRF*. TBD

Mon, Mar. 13: Section 8A Semi at *REA* in *TRF*. TBD

Fri, Mar. 17: Section 8A Final at *REA* in *TRF*. TBD
Mar. 22-25: State Tournament-various locations-TBD

Mustang Wrestling

Jan. 20: Against Park Rapids in *Oklee* at 2:00 p.m.

Jan. 21: TRF Tourney in *TRF* at 9:30 a.m.

Jan. 31: Against BGMR Tri in *Oklee* at 6:30 p.m.

Feb. 4: Northwest Tourney in *Fertile* at 11:00 a.m.

Feb. 7: Against Fosston in *Oklee* at 6:30 p.m.

Feb. 10: Against Fertile-Beltrami in *Oklee* at 6:00 p.m.

Feb. 18: Team Section in *Thief River*-TBD

Feb. 24-25: Team Individual, DGF. TBD

Mar. 2-4: State Tournament at *Excel Energy Center*-TBD

Lady Mustang Varsity Basketball 2016-17

Thu, Jan. 19: Against Laporte in *Oklee* at 6:00 p.m.

Fri, Jan. 20: Against W-A-O in *Warren* at 6:00 p.m.

Tues, Jan. 24: Against W-E-M in *W-E-M* at 6:15 p.m.

Thu, Jan. 26: Against Cass Lake-Bena in *Oklee* at 6:00 p.m.

Tues, Jan. 31: Against Fertile-Beltrami in *Fertile* at 6:00 p.m.

Thu, Feb. 2: Against Red Lake Falls in *RLF* at 6:00 p.m.

Sat, Feb. 4: Against Lake of the Woods in *LOW* at 1:00 p.m.

Mon, Feb. 6: Against Kittson Central in *Lancaster* at 6:00 p.m.

Thu, Feb. 9: C-G in *C-G* at 6:00 p.m.

Fri, Feb. 10: Against Sacred Heart in *Sacred Heart* at 6:00 p.m.

Thu, Feb. 16: Against BGMR in *Plummer* at 6:00 p.m.

Fri, Feb. 17: Against Goodridge-Grygla in *Goodridge* at 6:00 p.m.

Tues, Feb. 21: Parent's Night; Against Mahnomen in *Plummer* at 6:00 p.m.

Thu, Feb. 23: Against Bagley in *Oklee* at 6:00 p.m.

Tues, Feb. 28: Pig Tail at High Seed at 7:00 p.m.

