

Oklee Precipitation
By Einar Kvasager

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Wednesday, January 25, 2017

50th Annual Moonlighter Snowmobile Safari January 28th

The Oklee Moonlighters Snowmobile Club will be once again 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 a purely 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.

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.



Councilman Matthew Genova

City of Oklee's first council meeting of 2017

On January 9, 2017, the first meeting of the year was held for the City of Oklee's Council. Council in attendance was Mayor George Burthwick, Council persons, Lori Melby, Kaye Munt and newly elected, Matthew Genova. Paul Cyr, also newly elected, was unable to attend. City personnel: Darrell Tougas and Clerk: Derek Cross. Gale Schmitz representing Gale Schmitz, LTD (accountant). Also in attendance were Casey Roisland (Sheriff's Deputy), Toni Burthwick, Dave Olson, Kent Bergerson, and Bonny Cote (Oklee Herald).

Burthwick called the meeting to order. The minutes for December were approved by a motion by Munt and seconded by Melby with one correction.

Darrell Tougas from Maintenance gave his report to the council starting with most of his time has been moving snow this month. Genova complimented the city crew for the good job they have been doing removing the snow.

Burthwick brought up to the council that he had been asked why the City of Oklee didn't ask for quotes from local business's on items purchased recently. Tougas said he didn't realize they had the product but will check from now on for local quotes.

Tougas also reported that the fire hall door needs painting and was instructed to get a couple of gallons of paint if needed.

Cross presented a letter from NW Development Commission asking for any council members interested in serving on their board. The Council showed no interest.

NW MN Multi Housing & Redevelopment Authority sent a letter stating they have been administering the funds for the FY14 grant on the City's behalf and the grant will end on December 31, 2016 and submitted a proposal to insure up to date collections of monthly payments from the grant recipients, and take care of all the record keeping required by the MN DEED, giving program updates and financial reports to the City for an annual fee of \$1,500. The Council approved the proposal with a motion by Genova and seconded by Munt.

Next on the agenda was a request from a person to purchase a trailer located at 606 Bourdon St. Cross had found out that the trailer was being sold and the current owner hadn't completed the requirements the City of Oklee had requested when the current owner originally brought the trailer into Oklee. Cross got a hold of the person wanting to purchase the trailer and asked to have a conversation with the purchaser of the trailer. Cross explained that the City of Oklee would require the trailer be brought up to the City's standards, but didn't expect things to happen during the winter. The purchaser stated he intends to start right away on the improvement and would also like to buy the lot in the future with the City of Oklee's permission. Cross told him the City would not sell the lot until the trailer home is in decent condition.

Discussion began on this situation. Genova

City of Oklee	End of December 2016		End of December 2015	
Cash	299,377.96		227,438.00	
	1 mo. ending	1 mo. ending	6 mo. ending	6 mo. ending
	30-Dec-16	30-Dec-15	30-Dec-16	30-Dec-15
Revenue	133,350.34	189,440.03	745,155.70	791,129.04
Expenses	140,750.13	125,107.10	712,933.47	769,840.16
Profit/Loss	-7,399.79	64,332.93	32,222.23	21,288.88
General Fund	71,985.02	98,649.34	33,598.87	-4,257.87
Street Fund	880.00	880.00	10,560.00	10,573.32
Fire Fund	-2,323.93	-196.62	11,154.09	7,663.32
Firemen's Fund	0.00	0.00	-22,933.60	5,914.87
Economic (EDA)	-141.50	-2,563.64	19,040.05	-9,109.09
Tax Increment Financing	430.08	428.34	3.17	-0.32
Capital Replacement	996.33	996.33	11,955.96	11,955.96
Water Fund	-34,966.37	-829.63	8,792.62	2,156.66
Sewer Fund	-34,101.51	-31,780.53	-38,803.90	-3,954.39
Garbage Fund	-1,158.16	-250.66	-1,145.03	346.42

EGF 5-4. The first inning both teams scored three runs. It was scoreless until RLC scored one run in the sixth inning. EGF tried to come back in the seventh inning but both teams scored once to have a final of 5-40.

Immanuel Lutheran Church had their Annual Spring Dinner on Sunday the 24th, at the Plummer Community Hall.

May 11, 2016:

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

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

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

It has turned nice. The trees are leafing out and the countryside is turning green with all the new crops coming up. It is so nice to see green across the countryside.

May 18, 2016:

The top three ranked RLCC seniors of their class are Holly Vettleson, daughter of Alan and Chris Vettleson; Devin Lambert, son of Scott and Shannon Lambert; and Samantha Smith, daughter of

Jon and Suzanne Smith. They each will be giving a speech at graduation.

During Awards Day on Wednesday, May 11th at the Red Lake County Central High School, seniors were recognized along with their future plans. There were 56 scholarships given out totaling \$24,500. The following scholarships were made possible by the generosity of many local organizations, businesses, and individuals.

Immanuel Church of Plummer had a Mother's Day Tea on Saturday evening. They served desserts, angel food cake, strawberries, ice cream, toppings and nuts with coffee.

Red Lake County boys' baseball beat Crookston Pirates 14-4. The game was held in Crookston on Friday, May 6.

May 25, 2016:

The Plummer American Legion Auxiliary Post 623 has selected Ashley Longtin and Taylor Bushelle to attend the 70th Session of the Minnesota Girls State Program.

Youth FAS field day was held May 7, 2016 at the Plummer Sportsmens shooting range. There were 30 youth certified, sponsored by the Plummer Area Sportsman Club and the Red Lake Falls Sportsman Club.

RLCC April Students of the Month were sophomore Katie Olson, and seventh grader Kia Bachand. RLCC May Senior High Students of the Month were Angel Auman and Karena Melby.

