

Oklee Precipitation
By Einar Kvasager

	Rain	Snow
Feb. 4		Trace
Feb. 5		0.25
Feb. 6		0.75
Feb. 7		2.00
Feb. 8		1.00
Total in.	0.00	4.00

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...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

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Wednesday, February 15, 2017

It's almost time for the 6th Annual Fireman's Blizzard Bonanza

Can you believe it, it is already time for the 6th annual Fireman's Blizzard Bonanza at the Oklee Hall on February 25th. The fun begins at 5:30 when everyone begins to gather at the Oklee Community Hall were a Silent Auction will be set up with numerous items to bid on. There will be meat raffles again so get ready to bring home the bacon...etc. A delicious deep

fried Walleye dinner will be served. TJ's Tavern will once again be set up in the Oklee Hall for the evening. Entertainment will be by Tim Eggebraaten and he will be hosting a new event for the night, "The Firemen's Feud Game" which sounds like it could be lots of fun, whether you are participating or watching. Throughout the night the

raffles will be held, but the big prizes will be drawn from the tickets sold for this event. Prizes are: 1st place: \$1000 Oklee Locker gift certificate. The 2nd place prize is a Girls Getaway & \$500 cash. And don't forget the 3rd place prize, a .223 Savage rifle.

If you haven't purchased your tickets yet for this fun night, find a fireman from Oklee and ask to purchase your chance at one of those wonderful prizes. Tickets are also on sale at the Oklee Cenex C-Store.

Mark your calendar: February 25th – food – fun – entertainment – prizes. What more could you ask for?



RLC Rebel seniors and parents at the Boys Basketball Parents Night: Makay Berns, son of Gin Berns; and Dylan Olson, son of Beth and Chris Olson.

The Year in Review

August 3, 2016:

Debbie and Rick Sherman have been owners of D & R Grocery since 1986 and will be celebrating its 30th anniversary this year along with Oklee Lumber, Inc. who is celebrating their 70th Anniversary and Oklee Quilting with their 50th Anniversary celebration.

On July 23rd, Immanuel Lutheran Church, in Plummer, held their 125th Anniversary celebration banquet meal program.

On Thursday, July 29th Thibert Chevrolet and Buick Inc. held a 76th Anniversary event for the public to attend to celebrate another year in Red Lake Falls and to show their appreciation to their customers.

August 10, 2016:

August 3rd was a hot sticky day if it wasn't for the breeze that kept everyone cool. A perfect day for a thunderstorm. As evening came and night set in the Oklee/Plummer/Brooks area, the thunderstorms started about 11:00 p.m. and rain fall levels range from 3 inches up to 4.8 inches overnight.

Oklee Market Day will be held on Saturday, August 13th. There will be lots of activities for all ages to participate in, along with food vendors and flea markets.

August 17, 2016:

Mayor George Burthwick,

Calendar of Events

Wed, Feb. 15:

-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.

-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.

Thu, Feb. 16:

-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.

Fri, Feb. 17:

-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.

Sat, Feb. 18:

-Support your local business – Shop Locally!

Sun, Feb. 19:

-Worship at the church of your choice.

Mon, Feb. 20:

-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.

Tue, Feb. 21:

-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards.

-Potluck meal at Café – 5:00 p.m.

Wed, Feb. 22:

-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. 23:

-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.

Fri, Feb. 24:

-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.

Sat, Feb. 25:

-Support your local business – Shop Locally!

Sun, Feb. 26:

-Worship at the church of your choice.

Mon, Feb. 27:

-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.

Tue, Feb. 28:

-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards

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presented Scott Sundrud and Jack Sundrud with the honor of naming the Oklee North Park, the "Omar Sundrud Memorial Park." Elmer Hanson explained to the audience how the changes made by past Mayor Omar Sundrud created the North Park.

There was a wonderful turnout of Classic Cars for the Oklee Market Day Car Show which this year included motorcycles. There were at least 9 motorcycles and I believe over 30 cars lining the streets of Oklee on this very gorgeous day.

Rain has done its thing again with the harvest. Some were really going good when the clouds gathered and stopped activity in the fields, as is usual for August. Our little rain gauge gave us a reading of 2 inches of rain, some had more and others not much.

August 24, 2016:

Steve Simon, Secretary of State for Minnesota has been traveling to all 87 counties in

Year in Review

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Junior boys basketball players at Rebels Parent's Night: Jordan Johnson, son of Eric and Candy Johnson; Seth Paradis, son of Billy and Danielle Paradis; Johnathan Renner, son of Jeff and Nyssa Renner; Matthew Vettleson, son of Alan and Chris Vettleson (not pictured), Assistant Coach Kory Brail; Ethan Vettleson, son of Shane and Amanda Vettleson.