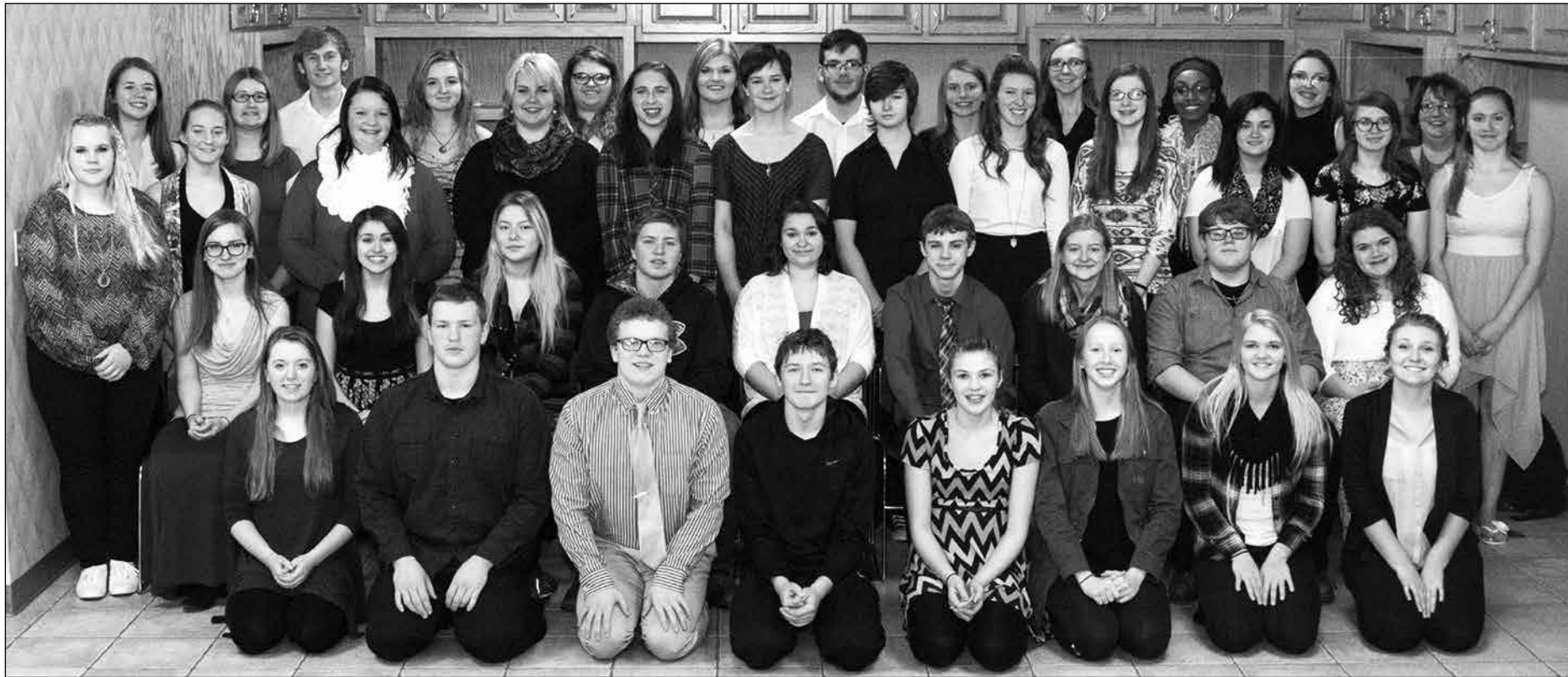
Thu, Mar. 2: Play-In Game at *UMC/NCTC* at 6:00 p.m.

Oklee Open Gym

Oklee Gym is open on Saturdays. The gym will be open from 1:00-3:00 pm. All ages are welcome but anyone sixth grade and under must be under adult supervision.

For more information call Curt Halverson at 612-247-0812.

Wednesday, January 18, 2017



Red Lake County Central High School choir sang at the Digi-Key Holiday Lunch. Front: Sophie Linder, Nick Pahlen, Adrien Verbout, Austin Jensen, Jenna Pahlen, Calyssa Eskeli, Tanisha Srnsky, and Natalie Aakhus. Second row: Kara Longtin, Jarisa Bailey Jocelyn Castaneda, Tyler Hansen, Billie Jo Gryskiewicz, Britain Arlt, Zoe Russillo, Makay Berns, and Grace Gieseke. Row three: Lacey Pendelton, Brandine DeHate, Kaitlyn Morris, Dede Walton, Madison Carlson, Abby Walton, Jayden Iverson, Sydney Melby, Sydnie Gunderson, Tasha Manning, Daphney Koralewski, and Natalia Snegireff. Fourth row: Sidney Olson, Holly Johnsrud, Tom Nelson, Tera Qualley, Rosie Christianson, Lindsey Thompson, Phillip Sorenson, Katie Olson, Allison Aakhus, AJ Jones, Lilly Guillemette and Mrs. Mickelson.

RLCC Mustang wrestling attend Mahnomen Dual Tournament

By: Julia Bernstein

The Red Lake County Central Mustangs wrestling team attended the Mahnomen Dual Tournament on Friday January 6th. Other teams participating were the Crookston, Mahnomen/Waubun, Wadena/Deer Creek, and Moorhead.

In the first round RLCC lost to Crookston 12-69. RLCC beat Mahnomen/Waubun 33-30 in the second round. There was a bye in the third round. In the fourth round RLCC lost to Wadena/Deer Creek 24-53. RLCC lost to Moorhead 0-84. RLCC end up placing fourth in the tournament.

