

Oklee Precipitation
By Einar Kvasager

	Rain	Snow
Feb. 26		2.00
Total in.	0.00	2.00

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...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

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Big Bass Rambler band members: Dennis Doeden, Vickie Ambuehl, Fred Ambuehl, Jay Forney.

Potato Klub & Musical Fundraiser March 12th

On March 12th, it will be the annual Kamp Kenneth Potato Klub & Ham Supper. This is a fundraiser event with all proceeds going to the 'Kamp Kenneth' Team, who participates at the Polk County Relay For Life. Additional funding provided by East Polk County Thrivent for Lutherans.

The Potato Klub Supper will be served at 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. at Vernes Lutheran Church, which is located 12 miles north of Fosston on County Rd 6, then 3 miles west on County Rd 5

After the supper there will be a concert given by the Big Bass Ramblers (Dennis Doeden, Vickie Ambuehl, Fred Ambuehl, Jay Forney).

The Big Bass Ramblers

from Bemidji, were formed in 2014 and have been building a following since.

With Dennis on 6 string banjo and lead vocals, Vickie vocals, Jay on guitar and vocals, and Fred on the bass, they perform a mix of handmade Americana music from classic country to rock and roll, blues to bluegrass, folk to soft rock, and gospel.

The Big Bass Ramblers have performed at festivals, county fairs, churches, fundraisers and other indoor and outdoor events around Northern Minnesota. Their music is aimed to put smiles on faces, get toes tapping and people singing along.

The cost for the fun and delicious event – Supper: \$8 per person & Concert: \$5 per person.

The Year in Review

October 5, 2016:

On Friday, September 30th, in the morning, a ceremony was held at the southwest corner of RLCC School property near the Welcome to Oklee sign. The occasion was to dedicate the new City of Oklee flag.

The RLCC 2016 Homecoming were Queen Taylor Bushelle and King Kyle Gagner. The

Homecoming Court included Makay Berns, Angel Auman, Megan Berberich, Alec Castaneda, Shelby Gunderson, Natalie Aakhus, Nick Plante, Austin Erlandson.

After some cool weather and rainy days, the weather is shaping up for the weekend. However, rains forecast for early in the week. Some of the puddles in the fields are trying to dry somewhat.

Goodridge and RLCC students attended the threshing bee held by the Tri-River Pioneers. At the Threshing Bee, Goodwin Kvasager and Einer Kvasager grind wheat using a gas engine machine.

October 12, 2016:

RLF's Community Hybrid Project Hearing was held September 27th. The meeting was to accept comments on the project that includes two wind turbines & 5 acres of solar. Casavan invited Dan Juhl from Juhl Energy to give an overview of the project. The permit for the Red Lake Falls Community Hybrid (RLFCH) project was approved with a motion by Commissioners.

The Red Lake County Rebel Junior Varsity football team moved to 3-1 on the season with a hard fought 22-6 win over Fosston.

Winners for the Past vs. Future Day during RLCC Homecoming: Karena Melby, Katie Olson, and Kelsie Sirjod.

This morning it is a beautiful day. The wind is light and the sun is shining. It looks to be one of those golden October days. It seems the wind gets worse and worse every time it blows.

October 19, 2016:

Red Lake County Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach Randy Huie recently received a plaque for being selected Minnesota Class A State High School Assistant Coach of the Year for the 2016 winter sports season. He was nominated by RLC Head Coach Steve Philion. He was presented this award at the Sheraton Hotel in Minnetonka

on October 8th at the Minnesota State High School Coaches Association Awards Banquet.

Britain Arlt and Natalie Aakhus received Students of the Month for September at RLCC.

Red Lake County Central Mustangs played Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears Thursday, October 6 in Oklee. They won in three sets: 25-10, 25-22, and 25-18.

The Red Lake County Central Mustangs volleyball played Kittson County Central in Lancaster Monday, October 10th. The Mustangs lost all three sets: 13-25, 8-25, 11-25.

We have had less rain this week, and cooler weather. Some farmers are valiantly trying to get their crops harvested in the muddy fields. The rain last night seems to have stopped that effort. Beet farmers are still going strong though and trucks are filled to the brim. The roads are sometimes cluttered with mud from tractors traveling between fields.

October 26, 2016:

Two are running for Mayor. They are George Burthwick (incumbent) and Allen Jensen.

Six persons are running for two council seats. None of the persons running for the two seats are incumbents. They are: Kyle Dudycha, Gloria Moose, Matthew Genova, Paul Cyr, JoAnn Hamm, and Jaqueline Cross.

Three persons are running for School Board. They are Jody L. Duden, Lowell Hamrum and Thomas Bray.