Sophomore Rebels at Parents Night: Connor Lambert, son of Scott and Shannon Lambert; Justin Nemec, son of Matt and Toni Nemec; Austin Jensen, son of Jason Jensen and Carrie Jensen; Adrien Verbout, son of Mike Verbout and Rozella Eggerud; Brandon Wiskow, son of Darrell and Janet Wiskow; Alex Peterson, son of Brian and Letty Peterson; Ben Cardinal, son of Chris and Bridget Cardinal; Dawson Rystad, son of Justin and Cindy Rystad; Preston Altendorf, son of Stewart Altendorf and Wade and Heather Wallace.



Freshman Rebels and their parents: Hayden Cardinal, son of Bridget and Chris Cardinal; Gunnar Thompson, son of Lisa and Ryan Thompson; Tyler Hanson, son of Naomi and Dean Hanson; Derek Peterson, son of Wendy and Jamie Peterson; Trent Goulet, son of Kari and Ramiro Alvarado; Chris Longtin, son of Michele and Lonnie Longtin; Isiah Olson, son of Jerod and Wanda Olson; Zach Benson, son of Jennifer and Tyrone Benson also pictured with grandpa Dean Benson.

Operation Round Up® Grant Applications due Thursday, March 2nd

Organizations involved in community projects and charities are encouraged to apply for funds from Operation Round Up at this time. Completed grant applications are due in the Red Lake Electric Cooperative (RLEC) office by Thursday, March 2, 2017.

Operation Round Up is a program adopted by RLEC headquartered in Red Lake

Falls. Members choosing to "round up" their monthly electric bill payment provide funds for this effort. Today 96% of RLEC members now choose to contribute pennies each month to enhance their communities.

Funds will be donated primarily to nonprofit organizations to help fund specific projects or programs.

Since the program began in 1993, \$489 thousand has been granted to community organizations and charities. Money is donated for the betterment of the community within the outside service area boundaries of RLEC.

The Red Lake Electric Trust Board of Directors determines grants. Board members are Patty Mickelson, Oklee; Julie

Stennes, Thief River Falls; Tishara Melcher, Middle River; Roger Johanneck, Red Lake Falls and Bonnie Christians, Crookston.

To apply for Operations Round Up grants, organizations should contact the RLEC office in Red Lake Falls at 218-253-2168 or 800-245-6068. A short application must be completed

and submitted along with a financial statement from the organization.

Grant application forms are available on the Cooperative's Web site: www.redlakeelectric.com

For more information contact Roger Johanneck, General Manager of RLEC, at 218-253-2168 or 800-245-6068.



Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Margaret Jacobus
Wed, Feb. 15: 6:30 p.m.
Confirmation Classes.
Sun, Feb. 19: 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. 20: 9:00 a.m.
Quilting at Zion.
Wed, Feb. 22: 6:30 p.m.
Confirmation Classes.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH OKLEE
Fr. Adam Hamness
Sun, Feb. 19: 7:30 a.m.
Confessions 8:00 a.m. Mass.

BROOKS – RED LAKE FALLS CATHOLIC PARISH
Fr. Bob Schreiner
Sat, Feb. 18: 5:30 p.m. RLF
Sun, Feb. 19: 8:00 a.m.
Brooks. 10:00 a.m. RLF.

IMMANUEL–EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Wed, Feb. 15: 6:30 p.m.
Confirmation at Immanuel.
Sun, Feb. 19: 9:00 a.m.
Worship at Immanuel.
Immanuel WELCA meets after worship. No SS at Immanuel. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer.
Wed, Feb. 22: 6:30 p.m.
Confirmation. At Immanuel.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Bethany–Ekelund–Faith
Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Wed, Feb. 15: Release Time. No Confirmation. 7:00 p.m. Pastor meets with Grygla & TRF 8th grade.
Thu, Feb. 16: 10:00 a.m.
Ekelund Quilting.
Fri, Feb. 17: 10:00 a.m.
Ekelund Quilting.
Sun, Feb. 19: 8:30 a.m.
Ekelund, No SS; 9:45 a.m.
Faith, No SS. 11:00 a.m.
Bethany, No SS. 1:00 p.m.
Ski Trip.
Mon, Feb. 20: 9:30 a.m.
Faith Quilting with potluck.
Wed, Feb. 22: Release Time. 7:00 p.m. Confirmation.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

February 20 - 24
Call 796-5666 to order a meal.
If you are over the age of 60 and would like to eat with other seniors at the Senior Site, please call the Café at 796-5666 to reserve your meal. A \$4.00 per meal donation is suggested.
Monday: Grilled chicken, hash browns, vegetable, and dessert.
Tuesday: Hamburger/bun, chili, and dessert.
Wednesday: Goulash hotdish, corn, toast, and dessert.
Thursday: Taco on fried bread with all the trimmings, and dessert.
Friday: Meatloaf, boiled potatoes, vegetable, and dessert.

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CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive – Nazareth
Oak Park – St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Wed, Feb. 15: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School/Confirmation.
Sat, Feb. 18: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.