The "Meet and Greet Your PenPal" was held Tuesday at RLCC Elementary in Plummer. Alice Jobe and Bunny DuChamp attended. Also Anne Traxler, Carol Wright, and Frank and Margaret Ehling attended.



"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 or call. There will be at least 3 judges.

Questions? Contact Isaac Melby or Grace Dessellier.

University of Minnesota Extension to host "One Vegetable, One Community" Workshop

UofM Extension will host a One Vegetable, One Community (OVOC) Workshop from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM, January 26th at the Evergreen Eating Emporium in Thief River Falls, MN. OVOC is a gardening campaign focusing on uniting communities around

one featured vegetable.

The workshop is free and open to the public. A toolkit, community stipend opportunity, and free seeds are available at the workshop and by registering online. Registration available at <http://z.umn.edu/lbsa>, or contact Kelsie

at kferguso@umn.edu. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/UMNovoc.

One Vegetable, One Community encourages gardeners of all levels to plant, grow, cook, and/or share a featured vegetable of the year. This workshop will

feature community engagement discussions, examples of previous OVOC seasons, and tools to begin planning OVOC.

One Vegetable, One Community is held through University of Minnesota Extension SNAP-Ed, Northwest Regional Sustainable

Development Partnership, and Institute on Environment.

Together, these organizations are partnering to encourage healthy food access and community building through One Vegetable, One Community.

asked who owns the land the trailer is on and Cross said the City owns the lot and \$50 a month is the rental fee. Genova asked if the current owner owes money to the City of Oklee and the answer was yes. Cross said the current owner wants to use the money from the sale of the trailer to pay back the city. Genova was concerned that the money owed to the City of Oklee wouldn't get paid if the trailer was sold and the City of Oklee's bill should be paid first. Genova suggested that something in writing should be done to guarantee the money is paid to the City of Oklee before the sale. Cross said he was assured that it would be paid, but Genova pushed back again stating that a document in writing needs to be done. Genova also stated he knew the person asking to purchase the trailer and felt he wasn't trustworthy to follow through with the fixing of the trailer, and asked if he owed money to the City on the property where he is now living. Cross said he didn't know and would have to check. A motion was made by Genova to get a document signed by the seller to pay City of Oklee within 30 days and to contact the lawyer if needed. A second motion was asked for a couple of times, the motion failed, Genova withdrew his motion. Munt stated she felt things could be checked on without a motion.

Melby then chastised Cross about this trailer issue. There had been paperwork in place before for the current owner and nothing was done. Cross apologized for bringing the original paperwork to the council with the paperwork that the current owner would fix it once it was in place. There was no follow up on the situation and now another owner of the same trailer needs to have paper work that if things don't get done, the City of Oklee will move to have the trailer removed if not done by June 30, 2017. Motion was made by Genova and seconded by Munt.

Kent Bergerson came before the Council to let the City of Oklee know that the water tanker will be upgraded and all equipment from the old truck will be fitted to the new one. The Rural Fire Association will be purchasing the equipment, and the old truck will be sold on bids, with the City of Oklee's blessings. Genova made a motion, Melby seconded.

Sheriff Mitch Bernstein reported that there wasn't much to report. In the nuisance properties, one has cleaned up his property and the second one hasn't gone to court yet. Otherwise, the only issue is a few dog complaints. Dave Lovly had taken a job in Pennington County so the extra coverage will be done in Oklee by Deputy Casey Roisland along with Kelly Brekke.

Genova asked Bernstein about a cop having to be present at all council meetings. Genova didn't feel it was necessary. Genova asked why a cop is needed, he didn't feel he was a threat and now that he is on the council, it should be stopped. Melby pointed minutes from a past meeting where the council had made motion that a cop be present at all meetings because of the threat of violence. Genova asked Melby if he had ever threatened her and she replied, yes. Genova, responded that Bernstein didn't seem to think he was a threat. Melby said that a council can't just stop doing something that was voted on so as of now the cop at a meeting rule stands until changed. Genova asked if he was that threatening, maybe Melby should hand in her resignation.

Burthwick butted it with the statement, "Let's start out the new year...Let's argue but not fight."

Genova asked Melby to stop this and let's work together. Leave our feelings outside the door. Genova stated he wouldn't be out of line.

Gale Schmitz, the accountant for the City of Oklee, gave his report. During the report, Genova asked a few questions, which were answered. The financial statement was approved with a motion by Genova, seconded by Munt. The bills were paid with a motion by Munt and seconded by Genova.

Genova addressed the council with a statement about the situation in Oklee, with houses, cleaning up the City of Oklee that it needs to be a more intense effort in the spring. This effort should be started in March. House values and property values go down and no one wants to purchase. Genova said he received many letters and requests to get the town cleaned up and is asking the Council to work together – no more tabling issues – please cooperate in this effort. Melby and the others agreed to work on this issue.

Burthwick asked for a motion to adjourn, motion made by Melby, seconded by Genova. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.



Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Margaret Jacobus
Wed, Jan. 25: 6:30 p.m.
Confirmation Classes.
Sun, Jan. 29: Note time change: 9:00 a.m. Salem. 9:00 a.m. SS at Zion. 10:15 a.m. SS at Salem. 10:30 a.m. Zion - Annual meeting & potluck.
Mon, Jan. 30: 9:00 a.m. Quilting at Zion.
Wed, Feb. 1: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Classes.

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

BROOKS - RED LAKE FALLS CATHOLIC PARISH
Fr. Bob Schreiner
Sat, Jan. 28: 5:30 p.m. RLF
Sun, Jan. 29: 8:00 a.m. Brooks. 10:00 a.m. RLF.

