

Oklee Precipitation
By Einar Kvasager

	Rain	Snow
March 6	Trace	
March 7		Trace
March 8		2.00
Total in.	0.00	2.00

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The Year in Review

November 2, 2016:

Jim Mondloch, watercolor artist shared his talents with the students of Mr. Michael Illies and Mrs. Roberta Aakus. The seventh and eighth graders and the art students painted with Mr. Mondloch the week of November 7th – 11th.

RLC Rebels and the RLCC Volleyball players held their Parent's Night

Red Lake County ended a tough regular season with a 30-8 loss to the Lake Park-Audubon Raiders on October 20th at the Fargo Dome. The loss ends the regular season for the Rebels at 1-7.

Day of Caring is an opportunity for the students at Red Lake County Central High School to show their appreciation for the communities and individuals that support RLCC in so many ways. RLCC students give back to the communities by doing fall clean-up during the annual Day of Caring. Students at RLCC HS showed their appreciation by raking people's yard, cleaning their yard, trimming branches, washing windows and many other things that people had requested that the students could do to help them get fall tasks done.

The class of 1981 had their 35th class reunion on the evening of October 22nd, 2016. Attending members of the class enjoyed a tour down memory lane at the Oklee High School, were treated to a hayride chauffeured by a 1980 graduate, Larry "Snooky" Olson, and spent the evening reminiscing at the Oklee Inn.

It is fall and it is raining, again, outside this morning. It is Halloween today. The temps aren't too bad outside though and snow suits aren't necessary under the costumes for the kids.

November 9, 2016

Camping, winterization and audit discussed at City Council meeting held in October. Sheriff Bernstein talked briefly on the nuisance properties the city

has been working with. The last property has been sold and the case will be dismissed, Bernstein reported.

Kurt Ellefson, Veteran's Service Officer for Red Lake County came before the Board to update them on what he has done over the past year, but to also let them know he is now going to be the VSO for Polk County full time but will still continue to work with Red Lake County.

The Oklee American Legion Auxiliary is turning 97 years old this year!

Jennifer Johnson, daughter of Catherine Johnson and Jeremiah Johnson was the winner of the jar of candy by guessing 152 and the correct answers was 150.

RLCC High School students participated in Minnesota Students Vote 2016, a program sponsored by the Minnesota Secretary of State Steve Simon. There were 280 Minnesota High Schools who participated with 190,000 ballots cast. It is a program to engage students in the voting process and to get involved in as adults.

Head Start and RLCC ECFE enjoyed a visit from some of the local firemen and a tour of the fire station during fire prevention week.

It's November and can you believe this weather? Yesterday the thermometer showed 72° and today it is already 64° at 11:00 a.m.

The Brooks Community Hall was the site of an American Cancer Society fundraiser on Saturday, October 29th. Volunteers and friends of the Red Lake County chapter of the ACS hosted 11 tables and 86 women enjoyed a noon meal that was prepared by the hosts.

November 16, 2016:

Stanley Solheim, Pat Del Rosario, Ron & Cindy Stonehouse and Andy & Karen Peterson made a 16 day bus tour to the following areas: Niagara Falls, Ontario; Boston; Acadia National Park in Maine; Cape Cod; New York City; Washington D.C. and Gettysburg.

The October Students of the Month at Red Lake County Central High School were Linsey Thompson for Senior High and Derek Peterson for Junior High. Nominating teachers were Mrs. Patty Mickelson and Mr. Kory Baril.

RLCC seniors Tera Qualley, Natalie Aakhus, Dede Walton, and Makay Berns sang in the High School Honor Choir at the 2016 Northland Music Festival.

Simple, Affordable Colon Cancer Tests Leave You With Options

American Cancer Society reminds adults 50 or older that colon cancer can be prevented.

(Red Lake County, MN) – March 6, 2017 – March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, and the American Cancer Society emphasizes that one of the most important steps you can take if you're 50 or older is to get tested for the disease.

Colorectal cancer (also called colon cancer) is the second-leading cause of cancer death in the U.S. when men and women are combined. It's also one of only a few cancers that can be prevented through screening. Further, it can often be successfully treated if found early. The 5-year survival rate is around 90% for colorectal cancers detected in their earliest stage.