Rebels fall to the Eagles

By: Sydnie Gunderson

The Red Lake County Rebels boys basketball played the Sacred Heart Eagles Monday, January 9th in Red Lake Falls. The first half of the game the Rebels led 33-32, but in the second half the Eagles outscored the Rebels with 48-24. At the end of the game, the Eagles won with the final

score 80-57.

Ethan Vettleson led the Rebels with 21 points and five steals. Next highest scoring was Matt Vettleson with 16 points and 10 rebounds. Justin Nemec had four points and seven steals. Also scoring for the team were Connor Lambert four, Makay Berns three, Ben Cardinal three, Adrien Verbout three, Brandon Wiscow three, and Derek Peterson one.

For the Sacred Heart Eagles, Jordan Tomkinson led with 34 points and two steals. Jack Gerber had 17 points and 18 rebounds. Also scoring were Brenden Berhke with 11, Evan Sezepanski eight, John Bergman four, Oscar Ortiz three, Jack Fontaine two, and James Fontaine one.

Rebels lose to Green Wave

By: Marie Johnson

Red Lake County boys varsity basketball lost to East Grand Forks Senior High on January 5, 2017. The score after the first half was 31-17 East Grand Forks leading. Green Wave scored 40 points in the second half and the Rebels scored 18. The Green Wave won and the final score was 71-35. Rebels shot 29% and the Green Wave 49%. Green Wave out rebounded the Rebels; they had 40 rebounds and the Rebels had 24 rebounds.

Leading the Rebels in points was Matt Vettleson with nine points, Ethan Vettleson and Derek Peterson each scored eight points, Justin Nemec with four, and Brandon Wiskow, Adrien Verbout, and Ben Cardinal each had two points. E. Vettleson led the Rebels in rebounds with five and steals with five.

Sam Votava had the most points for the Green Wave with 28 points. Aaron Havis had 13 points, Julian Benson had eleven, Christian Dugan nine points, Colton Dauksavage five points, and Dylan Bakken had one point. Votava had four steals for the Green Wave. Havis had the most rebounds with seven and Votava had five. Votava made four out of five free throws.

RLC plays against Win-E-Mac

By: Sarah Christensen

The Red Lake County Rebels boys' basketball played in Win-E-Mac on Tuesday, January 10. The score after the first half of the game for RLC was 27 points and the Patriots had 38 points. The ending score was 42-64, a loss for the Rebels. The Patriots out-rebounded the Rebels 38-23.

The top scorer for the Rebels was Justin Nemec with 13 points including shooting 6-8 from the free-throw line and grabbing three rebounds. Matt Vettleson had 12 points and four rebounds, followed by Ethan Vettleson with eight points, six steals, and three rebounds. Ben Cardinal had seven points, and Jordan Johnson two points.

The top scorer for the Patriots was Alec Kiecker with 25 points, followed by Hunter Chaput with 19 points and seven rebounds, Bekken Lindberg with ten points,

Marcos Lopez with six points, Micah Olson with two points and eight rebounds, and Blake Glass with two points. Emelian Kaya had six rebounds.

RLCC Mustangs lost to the Storm

By: Sarah Christensen

The Red Lake County Central Mustangs girls' basketball played in Oklee on Saturday, January 7. After the first half, RLCC had 21 points and the Storm had 44 points. The ending score was 37-72, a loss for the Mustangs.

Leading the Mustangs was Julia Bernstein with 11 points followed by Taylor Bushelle with eight points, Ashley

Longtin with eight points, Nikki Schmitz with four points, Jenna Pahlen with four points, and Brandine DeHate with two points.

The top scorer for the Storm was Autumn Thompson with 26 points followed by Abi McGlynn with 12 points, Jules Efta with 12 points, Savannah Riopelle with seven points, Abbey Johnson with seven points, Kailyn Hrynshyn with six points, and Deborah Haugen with two points.

