

Oklee Precipitation
By Einar Kvasager

	Rain	Snow
Jan. 21	Trace	
Jan. 23		Trace
Jan. 26		Trace
Jan. 27		Trace
Total in.	0.00	0.00

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The Year in Review

June 1, 2016:

Mr. Randall Pederson, principal of Red Lake County Central presented the Class of 2016 for graduation at the ceremony held Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. with 33 graduates for 2016.

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

On Thursday, the 19th, the 6th grade class from Red Lake County Central Elementary left at 4:30 a.m. on a bus for the cities. They went to the Alexander Ramsey House, the Mill City Museum where Gold Medal flour was made. Friday to the St. Paul Cathedral, Fort Snelling, the History Museum and the Twins game, before they went home.

RLCC Class of 2016 classmates Holly Vettleson, Austin Waliser, Samantha Smith, Kayla Olson, and Devin Lambert received their Associate's degree from Northland Community and Technical College. These students took college courses (OCHS and CIHS) while attending RLCC.

June 8, 2016:

Green trees, blue skies and military branch flags waving provided a peaceful backdrop for the Memorial Day Service at the Veterans Park in Plummer on May 30. The program was put on by the Plummer Legion Post 623 and the Auxiliary Unit 623. Second Lieutenant Dan Shield from the Grand Forks Air Base provided the address at the Plummer Memorial day service.

On Monday, May 30th, Oklee's American Legion and Auxiliary from Post 159 held a Memorial Day program at Red Lake County Central High School Gymnasium. Walstad introduced Annalee Woodstrom, the Memorial Day speaker. Annelee was born in

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

Alan Nemec has started with Evergreen Implement Company, Thief River Falls location, as a paid intern while he is now a student at NDSCS (North Dakota State College of Science) Wapeton, ND. He is enrolled in the John Deere Tech Program and is sponsored by Evergreen Implement Company.

Erwin "Erv" Rud of Fosston has decided to make a primary challenge to District 1B endorsed DFL candidate Mike Moore of Mentor. A "surprising number" of people have encouraged Rud to make the primary challenge after seeing no post-endorsement campaign activity from Moore against the Republican incumbent Deb Kiel.

June 15, 2016:

Through the Pohlad Family Foundation and its Summer Youth Employment Program, 18 year old Samantha Smith was hired. She is the daughter of Jon and Sue Smith of Oklee and a current graduate from RLCC High School.

Plummer Lions Club hosted the Lions 5M11 District Governor Gerald Fontaine on Monday, June 6th. Plummer Lions Tot members were also included. Dist Gov. Gerald presented several years of service awards.

Representative Deb Kiel (R-Crookston) held a town hall meeting at the Oklee Cafe. Rep. Kiel reviewed the 2016 legislative session, discussed changes to state law and answered questions from constituents.

The RLCC Elementary School in Plummer was buzzing with action on May 23rd as the American Cancer Society event, Relay Recess, was held throughout the day concluding with a 3/5K run/walk.

Sunday morning brought us a surprise with a storm of rain wind and a few have said that they got hail. Riding around the country side though it seems that the crops were not damaged very badly with the hail we got. Some places got 2 inches before 8 am. Others

got less or more depending on the location.

June 22, 2016:

Patrick Kruchowski and Lori Wold are the proud owners of the newest business in Oklee called Kinsley's Kloset and Consign All, named after their daughter. They offer clothing for any size from casual to high end and formal clothing, also antiques, household items, furniture, tools, outdoor items such as fishing equipment, DVDs, electronics, appliances, kitchenware and more!

Fair week will start off on Friday, June 24 with an opening ceremony at 8:30 a.m. Other events are open class and 4-H entries, Senior Citizen event where an outstanding Senior Citizen Award will be given out, coloring contest, scavenger hunt, Old Time Music. Saturday, June 25, a 5K, a variety of demonstrations taking place at the Oklee Community Hall. At the South City Park "Oklee Pits" there will be a dunk tank and old fashioned games. with Baja races, 4-H awards were awarded and a street dance. Sunday, there was Bingo, a mini tractor pull, a demo derby at the South Park, variety of talent show.