Sun, Feb. 19: 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, 10:00 a.m. SS.
Wed, Feb. 22: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School/Confirmation.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Feb. 15: 6:30 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Thu, Feb. 16: 12:00 p.m. Rotary.
Fri, Feb. 17: 8:45 a.m. Friday School.
Sun, Feb. 19: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:50 a.m. Sunday School.
Tue, Feb. 21: 6:30 p.m. Church Bible Study.
Wed, Feb. 22: 6:30 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, Feb. 19: 9:00 a.m.
Worship at Lund. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Sand Valley.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston
Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor
Sun, Feb. 19: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship.

RLCC ECFE February Events
Thu, Feb. 23rd: RLCC ECFE Family Fun Night at the Oklee Ice Skating Rink from 6:00-7:00 pm. Meet at the skating rink and skate 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.

Come and join in the fun at the
2017 Oklee Firemen's Blizzard Bonanza
at the **Oklee Community Hall**
Sat., Feb. 25, 2017
GAMES Tim Eggebraaten entertaining and hosting the Firemen's Feud Game.
MEAT RAFFLES
Social Hour starts at 5:30 pm. with TJ's Tavern serving your favorite beverage
Raffle Drawing to be held at 10:00 p.m.
DOOR PRIZES
TICKETS AVAILABLE AT OKLEE LOCAL BUSINESSES OR A OKLEE FIREMAN.

Presidents Day

The Security State Bank will be **CLOSED** on Mon., Feb. 20 in observance of Presidents Day.

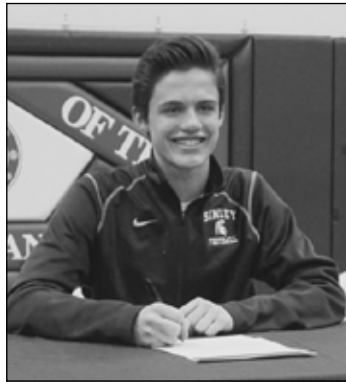
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Annual 4-H Fruit Fundraiser

The Red Lake County 4-H Families are holding their annual fruit sales (Apples, oranges, pears, grapefruit, and pineapple). The fruit can be purchased as a half box, full box, mixed box, or a gift box. Also, included in this fundraiser are the smokey snack sticks, beef sticks, string cheese, and World's Finest Chocolates.
The 4-H Youth Development Program helps kids see their potential through: Learning



Arik Johnson Signs National Letter of Intent to Concordia University

Arik Johnson, son of Jeff and Kathy Johnson of Inver Grove Heights, and grandson of Melvin, Jr. and Beverley Johnson, of Brooks, signed a National Letter of Intent to further his academic and football career at Concordia University-St. Paul.
Arik is a senior at Simley High School in Inver Grove Heights and participates in other sports for the Spartans, including basketball and track and field.
Arik will be a defensive back for the Golden Bears and plans to major in Exercise Science.
The Concordia Golden Bears compete in NCAA Division II and Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference, which includes colleges such as University of Minnesota Crookston, Bemidji State University, Minnesota State University, Moorhead, St. Cloud State University, University of Minnesota Duluth, and Minnesota State University, Mankato.

by doing; practicing leadership projects on gardening, animals, photography, and much more; positive out-of-school time, science and arts enrichment, service to communities...and LOTS OF FUN!
Support your local 4-H Program by contacting a 4-H Family or the Red Lake County Extension Office at 218-253-2897 or 1-800-770-1244. All orders for the fruit fundraiser must be placed by Monday, February 27th.

Spring Planting is Near: Join the Arbor Day Foundation

Joining the Arbor Day Foundation is an ideal way to get in the mood for spring planting. Anyone who joins the Foundation in February 2017 will receive 10 free Colorado blue spruce trees or 10 free redbud trees to plant when the weather turns warm.
The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.
"These trees will help beautify your home for many years to come," said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "The trees will also add to the proud heritage of your state's existing Tree City USA communities."
The Tree City USA program has supported community forestry throughout the country for the past 40 years.
The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting, between March 1 and May 31, with enclosed planting instructions. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.
Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's colorful bimonthly publication, Arbor Day, and The Tree Book, which contains information about planting and care.
To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE COLORADO BLUE SPRUCE TREES or TEN FREE EASTERN REDBUD TREES, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by February 28, 2017, or visit arborday.org/february.

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.

Deadline: Friday's at noon!

Sudoku Solution

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

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:
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.