RLCC lose to RLF

By: Marie Johnson

Red Lake County Central Mustangs girls' basketball lost to Red Lake Falls on Tuesday,

January 10 at Plummer. The Eagles scored 34 points in the first half and the Mustangs scored 27 points. In the second half the Eagles scored 30 points and the Mustangs scored 24. The end score was 64-51.

Leading the Mustangs in points was Julia Bernstein with 18. Ashley Longtin scored 13 points, Taylor Bushelle with eleven, Jenna Pahlen with five, Nikki Schmitz and Calyssa Eskeli each scored two points.

Megan Lacrosse had the most point for the Eagles with 23. Emma Duden had 13 points, Josie Huot with eleven, Madison Derosier and Clara Girdler each scored five points, Kelly Schultz with four, and Jozi Halvorsen with three.

16 RLCC students attend Creativity Festival



RLCC seventh and eighth graders who attended the Creativity Festival at Bemidji State University: (Front) Taya Morinville, Hannah Bassage, Jonathan Roue, and Jeremiah Rathsack. (Back) Karena Melby, Kia Bachand, Tristyn Ferguson, and Brody Moen.

By: Hannah Riendeau

Sixteen students in grades five through eight from Red Lake County Central attended the 2017 Creativity Festival. It was held at Bemidji State University on Thursday, January 5. The festival helped students learn about arts, nature, science, creativity, and problem-solving.

The day opened with a guest speaker, Dave Walbridge. His life has involved creativity including writing, teaching, and performing. He has performed 500 shows for families and friends. He has been on the TV and has performed at the Minnesota State Fair. He taught magic, creativity and writing. Walbridge has written for Garrison Keillor's "A Prairie Home Companion."

The students next went to three breakout sessions. One sessions was Honeybee Challenge about how bees have a big impact on the ecosystem. With the help of the 4-H

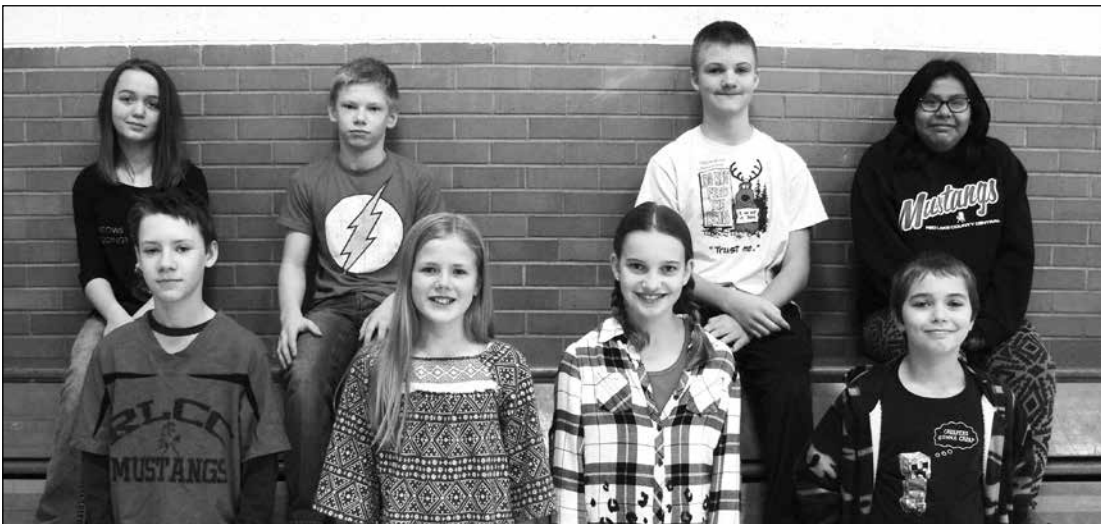
staff from the University of Minnesota, participants got to build a model honeybee and find out how they gather their pollen. In Learning Origami the class was taught by a Japanese American instructor who taught students on paper folding. Participants could make a traditional Native American weaving and spiritual object in the God's Eye session. In Fantasy Architecture they created a model building. Students learned a variety of toys and games in Global Games. There were many more sessions to choose.