The Clearwater Church on June 13 it was hit by lightning that caused severe damage to the church. Shingles and trim now lay on the side of the road. There is a hole by the stairway where pieces of the wall now remain. The light switches were blown out and glass from lights and windows were scattered throughout the church.

June 29, 2016:

City of Oklee Coat of Arms & sewers being cleaned was discussed at City of Oklee Council meeting. D & R Grocery requested road repair in front of their store as it is becoming a public safety issue.

On Wednesday the 15th, Jean Carpenter left with Judy and Jim Kelley and Jeff for Manhattan, Kansas. It was the wedding of Margaret, the daughter of Cindy and Bruce Thomas. Cindy is Jean's daughter. The wedding was the 18th.

Sue Lee, Patty and Eric Mickelson were entertaining the audience at the Red Lake County.

Jane, Matilda and Mariah Sipper were among the many people who entered their crafts into the Open Entry held on Friday.

Huot Hustlers 4-H Club



Justin Solie, Nick Solie, and Jacob Solie Cross Country skiing.

The Huot Hustlers 4H club met on January 22th at the Agassiz Environmental Learning Center in Fertile, MN. There were 5 members and 5 adults present.

Secretary and Treasurer's Reports were given and approved. We had our business meeting in which we read a Thank You card from the residents of Sunview Center for the Christmas Party we had with them in December.

We discussed whether or not we still wanted to go downhill

skiing for our February activity or do some other event such as Northern Air Family Fun Center, Water Park, or Bowling. We also talked about our plans for our upcoming Share the Fun skit.

After the meeting, there was a short presentation on Cross Country Skiing and all were invited to borrow a set of boots, skis, poles and ski the trails around the Nature Center.

The meeting concluded with a potluck.



Grace Smith and Pam Columbus Cross Country skiing at the Nature Center.



Mitch Bernstein, 20 years, Kathie Johanneck, 15 years, Kurt Casavan, 20 years, Peggy Nord, 10 years and Nick Knott, 10 years. Recognizing employees for their years of service is Red Lake County board chairman, Anthony Flage.

Other employees that were recognized but not present were: Arlan Johnson, 15 years, Tom Braaten, 5 years, and Kurt Ellefson, 5 years.

Red Lake County Commissioner meeting held January 24th

On January 24, 2017, the Red Lake County Commissioners met with Dave Sorensen, John Lerohl, Chuck Simpson, and Chairman Anthony Flage present, and Ron Weiss absent.

The agenda was approved with changes and first on the agenda was the Employee Recognition of Years of Service. Chairman Flage presented to the five persons in attendance their certificate for years of services, and the others he read out to the audience. (See photo)

Angie Lundeen, Human Resources brought before the Commissioners a step increase for Kristi Nelson which was approved with a motion by Lerohl, seconded by Simpson, carried.

Nick Knott, Treasurer for the County, visited with the Commissioners on the status of bonds and interest earned for 2016. Market Values are about the same, Knott reported.

Kristi Nelson came before the Commissioners with a contract between Norman and Red Lake that needed approval by a motion. The only change was that IRS Mileage would no longer be capped, otherwise it was the same as last time. Sorensen made a motion to approve, Lerohl seconded, carried.

Bills were looked at next and were paid with a motion by Lerohl and seconded by Simpson, carried.

Kurt Casavan was on the agenda to discuss the county landfill permitting process. The State has been encouraging Red Lake County to change over the Oklee landfill to a transfer station and this would be a large expense to the county to do. The landfills in the county are still good for approx. 20 years and feels that it is un-necessary to make this change at this time. Casavan would like the county to start setting aside funds for this in the future as he feels

this will be the way the state rule will eventually be. Casavan may have to do some soil cores this summer to check for leaching and lateral movement of water for the MPCA.