If you're age 50 or older, talk to your health care provider about getting tested – even if no one in your family has had colon cancer. You might need to start colon cancer screening earlier if a parent, sibling, or child has ever had colon cancer or polyps. There is also more than one type of test for colon cancer, so ask about the different ways you can be screened, including simple take-home options.

Along with screening recommendations and reminders, the American Cancer Society is currently funding 93 research grants, totaling more than \$53 million, to help save lives from colorectal cancer. The Society continues to invest in research to help find answers to critical questions about colorectal cancer. Those answers include: what causes it; how can it be prevented, detected, and treat-

The weather this past week has been phenomenal. It has been warm, sunny, and not too windy except for the weekend. Now it is Monday and rather gloomy so far but it promises to be nicer toward the afternoon.

November 23, 2016:

A Veterans Day Program was held Friday, November 11th, 2016 at the Robert Matzke Gymnasium in the Red Lake Falls High School. Their school invited the Red Lake County Central Schools and community members to attend "A Day of Remembrance" program to recognize all veterans who have served our country. Guest speaker was John Kriesel from Cottage Grove, MN who joined the Army National Guard at age 17.

Poplar Meadow resident and former Oklee resident, Leona Brekke (Nov. 18th, 98 years old) celebrated her birthday.

Each year the Red Lake County Central junior high band or choir take a trip to a musical performance. This year they went to "Mary Poppins," the Broadway Musical. The evening musical performance was held by the Bemidji Community Theater.

Tom Fisher won the "Big Buck" contest at the Plummer American Legion with a weight of 204 pounds.

November 30, 2016:

On November 20th, the Annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Day service was held at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church. This event has been a staple of the Oklee Community for many years and enjoyed by many in attendance.

"Hail Minnesota" and "America" were just a few of the songs performed by the combined Choirs at RLCC Fall Music Concert held on November 21st.

The Red Lake County Central Student Senate hosted the North West Division Student Council Fall Summit November 16th in Oklee. Sixteen schools attended with approximately 350 students in attendance. The theme was 1 in a minion.

RLCC sophomores and students from 15 other schools attended the Northern Advantage Career Expo where there were many exhibits about business, careers, and colleges.

Sunday was very foggy in some places in the area.

The area has lucked out with the snow but there is another system coming that may hit us. We were lucky we didn't get more rain or snow here.

The funeral for former Oklee Mayor Clay Haugen took place on Saturday.

Garden Valley Education Foundation Awards School Technology Grants



Garden Valley CEO/General Manager Tim Brinkman and Garden Valley Director Jerry Freitag are shown presenting a \$5,000 Education Foundation technology grant, for the RLCC Public School, to RLCC/RLF School Superintendent Jim Guetter (left).



Garden Valley CEO/General Manager Tim Brinkman and Garden Valley Director Arlene Novak are shown presenting a \$5,000 Education Foundation technology grant, for the Red Lake Falls Public School, to RLCC/RLF School Superintendent Jim Guetter (left).

The Garden Valley Education Foundation continued its technology grant program with the presentation of a \$5,000 grant to both Red Lake Falls and Red Lake County Central Public Schools. The technology grants will be used to help purchase 130 Chromebooks and security equipment. Garden Valley CEO/General Manager

Tim Brinkman and Garden Valley Directors Jerry Freitag (Plummer) and Arlene Novak (Red Lake Falls) presented the technology grant checks to Red Lake County Central and Red Lake Falls Superintendent Jim Guetter.

The Garden Valley Education Foundation was established in late 1990, by Garden

Valley Telephone Company, to promote rural economic development through the use of modern telecommunications technology for educational purposes. The Education Foundation is funded by Garden Valley Telephone Company through the use of unclaimed capital credits.

Pennington – Red Lake County Soybean/Corn Growers elect new Directors & new President

The Pennington – Red Lake County Soybean/Corn Growers recently met in Red Lake Falls to re-organize their county association and to recognize outgoing directors Kyle Mehrkens (St. Hilaire) and Kevin Amiot (Red Lake Falls). Mehrkens has served as president since 2008 and Amiot has served as the state Minnesota Soybean Growers Association director for the county.