Attending the Creativity Festival from RLCC were fifth graders Jamie Flatgard, Ella Moen, Everett Svendsen, and Timothy Torgerson; sixth graders MiReya Gibbs, Luci Svendsen, Damon Ferguson, and Carson Lambert; seventh graders Hannah Bassage, Taya Morinville, Jeremiah Rathsack,

and Jonathan Roue; and eighth graders Kia Bachand, Tristyn Ferguson, Karena Melby, and Brody Moen.

The students really enjoyed the festival. Melby said that it was a very good experience and was a fun trip. She enjoyed the magic and the things he did. Melby learned a lot about liquid nitrogen and fire, and Push and Pull focused on inertia, gravity, and Newton's law. She also learned how to make an engine. She liked Mad about Science and said, "All the experiments were really cool."

Bachand liked the main speaker because he was interesting to listen to. Her favorite session was Mad about Science. There were lots of experiments that were really cool to watch. She learned that "there is a lot of things you can do with fire and liquid nitrogen." Another thing she learned about was Newton's Laws of Motion.



Attending the Creativity Festival from the RLCC Elementary School fifth and sixth grades were (front) Timothy Torgerson, Ella Moen, Jamie Flatgard and Everett Svendsen. In the back were Luci Svendsen, Damon Ferguson, Carson Lambert and MiReya Gibbs.

Oklee Herald Early Files

Seventy Years Ago January 23, 1947

Leonard Plante, 14 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Plante, returned to his home here last Saturday after spending six weeks in a Crookston hospital suffering from rheumatic fever.

Joe Magnell held the official opening of Magnell Motors last Saturday. Lunch was served to about 500 visitors who came to inspect the new two-story building.

Lt. Elizabeth Nelson, Navy Nurse from Quantico, VA Nurses Station is spending a ten day leave here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A.T. Nelson.

Sixty Years Ago January 17, 1957

The Brooks Farmers Union Local will hold a masquerade party on Friday evening at the Brooks School.

Miss Audrey Myhre was the guest of honor at a bridal shower Sunday afternoon held in the Brooks School basement.

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Darrow Lundeen on January 7th at the Thief River Falls hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hesse entertained at their home Friday evening in honor of their son Scotty's 4th birthday.

Fifty Years Ago January 19, 1967

A furious but short-lived blizzard roared into this area Sunday night, accompanied by

a temperature drop of about 50 degrees inside of 24 hours.

Miss Olga Melby, Mrs. Andrew Fore, and Mrs. Clara Espeland visited with Mrs. Inga Melby Wednesday at the Northwestern Hospital in TRF and helped her celebrate her 91st birthday.

Oil seed varieties of sunflowers is the hottest crop going from indications of meeting being held in northern Minnesota.

Forty Years Ago January 20, 1977

Earl Swenson of Oklee will ride in his second I-500 Snowmobile Race beginning in St. Paul on Monday.

Consideration is being given to closing the Gully Elementary School which is part of the Fosston-Gully Independent School District.

Bitter cold greeted the group of hardy snowmobile enthusiasts that turned out for the 10th annual Third Base Moonlighter's Snofari.

Thirty Years Ago January 21, 1987

Arnie Syverson of rural Trail on Monday, January 5 had the distinction of rolling the second highest game at the Oklee Recreation Center.

Oklee's One Act Play "Good-bye to the Clown" cast included Joanie O'Neill, Sheryl Whyte, Trini Lambert, Deone Haugen, Sheila Sebenaler, Brenda Johnson and Lisa Chaput.

Cheerleaders for the Oklee's boys' basketball team were: Michelle Paquin, Andrea Beaudoin, Shelly Larson, Shari Rustan, Michelle Skallet, CiCi Olson, Joani O'Neill, Lynn Hammer, and Cheryl Hansen.

Twenty Years Ago January 22, 1997

Brad Borene was honored at the boys basketball game played in Oklee on Friday evening for the many years that he had been a boys basketball coach.

Rachel Melby, daughter of Robert and Phyllis Melby, Oklee has been admitted to NDSU with Distinction. She is undecided on her major.