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun, Jan. 29: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer. 9:15 a.m. SS at Immanuel. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Immanuel. Annual meeting following. Potluck after meeting.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Wed, Jan. 25: No Confirmation.
Sun, Jan. 29: Faith Joint Worship Service and Installation Sunday.
Mon, Jan. 30: 9:30 a.m. Faith Quilting with potluck.
Wed, Feb. 1: Release Time. Confirmation.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth
Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Wed, Jan. 25: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School/Confirmation.
Sat, Jan. 28: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.
Sun, Jan. 29: 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, Feb. 1: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School/Confirmation.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Jan. 25: 6:30 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Thu, Jan. 26: 12:00 p.m. Rotary.
Fri, Jan. 27: 8:45 a.m. Friday School.
Sun, Jan. 29: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:50 a.m. Sunday School.
Tue, Jan. 31: 6:30 p.m. Bible Study.
Wed, Feb. 1: 6:30 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, Jan. 29: 10:30 a.m. Bethany. Annual meeting to follow.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston
Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor
Sun, Jan. 29: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship.

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.

Tri-Valley Public Transportation

T.H.E. Bus is available for anyone. There are no age or income guidelines. - however, children under the age of four must be accompanied by an adult and children under the age of one must be secured in an infant seat.

Curb-to-curb services is available, allowing those with special needs more comfortable, safe and convenient method of transportation. All of our buses are handicapped accessible and lift-equipped. All of our drivers are trained and certified.

To reserve a seat, please call one business day prior to the scheduled trip - 1-800-201-3432.

For Polk, Red Lake and Clearwater county stops:
Every Monday - Grand Forks.

Every 2nd Tuesday - Mahnomen.

Every 4th Tuesday - Thief River Falls

Every 1st, 3rd, & 5th Wednesday - Fargo/Moorhead.

Every 2nd & 4th Friday - Bemidji.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

Jan. 30 - Feb. 3
Call 796-5666 to order a meal.

If you are over the age of 60 and would like to eat with other seniors at the Senior Site, please call the Café at 796-5666 to reserve your meal. A \$4.00 per meal donation is suggested.

Monday: Egg salad sandwich, beef vegetable soup, and dessert.

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

Wednesday: Taco's on fried bread with all the fixings, and dessert.

Thursday: Pork roast, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, and dessert.

Friday: 6 pc. Shrimp, baked potato, vegetable, and dessert.

Deadline:
Friday's at noon!

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.
Music to follow
6:00-7:00 pm Hors d'oeuvres - Cash Prizes
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Red Lake Falls Library News

The library is open on Tuesday from Noon until 7:00 pm, Wednesday from Noon until 7:00 pm, Thursday from Noon to 5:00 p.m.; Friday from Noon until 5:00 pm, and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. On-line patrons are reminded that they can visit www.nwrlib.org/rlf.htm at anytime, where they can create

their own patron accounts to browse, request and renew materials all from their home computers.

Call the library soon to reserve your spot with antiques appraiser Mark Moran on Tuesday, February 7. Mr. Moran will be on hand throughout the day to appraise, free of charge, items of old or unique interest. Spectators are welcome.

New adult fiction includes "Piano Tide" by Kathleen Dean Moore, award-winning naturalist, philosopher and author of books of nature-focused essays; "Hidden People" by Alison Littlewood, a mystery set in 1850's England; and "The Boy is Back" by New York Times bestselling author Meg Cabot, a scandal brings a young man back home to the small town, crazy family, and first love he left behind.

LSS Caregivers Group meets March 9th

The Thief River Falls Caregiver Group will meet on Thursday, March 9th 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.

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!

Sudoku Solution

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

January 2017 Health Points

Healthy New Year

Make 2017 your healthiest year yet! Find ways to boost your health and well-being!

Tips for 2017

Learn how you can live a safer and healthier life:

Protect yourself from injury or disease by wearing a helmet, sunscreen, or insect repellent when necessary.

Make an appointment for a check-up, vaccination, or screening. Regular health exams and tests can help find problems before they start. They also can help find problems early, when your chances for treatment and cure are better.

Wash your hands often with soap and water to prevent the spread of infection and illness.

Healthy You

Make healthy food choices. A healthy eating plan emphasizes fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and fat-free or low-fat milk and milk products, includes lean meats, poultry, fish, beans, eggs, and nuts and is low in saturated fats, trans fats, cholesterol, salt (sodium), and added sugars.

Be active to improve overall health. Try simple things such as taking the stairs instead of the elevator. Consider mall walking if the weather is cold or icy. Be active for at least 2½ hours a week.

Be smokefree. If you are ready to quit, call 1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669) for free resources, including free quit coaching, a free quit plan, free educational materials, and referrals to other resources where you live.

Get enough sleep. Insufficient sleep is associated with a number of chronic diseases and conditions—such as diabetes, cardiovascular disease, obesity, and depression.

Healthy Family

How much sleep does your family need?

- Newborns 16-18 hours
- Preschool-aged Children 11-12 hours
- School-aged Children At least 10 hours
- Teens 9-10 hours
- Adults (including older adults) 7-8 hours

Learn how to be healthy before, during, and after pregnancy.

While not all birth defects can be prevented, there are things a women can do get ready for a healthy pregnancy.

Be fit. Eat a healthy diet and work towards a healthy weight before pregnancy.

Be healthy. Avoid alcohol, tobacco, and illicit drugs. Be sure to consume at least 400 micrograms of folic acid every day before and during early pregnancy. Work to get health conditions, like diabetes, in control before becoming pregnant.

Be wise. Visit a health care professional regularly. Consult with your healthcare provider about any medications, including prescription and over-the-counter medications and dietary or herbal supplements, before taking them.