Spotlight on Scholarship Certificates for RLC Track were given to Nicholas Pahlen, Connor Lambert, Ashley Longtin, Julia Bernstein and Zoe Russillo.

Spotlight on Scholarship Certificates for softball were given to: Taylor Bushelle, Megan Berberich, Sydnie Gunderson, Mary Auman, Tera Qualley, Lacey Pendelton and Jayden Fore.

Dawson Rystad, Matthew Vettleson, and Talon Porter all received Spotlight for Scholarship certificates for RLC baseball.

Receiving Spotlight on Scholarship Certificates for the Speech team were Natalie Aakhus, Shelby Gunderson, Lillyan Guillemette, Kara Longtin, Jayden Fore, Jade Person, Zoe Russillo, Abby Walton, Sydney Melby and Jayden Iverson.

RLCC Trap team members Kyle Gagner, Adam Cater, Ethan Vettleson, and Seth Paradis also received Spotlight for Scholarship certificates.

The weather has been plenty cool and with a couple of frosts the leaves really fall off the trees fast.

The Lions of Plummer held a fundraiser on Friday night. Once again the community came out to support the Lions and in full force. They served at least 349 people.

Guest speaker for the Minnesota Association of Honor Societies Induction Ceremony at RLCC High School was Ardis Hofstad. She grew up in the area and graduated from Oklee High School in 1967. She eventually became the high school principal for Oklee and RLCC High Schools.

RLCC Honor Society members. Taylor Bushelle, Katie Olson, Matt Vettleson, Kelsie Sirjod, Shelby Gunderson, Julia Bernstein, Angel Auman, Nikki Schmitz, Ashley Longtin, Tera Qualley, Sydnie Gunderson, Sydney Melby, Marie Johnson, Erin Jones, Megan Berberich, Natalie Aakhus, Kara Longtin, Jarisa Bailey, Hannah Kolstoe, and Jayden Fore.

Oklee Firemen's Blizzard Bonanza's Family Feud



The Blizzard Goonies: Laura Filpula, Joanie Bjerklie, Liz Follmann, Darla Hegge, and Lora Johnson.



Ross' Harem included Eileen Paquin, Ross Hegge, Amanda Vettleson, Melody Nelson, and Krista Bernstein.



Darla Hegge and Ross Hegge go head to head to win the top answer of the Oklee survey in this round of the Family Feud.



Kim Olson and Tracy Hamm and others had a few tables selling chances for prizes during the evening at the 6th Annual Oklee Firemen's Blizzard Bonanza which was held on February 25th at the Oklee Community Hall. See more photos and story in the Tri County Canary.

Local gals compete in dance competition



Preteen group from Northern Lights Dance Studio competed a lyrical piece Unforgettable at Triple S Dance Competition placing 1st place 2 stars. From Oklee Marin Petersen & DJ Bernstein.



Photo right: DJ Bernstein & Miss Kelsey McGowan (Director/owner of NLDS)

At Triple S Dance Competition competes with Northern Lights Dance Studio. DJ won 2nd Place 2Stars and 3rd Place overall high point with her Lyrical routine can't help falling in love.

Photo left: Brielle Reinbold at Triple S Dance Competition won 1st Place 2 stars Mini Jazz solo for "Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend". She represented Northern Lights Dance Studio.

Far left: She also competed Bugle Boy with Mini Petites team and received a 1 star adjudication award.



Calendar of Events

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.

Thu, Mar. 16:

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

Fri, Mar. 17:

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

Sat, Mar. 18:

-Support your local business – Shop Locally!

Sun, Mar. 19:

-Worship at the church of your choice.

Mon, Mar. 20:

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

Tue, Mar. 21:

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

-Senior Potluck 5:00 p.m. @ Café.



Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Margaret Jacobus
Wed, Mar. 8: Lenten Service – 6:30 p.m. Soup N Sandwich, 7:30 p.m. at Salem.
Thu, Mar. 9: 7:00 p.m. Parish Board meeting.
Sun, Mar. 12: 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. 13: 9:00 a.m. Quilting at Zion. 7:00 p.m. Salem WELCA.
Wed, Mar. 8: Lenten Service – 6:30 p.m. Soup N Sandwich, 7:30 p.m. at Zion.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH OKLEE
Fr. Adam Hamness
Sun, Mar. 12: 7:30 a.m. Confessions 8:00 a.m. Mass.

BROOKS – RED LAKE FALLS CATHOLIC PARISH
Fr. Bob Schreiner
Sat, Mar. 11: 5:30 p.m. RLF
Sun, Mar. 12: 8:00 a.m. Brooks. 10:00 a.m. RLF.