The fate of the Senior Site was in question at the regular Council meeting.

Ten Years Ago January 18, 2007

Tri River Pioneer club met to plan the next phase of their building program.

Grace McManus celebrated her 98th birthday with visitors, Berget Swenson, Joan Bronken, Jeannie O'Neill, Shirley (Frankie) Cyr, Barb Melby, Gayle Flateland and David & Joyce Austad.

RLCC Mustang girls dominated the Sacred Heart Eagles winning with a score of 61-38.

Marlyn Haugen and Don LaCourse entertained the diners at the Oklee Senior meal on Tuesday.

Senior Site News and Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

A bright sunny Sunday, a welcome change from the past week. It's only the middle of January and I'm already tired of winter. Last week seemed very long with the low temperatures.

This week we have several things to keep us busy. On Tuesday night we had a potluck dinner at the Cafe. On Thursday we have the monthly meeting on the Site Council at 10:00 a.m. Everyone by Bingo at 12:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to come.

This past week has seen a lot of snow shoveling and or blowing snow off driveways. I have been fortunate as Don has been home to help me.

Last Monday Don and I had to go to Thief River Falls and as we crossed over the Lost River Bridge, we were following the snowplow. I saw a deer in the east side of the road and as the snowplow went ahead, the deer crossed the road followed by four more deer. Don thought they were last year's fawns. It was different to watch as they followed in line and took their time to get to the other side.

Dates to Remember
Jan. 19: 10:00 a.m. Site Council meeting.
Jan. 19: 12:30 p.m. Bingo.
Jan. 20: Birthday meal.
Feb. 7: Evening Meal.

Plummer News By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

Anne Traxler and her granddaughter, Miranda Rominski, of Red Bluff, California when to the Hive in Thief River Falls for lunch on Thursday, the 5th. Miranda is Nancy's daughter.

Karen Tvedt had her grandson Ryan Tvedt over for supper on Thursday, the 5th. Also granddaughter Shawnda Duray, of Gonvick and Amy Duray and son Erik of Wassenaar, Netherlands. They all stayed over night.

Diane DeHate, of Coon Rapids, came Friday to Anna DeHate's. They went to Linda and Marty Hogenson's in Thief River Falls for Linda 50th birthday party. Linda's actual birthday was January 3rd. Marlene and Steve Haugen were there also, as well as

other family.

The funeral for Willia Prestgaard, of Thief River Falls was Monday, the 9th. She is the mother of Wavell Sorenson.

Judy Kelley, Nancy Peterson and Jean Carpenter enjoyed dinner Wednesday at Carol's Cozy in Brooks.

On Wednesday, Roger Gallant, Blake DeHate, Benjie Kvasager, and Scott Larson too the Christmas decorations down in Plummer. It was very cold, with a high of zero and wind with it.

Agnes Hemly, of Washington, passed away recently. She is the mother of Brent Hemly.

The groomer went through town Saturday morning and did the snowmobile trail. A

Words of Wisdom

Hatred is a luxury no one can afford.

Disappointment often prompts clarity and originality.

Joke Time

Customer: I've come back to buy that television I was looking at yesterday.

Salesman: That's good. May I ask what the dominating thing was that made you want this set?

Customer: My wife.

"Do you file your nails?"

"No, I just cut them off and throw them away."

"That's All, Folks."

Red Lake County Extension Educator

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Spring Management of Cover Crops (Part 4 & Final)

If you planted a cover crop in the fall of 2016; how should handle the cover crop this spring? Or; if you plant a cover crop this year in late summer or early fall; what should you do with the crop the next spring? Jill Sackett, Extension Education, says the plan of action any given farmer decides to do to terminate the cover crop in the spring depends on two things: 1) The reason for using the cover crop in the first place, and 2) The specific cover crop used. The following information deals with ways to terminate the cover crop.