Managing health conditions and adopting healthy behaviors before becoming pregnancy can increase your chances of having a healthy baby.

www.cdc.gov/media/dpk/2013/dpk-birth-defects.html

Reduce auto-related injuries by using seat belts, child safety seats, and booster seats that are appropriate for your child's age and weight.

Learn positive parenting tips to keep teens safe on the road. One of the most important safety features for your teen driver is YOU.

- Lower the risk of foodborne illness as you prepare meals for your family.
- Cook to the right temperature.
- Wash hands and surfaces often
- Refrigerate promptly
- Don't cross-contaminate
- Gather and share family health history.

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Get pets vaccinated and keep pets healthy. Take your pet to its veterinarian regularly and practice good hygiene around your pets so they don't unintentionally pass germs to you.

www.cdc.gov/Features/HealthyNewYear

January is National Radon Action Month

Radon is a colorless, odorless radioactive gas that seeps up from the earth. When inhaled, it gives off radioactive particles that can damage the cells that line the lung.

Long term exposure to radon can lead to lung cancer. Radon is the number one cause of lung cancer in non-smokers and the second leading cause of lung cancer (after tobacco) in smokers. In fact, over 21,000 lung cancer deaths in the US each year are from radon, making it a serious health concern for all Minnesotans. In Minnesota, 2 in 5 homes has radon levels that pose a significant health risk, and nearly 80% of counties are rated high radon zones.

Three ways to protect you and your family:

1. Test your home - obtain a test kit
2. Reduce your exposure - reduce radon gas by taking action to reduce radon entry into your home.
3. Protect your loved ones - tell your family and friends to test so they are not exposed to a deadly gas in their homes.

www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/indoorair/radon/

Parenting Tips

As we work our way through the month of January, we find that our weather sometimes isn't the nicest. The kids get bored, they start to fight and cause problems. We have all been there and have dealt with that.

A suggestion I have found to work in my house to help with this is finding time to play games. You can make a game out of just about anything. Cooking, chores, folding laundry and yes, even cleaning their rooms.

You can play board games which helps with learning to take turns and develop patience. Card games can help with counting. One thing to remember when playing games especially with younger kids is not to get angry when they don't play right. It can all be about a learning experience. And the best part of all is the time you spend with your child. So on some cold winters' night pull out some cards and have a great game of Slap Jack.

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?

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RLCC Sports Schedules

RLC Rebel Varsity

Boys Basketball

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. 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. 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.

Sat, Mar. 4: Section 8A ¼ at *REA in TRF-TBD*

Tues, Mar. 7: Section 8A Semi at *REA in TRF-TBD*

Fri, Mar. 10: Section 8A Final at *REA in TRF- TBD*

Mar. 14-18: State Tourney - various locations-TBD

RLCC Menus

Jan. 30 – Feb. 3

Oklee

Mon: Breakfast: Bagels w/cream cheese, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Pulled pork or BBQ chicken, chips, baked beans, fruit, and milk.

Tue: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, dinner roll, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Wed: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Ham patty, tater tots, vegetable, fruit, and milk.

Thu: Breakfast: Muffin, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Corn dogs, macaroni & cheese, vegetable, fruit, and milk.

Fri: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken fajita, Spanish rice, vegetable, fruit, and milk.

Plummer

Mon: Breakfast: Egg omelet, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, baked potato, cranberries, corn, bread, fruit, and milk.

Tue: Breakfast: Long John cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Subs (ham, turkey, lettuce, cheese, tomatoes, pickles), curly fries, cucumber cup, ranch, fruit, and milk.

Wed: Breakfast: Egg wrap, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Pizza Hot Pocket, salad, mini carrots, oatmeal raisin cookie, fruit, and milk.

Thu: Breakfast: Pancakes, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Macaroni hamburger hotdish, green beans, soft pretzel, cheese dip, fruit, and milk.

Fri: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Diced chicken & gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, bread, fruit, and milk.

RLCC Knowledge Bowl attends first competition

By: Hannah Riendeau

The first competition for Senior High Knowledge Bowl 2016-17 was Wednesday, January 11. It was held in Thief River Falls. The top three teams that placed were Red Lake Falls Purple, Bemidji Blue, and Kittson County Central Gold.

Red Lake County Central Red team came in 29th place and included Sydney Melby, Jayden Fore, Hannah Kolstoe, and Katie Olson. The Silver team had on their team Kelsie Sirjord, Angel Auman, Nikki Schmitz, and Shelby Gunderson. They came in 31st place. RLCC Black team placed 36th including Lynsey Morris, Brandon Lee, Tera Qualley, and Dede Walton. The RLCC Blue came in 37th with Seth Paradis, Makay Berns, Sydnie Gunderson, Phillip Sorensen, and Kyle Ganger on the team.

Mahnomen/Waubun Wrestling Triangular

By: Julia Bernstein

Red Lake County Central wrestling attended the Mahnomen/Waubun Triangular Tuesday, January 17. The other teams that participated in the Triangular were United Clay Becker (Lake Park-Audubon/Hawley) and Mahnomen/Waubun.

RLCC lost 18-66 to United Clay Becker. Paul DeHate wrestling at 113lbs was pinned by Garrett Petterson in :46. In the 120 lb weight class Bryce Bergerson was pinned by Sam Helgeson at 2:15. Dylan Gustafson pinned Bradyn Boe at 5:57 in the 152 lb weight class. At 182 lbs Kyle Gagner was pinned by Joey Stuhaug at 3:05. Nick Pahlen pinned Eli

December Students of the Month



Red Lake County Central December Students of the Month: Mike Swenson nominated Megan Berberich and Taya Morinville was nominated Mrs. Bobbi Aakhus.

By: Sarah Christensen and Hannah Riendeau

Megan Berberich and Taya Morinville were recently presented with the December Students of the Month awards at Red Lake County Central. Berberich received the senior high award and Morinville the junior high award.