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Wed, Mar. 8: Lenten at 7:00 p.m. at Ebenezer.
Sun, Mar. 12: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer. 9:15 a.m. SS at Immanuel. 10:30 Worship at Immanuel.
Mon, Mar. 13: 7:00 p.m. Ebenezer WELCA.
Wed, Mar. 15: 6:30 p.m. Soup N Sandwich at Immanuel followed by Lenten Service at 7:00 p.m.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Wed, Mar. 8: Lenten – 6:30 p.m. Supper, 7:00 p.m. Service at Ekelund.
Sun, Mar. 12: 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. 13: 9:30 a.m. Faith Quilting.
Tue, Mar. 14: 6:00 p.m. Faith, Shalom circle.
Wed, Mar. 15: Lenten – 6:30 p.m. Supper, 7:00 p.m. Service at Faith.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston
Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor
Sun, Mar. 8: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

March 13 - 17
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: Fried polish sausage, hash browns, vegetables, and dessert.
Tuesday: Small Chef salad, cottage cheese, toast, and dessert.

Wednesday: Cold beef sandwich, broccoli cheese soup, and dessert.

Thursday: Baked chicken, parsley buttered potatoes, vegetable, and dessert.

Friday: Birthday meal: Fish, hash browns, vegetable, and dessert.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive – Nazareth Oak Park – St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Wed, Mar. 8: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School/ Confirmation. Nazareth: 6:00 p.m. Soup N Sandwich. 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service. Bible Study after service.
Thu, Mar. 9: 6:30 p.m. Lenten Services followed by Bible Study at St. Petri.

Sat, Mar. 11: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.
Sun, Mar. 12: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri. 9:15 a.m. SS. 9:45 a.m. Oak Park. 8:30 a.m. SS. 11:00 a.m. Nazareth. 10:00 a.m. SS.
Tue, Mar. 14: 5:30 p.m. Lenten Services followed by Bible Study at Mt. Olive.
Wed, Mar. 15: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School/ Confirmation. Oak Park: 6:00 p.m. Soup N Sandwich. 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service. Bible Study after service.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Mar. 8: 6:30 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Thu, Mar. 9: 12:00 p.m. Rotary.

Fri, Mar. 10: 8:45 a.m. Friday School.
Sun, Mar. 12: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:50 a.m. Sunday School.
Tue, Mar. 14: 6:30 p.m. Bible Study.
Wed, Mar. 15: 6:30 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund Sand Valley Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Wed, Mar. 8: 2 p.m. Lund WELCA. 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service at Sand Valley.
Sun, Mar. 12: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Lund. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Bethany.
Wed, Mar. 15: 2 p.m. Sand Valley WELCA. 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service at Bethany.

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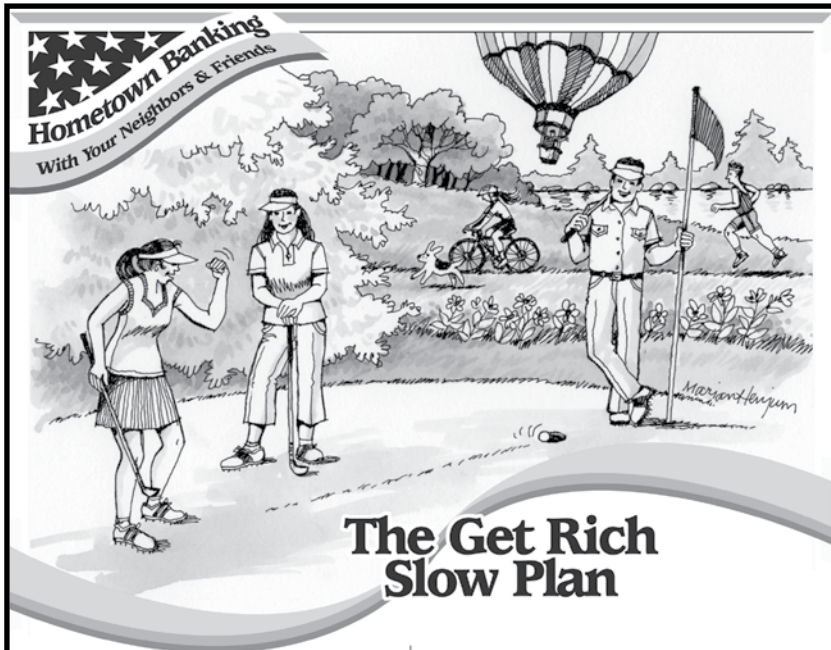


NOTICE

The Red Lake County Township Officer's Association will hold their Annual Meeting at the Community Center in Plummer, MN on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 7:00 pm to elect a Vice President for a three year term, and to do any other business that shall come before the meeting.