Termination of Cover Crops

Winter killed cover crops such as spring small grains (oats, spring wheat), some legumes (crimson clover, field pea), and some non-leguminous broadleaves (buckwheat, oilseed radish), will have died over the winter. However, be aware that some winters may result in situations that allow cover crops that normally winter kill to survive into spring. Some cold tolerant cover crops, such as turnips for example, may overwinter if there is plenty of snow cover. You may see a few scattered plants or possibly a patch in a protected area. Another possibility is spring of a seed that didn't germinate in the fall. If either of these situations occurs, treat it like a winter hardy cover crop.

Winter hardy cover crops like winter cereal rye, and hairy vetch go dormant over the winter and begin growing again in the spring. Poor fall growth or harsh, open winters may result in some plants not surviving the winter, so

you may see spotty or limited growth. However, if you have any winter hardy cover crops, you need to have a plan in place and be prepared with chemical or mechanical termination.

Chemical Termination

Chemical termination by a non-selective herbicide is often the choice for conventional farmers that need to manage winter hardy cover crops. A general guideline for successful chemical termination is to spray when the cover crop is about 4-8 inches tall. Younger, smaller plants are easier to kill and tend to have a lower carbon to nitrogen ratio for faster decomposition. Cool spring temperatures can lead to cover crops that aren't actively growing; if the covers aren't actively growing then they will have trouble taking up the herbicide and control can be compromised. If the spring weather is not cooperating or if you made the decision to allow the cover crop to grow taller, a second herbicide application may be needed to fully control the cover crop. Always consult product labels before using an herbicide and check for any restrictions to ensure the use of the product will not impact your cropping rotation or forage plans.

Mechanical Termination

Mechanical methods of cover crop termination primarily include the use of tillage, a roller crimper, or a mower. These methods can be used alone or in combination with each other or with a herbicide.

Different spring tillage equipment options can affect the termination success. A field cultivator operated at a 3-4 inch depth will cut most cover

crop roots and bury the plant resulting in better termination. This not necessarily true for coulters carts or vertical tillage equipment, since they move soil up and down which has little effect on cover crop, or weed, termination. One pass with apiece of tillage equipment may not be enough soil and root disturbance to kill the cover crop so be prepared to use two passes if needed.

A roller crimper or a mower can also successfully terminate winter hardy cover crops. However, these methods are successful when the cover crops have reached maturity (flowering or heading stage of growth). This often puts the timing of these methods of termination into late May. If you choose to use a roller crimper, be sure to plant in the same direction, and use a properly calibrated planter that has sufficed attachments or down pressure to move aside or cut through the residue.

Cover Crop Residue Management

The amount of residue left in the spring will depend on which cover crops were used and when they were planted. Brassicas and legumes begin decomposing and breakdown faster than grasses because of a lower carbon to nitrogen ratio in the plant material. The age of your cover crop stand will also affect decomposition. The earlier you planted the cover crop, the more mature the cover crop is at termination. This results in a higher carbon to nitrogen ratio and slower decomposition. The key for spring management of cover crop residue is planter set up. Be sure to calibrate your planter so that it can be sufficiently handle the cover crop residue situation. This may mean that you will need to calibrate the planter, even within a field if there are areas with measurable changes in residue type or amount.

For more information you can contact NRCS at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/cli/matchchange/?cid=stelprd1077238#Guideline or the Risk Management website at http://www.rma.usda.gov/help/fag/covercrops2016.html>.

Source: Jill Sackett, U M Extension Educator

Red Lake Falls Library News

The library is open on Tuesday from Noon until 7:00 pm, Wednesday from Noon until 7:00 pm, Thursday from Noon to 5:00 pm; Friday from Noon until 5:00 pm, and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 pm. On-line patrons are reminded that they can visit www.nwrlib.org/rf.htm, where they can create their own patron accounts to browse, request and renew materials from their home computers.

Winner of a Hot Reads for Cold Nights coffee mug for the first week of the adult winter reading program was Carmen Harmoning. One mug will be given away each

week throughout January and February.

