

Oklee Precipitation
By Einar Kvasager

	Rain	Snow
Feb. 19	Trace	
Feb. 20	0.04	
Feb. 21	Trace	
Feb. 22	Trace	Trace
Feb. 23		Trace
Total in.	0.00	0.00

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...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

OKLEE (RED LAKE COUNTY) MINN. 56742

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Wednesday, March 1, 2017

Benefit held for Bob Carriere



A benefit was held at the Oklee Community Hall a few weeks back to help Bob Carriere, who recently received a new heart, with some of the travel and other expenses. Around 70 people attended the event.



Kathy Klasen from Oklee and Mae Mero from McIntosh were busy making their signs while JoAnn Hamm and Delores Longtin watched them at the benefit for Bob Carriere.

Calendar of Events

- Wed, Mar. 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, Mar. 2:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
- Fri, Mar. 3:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
- Sat, Mar. 4:**
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!
- Sun, Mar. 5:**
-Worship at the church of your choice.
- Mon, Mar. 6:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
- Tue, Mar. 7:**
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards
-LSS Sr. Evening Meal 5:00 p.m.
- Wed, March. 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, Mar. 9:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
- Fri, Mar. 10:**
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
- Sat, Mar. 11:**
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!
- Sun, Mar. 12:**
-Worship at the church of your choice.
- Mon, Mar. 13:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
- Tue, Mar. 14:**
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards.
- Wed, Mar. 15:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.



Bobbi Olson (on the left), along with Tracy Hamm were the organizers of this benefit for Tracy's dad, Bob Carriere. The money raised was to help with hotel expenses and travel expenses. All the supplies were donated, so all money raised went to the Carriere's.



Farm Service Agency Update

Sign-up for 2017 Farm Programs Underway - Producers on farms with base acres under the safety net programs established by the 2014 Farm Bill, known as the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) or Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs, should continue visiting their County FSA office to sign contracts and enroll for the 2017 crop year. Calling ahead for an appointment would be appreciated but farmers may also just stop in if they are in town.

If a farm is not enrolled during the 2017 enrollment period the producers on that farm will not be eligible for payments under the ARC or PLC programs for the 2017 crop, should crop prices or farm revenues fall below the historical price or revenue benchmarks established by the program. Producers who made their elections in 2015 must still enroll during the 2017 enrollment period.

Please call the Red Lake County FSA office at 218-253-2181 Ext. 2 or the East Polk County FSA office at 218-563-3615 Ext. 2 to schedule an appointment. Calling ahead will save you time at the counter. The office staff will prepare your contract(s) and required eligibility form(s) for you. Thanks in advance for your immediate attention!

Any Changes to your Farm Land or Farming Operation? - Please notify the Red Lake or East Polk County

FSA offices if the following changes have occurred to your farm land or farming operation: 1) If you have bought or sold land, or if you have picked up or dropped rented land from your operation. We also need a copy of the deed or land contract for purchased property; 2) If you have any unreported changes of address or zip code or an incorrect name or business name on file; 3) Changes in your farm operation, like the addition of a farm by lease or purchase; 4) Producers participating in FSA and NRCS programs are required to timely report changes in their farming operation, such as the addition or subtraction of members, to the County Committee in writing and update their CCC-902 Farm Operating Plan; 5) If you have switched banks or changed a bank account.

County Committee Election Results - The Red Lake County Committee would like to welcome Diane Kolstoe from Oklee, to the committee. Diane has served the committee in previous years as an advisor, but was recently elected as a regular member. We would also like to take this opportunity to again thank long-time COC member Greg Whalen from Oklee, who in 2016 reached his 3-year limit, for his many years of past service. In East Polk County, Cynthia Bjerklie from LAA-3 was re-elected to another 3-year term on the County Committee. Congratulations to both.



Mustang seniors on Parents Night: Taylor Bushelle with Tiffany and Jesse Bushelle, Ashley Longtin with Michele and Lonnie Longtin, and Nikki Schmitz with Nancy and Bud Schmitz.



Junior basketball players and their parents: Hannah Kolstoe, daughter of Lisa and Matt Kolstoe; and Billie Gryskiewicz, daughter of Angie Klasen and Ryan Gryskiewicz.



Mustang sophomores with their parents on Parent's Night: Marie Johnson, daughter of Pam and Jeff Johnson; Julia Bernstein, daughter of Krista and Mitch Bernstein; Sarah Christensen, daughter of AnnaMae and (not pictured) Ander Christensen; and Zoe Russillo, daughter of Magen Anderson and Rob and Kelli Russillo.



Winners of the Snowman/ Sculpture contest

- 1st: DJ Berstein \$50
2nd Rylan, Dylan, & Braylee Lundeen \$30
3rd Dana & Tatum Melby \$20
Runner's Up all get a Medium DQ Blizzard Coupon:
Brian & Marin Peterson
Sue & Molly Smith
Emma & Natalie Hendrickson
Levi & Jami Flatgard
McKenzie & Malayna Hamm
Cael & Kane Nelson & B. Anderson



Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Margaret Jacobus
Wed., Mar. 1: Ash Wednesday – 7:30 p.m. at Zion.
Sun., Mar. 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., Mar. 6: 9:00 a.m. Quilting at Zion. 7:00 p.m. Salem WELCA.
Tue., Mar. 7: 7:00 p.m. Zion WELCA.
Wed., Mar. 8: Lenten Service – 6:30 p.m. Soup N Sandwich, 7:30 p.m. at Salem.

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

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

IMMANUEL–EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Wed., Mar. 1: Ash Wednesday – 7:00 p.m. at Immanuel.
Sun., Mar. 5: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Immanuel. 10:15 a.m. SS at Immanuel. 10:30 a.m. SS at Ebenezer.
Wed., Mar. 8: Lenten at 7:00 p.m. at Ebenezer.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Wed., Mar. 1: Ash Wednesday – 6:30 p.m. Supper with 7:00 p.m. Service at Bethany.
Sun., Mar. 5: 8:30 a.m. Bethany, 9:45 a.m. SS; 9:45 a.m. Ekelund, 11:00 a.m. SS. 11:00 a.m. Faith, 9:45 a.m. SS.
Mon., Mar. 6: 9:30 a.m. Faith Quilting. 1:30 p.m. Ekelund Ladies Aid.
Tue., Mar. 7: 6:00 p.m. Faith WELCA.
Wed., Mar. 8: Lenten – 6:30 p.m. Supper, 7:00 p.m. Service at Ekelund.

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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.

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Red Lake County Commissioners Minutes

RED LAKE COUNTY Regular Meeting Held December 27, 2016

Pursuant to adjournment of its regular meeting the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners duly met in regular session at the courthouse in Red Lake Falls, MN on December 27, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. Chair Simpson called the meeting to order. All members were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Tanya Hanson of the SWCD met with the board to discuss the MOA (Memorandum of Agreement) for the 1W1P project, a cooperative agreement for water management between Polk, Red Lake, Pennington, the Red Lake Watershed District, including the SWCD's in the three counties. Hanson informed that the 1W1P concept has been discussed at several joint meetings and documents were drafted with input from the member organizations. Commissioner Sorensen moved, seconded by Flage and carried by unanimous vote to approve the MOA agreement for the 1W1P project as presented. The agreement was signed by Chair Simpson. Documents are available at the Red Lake County SWCD office.