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Minnesota to get the word out - VOTE! Simon visited with 6 counties: Kittson, Marshall, Pennington, Red Lake, Polk and Norman County.
The City of Oklee flag has been ordered. A ceremony is planned tentatively for September 30th for the raising of the City of Oklee flag.
It is the last full week of summer. It goes so fast. School starts soon, and Labor Day is just around the corner. The nights start getting cooler, and the days not quite so hot.
August 31, 2016:
The Governor of Minnesota, Mark Dayton stopped in Red Lake Falls on August 23rd to hold an event during his tour of all 87 counties in the state. The purpose of the tour and these meetings with local officials is a fact finding mission to

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 28th, 2017. Tree order forms are available at our office, on our website www.redlakecounty.org click on Programs, Projects & Services

see what the needs are of the local areas.
Lake County Sheriff's Office conducted tobacco compliance checks on tobacco retailers in Red Lake County. Underage youths were sent into these businesses and attempted to purchase tobacco products.
During these compliance checks, 13 tobacco retailers were checked in Red Lake RLC Tobacco Compliance Checks County. Of these 13 businesses, 2 of them failed.
Storms over the weekend caused some stress with tornado warnings. Last night two tornadoes were sighted in Fertile and Beltrami and one of them took out a barn. We do not know the extent of the damage yet but that news will come as the day goes on. We had over an inch of rain over the weekend again.

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.
Hot Reads for Cold Nights coffee mug winner last week was Naomi Tauberman.
Many new DVD movies and music CDs have arrived recently as part of the floating collection & rotations within Northwest Regional Library, as well as adult western novels and needlecraft books.
New adult fiction titles include "Below the Belt" by Stuart Woods, "The Bones of Paradise" by Jonis Agee, "Brazen" by Loren D. Estelman, and "Inheriting Edith" by Zoe Fishman, and "Three Years with the Rat" by Jay Hosking.



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RLCC Menus

February 20 - 24

Oklee

Mon: No School.

Tue: Breakfast: Muffins, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Cheesy bread w/pizza sauce, lettuce salad, fresh vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Wed: Breakfast: French toast sticks, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Hamburger patty, curly fries, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Thu: Breakfast: Cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken burger, cheesy potatoes, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Fri: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Chili, corn muffins, corn chips, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Plummer

Mon: No School.

Tue: Breakfast: Waffles, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Corn dogs, snack mix, cheesy broccoli, fruit, and milk.

Wed: Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, toast, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Cheese garlic French bread, salad bar, cupcake, fruit, and milk.

Thu: Breakfast: Pancakes, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken vegetable sirt fry, rice medley, egg roll, pineapple tidbits, fortune cookie, fruit, and milk.

Fri: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Breakfast for lunch: French toast sticks, sausage patty, veggie cup, fruit, and milk.

RLCC Sports Schedules

RLC Rebel Varsity

Boys Basketball

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. 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. 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*

RLCC High School 2nd Quarter Honor Roll 2016-17

7th Grade: "A" Honor Roll:

Cari Bachand, Zachary Cater, Jed Duden, Tyler Eskeli, Peyton Fish, Michael Lowell, Taya Morinville, Kjerstin Nelson, Leah Peterson, Jonathan Roue, Bailey Sherman, Steven Sogla, and Halie Thompson. **"B" Honor Roll:** Jeremiah Baker, Thomas Benson, Paul DeHate, Lillian Hanson, Noah Hanson, Skylar Longtin, Issabella Plante, Jeremiah Rathsack, Erin Sundquist, and Leilah VanDam.

8th Grade: "A" Honor Roll:

Kia Bachand, Adriel Bakken, George Duden, Tristyn Ferguson, Emily Kolstoe, Karena Melby, Janae Olson, Elijah Rathsack, and Katelyn Suchy. **"B" Honor Roll:** Jillian Booth, Bailey Culkins, Levi Flatgard, Eric Gieseke, Faith Hanson, Heather Longtin, Morgan Plante, Isabella Russillo, and Brock Tvedt.

9th Grade: "A" Honor Roll:

Calyssa Eskeli, Jayden Iverson, Adrianne Jones, Christopher Longtin, and Derek Peterson. **"B" Honor Roll:** Britain Arlt, Zach Benson, Madison Carlson, Brandie DeHate, Lillian Guillemette, Sophia Linder, Jacob Olson, Jenna Pahlen, Courtney Rude, Tanisha Srnsky, Gunnar Thompson,

and Abigail Walton.

10th Grade: "A" Honor Roll:

Julia Bernstein, Andrew Fish, Sydnie Gunderson, Marie Johnson, Lacey Pendelton, and Zoe Russillo. **"B" Honor Roll:** Jarisa Bailey, Christian Baker, Jocelyn Castaneda, Adam Cater, Sarah Christensen, Isaac Eskeli, Grace Gieseke, Connor Lambert, Hunter Lundeen, Justin Nemec, Alex Peterson, Hannah Riendeau, Dawson Rystad, Phillip Sorenson, and Adrien Verbout.

11th Grade: "A" Honor Roll:

Hannah Kolstoe, Kara Longtin, Katie Olson, and Matthew Vettleson. **"B" Honor Roll:** Jayden Fore, Tyler Jensen, Erin Jones, Sydney Melby, Nick Pahlen, and Sara Simon.