The Commissioners said to continue as he has with this issue and keep them informed.

Committee reports were next with Simpson having none to report on. Sorensen had attended the Tri County Corrections Center meeting reporting that Red Lake's numbers are down. Still not enough personnel but otherwise, things are going well.

Sorensen also had a NW Mental Health meeting and reported that the financials are improving and there have been help from the Hibbing office and missed billing has been found and electronic records are being addressed. Also a Finance Committee was formed to go over the reports before the meeting so the meeting is shorter. A new treasurer has been elected.

Lerohl reported on a meeting concerning the possible Inter County Community Council's building purchase in TRF. Food Bank would like to have a spot there also and looks like it would be a positive purchase for ICCC.

Lerohl also had a HRA meeting reporting that everything is going good, changed some by-laws dealing with part time employees, and heard about office space in East Grand Forks.

Lerohl had a phone meeting for the RDC (NW Regional Development Commission) and a discussion of safety training for bicycles at local schools was held. ICCC (Inter County Community Council) meeting was also held recently with results from the audit reporting no findings. Talked about Brain Gain, a public meeting that is

going to be held on February 7th at the Englestad Arena in Thief River Falls, featuring Ben Winchester and Christopher Ingraham. Lerohl also reported the ICCC Director Catherine Johnson is also the CAP Agency President (Community Action Partnership) and that Energy Funding has been cut by 10%.

Flage had a Red Lake County Soil Water and Conservation District (RLC SWCD) meeting reported that election of officers was completed, Oklee Herald is the official newspaper, and a one year watershed plan has been sent to BWSR (MN Board of Water and Soil Resources). Matt Anderson has been working with landowners on the buffer regulations and feedlot applications are being worked on. Also the Tree program ad is in the paper.

County Engineer Korky Kleven came before the Board for a signature on the EcoFootprint grant he has been working on with Enbridge and Red River Corridor to add four more river access points. 95% of the package has been reviewed. Kleven also asked if the Commissioners have heard anything back from the City of Oklee on the Highway 222 project. Kleven wants a signed document before moving forward and Lerohl said he would talk to the City of Oklee.

Minutes were approved as read with a motion and Auditor Robert Schmitz brought up the Open House at Inter County Nursing on February 14th at their new offices in the Pennington County Courthouse building. Plummer snowmobile Club needed a motion the same as last year for the Seven Clans Snowmobile race that will be held soon.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 14th at 10:00 a.m.

Sign Making Fundraiser for Bob Carriere

On January 15th, Bob Carriere was the lucky transplant recipient of a new heart.

With the help of his daughter Tracy Hamm, there will be a sign making class with proceeds being donated to Bob and his wife Sue to help with some everyday expenses while away from home.

The event will take place on February 12th at 3:00 p.m. at the Oklee Community Hall.

You must pre-register by February 8th with sign choice to either Tracy at 218-688-2147 (call /text) or Bobbie at 218-281-9653 (call/text) or email bobbieraye12@gmail.com.

The boards will be 12 x 24 inches and will be black in color.

The cost of the sign is \$40. All of the proceeds will be donated to the Carriere's.

There will also be a Lucky Buck Auction held that day, so bring your \$1 bills.

And if you are interested in just making a cash donation or a donation for the lucky buck auction to please contact Bobbie at the number listed earlier.

Oklee Herald Delivery issue

The Oklee Herald was informed that one of the bags for the Brooks area went missing last week and at this time has not been found. Please have patience. Calls have been made to locate the missing paper.

Calendar of Events

Wed, Feb. 1:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
Thu, Feb. 2:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
Fri, Feb. 3:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
Sat, Feb. 4:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!
Sun, Feb. 5:
-Worship at the church of your choice.
Mon, Feb. 6:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
Tue, Feb. 7:
-LSS Sr. Evening Meal 5:00 p.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards
Wed, Feb. 8:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
Thu, Feb. 9:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
Fri, Feb. 10:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
Sat, Feb. 11:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!
Sun, Feb. 12:
-Worship at the church of your choice.