Hanson inquired if the board would approve an added \$1,000.00 allocation to SWCD for 2017 budget. The state would match that amount at 125% or another \$1,250.00 as a SWCD state grant. Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Weiss and carried unanimously to approve the request.

Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Sorensen and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2016 regular board meeting and the December 8, 2016 Truth-in-Taxation Hearing.

County Engineer Kleven met

with the board to review year end equipment replacement needs and review a projects list planned for the 2017 construction season. Equipment needs are: replacement of sign truck, salt/sand storage facility, office roof and shop roof repairs, packer attachment for graders, and new computers. Projects include two gravel crush contacts, Plummer TH 59/CSAH 1 improvements, and replace bridge 63501 on CSAH 13 on west end of county.

HR Director Lundeen reported that Sheriff Deputy David Lovely has resigned and that Carmen Harmoning and Havie Lee are new employees. Harmoning assumed a position in the County Treasurer's office and Lee in a split position between the County Assessor and County Recorder's office.

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

Revenue Fund: \$38,265.77
Road & Bridge Fund: 1,616.42
Welfare Fund: 1,788.75
Ditch Fund: 287.50
Total: \$41,958.44

The motion includes the following additional bills: \$415.61 to Kerry Erickson; \$182.53 to Quill, and \$425.00 to TR Glass.

Environmental Officer Casavan was present to discuss the re-permitting process with the MPCA for the two demolition landfills at Red Lake Falls and Oklee. MPCA is requiring new soil borings for both sites before issuing a new permit. Borings were completed 25 to 30 years ago when the permit first was issued for the Red Lake Falls site, however the MPCA indicated that they have no record of the borings. Casavan mentioned that he will need the assistance from a professional engineering firm to complete the re-permit requirements. The board concurred that Casavan be allowed

**Card of Thanks**

Our family would like to thank everyone who attended the sign painting benefit for Bob Carriere to help with travel and expenses after his heart transplant. We would like to thank Bobbie Olson for organizing the benefit and everyone that helped her make it such a wonderful success. Thank you to everyone who sent donations, cards and prayers while we've been in Minneapolis recovering. It was amazing to see what a small community can do together and we really appreciate all the thoughts and effort that was put towards this event. We cannot say thank you enough for everyone's generosity.

Bob and Sue Carriere





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Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial Update

Contributions to the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial were received in memory of local residents who have passed away recently. Our community will miss these friends and neighbors, but they will be remembered as the donations made will provide for ongoing needs at the Veterans' Memorial. Darryl and Delores Grimm, Brooks, sent a donation in memory of Alvin Jensen, Oklee, who was in the Merchant Marines during WW II and for several years after, and was also a charter member of the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial. Iona Berry, Oklee, made a donation in memory of Patricia Johnson, Brooks. Elmer Hanson, Brooks, remembered friends Alvin Jensen and Maryann Lessard, Brooks. Maryann was an active member of the American Legion Auxiliary for many years. A contribution from Harold and Shirley Cyr was given in memory of their

good friends Alvin Jensen and Maryann Lessard. Carol Bachand, Brooks and David and Mary Lynn Bachand, Oklee, donated to the Veterans' Memorial in memory of Alvin Jensen. Vi Bruggeman and family from Brooks made a contribution remembering Clay Haugen who was active duty in the Coast Guard and the Navy for 22 years.

In addition, the Bruggeman's remembered Alvin Jensen and Mary Marvin with a donation. Don and LaVonne Brown, Oklee, made a contribution to the Memorial in memory of Mary Marvin, mother of Mary Lynn Bachand.

The ongoing contributions to the Veterans' Memorial help fund flowers, ongoing projects and perpetual care, especially flags. Donations may be sent to the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial, Security State Bank, Box 69, Oklee, MN 56742, Attn: Lori Melby. Questions should be directed to Mary Lynn Bachand at marylbachand@gmail.com.

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

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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.

to contact a firm to provide the needed assistance.

Casavan requested that the board approve the re-newal of Sanitary Services' garbage haulers license for 2017. Casavan informed that all insurance documents and paperwork have been received in his office. Commissioner Sorensen moved, seconded by Weiss and carried unanimously to renew the Annual Garbage Haulers License for Sanitary Service for 2017.

Casavan presented a list of proposed legal ditch assessments for collection in 2017. Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Weiss and unanimously carried to approve the payable 2017 legal ditch assessments, and to authorize the County Auditor to levy such assessments for ditch maintenance purposes against the benefitted property owners in the following amounts:

Ditch #	Assessment		
CD-2	\$5,000.00	CD-64	\$2,000.00
CD-3	\$0.00	CD-67	\$1,500.00
CD-4	\$5,000.00	CD-69	\$2,000.00
CD-9	\$3,000.00	CD-70	\$500.00
CD-12	\$3,000.00	JCD-1	\$5,000.00
CD-17	\$3,000.00	JCD-3	\$500.00
CD-1865	\$2,000.00	JCD-11	\$1,500.00
CD-22	\$1,000.00	JCD-13	\$3,000.00
CD-23	\$500.00	JCD-15	\$4,000.00
CD-24	\$3,000.00	JCD-31	\$2,000.00
CD-28	\$1,000.00	JCD-60	\$6,000.00
CD-57	\$4,000.00	JCD-64	\$4,000.00
CD-58	\$4,000.00	JCD-66	\$8,000.00
CD-60	\$4,000.00	JCD-71	\$1,000.00
CD-61	\$5,000.00		
CD-62	\$5,000.00	TOTALS	\$89,500.00

The board reviewed a list of annual items for approval for year the 2017.

Motion by Commissioner Sorensen, seconded by Weiss and unanimously carried to approve the 2017 salary grade table reflecting a 60 cents per hour COL increase for employees.

Motion by Commissioner Lerohl, seconded by Sorensen and unanimously carried to approve the Elected Official salaries for 2017 as follows:

Commissioner Flage	\$14,614.00
Commissioner Lerohl	\$15,215.00
Commissioner Sorensen	\$15,215.00
Commissioner Simpson	\$14,614.00
Commissioner Weiss	\$16,152.00
Attorney	\$90,500.00
Auditor	\$61,024.00
Recorder	\$54,427.00
Treasurer	\$46,098.00
Sheriff	\$68,524.00
All other salaries and benefits are as approved per individual department budgets.	
Motion by Commissioner Lerohl, seconded by Flage and carried by unanimous vote to approve that the following county levies be adopted and ordered certified to the County Auditor for collection in 2017 as follows:	
Revenue:	\$1,945,693.00
Road and Bridge	\$575,000.00
Welfare:	\$412,030.00
Total	\$2,932,723.00

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.

The Winter Reading Program for adults, Hot Reads for Cold Nights, wrapped up at the end of February with winners of coffee cups, Jonna Pearson and Marlene Sauve.

The next meeting of Permanent Ink, an informal writers group that gathers at the RLF Library, will be Wednesday, March 8, beginning at 5:30 pm. Writers, both published and aspiring, are invited to join with a small group that shares some of its work by reading selections aloud.

Notice of Annual Meeting

The annual meeting for the Oklee-Plummer Rural Fire Association will be held at the Oklee Community Hall in Oklee on Saturday, March 4, 2017 at 10 a.m.

Steve Eskeli
Secretary/Treasurer
Oklee-Plummer Rural Fire Assn.