Marie Chaput, Secretary

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~ NOTICE ~

BROOKS COMMUNITY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION WILL BE HOLDING THEIR ANNUAL MEETING

THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2017, AT 7:00 PM
AT THE BROOKS COMMUNITY CENTER

THERE WILL BE:

- ★ ELECTION OF OFFICERS
- ★ DOOR PRIZES
- ★ COFFEE – JUICE - COOKIES
- EVERYBODY WELCOME!!!**

TERMS UP FOR ELECTION:

- 1 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS POSITION
- TERM IS FOR THREE YEARS

TERMS EXPIRING: PAM PARADIS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: JOANNE BRADLEY & DAWN KREITZER

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN RUNNING OR WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE SOMEONE SEND NOMINATION TO THE COMMITTEE AT:

BROOKS COMMUNITY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION
ATTENTION: NOMINATING COMMITTEE
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“OUR 70TH ANNIVERSARY THANKS TO YOU” 050C

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. 048-50C

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.

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.

The final three coffee cup winners for Hot Reads for Cold Nights are Jana Dodds, Wanda Juhl and Judy Violette.

March Legacy events are right around the corner with “Touch of Spain” flamenco dancers coming to the RLF Library on Thursday, March 9 at 4:00 pm, and Jo McFarlin’s “Window Fancies” class (back by popular demand) on Tuesday, March 28 at 5:00 pm. Please call library (253-2992) to register for this class, since space is limited. Participants will make & take, at no cost, a glass mosaic suncatcher.

New rotational books include Young Adult fiction. Young adult readers (teens) that are interested in participating in a “clean teen reads” or “classics” book club are asked to contact library staff. An after school or summertime group could be formed if there is enough interest. Snacks & hot beverages are included, and usually part of any good book club!

Visit RLF Library’s facebook page to check on events & other updates. The NWRL website is under re-construction and will soon go live with regional branch information such as contact information, hours and regular programs for all 7 branches and 2 links of NWRL, as well as the regional catalog database where patrons can continue to search and request materials, both hard copy and digital.

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.

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Every 4th Tuesday – Thief River Falls

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

Every 2nd & 4th Friday – Bemidji.

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For more information, contact the Red Lake County Economic Development home office at 1-218-253-2897.

Or call David Ste. Marie, Red Lake Falls, 218-698-4279; Mike Spurgin, Red Lake Falls, 218-465-4648 or Leo Olson, Oklee, 218-796-5656.

043-43C (2x/mo.)

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 Canvass will meet, following the close of the Annual Meeting, to certify the election results.

Carol Chaput, Clerk, Town of Lambert

049-50C

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

049-50C

Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial Update

Support for the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial continues with a donation from Don and LaVonne Brown, Oklee. The Browns made a contribution in memory of Maryann Lessard, Brooks. Maryann was involved in the American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 159, for many years. Donations to the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial may be sent to Security State Bank, Box 69, Oklee, MN. 56742, Attn: Lori Melby. Questions may be sent to Mary Lynn Bachand at marylbachand@gmail.com.

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RLCC Menus

March 13 - 17

Oklee

Mon: Breakfast: Bagel w/ cream cheese, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Taco in a bag, potato ole's, refried beans, fruit, and milk.

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

Wed: Breakfast: Coffee cake, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken strips, scalloped potatoes, vegetable, un-crustable, fruit, and milk.

Thu: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Ham patty, curly fries, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Fri: Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Cheesy bread w/pizza sauce, lettuce salad, carrots & celery sticks, fruit, and milk.

Plummer

Mon: Breakfast: Sausage pancake wrap, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Pizza, salad, breadsticks, fruit, and milk.

Tue: Breakfast: Egg & sausage biscuit, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken strips, macaroni & cheese, veggies w/dip, apple crisp, whipped topping, and milk.

Wed: Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, toast, PB & jelly, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Hamburger gravy, seasoned carrots, dinner roll, fruit, and milk.

Thu: Breakfast: French toast sticks, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Pork riblet, cheesy hash browns, peas & carrots, dinner roll, fruit, and milk.

Fri: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Bosco stick, marinara sauce, salad bar, cookie, 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. O49-50C

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.