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the food before us
the FAMILY
BESIDE US
& the LOVE
between us

1

what makes you
Do HAPPY
with those who
make you
SMILE
Laugh as much
as you
BREATHE
Love as long
as you LIVE

2

i've seen
miracles just
happen
silent prayers get
answered
broken hearts
become
brand new
that's what
faith
can do.

3

IN OUR home
LET LOVE abide
& BLESS ALL
THOSE
WHO STEP
inside

4

Established 1997
The Olson Family
Snook, Bobbie, Kayla, Aurimy, and Lucas

5

We live We laugh We love
The Hamm Family
Ron, Tracy, McKenzie, and Malayna

6

DON'T
Dream
YOUR life
LIVE
YOUR Dreams

7

Dream
BIG
Sparkle
MORE
Shine
BRIGHT

8

She
BELIEVED
she could.
SO she did.
believe
in yourself.

9

Here SLEEPS
a girl
with a headfull
of DREAMS.
HEART FULL
of wonder,
& HANDS
that will
shape
the WORLD

10

1. Pick a sign choice by number.
2. RSVP to Tracy or Bobbie.
3. Deadline is Feb. 8th
4. Cost is \$40
5. Awesome way to help a GREAT FAMILY!
6. Lots of fun.....

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Margaret Jacobus
Wed, Feb. 1: 6:30 p.m.
Confirmation Classes.
Sun, Feb. 5: 9:00 a.m.
Zion. 9:00 a.m. SS at Salem.
10:15 a.m. SS at Zion. 10:30 a.m. Salem.
Mon, Feb. 6: 9:00 a.m.
Quilting at Zion.
Wed, Feb. 8: 6:30 p.m.
Confirmation Classes.

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

BROOKS – RED LAKE FALLS CATHOLIC PARISH
Fr. Bob Schreiner
Sat, Feb. 4: 5:30 p.m. RLF
Sun, Feb. 5: 8:00 a.m.
Brooks. 10:00 a.m. RLF.

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun, Feb. 5: 9:00 a.m.
Worship at Immanuel. 10:15 a.m. SS at Immanuel. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson,
Lay Minister
Sun, Feb. 5: No Church in the Parish.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston
Seth Johnson,
Interim Pastor
Sun, Feb. 5: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship.

Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial Update

Donations were received recently for the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial. Marie Weaver, New Hope, MN made a contribution in memory of Margaret Johnson, Oklee. Larry and Jeanie O'Neill, Oklee and Don and LaVonne Brown, Oklee honored Mary Marvin, Warroad, mother of Mary Lynn Bachand, with a donation to the Veterans' Memorial in her memory.

Donations may be sent to Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial, Security State Bank, Box 69, Oklee, MN 56742, attn: Lori Melby. All questions should be directed to Mary Lynn Bachand at marylbachand@gmail.com.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

February 6 - 10
Call 796-5666 to order a meal.

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

Monday: Hamburger on bun, ham & bean soup, and dessert.

Tuesday: Evening meal: Polish sausage, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, and dessert.

Wednesday: 2 pc. French toast, ½ pc. ham, 1 egg, and dessert.

Thursday: Fried ham, hash browns, vegetables, and dessert.

Friday: Baked chicken, baked potato, vegetable, and dessert.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive – Nazareth
Oak Park – St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Wed, Feb. 1: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School/Confirmation.
Sat, Feb. 4: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.

Sun, Feb. 5: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri, 9:15 a.m. SS; 9:45 a.m. Oak Park, 8:30 a.m. SS. 11:00 a.m. Nazareth, 10:00 a.m. SS.
Wed, Feb. 8: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School/Confirmation.

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

Wed, Feb. 1: 6:30 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

Thu, Feb. 2: 12:00 p.m. Rotary.

Fri, Feb. 3: 8:45 a.m. Friday School.

Sun, Feb. 5: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:50 a.m. Sunday School.