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

Less State Tax Aids:
\$ 138,854.00
Net Certified Levy \$2,793,869.00
Motion by Commissioner Weiss, seconded by Flage and carried by unanimous vote to approve the 2017 county budget as follows:
Revenue: \$3,312,791.00
Road & Bridge: \$2,240,000.00
Social Services: \$1,501,168.00
Total \$7,053,959.00
Motion by Commissioner Lerohl, seconded by Sorensen and carried by unanimous vote to approve the designated cash flow for 2017 in the following amounts:
Revenue: \$1,325,116.00
Road and Bridge: \$896,000.00
Social Services: \$600,467.00
Total \$2,821,583.00
The following commissioner/committee reports were shared:
Commissioner Meeting/Report Weiss Quin County CHS

meeting; JD 31 ditch meeting with Pennington County; 1W1P meeting in Thief River Falls.

Flage SWCD meeting discussing Cooperative Weed Management, Buffer Grant, and legislation on the MN Ground Water Grant.

Sorensen NW Apartments meeting discussing Organizational Bylaw changes, and remodel/maintenance projects.

Lerohl Attended a retirement social for a Pennington County official.

Simpson JD 31 ditch meeting with Pennington County.

Commissioner Sorensen moved, seconded by Flage and carried unanimously to approve payment to Bob Schmitz for 110.5 accrued hours at the regular rate of pay, for completing maintenance services at the Courthouse and Social Services building for the past two years.

The board acknowledged correspondence from Enbridge Energy regarding the Line 3 Deactivation Project, and notification of an award from Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust for "Outstanding Loss Ratio under 50%" for plan years 2011 through 2015.

There being no further business the regular meeting was adjourned until January 3, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in the courthouse board room.

Attest:
Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

Chuck Simpson, Chair,
Board of Commissioners
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RLCC Menus

March 6 - 10

Oklee

Mon: Breakfast: Bakery roll, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Hot subs, carrots & celery sticks, chips, fresh fruit, and milk.

Tue: Breakfast: Waffle sticks, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, rice pilaf, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Wed: Breakfast: Cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Hamburgers, baked beans, mac salad or curly fried, fruit, and milk.

Thu: Breakfast: Muffins, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Rice hotdish, vegetables, breadsticks, string cheese, fruit, and milk.

Fri: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Cheese pizza, lettuce salad, carrot & celery sticks, fruit, and milk.

Plummer

March 1 - 3

Wed: Breakfast: Egg wrap, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Fishwich burger on bun, oven fries, coleslaw, fruit, and milk.

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

Fri: Breakfast: Coffee cake, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Creamy tomato soup, salad, crackers, sliced cheese, carrot dippers, PB or egg salad sandwich, fruit, and milk.

March 6 - 10

Mon: Breakfast: Cook's variety, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Cheeseburger hotdish, broccoli, fruit, and milk.

Tue: Breakfast: Muffin, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** BBQ's, chips, baked beans, veggie cups, fruit, and milk.

Wed: Breakfast: Egg & sausage biscuit, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chili, crackers & cheese, salad, corn bread, fruit, and milk.

Thu: Breakfast: Pancakes, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken fajita (lettuce, cheese, tomato, sour cream, salsa), cottage cheese, PB sandwich, fruit, and milk.

Fri: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Cheesy garlic French bread, salad bar, fruit, and milk.

For Sale on Bids

RLCC High School has for sale on bids: Commercial level and stainless steel. Potato Peeler, Mixer, Meat Slicer, Malt Machine. All items are "as is". Items can be viewed at the High School. 796-5136 and ask for Arlen. Bids can be dropped off at the school, deadline is Friday March 10 3:00 pm. 049-50C

RLCC Sports Schedules

RLC Rebel Varsity

Boys Basketball

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

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

Lady Mustang Varsity Basketball 2016-17

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 Tournament-various locations-TBD

Wednesday, March 1, 2017



RLCC freshmen and their parents at Parents Night: Tanisha Srnsky, daughter of Jennifer Srnsky and James Srnsky; Jayden Iverson, daughter of Kelley Baune; Sidney Olson, daughter of Conway and Kim Olson; Jenna Pahlen, daughter of Steven Pahlen and Stacy Pahlen; Calyssa Eskeli, daughter of Becky Eskeli and Steve and Andrea Eskeli; AJ Jones, daughter of Nanette and Troy Austad; Abby Walton, daughter of Joe and Krista Walton; Brandie DeHate, daughter of Bernie and Jill DeHate; Courtney Rude, daughter of Janella and Ryan Rude; Maddy Carlson, daughter of Roger Carlson and Wendy Hall.

RLCC Robotics – 2016-2017 State Competition



Red Lake County Central Robotics team went to State Competition. Pictured are Angel Aumun, Lynsey Morris, Brandon Lee, Dede Walton, Kyle Gagner, Alec Castaneda, and Nick Plante.

By Alec J. Castaneda, RLCC Robotics team member

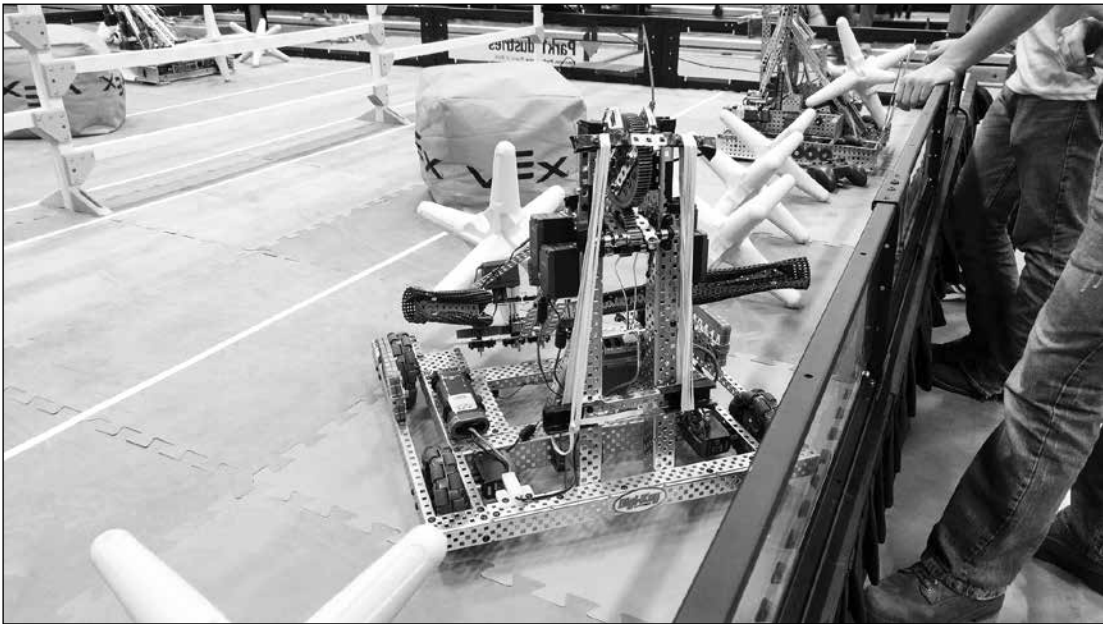
Red Lake County Central Robotics team had gone to VEX Robotics State Competition February 3-4 in St. Cloud, MN. When they arrived the team was anxious and shocked to see so many teams/schools; 61 to be exact. They set up their booth and prepared to face their unique opponents!

RLCC's team's number was *94841A* and was partnered with team *3589C*. To their disappointed surprise, RLCC's battery in their claw died and team *3589C* had tipped over leaving RLCC's driver to finish the job. The round ended in 16-29, RLCC's loss.