Student of the Month for the senior high was Megan Berberich who was nominated by Mr. Mike Swenson. Berberich is in the 12th grade and age 18. She has two sisters, Alexis and Taylor Berberich. Her parents are Samantha and Justin Lunsetter, and Corey Berberich.

Berberich is involved in

volleyball and softball, Student Senate, Knowledge Bowl, and Minnesota Association of Honor Societies. Her hobbies are fishing, kayaking, and being with family and friends. Some comments from Mr. Swenson were, "She is an excellent athlete and is one of the top students in her class and has taken over 35 college credits." He also commented she has passed several of the medical exams for her job and works hard to meet her goals. Swenson stated, "Berberich has known what she wants out of life and is working hard to meet those goals."

The junior high Student of the Month for December

was Taya Morinville. She was nominated by Mrs. Bobbi Aakhus. Morinville is in seventh grade and is 13 years old. Her parents are Nick and Stephanie Morinville, and she has one sister Kya. She enjoys spending time with her family, crafting, and baking. Morinville is involved in volleyball, Student Senate, and softball. Aakhus stated, "Taya is a good student, who works hard. She's a great classmate who is helpful to teachers and other students." Aakhus also commented that Morinville helps make the classroom positive with her "great smile."

9th graders race CO₂ cars

By: Julia Bernstein

In January the ninth grade physical science class at Red Lake County Central High School designed and raced CO₂ cars. They cut a triangular chunk of wood into tapered car shape, then drilled holes for the wheels and painted the cars. A track was set up including a starter box and fishing line connected to the box to race the cars on. At the end of the track there was a foam barrier to stop the cars when they got to the end.

The students partnered up and raced against their classmates. There were 30 rounds of competition. Each team's car was raced and teams had to lose twice in order to be eliminated. The car made by Garrett Qualley and Natalia Snegireff came in first place. In second place was Jayden Iverson.



Two ninth graders, Tyler Hanson and Garrett Qualley, setting up to race CO₂ cars.

Noel at 3:44 in the 220 lb weight class. In the heavyweight class Alec Castaneda won by forfeit. RLCC forfeited the other weight classes.

The next round of wrestling RLCC took on Mahnomen/Waubun and won by one point, 37-36. In the 113 lb weight class Paul DeHate was pinned by Garrett Eiynek in 2:47. Bryce Bergerson won by forfeit at 120 lbs. Dylan Gusafson pinned Isiah Asher in 4:32 in the 145 lb weight class. Wrestling at 170 lbs Tristyn Ferguson won by forfeit. Kyle Gagner won by forfeit at 195 lbs. Nick Pahlen also won by forfeit in the 220 lb weight class. In the heavyweight class Alec Castaneda pinned Logan Bendickson in :38.

Rebels vs Knights

By: Sarah Christensen

Red Lake County Rebel boys lost to Climax/Fisher in basketball at Red Lake Falls on Tuesday, January 17. The ending score was 55-57. The Rebels had a strong first half outscoring the Knights 35-26. They fell behind in the second half only scoring 20 points to the Knights 31 points. The Rebels shot 37% and the Knights shot 38%.

The leading scorer for the Rebels was Ethan Vettleson with 18 points and eight rebounds. Also scoring for the Rebels were Justin Nemec with nine points, Ben Cardinal with nine points and three steals, Connor Lambert with six points, Matt Vettleson with six points, Derek Peterson with three points, Jordan Johnson with two points, and Brandon Wiskow with two

points.

The top scorer for the Knights was Paul Gap who had a double-double, 29 points and 16 rebounds, and he also had three steals. Devin Betterly scored 10 points, Pelon Pruneda seven points and five steals, Trea Byklum five points, Tristan Rowley four points, six rebounds and two blocks, and Hayden Reitmeir two points.

RLC Rebels lost to WAO Ponies

By: Sarah Christensen

Red Lake County Rebel boys' basketball played the Warren-Alvarado-Oslo Ponies January 13 and lost 56-65. After the first half of the game it was a one point difference, 29-30 Ponies up. The second half the Rebels scored 27 points and the Ponies scored 35 points. The Rebels shot 41% with 30 rebounds, the Ponies shot 47% with 24 rebounds.

Justin Nemec was the top scorer for the Rebels with 18 points and nine rebounds. Also scoring were Ethan Vettleson with 13 points, Matt Vettleson with 10 points, Derek Peterson with eight points, Connor Lambert with four points, and Ben Cardinal with three points.

The top scorer for the Ponies was Mason Wang with 19 points followed by Jackson Steer with 14 points and six rebounds, Brandon Miller with 13 points, Grant Bergh with 11 points and seven rebounds, and Matthew Korynta with eight points.



The RLCC Sports Boosters purchased new chairs (including logo and name) for the gym in Oklee.

RLCC Boosters

purchase chairs

By: Sarah Christensen

The Red Lake County Central Sports Boosters bought 36 chairs as an upgrade from the metal folding chairs which currently have been used for sporting and music events, graduation, etc. They also are a great addition to complement the gym renovation which has recently taken place in Oklee.