RLCC Sports Schedules

RLC Rebel Varsity

Boys Basketball

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

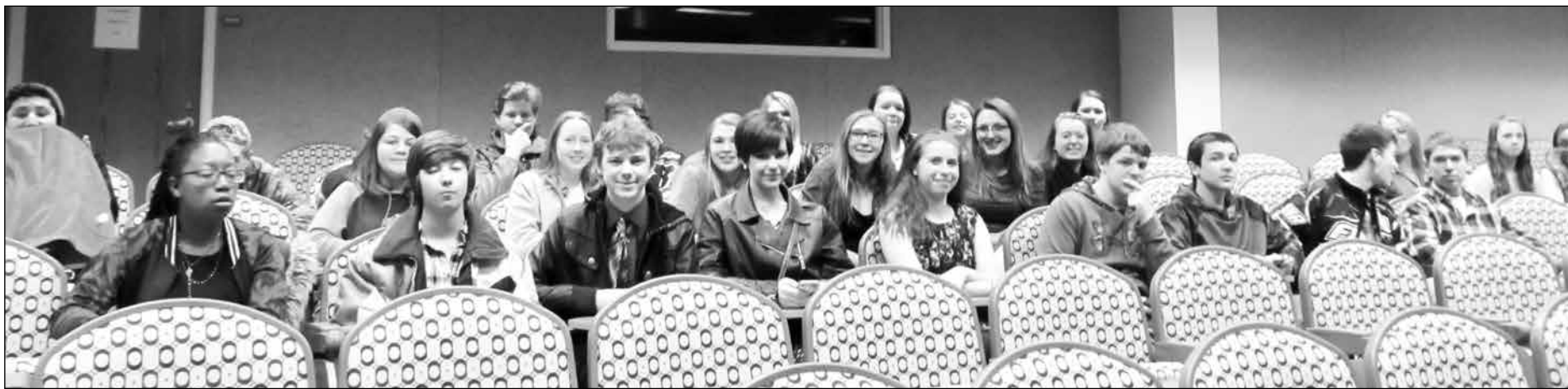
Mar. 22-25: State Tournament-various locations-TBD

Lady Mustang Varsity Basketball 2016-17

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

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

Wednesday, March 8, 2017



RLCC 9th graders during a presentation at UND listened to students who have been involved in programs such as Upward Bound and Trio.

RLCC 9th graders attend UND Trio Presentation

By: Sydnie Gunderson

The Red Lake County Central ninth grade class went to the annual Trio presentation at the UND auditorium. The students listened to a panel of speakers including adults and four college students. The speakers talked about how they like college, their experiences so far (dorms, classes, studying, and time management), and

their expectations of college.

The students also had lunch in the ballroom where speakers from the Trio program shared about their involvement with the program. Erin Jones, a junior attending RLCC spoke about her participation in the Trio program and trips through Trio. The following information was written by Jones about her experiences and her speech.

“My Experiences on the Trio Trip with the Freshmen Class”

By Erin Jones

My experience during the Trio trip with the RLCC freshmen was amazing! We traveled by bus to the University of North Dakota.



RLCC junior Erin Jones was chosen to speak at UND's Trio Day.

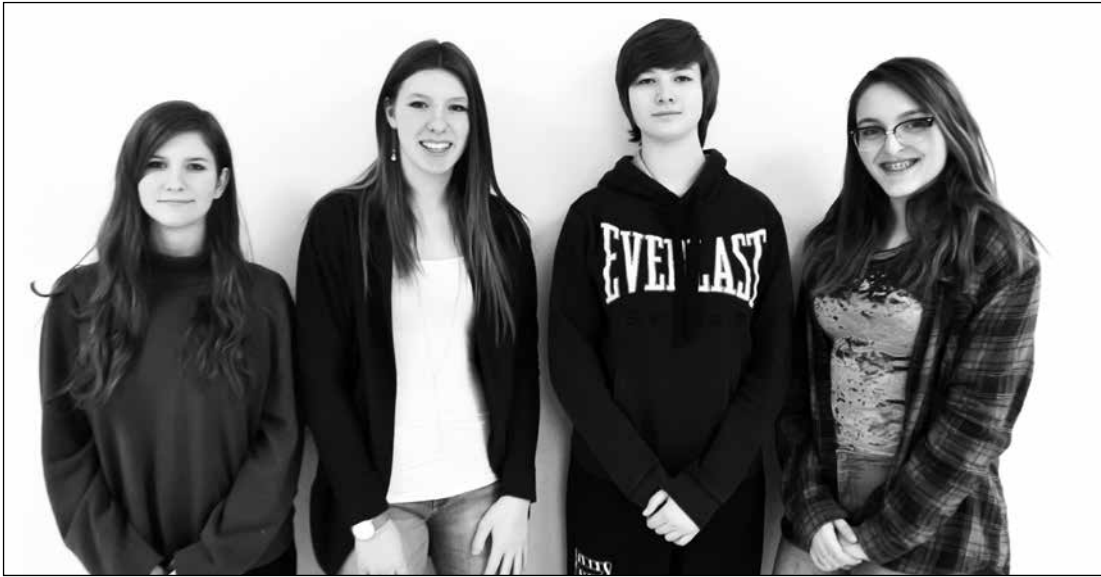
Red Lake County lose to the Bears

By: Hannah Riendeau

Red Lake County boys' basketball played at Clearbrook-Gonvick Friday, February 24. The Rebels were leading at half time by five points. The final score was a 47-52 loss for RLC.