Thinking that they wouldn't make it far they entered the "Skills Test" area and attempted to show off what there robot could do. At first they didn't know why their robot had started to malfunction but later found out, after the disappointing 5-52 loss with team *4003A*, the program had crashed and they were left helpless.

The first day was over and they had exited the building with the feeling of defeat and disappointment. This setback was not going to stop them from coming back stronger. They spent the night fixing the robot and succeeded.

On the second day they were ready and prepared this time for what was coming. Paired with team *3864B*, they came back with an astonishing win of 27-19! However, that wasn't



RLCC's robot ready for action at the State Competition.

the end of their winning. In round 59 RLCC was paired with team *9457A* and had an even greater win of 37-9!

It was looking like a great future for the team after what had been happening. Sadly, the next match with team *7458F* was a huge upset and had to be recounted six times to know the final score. The official score was 27-28 and RLCC was in shock to see how close they were to winning against the third best team in state.

That wasn't the end for losses though. In the next match paired with team *4448A*, RLCC's robots arm disconnected from its battery and the driver had to resort

to pushing instead of lifting, and their partner was only made for design purposes and not competition-wise. It was a devastating loss of 11-39.

Nervous but ready to go, they were left with one last match that could determine whether they go to VEX World's Competition. Paired with number one in state, team *8110Z* worked with us to win the final match and a historical score for RLCC, 47-0, the highest possible winning points legally in the rule book.

It was all over now and the waiting had begun to see who was going to move on. The top eight teams got to choose who goes with them to VEX World's

Competition. In the end, RLCC did not make it. Overall their record was 3-4 and RLCC went home, not saddened, but proud of what they had done!

First year ever entering VEX Robotics RLCC had gone to State, beat some of the best teams in Minnesota, and learned a lot from this great experience. They did not go home sad; they went home with a smile and proud they had made it as far as they did. They learned to work with others they did not know, discovered how mechanisms worked, learned how to build from pieces given to them, and overall realized what it meant to be a team.

GED Classes to Start!

A new series of GED Prep classes will begin March 2. Classes will be held in the Special Ed. Room at Red Lake County Central High School in Oklee, 6:30 to 8:30 PM, Thursdays. Use northeast doors. Please call Sherry at 218-688-1558 if you are planning to attend or need more information. The instruction is free with a one-time registration fee of \$10.00. This is a great time to start. This GED Ready Official Practice Test promotion is available through March 15 – Buy a GED test and get a GED Ready Official Practice Test for free. The voucher(s) that you receive are valid for one year, so you have plenty of time to study before they expire. Can't make it March 2? You can start at a later date; all instruction is individualized based on needs of student following assessment.

March ECFE

Events for RLCC

By Sarah Christensen

Parents are their child's first and most important teacher. Red Lake County Central Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) classes can help you with that role.

Each month during the school year, sessions and activities are planned where you and your child together enjoy a classroom filled with developmentally appropriate play and learning activities. Events for March include the following.

The Infant/Toddler Class #5: "Fun with Balls" will be held on **Thursday, March 2nd** at the Oklee site from 6:00-7:00 pm. Soup and sandwiches will be served before you begin to make a batting balloon stick. They will talk about balloon safety and will play with balloons, bubble wrap, golf ball painting and some playing in the classroom.

Thursday, March 16th: "Tool-time with Mr. Bernier" for 3 ½-5 year olds at the Oklee site at 6-7:30 pm. It will start in the Oklee preschool room where there will be soup and sandwiches served. After eating, grab your tool belt for some "tool time" and make a special project with Mr. Bernier, Shop Instructor at the Oklee site. **Call to register by March 10th** (Oklee School 796-5136 ext. 140 or Plummer School 465-4222 ext. 218). **Cost is \$12.00**

RLCC Family Literacy Night for Pre-K to 6th graders and their parents will be held on **Tuesday, March 21st** at the Elementary School in Plummer from 5-7 pm. There will be lots of fun math-centered activities throughout the school. In the preschool room they will be playing card and dice games and giving away packages of tangrams to play with at home. Fun for the whole family and supper will be served!

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held **Tuesday, March 28th** from 4-8 pm at the Plummer Site.

Thursday, March 30th the Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held at the Oklee Site from 4-8 pm.

Red Lake County vs Goodridge/Grygla

By Sarah Christensen

The Red Lake County boys basketball played in Plummer on Thursday, February 23 losing to Goodridge/Grygla. The Rebels were trailing by nine at the end of the first half and the ending score was 35-64.

McCollum each had eight points. Isaiah Horgeshimer had seven points, two blocks, four steals, and eight rebounds. John Larsen scored three. Swenby and Harmon Lieboth scored two points.

Red Lake County Central vs Goodridge- Grygla

By Sarah Christensen

Mustang girls' basketball played in Goodridge on Friday, February 17. Half time score was the Mustangs leading 28-21 but the Chargers caught up to end the game with a 43-54 loss for the Mustangs.

Leading the Mustangs was Taylor Bushelle with 22 points followed by Ashely Longtin with eight points,

Julia Bernstein with seven points, Jenna Pahlen with four points, and Nikki Schmitz with two points.

Top scorer for the Chargers was Hannah Dietsch with 22 points. Ashlyn Hendrickson and Alison Satre both added eight points, Ashley Moe six points, Brooke Anderson six points, and Maci Bakken four points.

The leading scorer for the Rebels was Ethan Vettleson with 12 points and five steals. Also scoring for the Rebels were Justin Nemec with eight points and three steals, Conner Lambert with five points and six rebounds, Adrien Verbout with three points, Ben Cardinal with three points, Derek Peterson with two points, and Matt Vettleson with two points.

Top scorer for the Chargers was Blaine Kriel with 15 points and three steals closely followed by Ben Groven with 13 points, and Dylan Walker with 12 points and 18 rebounds. Tyler Stinar scored nine points and had three steals. Dylan Manderud had six points, Robert Brummitt had four, Michael Jelen had four, and Jaden Kiesow had one point.

“Gratitude Activity” for RLCC Girls BB



RLCC Mustangs girls’ basketball team with their honored guests for “Gratitude Activity” at the last home game. The guests were those the players were thankful for and had impacted their life.

By: Sydnie Gunderson
The Red Lake County Central Girls Basketball team did a “Gratitude Activity” on Thursday, February 23rd in Oklee for the Mustangs last home game. The Gratitude Activity was a project through the girls’ basketball program where the players chose a person that has impacted their life or has done something they

were grateful for. Each player was asked to speak, call, or write a card to that individual. To honor and thank them, these guests were invited to the girls’ game on February 23. The players, coaches, and managers selected the following individuals as their guest of honor.
Seniors: Ashley Longtin chose Doug Knott, Nikki

Schmitz chose Mikayla Paradis, and Taylor Bushelle chose Angel Bergeson.
Juniors: Hannah Kolstoe chose Don and Alma Stenberg, and Billie Jo Gryskiewicz chose Phil Fore.
Sophomores: Julia Bernstein chose Penni Nelson, Sarah Christianson chose DeeAnn Eskeli, Marie Johnson chose Jessie Hamrum, and Zoe

Russillo chose Tasha Manning.
Freshmen: Jenna Pahlen chose Steve Phillion, AJ Jones chose Lily Guillemette, Tanisha Srnsky chose Chad Nissen, Brandie DeHate chose Matt Reece, Madison Carlson chose Jonathan Dodson, Courtney Rude chose Jennifer Kehn, Calyssa Eskeli chose Danielle Paradis, Abby Walton chose

Britain Arlt, Sidney Olson chose Elaine McGeary, and Jayden Iverson chose Opal Dargus.
Managers: Sophia Linder chose Dave Eskeli, and Megan Smith chose Jenny Srnsky.
Coaches: Mark Bagaason chose Mike Curfman, and Mitch Bernstein chose Steve Sparby.