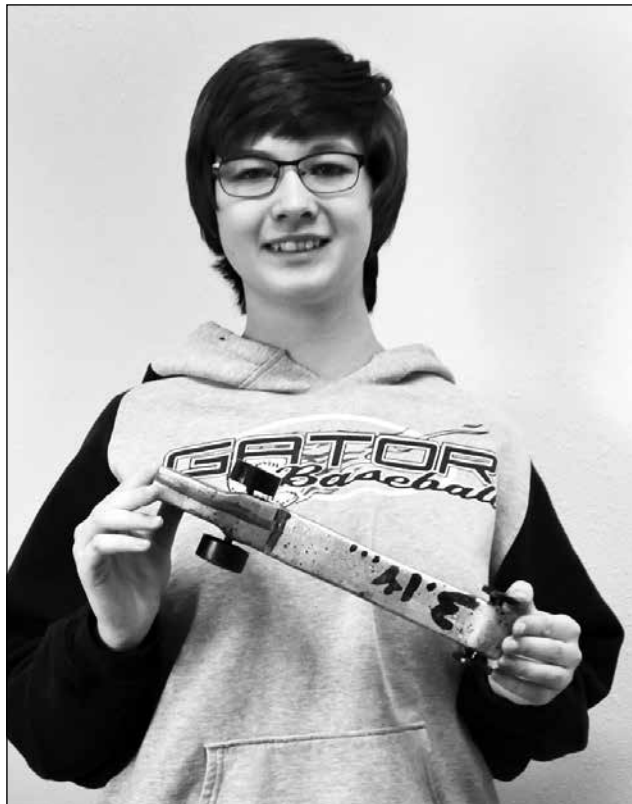
The chairs are black metal with black padded seats. They were personalized with the RLCC name and the Home of the Mustangs/Rebels logo in the school colors. These chairs will be used for all home games in Oklee and any special ceremonies such as graduation, and Minnesota Honor Society Induction Ceremony.

The Sports Boosters are planning to purchase the same chairs next year to be used in Plummer.

RLCC is very appreciative of the Sports Boosters support of the schools and would like to thank them for this upgrade which is a great addition to the gym.



RLCC ninth grade physical science class CO₂ car race winners were Natalia Snegireff and Garret Qualley.



Jayden Iverson took second place in RLCC ninth grade physical science class CO₂ car races.

Oklee Ice Skating

Rink Open

By Marie Johnson

The ice skating rink in Oklee has been opened. The rink is open Monday to Friday 3:30 pm to 8:00 pm, Saturdays 9:00 am to 8:00 pm, and Sundays 12 noon to 8:00 pm. The ice skating rink is open to the public. The skating rink will remain closed on days of home school events.

The skating rink is sponsored by RLCC Community Education.

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.

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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.

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Oklee Herald Early Files

Seventy Years Ago

January 30, 1947

Iver Gjernes expresses his thanks to the readers of the Oklee Herald as he turns over the reins to the new owner, Omar Sundrud.

Effective February 1, 1947, the curfew will be strictly enforced in Oklee. All students must be off the streets by 9:30 p.m. on weekdays and 11 p.m. on Saturdays.

Mrs. Dan Lynch was guest of honor at surprise birthday party at her home Thursday.

Sixty Years Ago

January 24, 1957

There was minor complaining Monday when a minor blizzard pelted this area with a few inches of snow.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Green of Oklee left Wednesday for St. Paul to attend the MN County Commissioners Convention which opens today.

There will be a wedding dance in the Plummer Hall on Saturday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Derald Carpenter.

Fifty Years Ago

January 26, 1967

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Novak and family went to Tabor Sunday to attend the 50th wedding anniversary for Mrs.

Novak's parents.

Clair Rodman of Conrad, Montana visited the Ole Austad home on Saturday.

Timmy Lundeen was an overnight guest of Jacky at the Dick Radnecki home Wednesday.

Forty Years Ago

January 27, 1977

In compliance with recommendations from the Commissioner of Education, the Oklee School Board has decided to close the Oklee Public School on Mondays until further notice in an effort to conserve energy.

Mrs. Wilma Radnecki left by plane to San Diego, California to be with her husband who will be employed there for several months.

Renae and Janell Bjerklie spent the weekend with Joni Sjulstad at the Gerald Sjulstad home.

Thirty Years Ago

January 28, 1987

Kari Marie Johnson wishes to announce the birth of her baby sister, Katie Lynn, born January 17th. Grandparents are Frank and Janice Svalen of McIntosh and George and Carla Johnson of Oklee.

Stella Howard's birthday was celebrated last Monday evening with many friends on hand to help.

Twenty Years Ago

January 29, 1997

This past week has seen the demolition of a building which was built in 1941, the old theater building.

Some of the kindergarteners this schoolyear were Travis Voeltz, Dallas Peterson and James Stoneouse.

DNA may soon replace infant footprints as identification. While tiny newborn footprints, photos and hospital bracelets can be charming mementos, they prove highly inaccurate when seeking infant or child identification.

Ten Years Ago

January 25, 2007

Rachel Frederick and Sabine Frederick are looking forward to taking a European trip this summer. The girls are from Goodridge.

New council members in Plummer are Lynette Gallant and Jerry Freitag.

For the second time in two years, RLCC High School's one-act play will be advancing to the region completion.

Senior Site News and Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

It is a very mild Sunday with sloppy roads all over town. Our snow has been rapidly thawing. I have to leave my car outside so the collection of snow on the wheels can melt and not make a mess in the garage. However, I do enjoy the warm weather and will gladly put up with a little extra washing the floor.

Don has been in California and it has been raining so he is unable to do anything with the bees. In all the years he has been there it is the first time he has encountered so much rain.

Sympathy is extended to Mary Lynn Bachand as her mother passed away last week.

There are quite a few people in or around town who have been having medical problems. I finished my round of doctors on Friday. It is so tiresome to sit in a waiting room to see a doctor. They are always so busy.

We had our Site Council meeting last Thursday. It was decided to have a Valentine Party on the 16th of February. It will take place after Bingo.

I'm sure many of you have heard how Julie Svaren made a feature story in a magazine in Fargo. It is such an interesting story of her life and what she is doing now to help homeless and other people. She is Becky and Dale Svaren's daughter.