Elected to the county association are Jeremiah Hasnedl from St. Hilaire and David Miller from Red Lake Falls. Both directors said they are excited to be a part of the county association and are looking forward to working to promote soybeans and corn in the county.

Tom Scholin, Thief River Falls was elected to serve as the president, David Miller, Red Lake Falls is the new Vice president, Daren Asp, St. Hilaire will serve as secretary and Garrett Novak continues to serve as treasurer. Hasnedl was elected to replace Amiot on the MSGA board of directors.

President Tom Scholin thanked the outgoing directors for their dedication to the county and state organizations and welcomed the new directors.

The Pennington – Red Lake County Soybean/Corn Growers is affiliated with the Minnesota Soybean Research & Promotion Council, which oversees the investment of



Tom Scholin (left) was elected to serve as president. Red Lake County Extension Educator Curt Nygaard (right).

soybean checkoff dollars on behalf of approximately 25,000 farmers in Minnesota. The Council is governed by the rules of a federally mandated checkoff program that requires all soybean producers pay a fee on the soybeans they sell.

This money is used to promote, educate and develop market opportunities for soybeans.

For questions or more information, contact Lorri Ann Hartel at lhartel@prairieagcomm.com or 218-686-6144.

Calendar of Events

- 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.
- Wed, Mar. 22:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
- Thu, Mar. 23:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
- Fri, Mar. 24:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
- Sat, Mar. 25:**
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!
- Sun, Mar. 26:**
-Worship at the church of your choice.
- Mon, Mar. 27:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
- Tue, Mar. 28:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards
- Wed, Mar. 29:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.



Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Margaret Jacobus
Wed, Mar. 15: Lenten Service – 6:30 p.m. Soup N Sandwich, 7:30 p.m. at Zion.
Sun, Mar. 19: 9:00 a.m. SS at Salem. 10:15 a.m. SS at Zion. 10:30 a.m. Salem.
Mon, Mar. 20: 9:00 a.m. Last day of Quilting at Zion.
Wed, Mar. 22: 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. 19: 7:30 a.m. Confessions 8:00 a.m. Mass.

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

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Wed, Mar. 15: 6:30 p.m. Soup N Sandwich at Immanuel followed by Lenten Service at 7:00 p.m.
Sun, Mar. 19: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Immanuel. 10:15 a.m. SS at Immanuel. 6:00 p.m. Bible Study at Ebenezer. 7:00 p.m. Worship at Ebenezer.
Wed, Mar. 22: 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service at Ebenezer.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Wed, Mar. 15: Lenten-6:30 p.m. Supper, 7:00 p.m. Service at Faith.
Sun, Mar. 19: 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. 20: 9:30 a.m. Faith Quilting.
Wed, Mar. 22: Lenten-6:30 p.m. Supper, 7:00 p.m. Service at Bethany.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive – Nazareth Oak Park – St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
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.
Thu, Mar. 16: 6:30 p.m. Lenten Services followed by Bible Study at St. Petri.
Sat, Mar. 18: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.

Sun, Mar. 19: 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. 21: 5:30 p.m. Lenten Services followed by Bible Study at Mt. Olive.
Wed, Mar. 22: 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.

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

Wed, Mar. 15: 6:30 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Thu, Mar. 16: 12:00 p.m. Rotary.
Fri, Mar. 17: 8:45 a.m. Friday School.
Sun, Mar. 19: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:50 a.m. Sunday School.
Tue, Mar. 21: 6:30 p.m. Bible Study.
Wed, Mar. 22: 6:30 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Wed, Mar. 15: 2 p.m. Sand Valley WELCA. 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service at Bethany.
Sun, Mar. 19: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Lund. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Sand Valley.
Wed, Mar. 22: 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service at Lund.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston
Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor
Sun, Mar. 15: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship.

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



Brooks Residents:
The Oklee Herald is trying to find out where the issue is because delivery has failed twice this year. Please let me know if you are having issues. Email: okleeherald@gmail.com or call the office (218) 796-5851 and let me know.