Tue, Feb. 7: 6:30 p.m. Bible Study.

Wed, Feb. 8: 6:30 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Wed, Feb. 1: Release Time. Confirmation.

Sun, Feb. 5: 8:30 a.m. Ekelund, 9:45 a.m. SS; 9:45 a.m. Faith, 11:00 a.m. SS; 11:00 a.m. Bethany, 9:45 a.m. SS.

Mon, Feb. 6: 9:30 a.m. Faith Quilting with potluck.

Wed, Feb. 8: Release Time. Confirmation.

Tri-Valley Public Transportation

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Every Monday – Grand Forks.

Every 2nd Tuesday – Mahanomen.

Every 4th Tuesday – Thief River Falls

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

Every 2nd & 4th Friday – Bemidji.

LSS Caregivers Group meets February 9th

The Thief River Falls Caregiver Group will meet on Thursday, February 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.

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The Red Lake Falls Knights of Columbus hosted a free throw contest at the Lafayette High School in RLF on January 22. Nine- to fourteen-year-olds participated in the competition and winners advanced to the District competition January 29 in Warren.

KC free throw results

By Marie Johnson

Red Lake Falls Knights of Columbus sponsored a free throw contest on January 22 at Red Lake Falls Lafayette High School. Winners received a trophy and advanced to the District competition in Warren on Sunday, January 29. Second and third place winners received a medal. Boys and girls ages 9-14 could

participate.

Age nine girls' winners were in first place Meadow Zimpel, second Kayla Schafer, and in third Wendy Zenteno. Boy's winners were Austin McCraven in first place and Alexander Renner in second. No ten year olds competed in the competition.

Age eleven girls' winners

were Paige Schafer in first place, Savanna Nelson second, and Nadia Delorme third. Boys' winners were in first place Chase Nelson.

Age 12 girls' winners were Brooklyn Cardinal in first place and Gabby Casavan in second. Boys' winners were Isaiah Phillion in first place, Justin Solie in second, and

Matt Renner in third.

Age 13 girls' winners were Clara Girdler, first place. Boy's winners were Bailey Hince in first place and Jake Duden in second.

There were no 14 year old girls that competed. The 14 year old boy's winners were Hayden Cardinal in first place and Jacob Solie in second.

in boots or skates. Dress for the weather and then warm up with hot chocolate and marshmallows at the school in Oklee. Fun for the whole family!

Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) is a program for all Minnesota families with children between the ages of birth to kindergarten entrance. The program is offered through Minnesota

public schools districts. ECFE is based on the idea that the family provides a child's first and most significant learning environment and most important teachers. ECFE works to strengthen families. ECFE's goals is to enhance the ability of all parents and other family members to provide the best possible environment for their child's learning and growth.

February WIC Schedule

The Women, Infants and Children's Supplemental Nutrition Education Program (WIC) is being held the month of February 2017.

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

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

February schedule:
Thu, Feb. 9 - RLF - Community Center.
Mon, Feb.13 - T R F -

Redeemer Lutheran Church
Tue, Feb. 14 - T R F -

Redeemer Lutheran Church
Wed, Feb. 15 - TRF -

Redeemer Lutheran Church
Thu, Feb. 16 - T R F -

Redeemer Lutheran Church
Fri, Feb.17 -TRF - Redeemer Lutheran Church

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

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.

Hot Reads for Cold Nights coffee mug winners for the 2nd & 3rd weeks of January were Margaret Hamrum and Nyssa Renner. There are still lots of "Hot Reads" at the library: stop in and check one out and

register to win a mug.

New adult nonfiction includes "Europe Since 1989: A History" by Philipp Ther, which outlines the aftermath of the Cold War and the re-shaping of Western Europe from the fall of the Berlin Wall to the present; "Seize the Day: Living on Purpose and Making Every Day Count" by #1 New York Times bestselling author and speaker Joyce Meyer; "The Cleaning Ninja" by Courtenay Hartford, founder of the Creek Line House blog: how to clean your home in 8 minutes flat and other clever housekeeping techniques;" and "The Engine 2 Seven-Day Rescue Diet: Eat Plants, Lose Weight, Save Your Health" by Rip Esselstyn.