Next up for Legacy programs at the library will be "Flamenco: a Touch of Spain" on Thursday, March 9 beginning at 4:00 pm. *Flamenco: a Touch of Spain* is a music and dance ensemble dedicated to presenting the art of flamenco in its most authentic form and "Nuevo Flamenco" which incorporates flute, bass, percussion and guitar, with an upbeat and lively style that American audiences thoroughly enjoy. This program is provided by MN Library Legacy funds and is free and open to the public.

and will be fresh and ready to gather the kids.

Joyce and Perry will once again have the quiet of home and hearth. Happy birthday to Harper and Brooklyn.

Clarence and Diane Gagner had company over the weekend. Stephanie Koralewski of Maple Plain came to visit for the weekend on Friday. On Sunday Trent and Allyson Gagner of Duluth came to visit and have dinner at the Gagner home. They finally finished up Christmas, Diane said. The weather seems to have elongated the Christmas season this year. Trent and Allyson are grandchildren of Diane and Clarence. They returned home on Sunday evening and Stephanie is returning to Maple Plain on Monday.

Heidi Determan was taking care of Mickala over the weekend and the two other girls Elizabeth and Emma went fishing with their Dad Jess

Determan for the weekend. Getting Daddy time is so much fun at the lake.

Heidi is enjoying time with Mickala one on one.

I noticed I have winter visitors in the crabapple tree. The bohemian cardinals are eating the apples off the tree and by now it usually is free of its apples. This year is different and they will be able to have their fill.

The week has been really cold so now we will see some winter fun with the warm up. Snowmobiling has been really going strong these past few days. There is plenty of snow to have fun in. Skiing, snowmobile, ice skating, and ice fishing are really going strong from what I hear.

Take care on the roads, it could be icy after all the freezing we had since Christmas. When it warms we usually get a coat of ice on the roads. Be careful. Have a great week.

Bonny's Bits...

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The weather is giving us a break this week with warmer temperatures, however, that is not always a blessing. Watch out for ruts in the ice, slippery conditions if we get rain, etc.

From my email:

THE YEAR IS 1916

This will boggle your mind! The year is 1916 "One hundred years ago." What a difference a century makes! Here are some statistics for the Year 1916:

The average life expectancy for men was 47 years.

Fuel for cars was sold in drug stores only.

Only 14 percent of the homes had a bathtub.

Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone.

The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.

The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower.

The average US wage in 1910 was 22 cents per hour.

The average US worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year.

A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2000

per year.

A dentist \$2,500 per year. A veterinarian between \$1,500 and \$4,000 per year.

And, a mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year.

More than 95 percent of all births took place at home

Ninety percent of all Doctors had NO COLLEGE EDUCATION!

Instead, they attended so-called medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press AND the government as "substandard."

Sugar cost four cents a pound.

Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen.

Coffee was fifteen cents a pound.

Most women only washed their hair once a month, and, used Borax or egg yolks for shampoo.

Canada passed a law that prohibited poor people from entering into their country for any reason.

The Five leading causes of death were:

- Pneumonia and influenza
- Tuberculosis
- Diarrhea
- Heart disease
- Stroke

The American flag had 45 stars.

The population of Las Vegas, Nevada was only 30.

Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and iced tea hadn't been invented yet.

There was neither a Mother's Day nor a Father's Day.

Two out of every 10 adults couldn't read or write

And, only 6 percent of all Americans had graduated from high school.

Eighteen percent of households had at least one full-time servant or domestic help.

There were about 230 reported murders in the ENTIRE U.S.A.!

The population in the US was 102 million.

It is impossible to imagine what it may be like in another 100 years.

Have a Great Week!*

Centennial Recipe Corner

Moist Apple Loaf Dorothy Sebenaler

4 cups peeled diced apples
2 cups sugar
1 cup nuts
3 cups flour
1/2 tsp cinnamon
1/2 tsp nutmeg
1/2 tsp salt
2 tsp soda
1 cup oil
1 tsp vanilla
2 eggs, well beaten

Mix all together but do not use mixer when combining mixture. Pour into 2 loaf pans. Bake 1 hour and 15 minutes at 350 degrees.