Matt Vettleson was the leading scorer for the Rebels with 17 points. Justin Nemce had eight points and six rebounds. Connor Lambert scored six and had eight rebounds. Ethan Vettleson had five points and five steals. Derek Peterson, Ben Cardinal and Brandon Wiskow all had three points. Jordon Johnson had two.

The Bears were led by Nathanael Dahl with 18 points, 18 rebounds and three steals. Trevor Rogstad had 16, Jonny Hammes with six, Ethan Dorman had five, Erick Bergman with four, and Tristen Bakke had three points.



The Red Lake County Speech members placing at the Bemidji Speech Meet: Jade Person, Sydney Melby, Jayden Iverson, and Lily Guilmette.

Bemidji Speech Tournament

By Sarah Christensen

Red Lake County speech team traveled to Bemidji on Saturday, February 25. It was a large tournament with approximately 500 students participating in it. Four students

from RLC placed in the tournament. Placing fourth in Poetry was Lily Guillemette. Jayden Iverson received an excellent ribbon in Poetry. In the Prose category Jade Person received an excellent ribbon. Sydney Melby received a superior ribbon in Humor.

Red Lake County Central vs Climax- Fisher

By Sarah Christensen

Red Lake County Central Mustangs lost to the Fisher-Climax Knights on February 28th at Climax.

This was one of the Section 8A play in games. The half time score was 25 to 32. Mustangs lost by 48-63 ending their season.

Top scorers for the Mustangs were Taylor Bushelle and Ashley Longtin both with 12 points closely followed by Julia Bernstein with eleven points. Also scoring were Jenna Pahlen with eight points, and Calyssa Eskeli with five points.

Leading scorers for the Knights were Sophie Love and Lindsey Kurz both with 16 points. Other Knights scoring were Sydney Magsam with 11 points, Mikayla Vasek with nine points, Katie Rarick with six points and Rylie Magsam with two points.



Tristyn Ferguson from RLCC took 5th place in the 170 lb weight class at the Section 8A Individual Wrestling Tournament.

Wrestling Section Tournament

By: Sydnie Gunderson

The Red Lake County Mustangs wrestling team

competed in the Section 8A Individual Wrestling Tournament at the Dilworth-

Glyndon-Felton School on February 24th and 25th.

Tristyn Ferguson at 170 pounds, Nick Pahlen in the 195 pound weight class, and Alec

Castaneda in heavy weight all placed fifth in their weight class. Also wrestling but not placing were Dylan Gustafson in the 145 pound weight class,

Bryce Bergerson at 120 pounds, Kyle Gagner at 182 pounds, and Paul DeHate in the 113 pound weight class.



At the 8A Individual Wrestling Tournament in Dilworth February 24th -25th, RLCC's Alec Castaneda came in 5th place in the heavy weight class.

Oklee Herald Early Files

Seventy Years Ago March 13, 1947

Art Melby has announced that his modern locker plant in Oklee is near completion and is expected to be in operation within a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Falardeau visited their son, Leo, at Coleraine on Sunday and also attended a ski tournament.

A surprise birthday party was held at the Richard Farrington home of Friday evening. The party was held for Mr. Farrington and Allen Bergit.

Sixty Years Ago March 7, 1957

Robert Asselin, playing a trumpet solo, Marilyn Bakke and Sharon Shoholm playing a piano duet, and Roger Boucher playing an accordion solo too top honors at a talent show sponsored by the Oklee Farmers Union Local on Saturday night.

The Oklee Bobcats came from behind in the final period to qualify for the consolation championship game on Friday afternoon.

The Men's Brotherhood of the Oklee Lutheran Parish will serve a pancake supper on Saturday night.

Fifty Years Ago March 9, 1967

Two problems have developed this week in Oklee's village water system. A drop in water pressure and the need

for increased pumping indicate a serious leak in the system.

Gary Halvorson and Allan Olson attended the wrestling match in Bemidji on Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Schumacher and Pam of Crookston visited at the Tomine Moen home Saturday afternoon.

Forty Years Ago March 10, 1977

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Willett entertained for Sunday dinner at their home in honor of the birthday of their son Tommy.

A birthday party was held Sunday afternoon at the Don Brekke home in honor of Leonard Brekke Sr. of Thief River Falls.

Joe Cyr, Oklee High School Junior finished 4th at the 1977 State Wrestling Tournament that was held at the St. Paul Civic Center last week.