12th Grade: "A" Honor Roll:

Natalie Aakhus, Mary Auman, Megan Berberich, Taylor Bushelle, Ashley Longtin, Nicole Schmitz, and Kelsie Sirjord. **"B" Honor Roll:** Makay Berns, Alec Castaneda, Zach Delage, Kyle Gagner, Shelby Gunderson, Dylan Gustafson, Carolyn Kehn, Brandon Lee, Lynsey Morris, Nicholas Plante, Talon Porter, Tera Qualley, Marcus Styles, and Deidra Walton.



Red Lake County Rebels Speech team members who placed at the Blackduck meet: (back) Lily Guillemette, Sydney Melby, Jayden Fore, (front) Jade Person, and Halie Thompson.

Red Lake County Speech places fifth

By: Hannah Riendeau

Red Lake County Rebels speech went to Blackduck Saturday, February 4. The team took fifth place out of 11 teams.

Lily Guillemette took first place in Poetry, Jayden Fore second place in Creative Expression, Sydney Melby took third in Humor, Jade Person third in Prose, and Halie Thompson got a Superior Ribbon in Humor. The speech team is coached by Ms. Jessie Hamrum and Mrs. Bobbi Aakhus.

RLCC Mustang Basketball

By: Hannah Riendeau

Red Lake County Girls' basketball went to Clearbrook-Gonvick Thursday, February 9. The Mustangs lost 56-74 to the Bears.

Ashley Longtin was the highest scorer for the Mustangs with 30 points. Jenna Pahlen had seven. Taylor Bushelle and Julia Bernstein both scored six. Calyssa Eskeli had four. Zoe Russillo scored three.

The highest scorer for the Bears was Liz Bodensteiner with 27 points. Brynn Hetland had 14. Jackie Lynn Talin had 11. Cassie Faldet had nine. Alison Johnson had five points. Danae Stenzel had three. Carlie Bergerson had two. Madelynne Faldet scored one.

Mustang Wrestling Falls to Fosston/Bagley

By: Sydnie Gunderson

The Red Lake County Central Mustang wrestlers took the mat against the Fosston/Bagley wrestling team in Oklee on Tuesday, February 7th. Fosston/Bagley won the overall scoring over RLCC with 48-18.

Dylan Gustafson pinned Tyler Maruska in 2:31 in the 152 pound category. In the 220 pound weight class, Nick Pahlen pinned Levi Hanson in 2:24. In the heavy weight, Alec Castaneda pinned Axel Munter in 4:18. Paul DeHate fell to Carter Sorenson in the 113 weight class in: 34. Bryce Bergerson fell to Brayden Sorenson in 2:23 weighing in at 120 pounds. Tristyn Ferguson fell to Jake Ubert in 1:29 at 182 pounds. Kyle Gagner weighing in at 195 pounds fell to Teigen Hextell in 5:53.



Rebel's defense trying to prevent the Ponies from scoring.

Rebels lose to Ponies

By Marie Johnson

Red Lake County Rebels fell short by three points to the Warren-Alvarado-Oslo Ponies on February 3rd in Red Lake Falls. The final score was 51-48.

Top scorer for the Rebels was Ethan Vettleson with 23 points. Matt Vettleson had eleven points, Justin Nemec had nine, Isiah Olson had four, and Connor Lambert had one point. The top two rebounders for the Rebels were M. Vettleson with nine and Nemec with seven. M. Vettleson and Jordan Johnson each had two steals.

Brandon Miller led the Ponies with 15 points. Mason Wang had eleven points, Jackson Steer had nine, Grant Bergh had eight, Elijah Wang had five points, and Matthew

Korynta had three points. The Ponie's top two rebounders were Korynta with 12 and

Steer with ten rebounds. Steer had three steals. Korynta had two blocks.



RLC's Ethan Vettleson and WAO player going up for the ball.



RLCC Mustang wrestlers who placed at the Northwest Tournament in Fertile on February 4th were (back) Dylan Gustafson, Nick Pahlen, Paul DeHate, (front) Tristyn Ferguson and George Duden.

Mustang Wrestling goes to Fertile

By: Julia Bernstein

Northwest Wrestling Tournament was held Saturday, February 4th in Fertile. Red Lake County

Central Mustangs took 10th place in the tournament. The top three placing teams were Minot in first, West Fargo in second, and Roseau took third.

Dylan Gustafson got third in the 145 lb weight class. In

the 220 lb weight class Nick Pahlen took fourth. Wrestling at 113 lbs Paul DeHate took sixth place. In the Junior High tournament Tristyn Ferguson took first place and George Duden came in second place.

President's Day Break at RLCC

By: Sydnie Gunderson

The Red Lake County Central High School and Elementary School will not be having school on Friday, February 17th and Monday, February 20th due to President's Day Holiday Break. RLCC students will be returning back to school on Tuesday, February 21st.

Mid-quarter at RLCC

By: Julia Bernstein

Mid-quarter for the third quarter at Red Lake County Central High School and Elementary School will be Wednesday, February 15th. Progress reports will be handed out to the high school students Thursday, February 16th. Parents are encouraged to watch for reports.