Coach Bagaason introduced the honored guests invited by each of the players, coaches, and managers and asked them to come out on the basketball court to be recognized. He closed with a remark from Superintendent Guetter about the team’s gratitude activity. Guetter commented, “Being truly grateful in a blessing.”

RLCC Knowledge Bowl

By Marie Johnson
Red Lake County Central Junior High Knowledge Bowl members Brody Moen and Elijah Rathsack competed at Bemidji on Tuesday, February 7th. They took sixth place. The Junior High Knowledge Bowl also went to Norman County East on Thursday, February 16. Moen and Rathsack were in ninth place.
The RLCC Senior High Knowledge Bowl competed at Thief River Falls on Wednesday, February 15. There were four teams that competed: RLCC Red, RLCC Black, RLCC Blue, and RLCC Silver. The Black team included Sydnie Gunderson, Tera Qualley, Dede Walton, and Nick Pahlen. They placed 31st. On the Red team was Sydney Melby, Hannah Kolstoe, Katie Olson, Jade Pearson, and Jayden Fore. They placed 27th. Ashley Longtin, Taylor Bushelle, Megan Berberich, Makay Berns, and Kyle Gagner were on the Blue team. The Blue team placed 34th. The Silver team consisted of Kelsie Sirjord, Angel Auman, Shelby Gunderson, and Nikki Schmitz. They placed 35th.
The Senior High Knowledge Bowl also competed on Wednesday, February 22nd in Thief River Falls. The RLCC Silver team placed 26th, RLCC Black placed 31st, and RLCC Red took 34th place. Members that went with were Megan Berberich, Makay Berns, Shelby Gunderson, Ashley Longtin, Nikki Schmitz, Kelsie Sirjord, Jayden Fore, Hannah Kolstoe, Sydney Melby, Nick Pahlen, Jade Person, Sydnie Gunderson, and Phillip Sorenson.



RLC speech team had eight place at East Grand Forks: (back) Jade Person, Lily Guillemette, Shelby Gunderson, Sydney Melby, Jayden Fore, (front) Remi Rathsack, Lilly Hanson, and Skylar Longtin.

Red Lake County Speech Team

By: Hannah Riendeau
Red Lake County speech team went to East Grand Forks Saturday, February 18. Eight placed at the meet.
Placing first in Poetry

was Lily Guillemette. Jayden Fore placed third in Creative Expression. Shelby Gunderson placed fifth in Great Speeches. Jade Person placed sixth in Prose and Remi Rathsack

sixth in Humor. Sydney Melby got an Excellent Ribbon in Humor. Skylar Longtin and Lilly Hanson got an Excellent Ribbon in Drama Duo.

RLC Rebels Fall to Mahnomen Indians

By: Sydnie Gunderson
The Red Lake County boys’ basketball played in Mahnomen against the Indians on Thursday, February 16th. The Rebels lost to the Indians with a final score of 62-91.
Ethan Vettleson led the Rebels with 19 points and five steals. Other scorers for the team were Isiah Olson who had 12 points and seven rebounds, Justin Nemec had eight points, Ben Cardinal had seven, Derek Peterson had seven, Matt Vettleson had five, Jordan Johnson had three, and Brandon Wiscow had one.
Buster Walker led the Indians with 27 points and 13 rebounds. The other scorers were Jameson Beckman who had 15 points, Sonny Wadena had 13, Jon Starkey 11, Brian Schorenborn 10, Lucas Clark-Burnette and Kim DeLaCruz both had six, Logan Kettner had two, and Richard Beckman had one.

RLCC plays BGMR

By: Julia Bernstein
Red Lake County Central played Badger-Greenbush-Middle River Thursday, February 16th in Plummer. The final score of the game was 60-38, BGMR winning.
The highest scorers for RLCC were Ashley Longtin and Julia Bernstein with 10 points. Taylor Bushelle had seven points, Tanisha Srnsky four, Jenna Pahlen four, and Calyssa Eskeli three.
Kherstie Lieberg was the highest scorer for BGMR with 11 points. Makenna Bruslie had eight points, Alyssa Kilen eight, Tessani Peterson eight, Maddi Janicke six, Carly Mekash six, Jolene Nelson three, Alyssa Rinde three,

Lexi Benke three, and Jaustyn Dahl two.

RLCC wrestles at team sections

By Sarah Christensen
The Mustang boys’ wrestling team wrestled at the Team Sections in Thief River Falls on Saturday, February 18th. They wrestled against two teams, Mahnomen/Waubun and Frazee.
RLCC defeated Mahnomen/Waubun. At 113 pounds Paul DeHate lost to David Rock in 3:23. Bryce Bergerson weighing at 120 pounds lost a decision of 14-8 to Garett Einyneck. At 152 pounds Dylan Gustafson won by a forfeit. Tristyn Ferguson weighing in at 170 pounds won by a forfeit. Kyle Gagner wrestling at 182 pounds pinned Shane Yates at 3:26. At 220 pounds Nick Pahlen won by forfeit. Alec Casteneda wrestling at 285 won by forfeit.
The Mustangs lost their team match to Frazee. Paul DeHate wrestling at 113 pounds was pinned by Brock Barlund in :27. Wrestling at 120 pounds Bryce Bergerson lost by a fall to Mason Newling in 3:27. At 145 pounds Dylan Gustafson lost a 2-12 major decision to Carter Shipman. Tristyn Ferguson weighing in at 170 was pinned by Gabe Drewes at 1:31. Kyle Gagner was pinned in 1:41 by Logan Wacker weighing 182 pounds. Wrestling at 220 Nick Pahlen was pinned by Lars Norstebon in 3:04. At 285 pounds Alec Casteneda got pinned by Anthony Malikowski in :24.



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RLCC Girls' Basketball dominates Mahnomen

By: Julia Bernstein
Red Lake County Central girls' basketball beat Mahnomen 66-21 Tuesday, February 21st in Plummer.
The leading scorer for RLCC was Ashley Longtin with 25 points. Taylor Bushelle scored 14, Julia Bernstein nine, Calyssa Eskeli seven, Jenna Pahlen four, Brandie DeHate four, Nikki Schmitz two, and Sarah Christensen one.
The highest scorer for Mahnomen was Sydney Clark with five points followed by Jessica Rershaw with four, Maggie Hedstrom three, Lindsey Swiers three, Abby Large three, and Hanna Worms three.

RLC Boys Basketball loses to Sacred Heart

By: Julia Bernstein
The Red Lake County boys' basketball team went to Sacred Heart in East Grand Forks Friday, February 17th. The final scored of the game was 77-58 Eagles winning.
The highest scorer RLC was Ethan Vettleson with 22 points and eight rebounds. Also scoring for RLC was Matt Vettleson with 11 points, Justin Nemec six points and seven rebounds, Derek Peterson six, Isiah Olson four, Jordan Johnson two, Adrien Verbout two, Brandon Wiskow two, and Seth Paradis one.
Highest scorer for the Eagles was Jordan Tomkinson with 26 points. Jack Gerber scored 18, Evan Szczepanski 15, Brenden Bethke 10 points and three steals, Ian Evaold three points and three steals, Jaxson Bergum three, and Noah Chine.