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RLCC Sports Schedules

RLC Rebel Varsity Boys Basketball

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

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, 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

Mustangs

lose to Patriots

By: Sarah Christensen

The Red Lake County Central girls' basketball played Winger-Erskine-McIntosh on January 24th. The ending score was 31-55, a loss for the Mustangs.

Julia Bernstein with 11 points was the top scorer for the Mustangs followed by Ashely Longtin with nine points, Jenna Pahlen with four points, Calyssa Eskeli with four points, and Taylor Bushelle with three points.

The highest scorer for the Patriots was Alayna Espeseth with 15 points. Tanya Bring added 11 points, Lauren Strom with 10 points, Kylie Brekke with six points, Lindsey Espeseth with six points, Sydney Tadman with four points, and Tyra Wilson with three points.

RLCC Menus

February 6 - 10

Oklee

Mon: **Breakfast:** Apple turnover, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Cold subs, chips, fresh vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Tue: **Breakfast:** Cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** BBQ's, baked beans, potato salad, fruit, and milk.

Wed: **Breakfast:** Coffee cake, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, scalloped potatoes, vegetables, Uncrustable, fruit, and milk.

Thu: **Breakfast:** Cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Pork fritter, mashed potatoes, vegetable, fruit, dinner roll or bread, and milk.

Fri: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Tomato soup, grilled cheese, vegetable, fruit, and milk.

Plummer

Mon: **Breakfast:** Variety of cereal, fruit, juice, and milk.

Lunch: Pizza, salad bar, apple crisp w/whipped topping, fruit, and milk.

Tue: **Breakfast:** French toast sticks, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Pork fritter, macaroni & cheese, broccoli, bread, fruit, and milk.

Wed: **Breakfast:** Egg omelet, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Shredded pork on bun, pickles, baked beans, coleslaw cup, fruit, and milk.

Thu: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon streusel coffee cake, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Meatballs, mashed potatoes & gravy, peas, biscuits, fruit, and milk.

Fri: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken fajitas (soft shell, lettuce, cheese, salsa, sour cream, peppers, onions), yogurt w/granola, hash browns, fruit, and milk.

Buzzer beater

win for Mustangs

By Marie Johnson

Red Lake County Central Mustangs girls' basketball won against Warren-Alvarado-Oslo Ponies on Friday, January 20 at Warren. The Ponies were leading 21-19 at halftime. Sarah Christensen hit two three-pointers to tie the game up near the end. Julia Bernstein hit a buzzer-beater to win the game for the Mustangs. The Mustangs scored 21 points in the second half while the Ponies scored 17. The final score was 40-38 with the Mustangs winning.

Leading in points for the Mustangs was Ashley Longtin and Taylor Bushelle each with eleven. Bernstein with ten points, Christensen with six, and Jenna Pahlen and Hannah Kolstoe each with one point.

The highest scorer for the Ponies was Kinzie Gulikson with eight points. Also scoring points for the Ponies was Holly Steer with seven points, McKenzie Roller with six, Jenica Mercil with five, Sarah Hagtvedt with four, Cassidy Lizakowski with three, Rylie Mortimer with two, and Olivia Strickler with one.

Greyhounds top Rebels

By: Hannah Riendeau

The Rebels hosted a boys' basketball game Thursday, January 19th in Plummer. Red Lake County lost to Fosston 35-77. In the first half the Red Lake County trailed 19-40. Rebels pulled down 31 rebounds and Fosston 38.

The leading score for the Rebels was Justin Nemce with 15 points. Ethan Vettleson shot 4-4 on free throws and he also scored six points and had three steals. Derek Peterson scored five points, Connor Lambert with four, Isiah Olson with three, and Ben Cardinal scored two.