RLC vs Clearbrook-Gonvick

By: Sarah Christensen

The Red Lake County Rebels boys' basketball was defeated by the Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears on Thursday, February 9th. The boys played in Oklee losing 67-81. The half time score was 36-30. The Rebels had 37 rebounds and the Bears had 40. The Rebels grabbed 10 steals and the Bears with six.

Leading the Rebels in points was Justin Nemec with 14 points closely followed by Derek Peterson with 13, and Matt Vettleson and Ethan Vettleson both with 12. Isiah Olson and Ben Cardinal both scored eight points. Olson had 10 rebounds and Matt Vettleson with eight. Ethan Vettleson had seven steals.

Top scorer for the Bears was Nathanael Dahl with 24 points and 12 rebounds followed by Jonny Hamens 15 points,

Andrew Barrett with 12 points, Trevor Rogstad with 10 points, Ethan Dorman with seven points, and Damen Bakke with seven points.

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Oklee Herald Early Files

Seventy Years Ago February 20, 1947

About 60 men attended the Woodmen of the World "stag party" held in the Oklee Community Hall Thursday of last week. The men played cards after which refreshments were served.

Following a defeat at the hands of the Gonvick Whist players last week, Oklee Whist players invited their victors to a return engagement Tuesday night.

W.W. Turgeon, Morris Grove and Elmer Fortier left Monday morning for a five-day trip to Minneapolis.

Sixty Years Ago February 14, 1957

Members of the County Centennial Committee met at the Oklee School on Wednesday evening to discuss the plans for the state's 100th birthday.

John Rosten's herd of Holstein cattle are growing fast. Three cows gave birth to twin calves during the month of December.

Mr. and Mrs. Norris Brekke and Bonnie returned home Friday evening from Texas where they had spent the last month and a half.

Ted LaCoursiere was named president of the Plummer Commercial Club on January 28th.

Fifty Years Ago February 16, 1967

With blizzards occurring in unusual frequency, this area now has had a total of 30 inches of snowfall so far this season

according to Otto Bakken.

Dennis McGeary, who is staying at the Orlando Chervestad home, spent the weekend at his parental home at Danvers. He recently purchased the Alvin Klementson farm and plans to move on it this spring.

Rodney Bjerklie received a liberty bell award from the Curtiss Company for selling \$161.43 worth of magazines in the annual junior magazine drive.

Forty Years Ago February 17, 1907

A new store has opened in Oklee, the Nic-Nac Store, located in the former Oklee Herald building next to the Arcady Inn. Owners are Carmen Bissen and Alfridea Gillette.

The Oklee High School wrestling squad capped off a successful regular season by defeating the Crookston Pirates 34-20 on Parents Night.

There was a shower held for Christina Renee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neill Carriere on February 6th at her grandparent's home, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Boucher.

Thirty Years Ago February 18, 1987

Chancey and Cole Halvorson spent Wednesday with Grandmother Gloria Rustan. Their Mother Jean Halvorson was a supper guest along with the boys.

Alexander Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Hamrum was baptized on Sunday, February 8th at Saron Lutheran Church.

Two Minnesota Waste Management Board members and the Red Lake County Engineer held an informational meeting in Red Lake Falls regarding a facility that will treat and store hazardous industrial waste.

Twenty Years Ago February 19, 1997

A 1997 Polaris Explorer 300 4-Wheel ATV will be raffled off on April 11th, at part of the fundraiser for purchasing new bleachers for the school.

The King and Queen at the Oklee Senior Site this year were Frances Anderson and Gerhard Larson.

Angela Chervestad is the youngest and newest member of the Red Lake County Mustang Girls' Basketball team to join the 1,000 Point Club.

First Care is proud to announce the opening of the new First Care Clinic in Oklee on the corner of Third and Governor Street.

Ten Years Ago February 15, 2007

Matt Kolstoe and Dave Person are the new School Board members for RLCC – Oklee.

Doris LaJambe and Clay Haugen were pronounced the Valentine Senior Site Queen and King at last week's evening meal in Oklee.

Celine Fabrequette, RLCC-Oklee's foreign exchange student has been teaching contemporary dance this winter and on February 3rd had a recital for her dancers.

Senior Site News and Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

It is time to type a report on the news from the Senior Site.

Today has been a wonderful day for the month of February. The month is soon half over and March is approaching. These last days have shown an improvement in the temperatures and the next week seems to be quite nice.

There are a lot of things happening at the Site this week. We had postponed the evening meal last Tuesday since the weather was not good. We had it this Tuesday instead. At that time we will have selected a King & Queen and will have the names in next weeks column.

On Thursday, we have the Senior Site Council meeting at 10:00 a.m. At 12:30 there is Bingo with special prizes for the winners. This is followed by a Valentine Party and Sue

is providing some games to play. It should be lots of fun.

Following the games we will be serving snacks and coffee. Everyone is invited to these games and party. If you sign up you can take part in the noon lunch at the Site before the party begins.