Mustangs beat the Flyers

By Julia Bernstein
The Red Lake County Central Mustangs beat the Bagley Flyers Thursday, February 23rd in Oklee. This was the Mustangs final home game of the season.
The final score of the game was 57-44 with the Mustangs winning. The top two scorers for RLCC were Ashley Longtin with 15 points and Taylor Bushelle with 14 points. Nikki Schmitz had 11 points, Calyssa Eskeli nine, Julia Bernstein four, Jenna Pahlen three, and Brandi DeHate one.
The leading scorers for the Flyers were Alex Syverson with 13 points, and Kaci Schultz-Reese also with 13 points. Also scoring for the Flyers were Rylee Aufforth with seven points, Carly Lewis four, Maria Melbo two, McKinzie Halverson one, and Kelby Fultz one.



Julia Bernstein rebounding at the RLCC Parents Night game against Mahnomen.



Mustangs Jenna Pahlen shooting a free throw during the Bagley game.



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March WIC Schedule
The Women, Infants and Children's Supplemental Nutrition Education Program (WIC) is being held the month of March 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.
The following is the schedule of WIC Clinics for the month of March.
Thu, Mar. 9: Red Lake Falls Community Center
Mon, Mar. 13: Thief River Falls Redeemer Lutheran Church
Tue, Mar. 14: Thief River Falls Redeemer Lutheran Church
Wed, Mar. 15: Thief River Falls Redeemer Lutheran Church
Thu, Mar. 16: Thief River Falls Redeemer Lutheran Church
Fri, Mar. 17: Thief River Falls Redeemer Lutheran Church
For further information concerning the WIC program, call or write WIC Quin, PO Box 248, Newfolden, MN 56738, phone 874-7845 (Newfolden, Viking, Middle River, Holt or Thief River Falls residents) or 1-800-223-1591, or e-mail at quinchs@wiktel.com.
North Valley Home Health will offer immunizations, dental varnishing & blood lead testing at the Newfolden and Warren clinics from 9 to 11 am. Arrangements should be made prior to clinics by contacting North Valley Public Health. For more information contact North Valley Public Health at 218-745-5154 or 1-800-950-6986.

SAVE YOUR VISION MONTH



Notice of Chester Township Annual Meeting and Election of Officers

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Chester Township, County of Polk, State of Minnesota, that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Township meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2017.
The Election Poll Hours will be open from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at which time the voters will elect:
One Supervisor for a 3 year term.
One Treasurer for a 2 year term.
The Annual Meeting will commence at 4:00 p.m. to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law.
The Annual Election and Meeting will be held at the following location: Chester Town Hall.
In case of inclement weather, the meeting and election may be postponed to March 21, 2017 times remaining the same.
The Board of Canvass will meet on March 14, 2017 after the polls close to certify the election results.
Pam O'Neill, Clerk of Chester Township

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NOTICE: Equality Township Residents

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Equality Township, County of Red Lake, State of Minnesota, that the Annual Town meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2017. In case of inclement weather, the meeting may be postponed to until the third Tuesday, March 21st.
The Annual Meeting will commence at 7:00 p.m. to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law. The Annual meeting will be held at the Equality Town Hall.
Janet Halvorson, Equality Township Clerk

O49-50C

Notice of Garnes Township Annual Meeting and Election of Officers and Board of Canvass Meeting

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Garnes Township, County of Red Lake, State of Minnesota, that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Township Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2017. In case of inclement weather, the meeting and election may be postponed until the third Tuesday in March.
The Election Poll Hours will be open from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at which time the voters will elect:
One-Supervisor for a three year term
One-Treasurer for a two year term
The Annual Meeting will commence at 8:00p.m. to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law.
The Annual Election and Meeting will be held at the following location: Garnes Townhall
The Board of Canvass will meet on March 14, 2017, after the Annual Meeting to certify the election results.
Diane Kolstoe, Clerk of Garnes
The Garnes Township Board of Audit will be March 6, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at the Clerk's home.
Garnes Township Board of Re-Organization will meet after the Board of Canvass on March 14, 2017.

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NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF POPLAR RIVER TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Poplar River Township, County of Red Lake, State of Minnesota, that the Annual Elections of Town Officers and Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 14th, 2017 at the Poplar River Town Hall located in the city of Brooks. In case of inclement weather, the meeting and election may be postponed until the third Tuesday in March.
The Annual Meeting will commence at 4:00 p.m. to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law.
The election poll hours will be open from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at which time the voters will elect: *One Supervisor for a three year term and one Treasurer for a two year term.* The town board will meet directly after the votes are counted to canvass the election.
Pam Gieseke, Clerk, Poplar River Township

O48-50C

Notice of Annual Meeting & Election of Officers

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of LAMBERT Township, County of Red Lake, State of Minnesota, that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 14th, 2017. In case of inclement weather, the meeting and election may be postponed until the third Tuesday in March.
The election poll hours will be open from 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm, at which time the voters will elect:
One Treasurer for a 2 year term.
One Supervisor for a 3 year term.
The Annual Meeting will commence at 8:15 pm, following the closing of the polls, to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law.
The Annual Meeting will be held at the following location: Lambert Town Hall.
The Board of Canvas will meet, following the close of the Annual Meeting, to certify the election results.
Carol Chaput, Clerk, Town of Lambert

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Who's Dat?

Who's Dat
It's been awhile since this column has been in the paper. The reason being, shortage of photos and lack of room. If you have a photo to share, please email with description to okleeherald@gmail.com or send in photo with a self-stamped, self-addressed envelope to return photo after scanning.
This week's photo is of a couple who lived a few miles from Oklee with one of their many children.





Last week with the nice temperatures, there were fields all over the area that had standing water. This week, however, it has gotten colder and the fields now have ice on them, and after a light snow on Saturday night, once again have fresh white snow.



Oklee Herald Early Files

Seventy Years Ago

March 6, 1947

Rev. J.K. Lerohl, 71, pastor of the Oklee Lutheran Parish since 1920, died unexpectedly at a Thief River Falls hospital early Sunday after a brief illness.

At least 1500 was the estimated attendance at "John Deere Day" sponsored last week by the Rolandson Implement Company.

The Senior Class of Oklee High School will presented their play on Saturday, March 15th. The play is titled, "Let Me Out of Here."

Sixty Years Ago

February 28, 1957

A coroner's jury in Red Lake Falls Tuesday ruled that Mrs. Joseph Ripplinger, 49, of rural Red Lake Falls, died as a result of a shotgun blast inflicted by her husband. After shooting his wife, the man apparently turned the gun on his son, wounding him.

A ceremony for laying of the corner stone of the new St. Joseph's Catholic Church at Brooks is scheduled for Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Kenneth Malwitz entertained Saturday afternoon at her home in honor of her daughter Arlene's 9th birthday.

Fifty Years Ago

March 2, 1967

Oklee Manufacturing Company this week is preparing to make 50 pre-production Arctic Snow Suits heading toward production of 6,000 of the garments during the year.

Work is expected to be on construction of two bridges over the Lost River east of Oklee to replace bridges destroyed in April by floating ice in a fast moving spring run-off.

Mrs. Ole Austad was an honored guest at a birthday party at the Sarah Myrum home Sunday afternoon.