Scoring for the Greyhounds were Karsten Broadley with 16 points including shooting four three-pointers, Jesse Sather with 15 points including three-three pointers, and Cory Drellack 14 points. Other Greyhounds who scored were Hunter Kroening with seven points, Brock Hemmesch and Isaac Dryburgh both scored six points, Jason Voxland scored four points, Tristan Gustafson and Brett Sundquist both

RLCC Robotics team competes at Robotics Vex State Qualifier



Four members of the RLCC robots team (Austin Erlandson, Angel Auman, Brandon Lee, and Dylan Gustafson) with their robot at the pre-final match check in and inspection.



RLCC robotics team behind the right side competition area. This was their first match won!

scored three points, Treydan Carlson with two, and Austin Schmidt with one point.

Red Lake County Central defeats

Laporte

By: Hannah Riendeau

Red Lake County Central held a girls' basketball game against the Laporte Wildcats Thursday, January 19. In the first half the Laporte was trailing behind the Mustangs 32-42. RLCC beat Laporte 56-40.

The leading scorer for the Mustangs was Ashley Longtin with 18 points, Taylor Bushelle scored 17, Julia Bernstein with 11, Jenna Pahlen eight, and Nikki Schmitz two.

The leading scorer for the Wildcats was Kaylee Kerby with 11. Katrina Kerby scored nine, Olivia Taylor eight, and Cameron Smith and Natalie Hadrava both scored six points.



RLCC has a new seventh grader, Madeline Inda-Valdez. Welcome Madeline

RLCC welcomes new student

By: Sydnie Gunderson

Madeline Inda-Vaidez is a new student at Red Lake County Central High School. Inda-Vaidez is 12 years old and is in seventh grade. She previously attended Sojourner Truth Academy in Minneapolis and currently lives in Plummer. Her parents are Maria and Eduardo, and she has two siblings Edwin and Hector.

Her hobbies include basketball, dancing, and singing. She enjoyed swimming and dancing during the summer. For school activities, she would like to be in basketball.

Rebels play the Rams

By: Hannah Riendeau

Red Lake County boys hosted their basketball game on Tuesday, January 24 at Red Lake Falls. They played the Roseau Rams and lost 51-64. RLC was trailing behind in the first half 24-39. Both teams had seven steals.

Ethan Vettleson was the Rebels' leading scorer with 19 points. He made four three-pointers, had seven rebounds and three steals. Matt Vettleson scored eight. Justin Nemec scored three points and grabbed seven rebounds. Derek Peterson and Ben Cardinal both scored six. Jordan Johnson and Connor Lambert each scored two. Brandon Wiskow scored one.

The leading scorer for the Rams was Jacob LePard who scored 22 points and he got 13 rebounds for a double-double. Eric Hoffer made 14 points, Nels Braaten scored nine, Jordon Miller scored eight, Zach Fevold scored five and had eight rebounds, Nate Corbit scored four, and Nathan O'Conner scored two points.

Mustangs lose by two

By: Sarah Christensen

The Red Lake County Central girls' basketball team



RLCC Vocal Solo Contest results

By Marie Johnson

Nine students from Red Lake County Central High School competed at the Vocal Solo Contest in Crookston on Wednesday, January 18. Getting two stars is a superior and one star is excellent rating.

The students receiving two stars with a superior rating

were Diedra Walton singing "Oceano," Sydney Melby singing "Never," Nick Pahlen singing "Give a Man a Horse He Can Ride," Phillip Sorenson singing "Farewell," and Adrianne Jones "I Dreamed a Dream."