We have lost another person from the Oklee area. Alvin Jensen passed away on Thursday. His funeral is scheduled for Saturday the 18th at Zion Lutheran Church in Oklee.

Congratulations to Debbie Whalen on receiving the LEAVEN award at the American Agri-Women Convention. It is a great honor to receive this award.

Charlotte Spong is now at the nursing home in Erskine. She is recovering from surgery and needs rehab which she will

have there.

Dates to Remember

Feb. 16:
• Site Council 10 a.m.
• 12:30 p.m. Bingo with Valentine Party following.
Feb. 17: Birthday Dinner
Feb. 21: Potluck at Cafe

Words of Wisdom

Don't tell all your secrets. There are some things only you need to know.
Ego is excess cargo.

Joke Time

A very thin man met a very fat man in the hotel lobby.
"From the looks of you," said the fat man, "there might have been a famine."
"Yes," was the reply, "and from the looks of you, you might have caused it."

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

It is warm outside. Wow what great weather. Get outside and breathe in that fresh air.

It is so nice out it reminds me of spring but the other shoe could drop and we could have another of those Alberta clippers that inundate us with the swear word like in 1967.

I remember that one it was the first real blizzard I ever experienced out in North Dakota. I couldn't believe that 8 cars could be completely covered without a trace of where they were.

The intersections of the towns were under 8 foot drifts after three days of snowing and blowing. Our intersection had to be opened with Caterpillars so that emergency vehicles could get to their destinations.

As I remember it, February had the great promise of spring too. It was an eye opening experience for me who grew up in the north woods of Wisconsin. I hope history doesn't repeat itself in a lot of ways.

Clarence and Diane Gagner were visited by their daughter Stephanie Koralewski of Maple Plain, over the weekend. And thanks to Diane and Stephanie for helping in the choir on Sunday. Without a piano player, help was needed and

they stepped in to lend their beautiful voices to the services. Thanks again.

John Paradis visited with Mary and Vern Schindler on the weekend. A bowl of soup and good visiting was had by all.

Patty and Joe Pueringer and grandson Josh came to visit with Mary and Vern Schindler on Saturday. A lot of good fun

and visiting ensued.

Barb Novak went to the doctor on Thursday. It seems that she broke another of her vertebrae in her back and as usual got a bunch of pain pills to alleviate the pain. No fixing a bunch of bones that are so fragile I guess.

We hope you have a great week and a nice walk outside in the nice weather.

Centennial Recipe Corner

Caramel Oatmeal Bars Doris LaJambe

1 pkg caramels
8 Tbsp cream
2 cups flour
2 cups oatmeal
1-1/2 cups brown sugar
1 tsp soda
1/2 tsp salt
1-1/2 cups melted butter
1 cup chocolate chips

Melt the caramels with the cream and let stand. Combine the rest of the ingredients together, except for the chips. Pat half the crumb mixture into a greased 9 x 13 pan and bake at 350 degrees for 5 minutes. Cool, then pour the chocolate chips plus the caramel mixture on top of the crust. Add the remaining crumbs and bake 20 minutes more.



Bonny's Bits...

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This past week has been wonderful with the warm temperatures. Signs of spring just around the corner. Yes, the groundhog said six more weeks of winter, but hopefully it will be the warmer type of winter.

I love seeing the piles of snow getting smaller every day. And the sun has been shining which makes everyone feel better.

From my email: Places I've Been!

Sometimes I'm in Capable, and I go there more often as I'm getting older.

I have been in Sane. They don't have an airport--you have to be driven there! I have made several trips there--thanks for my friends, family, and work.

I have been in Doubt. That is a sad place to go, and I try not to visit there too often.

I've been in Flexible, but only when it was very important to stand firm.

I've been in Denial for several years. It's beautiful here, you should visit.

One of my favorite places to be is in Suspense! It really gets the adrenaline flowing and pumps up the old heart! At my age, I need all the stimuli I can get!

Sometimes I think I am in Vincible, but life shows me I am not!

I have been in Deepdodo many times. The older I get, the easier it is to get there.

Occasionally, I manage to be in Spired, but I don't get to stay long!

Plans for the future:
I have been many places,

but I've never been in Cahoots. Apparently, you can't go alone. You have to be in Cahoots with someone.

I have also never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognizes you there.

Jokes

Ole and Swen were driving through the cemetery in Bemidji on Decoration Day reading all the inscriptions on the tombstones. They came to one that said, "Here lies an honest man and a walleye fisherman." Ole said to Swen, "I wonder why they buried two men in one grave."

A Norwegian was telling his friend about the Bible, which he'd just read straight through for the first time. He remarked, "It says a lot about St. Paul, but dere's notting in it about

Minneapolis."

The Bemidji, Minnesota game warden said, "You can't fish here without a permit."

The Norwegian answered, "Vell, I've been doing purty good so far."

Knute and Bjorn were out on a lake near Bemidji fishing, and they were having pretty good luck. Knute said to Bjorn, "Vy don't you mark de spot so ve can find it tomorrow."