Dates to Remember

Feb. 7: Evening Meal – We will choose a King and Queen that night.

Feb. 16: Site Council meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Feb. 21: Potluck meal at 5:00 p.m. at Café.

Words of Wisdom

Overcome an obstacle and you'll never be the same.

When you can give nothing else, offer a kind word.

Joke Time

The wife an on old preacher in Kansas was afraid to fly, but finally summoned the courage to take a flight to Florida to visit her daughter. At the airport, she handed her husband a letter. On the envelope she had written, "Open only in case of

a crash."

When he returned home, the old preacher couldn't resist the temptation and opened the letter. The letter said, "If there is a crash, look under the bed. You'll find a box. Open the box."

He looked under the bed, opened the box and found three eggs and a large stack of \$100 bills. He was mystified.

When his wife returned intact from Florida, the old preacher confessed that curiosity had gotten the best of him and he had opened both the envelope and the box. "But, honey, I don't understand," he said. "Why the three eggs and the \$100 bills."

"Well, honey," she replied. "When you first started preaching every time you laid an egg and preached a poor sermon, I'd put an egg in the box."

"All these years I've preached and I got only three eggs!" he said, "that's not too bad. But I still don't understand the stack of \$100 bills."

"When you get a dozen you have to sell the eggs," she said.

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

Wow, we surely had a lot of fog over the weekend. It seemed to quell going anywhere for a lot of people.

The warmer weather also was a good feeling for many people. The snow pack seemed to go down a lot as well. It measures a lot less than it did last Monday. I was heartened to see dirt and the apron of the garage this past week. It reminded me of spring and if we get no more snow this spring the melt will be short lived. I can dream can't I?

Our sympathy to Mary Lynn

Bachand of Oklee who lost her mother Mary Marvin of Warroad. Mary was a patron of the arts and enjoyed coming to the events, drama, music events and even recitals. She sat in the first row and encouraged the players heartily. I remember seeing her at a recital of young piano students who played tunes of the dance era. She was so animated with each tune and her encouragement of the participants was legendary. She was a great lady and Mary Lynn, I believe we lost a saint. She will be in my mind every

time I see one of my grand kids play a piano piece. Our sympathy to your family and our prayers for you too.

The inauguration of President Trump was done on Friday. The following day there were huge protests by women of this country. It is now a part of history. Now we go on to the business of the country.

With the weather being so different this year, there has not been much activity in the area so not much news.

Have a great week .

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

Kevin and Tiffany Tvedt and Brock went to Mahnomen on Thursday to a basketball game and also out for supper to celebrate Brock's 13th birthday. Now you're a teenager.

Alice Jobe visited Jean Matt and Fern Eskeli at Oakland Park Nursing Home on Thursday. She also visited Esther Evenson at her apartment in Thief River Falls.

On Wednesday, Bunny, Karen, Renae, DeeDee, Emilie, Alice, Jean, Wilma Anna, Connie, Anna, Jeanine enjoyed going for dinner to the Cozy. They sang "Happy Birthday" to Emilie and Bunny. Emilie's birthday was Jan. 19th, and

Bunny's was Jan. 23rd. Everyone was served cupcakes with a lit candle on it. Bunny shares her birthday with her grandson Bryce. Birthday greetings to all three of you!

Several other guys have been ice fishing lately. Don't know what luck they had.

The weather has warmed up and it is really appreciated.

I went to skiing both Monday and Wednesday. It was just beautiful. Thursday, the groomer went through town to do the snowmobile trail.

After a very heavy fog on Thursday, it turned into a beautiful day, sun is out and

Bonny's Bits...

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When we were raising our girls, one of the favorite activities surrounded the Monarch butterfly.

We used to have an area on our property that had lots of milkweed for the Monarch caterpillars to feed on.

We had a wooden box with a glass front that we turned into a science display for the girls. We would bring in one or two caterpillars who had turned into the chrysalis and place them in the box.

Then the girls would watch

for the change to happen when the chrysalis would finally open with a new Monarch butterfly, which was promptly released into the wild. It was a fun project and a great learning one too.

Our oldest went on to college to earn a biology degree, conservation degree and womens studies degree.

I just read a article from the USDA. Here is a summary.

NRCS, USFWS Partner to Accelerate Conservation on Agricultural Lands for Monarch Butterfly

The monarch butterfly is a new national priority species of Working Lands for Wildlife (WLFW), a partnership between the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). Populations of monarchs, a pollinator species cherished across North America, have declined significantly during the past two decades.

"Producers can make simple and inexpensive tweaks on working lands that provide

monumental benefits to monarch butterflies and a variety of other insects and wildlife," said Cathee Pullman, NRCS state conservationist in Minnesota. "By adding the monarch to Working Lands for Wildlife, we can accelerate conservation for the species at the heart of its migration corridor."

Conservation practices can help the eastern monarch population, a species known for its annual, multi-generational migration from central Mexico to as far north as Canada. Conservation efforts on agricultural lands across the nation can have a significant positive impact on monarchs as well as many other pollinator insects and birds. Farmers and other private landowners, can ensure a future filled with monarchs."

The monarch butterfly joins an array of wildlife species across the country already part of WLFW, including the greater sage-grouse and New England cottontail, two recent successes in species conservation.

So for my girls and I this is a great piece of news.

Centennial Recipe Corner

Venison And Wild Rice

Hot Dish

Shirley Dessellier



1 lb venison steak, cut into 1/4 inch cubes
1 can precooked wild rice
1 onion, chopped
1 cup celery, chopped
1/2 cup green pepper
1 can cream of mushroom soup
butter, salt and pepper to taste

Brown venison with butter, salt and pepper. Mix in wild rice, onion, green pepper, celery and soup. Place all in a baking dish. Cover and bake at 375 degrees for 30 minutes. Remove cover and continue to bake another 10 to 15 minutes.