Thirty Years Ago March 11, 1987

Sunday evening at the Oklee High School, there was a big reason to celebrate. The community came out en masse to congratulate two fine champions – Todd Bergeron and Greg Bishop.

Brett Rewert, son of Barry and Debbie Rewertz was baptized on Sunday, March 1st and the Presbyterian Church in Plummer.

Marc Parenteau returned home Friday forenoon from

a six day trip to Tampa, FL where he went on a business trip and visited Ron and Dellas Paradis and Mr. and Mrs. Rud Schroeder.

Twenty Years Ago March 12, 1997

A fire broke out and caused much damage to Cyr TW Hardware store in the early morning hours on Monday, March 12th. Cyr Hardware has been a part of the Oklee Community since 1917 when Frank Cyr and Gus Deymonaz formed a partnership and bought the Vigen Hardware store.

Juell and Annebelle Chervestad, daughter Dawn & Tami and their husbands, all enjoyed a couple of days skiing at Giants Ridge and snowmobiling in the Babbitt area recently.

Ten Years Ago March 8, 2007

Organizers of the Red Lake County Relay For Life 2006 were once again presented with a Nationwide Top Ten Award for fundraising.

Kyle Willett placed 3rd at the Section 8A Wrestling Tournament and Scott Bergeson placed 4th. Both are seniors at RLCC.

Many people enjoyed the annual Bingo for St. Joe's in the spring. Jess Determan was the caller for the Sunday games and Fred and Harriet Violet won a great many prizes.

Senior Site News and Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

It was such a beautiful day that I decided to travel to Bemidji to visit my nieces. I picked a good day as one of my nieces (8 years old) was performing some dances in the Mall. They had several acts which performed. They were divided into age groups. In my niece's group there were 4 girls. They were all dressed alike and all the groups did a wonderful job. They had lots of people watching. I guess it is something their teacher has them do to get experience with someone other than parents watching.

This week at the Senior Site, Brian Peterson brought in a very old plate. The plate has 1917 on the top and on the bottom there is this name. E.J Gjernes, Oklee, Minnesota. Brian's father-in-law, had received it from an Aunt of his. He thought it should go in with

other items in Oklee's History items. A huge THANK YOU for donating this plate. I'm sure many of the older Oklee-ites will remember the Gjernes family. I especially remember Iver Gjernes who ran the OK-LEE HERALD for awhile. Iver also taught school in Oklee and also played piano in some local bands.

There is a great St. Patrick's Day party after Bingo on March 16th. The party will begin about 2:00 p.m. Come and find out what the Leprechaun's have fixed for lunch! Try your luck at finding the "Pot of Gold".

I saw in today's paper that Henry Burrack had passed away. His daughter graduated from Oklee High School. Sympathy is extended the family.

Date to Remember

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

It is foggy and damp today. Not very conducive to sunny personalities but there are those who do not let the weather get them down. One of those people just got back from winter runaways and we are so happy to see that Del and Cindy Determan have come home. Welcome back Del and sunny Cindy. They always breathe a little more cheer into the community.

Did you know that the Brooks Community Credit Union is 70 years old? Wow time flies. Anyway, they are holding their 70th anniversary meeting on March 16th at 7:00 pm. at the Brooks Community Hall. Everyone welcome. There is information on many kinds of banking services and any questions you might have, you can ask at this meeting. Banking services are available to you through this business, as well as savings services. Come on March 16th have a cup of coffee and join in the fun. There also will be door prizes I am told.

Brianna Wanner of Bismarck, and her children Andrew and James and Felicity are visiting with Del and Cindy Determan this week. Grandma is getting back into child care for a couple of days after being on vacation all winter.

Cindy and Del Determan have returned from a winter trip. They traveled from Minnesota to Wisconsin, to Oklahoma, to Texas (for two weeks) where they went hog hunting, Del got two this year, and Cindy picked up her mounted Deer head from last year. This was a visit to Pat and Virgil Bloom's home in Boerne that they visit every year and enjoy the hunting in the area. They also visited the South Padre Island for a week. They also spent two weeks in Honduras on an Island called Roatan, that

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.

is a beautiful tropical place.

Red Hats will meet on March 15th at the Cozy Bar and Grill. Everyone welcome and bring a friend. No real rules for this but to want to enjoy dinner with friends. Come and get it. Time, 11:30 to eat.

I was sent a notice that our own Pam (Parenteau) Daly will be in a movie being shown on Hallmark Channel this month. Pam is a beautiful lady and like her Mom, very talented. The next two dates for the movie will be March 17th at 6 o'clock CST and March 27th at 6 O'clock CST. Now I am wondering about the daylight savings time how it will affect this time for television. If you would like to see this movie I guess you will have to monitor

Feb. 16: Site council meets 10 a.m. St. Patrick's Day Party at 2:00 p.m.