Later, when they were tying the boat to the dock, Knute asked Bjorn, "Did you mark de spot like I told you?"

"Ya," said Bjorn, and he pointed to a small 'x' on the side of the boat.

"You dummy," said Knute, "Vat if ve don't get the same boat tomorrow?!"

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Earthworms Can Spread Giant Ragweed Seed

Weed scientists have discovered that "Underground Gardening" by earthworms is contributing to the spread of giant ragweed, a plant that causes sneezes and sniffles and is one of the nation's most irritating weeds. This most "irritating" weed is frequently found in our area of Northwest Minnesota.

Earthworms help ragweed thrive by systematically collecting and burying its seeds in their burrows says Weed Scientist Emilie Regnier of Ohio State University. In fact, her research team has found that more than two thirds of all giant ragweed seedlings emerge from earthworm burrows! Though giant ragweed (Ambrosia trifida) is best known for the prolific blanket of pollen it produces to plague hay fever sufferers, it also takes a costly toll on crops. Throughout the Midwest, the weed is especially a problem in corn and soybeans, causing yield losses of 50% to 75% when left unchecked.

Weed scientists have long been mystified by the rapid spread of giant ragweed since it produces relatively few seeds. Now research shows that the lowly earthworm is one of the culprits. In a study funded by the USDA's Cooperative

Research, Education and Extension Service, Regnier and her research team examined the impact of earthworms on giant ragweed. The study focused on the earthworms Lumbricus terrestris, which is commonly known as night crawlers.

Until now, night crawlers have had a stellar reputation among growers since their burrows promote water filtration and their eating habits help make nutrients available to crops. The worms feed on plant litter they collect from the soil surface and store inside their narrow, underground homes. As the litter softens and decays, it improves the availability of nutrients in the soil. Now, though, it appears there is also a dark side to the work of the night crawlers.

This Ohio State University research program shows that night crawlers are some of nature's most effective "weed farmers". They actively forage for weed seeds, pull them into their burrows and "plant" them under several inches of soil. In fact, the researchers found that the earthworms collected and buried more than two thirds of the seeds dispersed by a stand of giant ragweed. Each burrow examined in the

study contained an average of 127 ragweed seeds, or 450 seeds per square foot. While night crawlers collect seeds from other plants as well, giant ragweed is definitely on the preferred list!

Dr Regnier and her research team found that earthworms collect and bury 10 types of seeds in the same size range. But they have three special favorites-giant ragweed, bur cucumber, and sunflower. This research that has helped weed scientists understand the accumulation of weed seeds in the soil and how weeds are spread, is critical to the development of new effective management strategies, says Lee Wychen of the Weed Science Society of America. Giant ragweed should be vigorously controlled in fields and gardens in order to minimize further seed production and protect plant growth and crop yields. For more information or to have questions answered, you can contact Weed Scientist, Dr. Emilie Regnier at Ohio State University by e mail at regnier.1@osu.edu.

Source: Press release by the "Weed Science of America," Dr. Emilie Regnier, Associate Professor, Ohio State University.

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

Tri-River Pioneer members met Monday, February 6th at 7:00 p.m. Fourth of July plans were discussed. The "Woodpicks" are contracted to play. Some ideas for the 4th were tractor show and maybe a tractor pull. Also, gun raffle, maybe a talent show, Bingo at the Legion, Kiddie parade, besides the parade. Need to look for advertisers. The Class of 1960 has a reunion on July 1st.

Russ Carpenter left Wednesday morning for Manitoba to watch the International Snowmobile races. Don't know how many miles this covers. It's been rerouted because of snow amounts.

Thursday afternoon, Karen Tvedt and Roger Harmoning went to Karen's sisters' home

Jan and Larry Eckstein's for pie and coffee.

Plummer Snowmobile Club was having their snowmobile safari Saturday the 11th.

Last Saturday night, the 5th was the Super Bowl at Houston, Texas. The New England Patriots played the Atlanta Falcons. Country music singer Luke Bryan sang the National Anthem and did an excellent job. The US Air Force Thunderbird jets flew over immediately afterwards. Former President George Bush, Sr. and his wife were there. He flipped the coin for starting them. Atlanta was ahead in the first half. The Patriots just couldn't get going. Then the second half they came full force and caught up with the Falcons. They were tied up 28-28. They went into overtime,

a first in Super Bowl history. Tom Brady, the quarterback, got a touchdown ending the game with 34-28. His jersey was stolen out of a bag in the locker room. It is valued at an incredible amount. So he couldn't even wear it in the parade in Boston.

After having brutal weather this week the temps have rallied. Snow fall was about 5 or 6 inches Sunday and Tuesday.

New England states got hammered Thursday. Schools were closed and some 2,300 snowplows sent out. Travel was dangerous.

I forgot one item: Lady Gaga had a very exciting halftime entertainment, dancing and singing, she came down on wires from above. The roof was taken off. Quite the show. Have a good week!

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