Forty Years Ago

March 3, 1977

Joe Cyr became Oklee's first Region 8 Champion since 1973 and minutes later John Larson added a second title to become the Bobcats 4th such Champions ever. Kelly Lundeen captured individual Region Championship and went on to place 3rd in the 1973 State Tournament.

At a special meeting of the school board of District 601 (Gully-Fosston) on February 22, a motion was passed to close the Gully School. This will be effective at the close of the 76-77 school year.

Mr. and Mrs. Leander Berberich of rural Brooks have been selected as Valley Farmer and Homemaker of the Red River County for 1977.

Thirty Years Ago

March 4, 1987

Many attended the 60th wedding anniversary celebration that was held for Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Nelson at the Oklee Senior Site on February 15th.

Todd Bergeron and Greg Bishop, both seniors at Oklee High School, will be wrestling at the State Tournament after each winning their Regional Division this past weekend.

The eight graders placed fourth in tournaments held in Bagley recently.

Twenty Years Ago

March 5, 1997

It was a very cold, windy evening on Monday, February 24th, 1997, but that did not stop people from attending a very important Grand Opening in Oklee of First Care Medical

Services Clinic.

Cameron Dale, infant son of Gary and JoAnn Lundeen was baptized at Oak Park on Sunday with many friends and family attending.

Keith and Caren Swenson from Brooks are representing Red Lake County as 1997 Agassiz Leaders and are participants in the Red River Valley Emerging Leadership program.

Ten Years Ago

March 1, 2007

Marflex is highlighted in the Oklee Herald. Marflex is a field sprayer company based in Brooks that has international reach.

Mrs. Vicki Kolden's art class has been learning about art through quilt making.

Lori Melby and Ann Hammer celebrated their 25th anniversary with Security State Bank in Oklee.

Everyone was enjoying a snowless year when Mother Nature decided to dump a foot of snow on us. And reports say more snow is on the way.

Danny and Kathy Klasen of Oklee announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Jessica Klasen to Eric Lindemoen on March, 17, 2007 in Oklee. Eric is the son of Merlyn and Terri Lindemoen of Newfolden.

Senior Site News and Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

I was surprised to wake up to a inch or so of snow on my driveway. It had sneaked up when I was sleeping. Don came and cleaned it off me.

The Fireman's party Saturday night was a huge success. I think almost everyone from the area and the city were there. The supper was super and lots of it. If you didn't get a chance to attend, you missed a wonderful evening of entertainment. I don't think that many people had been in the hall at one time before, it was standing room only for many.

A big THANK YOU to the Firemen and Firewomen. What would we do here without them.

The Site has been kind of quiet this month. We still have activities that are ongoing. We

still play Bingo every Thursday at 12:30 pm. We invite everyone to come and play. Also, if you are sitting home with nothing to do, come and check out the books in our library. There are many to choose from. There is no charge, you just have to return the book after you have finished reading it.

Dates to Remember

March 7: Evening Meal
March 16: 10 am Senior Site Council Meets
March 17: Birthday Meal
March 21: Pot Luck Meal 5:00 pm.

Words of Wisdom

Don't expect people to follow you further than you'd gone yourself.

Passion moves us, but discipline determines our course.

Joke Time

In the year 2000, a Belgium man went to his local priest and confessed. "Forgive me, Father for I have sinned. During the Second World War, I hid a Jewish man in my attic."

"That's not a sin", said the priest, "that was an act of kindness."

"But I made him pay thirty-five francs for every week he stayed."

"I admit that wasn't particularly charitable" said the priest, "but you did it for a good cause."

"Thank you Father" the man said. "that's a great relief to me. I have just one more question".

"What's that?"

"Do I have to tell him the war is over?"

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

A cool morning and sunny with a few clouds, but we must remember it still is February. None the less, time is passing very quickly. March is around the corner peeking at us and Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday, the day you get this paper. Wow the year is going fast.

I went to the breakfast

fundraiser for the Knights of Columbus at Red Lake Falls on Sunday and ran into Barb Seeger, who introduced me to her sisters and her mother. Her mother was celebrating her birthday.

She is now 22 and ¼ years old. Barb said that they had a big celebration last year but this year they got together and had an early birthday for her. I think you probably have guessed Barb's mother is a leap year baby and is actually 89 years old. Happy Birthday no matter what day your birthday is on. It was lovely seeing that her children got together to help her celebrate.

Red Hats met on the 15th and had a wonderful time at the Cozy Bar for dinner. A new lady joined us this month and we welcome Eleanor Olson who recently retired. We were so happy to see her. The quarter pot was won by Alice Jobe and Anna De Hate won the oven mitt and Mary Kay lotion. There were two other prizes that were given out too.

At the KC's event on Sunday there was a huge raffle and many winners from the Oklee area and Warroad area as well. A great many prizes were given to local area people as well. The proceeds of the event went to sending the kids to camp this summer and other children's programs. The KC's work hard to help programs for the young Catholic youth. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for your hard work and caring.

Happy Birthday to Ryan Tvedt of Terrebonne. He is quite a nice young man. Of course I'm prejudiced he is a neighbor.

Christopher Novak also has a birthday this week so happy birthday to him as well.

The Oscars were on TV last night and the Best picture

being the epitome of the evening was what everyone was waiting for. After a very long evening of watching to find out, the name of the picture was announced as La La Land. The producers and crew went up did their thank you speeches and were interrupted and the real winner was announced. Moonlight was the Best Picture of the year. A mistaken envelope was given to the presenters. I have never seen anything like this before and the ending was anticlimactic.

I guess this is the year of upsets. The election, the super bowl, now the Oscars. Sheesh. Where are we going in this country, it seems up is down.

Chris Bruggemund took sick and now is sporting new stents. Pray for his recovery.

Our sympathy to the Jerry Gerardy family. Jerry passed away last week after suffering from COPD for a few years. He had a smile for everyone and never failed to be happy and friendly. We will miss his sweet smile and his happy disposition. Our prayers for the family go out to you.

Joyce Morinville went to watch her grandson play Hockey in the Fargo area over the weekend. She was reporting on face book about Carter Houtari number 4 on the Spuds team who made at least 3 goals and the Spuds won 4 to 3. Good going Carter and Grandma Joyce was one proud Grandma. Congratulations to Carter and the team.

We hope you have a great week and enjoy the run up to spring.

**Deadline:
Friday's at noon!**

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

About a month ago, Mike Fossum went on a much needed vacation trip. He drove out to Denver, CO first. There, he visited his cousin Chad Carpenter and a nephew, John Fossum. It snowed for three days straight in Denver. Then he went on to Kansas, where he visited a cousin, Cindy Thomas at Manhattan and also another cousin in Kansas. Cindy Thomas is Jean Carpenter's daughter. Leaving Kansas, he headed for St. Louis, where he stayed overnight. Then he headed south east to northern Alabama where his brother Jim Fossum lives. Then he went to North Carolina, and visited Greg Weterlund, another cousin. Coming back, he went through Kentucky, a state he hadn't seen before. He was gone a total of 16 days and put on a lot of miles. He had a great time.

Jerry Gerardy passed away February 21st, Tuesday, at his home. Our sympathy to Carol and all the family.

Brent Hemly was four-wheeling in Fourtown this past weekend and got stuck in the

forest. He walked fifteen miles to get help. That couldn't have been too fun!