Feb. 17: - Birthday Meal

Feb. 21: - Pot Luck Meal

Words of Wisdom

Complacency never solved a problem.

Regardless of how much you read, your brain is hungry for more.

Joke Time

Doris Beasley invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to her six year old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?"

"I wouldn't know what to say," the little girl replied.

"Just say what you hear Mommy say," the mother said.

The little girl bowed her head and said, "Dear Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"

Red Lake County Extension Educator

Curtis W. Nyegaard - 218-253-2895

Custom Farm Work Rates

The U S Department of Agriculture and the North Dakota University Extension Service has completed a custom rate survey that they conducted at the end of the 2016 growing season.

This survey is available on the web by going to <http://bit.ly/2016NDCustomRatesSurvey>.

The custom rate survey is conducted every three years and includes data on harvesting, drying and hauling of crops, seed preparation, hauling hay and livestock, and other operations. The 2016 survey summarized more than 2,600 reports from farmers and ranchers, aerial sprayers, elevators, custom harvesters and other custom operations. Also included in the survey are reported rental rates for tractors, combines, corn heads, grain carts, swathers and field rollers. The survey also included a question on the price of diesel fuel that producers were paying at the time.

Because this survey is conducted every third year and fuel cost is one of the more volatile components of operating costs, this presents a reference for any adjustments in changes between surveys. The data for 2016 is summarized for the state as a whole. The publication also shows the number of reports, the range in rates, most frequently reported rate and the average rate for each operation. Custom rates include charges for equipment, tractor or power used, fuel, repairs and operator labor. Rates vary because of local supply and demand and costs of custom operators. Some low rates may represent charges by a farmer who did custom work to help out a neighbor but was not concerned about recovering full costs.

Custom operators who perform these operations as main source of income would be expected to set rates that cover average operating costs, depreciation, return on investment, labor and management. These rates are published as a guide in establishing rates for custom work, comparing ownership or leasing costs with custom rates for custom work and settling accounts when two or more people exchange work. Custom rates should not be confused with the cost of owning and operating farm machinery. Presumably custom rates are set with knowledge of the true cost of owning and operating machinery.

In practice, this not always the case. For example, the average custom rate reported for field cultivation is \$9.36, while an economic engineering approach suggests a range of costs from \$5.57 to \$7.09 per acre, depending on the size of the equipment. Likewise, the average rate for combining corn is \$35.13 per acre, while the economic cost estimate is \$29.05 to \$46.36 depending on machine size.

Custom rates represent a market derived price. They reflect the supply of and demand for the services rendered, which include the use of the machine, power, fuel repairs and the operator. Custom rates are to machinery services as market prices are to commodities. Custom rates may deviate from the cost of machinery ownership and operation, just as the market price for commodities deviates from the cost of producing the commodity.

Ownership and operating costs represent an accounting of all the resources used. These costs

include depreciation, interest, repairs, fuel, taxes, insurance, housing and labor. Supply and demand will impact the price paid for machinery, which will then affect ownership costs. However, once a machine has been purchased, the ownership cost becomes fixed relative to the life of that machine.

To obtain a copy of the publication "CUSTOM RATES SURVEY", go to the web site <http://bit.ly/2016NDCustomRatesSurvey>; if you have questions about the information in the publication, you can contact Ron Haugen, N D S U Farm Management Economist by email at ronald.haugen@ndsu.edu.

Source: N D S U Extension publication, EC499 CUSTOM FARM WORK RATES by Ron Haugen; N D S U Farm Management Economist.

Who's Dat?



Who's Dat

This week's photo is from a parade in 1958 celebrating the 100th State of Minnesota anniversary. Do you know who it on the float?

Last week's photo was of Elmer and Doris Hanson, which most would know if they are from Oklee. The unknown was the child sitting with them. The little boy was the last foster child Elmer & Doris took into their home and his name was Dominic. The picture was from around 2003, so Dominic would be all grown up now.



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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Centennial Recipe Corner

Reuben Casserole Diane Dessellier

- 1 (14 oz) can sauerkraut, rinsed and well drained
- 1 cup Thousand Island salad dressing
- 1 lb thinly sliced deli corned beef, cut into strips
- 2 cups shredded Swiss cheese
- 4 to 6 slices rye bread, buttered.

Combine sauerkraut and salad dressing and spread into a greased 13 x 9 x 2 baking dish. Top with corned beef and cheese. Place bread, buttered side up over the top. Bake uncovered at 375 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes or until heated through and bubbly. 4 servings.