Wednesday, January 25, 2017

Red Lake County Extension Educator

Curtis W. Nyegaard - 218-253-2895

How Does Cold Affect Emerald Ash Borer?

If you live in northern Minnesota, chances are that you have wondered how the cold affects the Emerald Ash Borer! How cold does it have to be before the overwintering emerald ash borer (EAB) larvae begin to die. Here's a brief overview of EAB winter physiology and results of some current research that should help to explain that our cold climate may help slow the rate of of population expansion, but it won't be enough to stop the spread of EAB.

Like many insects, overwintering EAB larvae are able to survive in climates with subzero winter temperatures using the strategy of supercooling, or the ability to cool a liquid below it's normal freezing point without ice formation. To avoid freezing of their internal fluids, different insects produce a variety of specialized sugars, alcohols, or antifreeze proteins during the winter months. These compounds allow insects to endure subzero body temperatures far below where their internal fluids would normally freeze. Once insect's become seasonally acclimated to the cold, temperatures below this supercooling point are required before significant portions of a population begin to die.

So what is the supercooling point for EAB larvae, you might ask? Several recent research projects have provided somewhat different answers. Research in China within EAB's native range has indicated that the supercooling point for EAB ranges from -9.4F to -15.5F. In North America, research from Ontario, Canada has indicated the supercooling point might be as low as -23F. Perhaps of greatest interest to us, though, are the results of research carried out right here in Minnesota. In an experiment where EAB infested logs were kept outdoors for the winter near Grand Rapids, Minnesota, researchers from the U. S. Forest Service and Minnesota Department of Agriculture found that the supercooling temperature for the Minnesota EAB population was about -13F. Based on these results, a model was created that predicts that about five percent of EAB larvae should die when temperatures reach 0F, 34 percent at -10F, 79 percent at -20F, and an impressive 98 percent should die at -30F.

Though ambient air temperatures as low as -30F might not be a rare occurrence in northern Minnesota, it is important to keep in mind that not all EAB larvae will experience that same -30F within a tree. In addition to insulation provided from the outer bark, larvae overwintering at the base of trees below the snow line will be especially well insulated. It may take prolonged periods at a certain ambient temperature before temperatures beneath the bark will ever drop to the same level.

Though a substantial number of EAB are likely to be killed by winter temperature each year, what is the most concerning are the more cold tolerant individuals that are more likely to survive. Over time, these more cold tolerant larvae could begin to represent a greater portion of

the reproductive population. This will not actually lower the existing supercooling point of EAB larvae, but could eventually result in a population with a lower average supercooling point. While frigid winter temperatures may be an added benefit for now, we should not allow the cold to give us a false sense of security when it comes to actively managing Minnesota's ash resource.

For more information on the winter survival of EAB, you can e mail the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources at info.dnr@state.mn.us, or Mark Abrahamson with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture with the Plant Protection Division at; mark.abrahamson@state.mn.us or call him at 651.201.6505.

Source: Mark Abrahamson, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, Plant Protection Division.

U of M Extension launches new soil management and health website

Balancing the economic and environmental benefits of soil management strategies can be a challenge. U of MN Extension Crops team has launched a website that offers research-based resources to help producers improve soil and crop productivity, while minimizing environmental risks. The website, Soil management and health, features articles and videos in three primary sections:

Soil properties – includes descriptions of Minnesota soils and how they are formed, the importance of soil structure and the roles of organic matter and soil biology in building structure.

Tillage and soil management – includes resources for reducing soil compaction and erosion, managing crop residue, and evaluating tillage systems.

Cover crops – includes discussions on the benefits of cover crops and resources for selecting, establishing and maintaining them.

Soil fertility - provides a direct link to the U of M Extension Nutrient management website, which houses current crop fertilizer suggestions and data from the University of Minnesota.

The website also includes presentations, an A to Z library to find topics more easily, and links to other University soil websites.

Visit the new Soil management and health website at zumn.edu/soil.

Source: by Phyllis Bongard, U of M Extension

Engenia Herbicide Recently Registered by EPA

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has registered Engenia, a low-volatility formulation of dicamba from BASF. Farmers who are anxious to take advantage of the new dicamba-tolerant herbicide trait in soybeans now have another herbicide to choose from.

Both BASF's Engenia and Monsanto's XtendiMax herbicides are new technologies with chemistry that helps to control volitilaztion and thus off-target – off site

damage to other crops that are susceptible to injury by dicamba herbicide. Remember damage to susceptible crops is not only by volatization though but also by particle drift.

Engenia's registration is a two-year conditional registration from EPA, which is contingent upon farmers using both proper drift mitigation measures and resistance management tactics. Current registration allows only one nozzle and no tank mixes. Adjuvants are very limited. Some of that may change before or during the growing season, so producers should stay current on the law. Boom height maximums, spray volumes, and downwind buffers, wind, weather conditions is other language requirements important for producers to heed.

Nozzles: Get to know your nozzles better than your wife! Just kidding but a couple of weeks ago I did mention looking at human capital investment when analyzing the farm business. I encourage producers to become up to date on nozzle technology. The weed control technology is changing due to resistant weed issues in many soybean fields. Recommended nozzles and required nozzles provide the spray coverage and a reduction in drift potential that is needed with the various herbicide systems producers might use on their soybean acres. Five years ago ninety five percent of the acres were glyphosate resistant technology. Today we have a mix of conventional, glyphosate, Liberty Link, and Xtend soybean genetics and probably in a year Enlist trait will be added to the mix. Thus its very important to use the right nozzle with the right herbicide.

With all pesticide use, read and follow the label.

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