Receiving a one star with

By: Michael Illies,

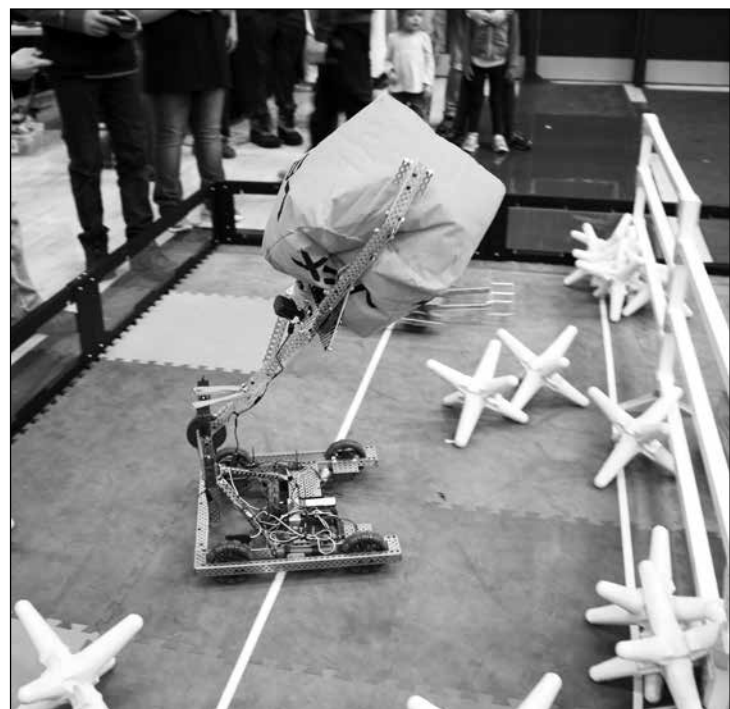
RLCC Robotics coach

Red Lake County Central High School Robotics class competed in the Northland Community and Technical College Pioneers Robotics Vex State Qualifier in Thief River Falls on Saturday, January 14th. Fifty teams were present and competition was fierce. This is the first year for the Robotics class at RLCC and their first qualifier competition. The team learned much from seeing other robots and talking to other teams from the area.

The RLCC Mustangs robot started out strong, but eventually lost out to faster, more agile robots from more experienced teams. We were eliminated during the qualifications round, but a team that qualified for the quarter finals saw strength in our robot design that they believed was good enough to help them win the championship. We were maneuverable and had a strong claw design. As a result, our team, which expected they were done for the day, was actually chosen to be part of the finals! It was a surprise and honor to be chosen to be part of that qualifying team. In the end, we were eliminated, but to quote one of our team members, "We are going to crush them next time!"

The students gained much experience in the designing and building of a machine to complete a specific task. The engineering concepts and skills learned were evident. The students had a great time and expect to be back next time, bigger and better than ever.

Students participating in the competition from RLCC's Robotics class were Kyle Gagner, Austin Erlandson, Dylan Gustafson, Nick Plante, Deidra Walton, Angel Auman, and Brandon Lee. RLCC's Robotics class is taught by Mr. Michael Illies.



RLCC's contest robot in the test area where students made modifications on the claw before competition.

played in Oklee on Thursday, January 26th against Cass Lake-Bena. The score at half time was tied 28-28. The ending score was 55-57 with the Mustangs losing by two points.

The highest score for the Mustangs was Ashely Longtin with 23 points. Also scoring was Taylor Bushelle with 17 points, Julia Bernstein with eight points, Jenna Pahlen

with five points, and Nikki Schmitz with two points.

The top scorer for the Panthers was Sunshine Kingbird with 22 points followed by Candace Jacobs with 12 points, Danae Wilson with 11 points, Trina Headbird with nine points, Becca Busick with two points, and Michelle Jourdain with one point.

Red Lake County Central music students who attended the Vocal Solo Competition were: (back row) Phillip Sorenson, Abby Walton, Tera Qualley, and Nick Pahlen, (middle row) Dede Walton, Sydney Melby, and Natalie Aakhus, (front row) AJ Jones and Kara Longtin.

an excellent rating were Tera Qualley singing "Caro Mio Ben," Kara Longtin singing "Colors of the Wind," and Abby Walton "Do You Hear the People Sing."

RLCC's music teacher Mrs. Patty Mickelson brought the students to the contest.