Chris DuChamp, Wayne and Debbie Vettleson, Tony Gerardy and other friends went to Lake of the Woods fishing Thursday and Friday. They got there limit on walleye and northerns. They enjoyed chili, fried fish and other foods, while there. Also they played cards. They were out with snowmobilers on the ice.

Karen Tvedt went Wednesday out to Becky and David Opatz's (her daughter) of Kinsey, Montana for a few days visit.

We had several days of unseasonably warm weather. South Dakota and southern Minnesota (the Cities included) were expected to get 10-12 inches of snow. What a mess!

Unless we get some snow yet this month or in to March, my skiing could be done for the winter.

Someone I know who lives in rural Thief River Falls, said he saw a flock of robins in his year early in the week. That's early.

Centennial Recipe Corner

Refrigerator Cabbage Salad Shirley (Turgeon) Cyr

1 large head cabbage, cut fine
1 medium onion, cut fine
2 small carrots, shredded
1 green pepper, cut fine
Dressing:
1 cup white vinegar
1 cup white sugar
1 tsp salt
2/3 cup oil
Heat to boiling, cool, pour over cabbage mixture. Keeps for a few weeks in refrigerator.



2017 RED LAKE COUNTY ROAD RESTRICTIONS STARTS Concurrent with MN/DOT Limits

The effective dates of road restrictions on all Red Lake County roads will be concurrent with the placement of restrictions on Trunk Highways in the North Central Zone of Minnesota. MNDOT's Road Restrictions announcements are published at www.mrr.dot.state.mn.us click on Seasonal Load Limit Restrictions.

Restriction limits are based on gross axle weights and includes weight of both the vehicle and the load it carries. The erection of signs on any highway governs the effective date of the restriction. As long as signs remain in place, restrictions are in effect. No permit for overweight axle loads exceeding legal or posted axle weights will be issued.

During the period when signs are in place any county or town road is restricted to 10,000 pounds gross weight per axle. If signs are erected, the restrictions as indicated on the sign shall govern. If no signs are erected, the 10,000 pound gross weight provision shall apply.

The following roads will be allowed the legal 10 ton per axle (Gross Weight):

C.S.A.H. No. 1 From T.H. No. 32 in Red Lake Falls to C.S.A.H. No. 10.
C.S.A.H. No. 2 From C.S.A.H. No. 1 to Pennington County Line (North-South Segment)
C.S.A.H. No. 5 From T.H. No. 222 in Oklee to Pennington County Line.
C.S.A.H. No. 7 From T.H. No. 59 to T.H. 92.
C.S.A.H. No. 8 From Polk County Line to C.S.A.H. 7.
C.S.A.H. No. 9 From C.S.A.H. No. 13 to Pennington County Line.
C.S.A.H. No. 11 From C.S.A.H. No. 33 to Polk County Line.
C.S.A.H. No. 11 From T.H. No. 32 in Red Lake Falls to C.S.A.H. No. 33.
C.S.A.H. No. 12 From Polk County Line to T.H. No. 92.
C.S.A.H. No. 12 From T.H. No. 92 to C.S.A.H. No. 1.
C.S.A.H. No. 13 From T.H. No. 32 in Red Lake Falls to C.S.A.H. No. 9.
C.S.A.H. No. 13 From Polk County Line to C.S.A.H. No. 9.
C.S.A.H. No. 19 From C.S.A.H. No. 13 to T.H. No. 32.
C.S.A.H. No. 33 From C.S.A.H. No. 11 to T.H. No. 32.
C.S.A.H. No. 49 From C.S.A.H. No. 12 to T.H. No. 59.

The following roads will be allowed the legal 9 ton per axle (Gross Weight):

C.S.A.H. No. 6 From C.S.A.H. No. 5 to 6 miles east.
C.S.A.H. No. 10 From C.S.A.H. No. 6 to Pennington County Line
C.S.A.H. No. 22 From T.H. No. 222 in Oklee to the East County Line.
C.S.A.H. No. 51 In Brooks.
C.S.A.H. No. 52 In Plummer.
C.S.A.H. No. 53 In Oklee.
C.S.A.H. No. 54 In Red Lake Falls.

The following roads will be posted to 7 tons per axle (Gross Weight):

C.S.A.H. No. 2 From C.S.A.H. No. 1 to C.S.A.H. 2 North-South (East-West Segment)
C.S.A.H. No. 3 From C.S.A.H. No. 11 to Pennington County Line.
C.S.A.H. No. 17 From Polk County Line to C.S.A.H. No. 3.
C.S.A.H. No. 18 From C.S.A.H. No. 13 to Polk County Line.

The following County Aid hard surfaced roads will be posted to 5 tons per axle (Gross Weight):

C.A.R. No. 114 From T.H. No. 32 to 1.5 miles east.
C.A.R. No. 119 From C.S.A.H. No. 51 in Brooks to T.H. No. 92.

The following County Aid hard surfaced roads will be posted to 4 tons per axle (Gross Weight):

C.A.R. No. 126 From C.S.A.H. No. 52 in Plummer to 2,000 feet north.

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Never Let Them Set Seed

Have you ever wished you could grow vegetables without hours of weeding? If you are like most gardeners; you have moaned and groaned when you are overwhelmed by weeds. The good news is that with a bit of dedicated effort, you can reduce the weeding you do year by year until your garden is virtually weed free!

The key is to know a bit about something called the "weed seed bank" and how to manage it. Most people don't realize that a weed can produce literally thousands or even millions of seeds per plant. Robert Norris, retired professor of plant science at the University of California at Davis says he conducted research to document the number of seeds coming from even a single weed plant. The accompanying chart shows the results were stunning. All those seeds fall to the ground and become part of a "seed bank" that fuels new weed growth.

EXAMPLES OF WEED SEED PRODUCTION per PLANT

WEED NAME	SEEDS per PLANT	WHERE the PLANT WAS LOCATED
Barnyard grass	750,000	Davis, CA
Purslane	>2,000,000	Davis, CA
Black nightshade	>800,000	Rosemount, MN
Puncture vine	>100,000	Pullman, WA
Powell amaranth	268,000	Freeville, NY
Shepherd's purse	40,000	Sheffield, UK
Chickweed	25,000	Rothamsted, UK

*Data collected by various researchers around the world.
Most of the perennial weeds that plague flower gardens and lawns need more than the "never let 'em set seeds rule for effective control. Many perennial weeds grow from underground roots or tubers-making the path to weed free perennial gardening much tougher. Not only should you prevent seed production, but you need to control the roots and tubers also. Frequent removal of the shoots of perennial weeds will eventually starve and kill the underground tissues. You'll need to be especially persistent and use a variety of control methods to reach your goal. If necessary, this can also be achieved with the careful use of appropriate herbicides.

To hasten the path to a weed free garden, use a two pronged strategy: drive down the number of viable seeds in the soil and quickly intervene when those that remain sprout. Professor Norris says he grows 70% to 80% of the vegetables that he and his wife eat. Now he spends almost no time weeding the garden. Professor Davis has managed to drive down the weed seed bank using solarization, mulching, hoeing and hand pulling. In case you haven't heard of solarization; it involves covering the soil with a clear plastic tarp for several weeks in the summer to heat the soil and kill weed seeds. It may sound crazy, but it works.

While there is never a 100% guarantee in the natural world; but if you follow a "never let'em set seed" strategy, you will soon be doing a lot less weeding in future years. For more information on the "never let'em set seed" strategy; you can access the Weed Science Society of America web page at www.wssa.net.

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