RED LAKE COUNTY BASEBALL
18th Annual Walleye Fish Fry
Saturday, March 25, 2017
Serving from 5:00 to 9 p.m.
PROCEEDS BENEFIT EQUIPMENT NEEDS OF THE PROGRAM.
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MEAL: Fish, Corn, Baked Potato, and Salad Bar
PREPAID: 1 fillet \$12 2 fillets \$15
AT THE DOOR: 1 fillet \$13 2 fillets \$16

Happy March Everyone, Thinking of donating to the Oklee Food Shelf?

Oklee Food Shelf (ICCC) always appreciate all donations (food or cash) anytime during the year. We would like to bring to your attention about the March Campaign that is held every year through the Minnesota Food Share Program, it has been going since 1983.

Every dollar given during the Campaign goes directly to the Food Shelves to purchase about \$4.00 worth of food. That is because we can purchase through the local food bank and if we buy in bulk, some stores offer us a discount.

Cash donations allow food shelves to purchase food items

that we don't usually receive thru food drives, such as meats.

The important thing to remember is that March is the only time of the year that people can leverage additional dollars for our food shelf from donations.

Food and Cash must be at our office by March 30th in order to be counted in the Campaign. Our office is open from 8:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M., Monday thru Friday. If you have any questions, call Tracy at 218-796-5144 Ext. 14.

Thank you again for supporting the Oklee Food Shelf!

ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the Brooks Community Homes will be held on Wednesday, March 15, 2017, at 7:00 PM at the Community Hall in Brooks. The purpose of the meeting is to present financial reports, and elect two Directors. Prize drawings will be held and a light lunch will be served.

ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the Plummer Community Homes, Inc. will be held on Monday, March 20, 2017, at 4:00 PM at the Emardville Hall in Plummer. The purpose of the meeting is to present financial reports and elect three Directors. Prize drawings will be held and lunch will be served.

ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the Oklee Community Homes, Inc. will be held on Wednesday, March 22, 2017, at 6:30 PM at the Senior Center in Oklee. The purpose of the meeting is to present financial reports and elect three Directors. Prize drawings will be held.

“Put Your Best Fork Forward” at the Dinner Table During National Nutrition Month, Says Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics

Parents are the most important role models for their children. For National Nutrition Month®, celebrated each March, the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics encourages parents to “Put Your Best Fork Forward” by modeling healthful eating habits – one forkful at a time.

“Cooking from scratch will yield health benefits for you and your family,” says registered dietitian nutritionist and Academy spokesperson Jennifer Bruning. “Serve regular, balanced meals and snacks with a variety of nutrient-rich foods, and enjoy family dinners each night or

as often as possible.”

Nutrient-dense options — foods packed with important nutrients — are naturally lean or low in solid fats and have little or no added solid fats, sugars or sodium.

Bruning suggests small changes families can make to their eating habits:

Start the family's day with a nutritious breakfast.

During each meal, fill half your plate with fruits and vegetables.

Make at least half of the grains you eat whole grains.

Talk positively about eating healthy foods. Your kids are listening.

Work with a registered dietitian nutritionist to create a plan that works best for you and your family.

Making small changes in the kitchen is just one part of becoming healthier over time. Improving overall well-being requires a lifelong commitment to healthful lifestyle behaviors, including daily physical activity. Parents can provide opportunities and encourage their children to spend time each day playing fun, physical activities.

“The first thing parents can do is set a good example by being physically active,” says Bruning. “An easy way is by planning an activity hour twice a week where parents and their kids can play a sport or physically active game together.”

As part of National Nutrition Month the Academy's website includes articles, recipes, videos and educational resources to spread the message of good nutrition and an overall healthy lifestyle for people of all ages, genders and backgrounds. Consumers can also follow National Nutrition Month on Facebook and Twitter (#NationalNutritionMonth).

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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.

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. Thank you to all who attended last week's Flamenco Music & Dance event. The next Legacy program, Window Fancies make & take mosaic glass suncatcher class on March 28 is now filled. Attendees are asked to call library if for any reason you are unable to attend. Class begins at 5:00 pm.

New adult nonfiction: “A Time of Scandal,” Charles R. Forbes, Warren G. Harding and the making of the Veterans Bureau, by Rosemary Stevens; “the truth behind one of the most colorful scandals in American political history;” “Love from Heaven,” practicing compassion for yourself and others, by Lorna Byrne; “The Wonder Weeks Milestone Guide,” your baby's development, sleep and crying explained, by Xavier Plas; and “The Temporary Bride,” a memoir of love and food in Iran, by Jennifer Klinec.

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.

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special needs more comfortable, safe and convenient method of transportation. All of our buses are handicapped accessible and lift-equipped. All of our drivers are trained and certified.

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

For Polk, Red Lake and Clearwater county stops:

Every Monday – Grand Forks.

Every 2nd Tuesday – Mahanomen.

Every 4th Tuesday – Thief River Falls

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

Every 2nd & 4th Friday – Bemidji.

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RLCC Menus

March 20 - 24 Oklee

Mon: Breakfast: Ham & cheese croissants, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Sub sandwich, fresh vegetable, chips, fresh fruit, and milk.

Tue: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken burgers, au gratin potatoes, vegetable, fruit, and milk.

Wed: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Pulled pork or BBQ chicken, baked beans, potato salad, fruit, and milk.

Thu: Breakfast: French toast, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Chili, garlic toast, corn chips, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

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

Plummer

Mon: Breakfast: Waffles, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Nachos (hamburger, cheese, lettuce, sour cream, salsa), cottage cheese, muffin, fruit, and milk.

Tue: Breakfast: Long john roll, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, baked potatoes, beets, buttered bread, fruit, and milk.

Wed: Breakfast: Egg wrap, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Meatballs, mashed potatoes, gravy, seasoned carrots, dinner roll, fruit, and milk.

Thu: Breakfast: Coffee cake, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Hamburger w/ bun, cheese, curly fries, broccoli Normandy, fruit, and milk.

Fri: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Fish sticks, baby bakes, peas & carrots, plain or buttered bread, fruit, and milk.

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.

Patriots beat the Rebels

By: Julia Bernstein

The Red Lake County Rebels played the Win-E-Mac Patriots Monday, February 27th in Oklee, this being the final game of the regular season. The final score of the game was 69-40, Patriots winning.

The leading scorers for the Rebels were Ethan Vettleson who had a double-double with 12 points and 10 rebounds, and Justin Nemec also with 12 points. Also scoring for the Rebels were Derek Peterson with five points, Matt Vettleson five points and seven rebounds, Isiah Olson three, and John Renner three.

Hunter Chaput was the leading scorer for the WEM with 23 points. Also scoring for WEM were Micah Olson with 17 points, Marcos Lopez with 10 and eight rebounds, Kolton Stuhau eight, Brekken Lindberg six with seven rebounds, Blake Glass four, and Mason Spry one.

RLCC Sports Schedules

RLC Rebel Varsity Boys Basketball

Fri, Mar. 17: Section 8A Final at REA in TRF. TBD
Mar. 22-25: State Tournament-various locations-TBD

Wednesday, March 15, 2017



Shelby Gunderson was nominated to represent RLCC for the Triple “A” (Academic, Arts, and Athletics) Award. She is pictured with Jim Weinzierl, Executive Secretary of the Region, and Randy Huie; Board Member Region 8A.

RLCC’s Triple “A” nominee, Shelby Gunderson

By: Julia Bernstein

Shelby Gunderson, Red Lake County Central High School senior, was selected to represent RLCC in the Academics, Arts and Athletics Award program, Principal Randy Pederson announced in February.

Established in 1988, the Academics, Arts and Athletics Award (Triple “A” Award) is sponsored by the Minnesota State High School League. The award goes to a high school seniors who have a ‘B’ or better grade point average

and who participate in the League-sponsored athletic and fine art activities.

Gunderson is the daughter of Jamey and Suzie Gunderson. She currently has a 3.6 gpa including taking the following online college courses: Cultural Anthropology, General Psychology, Abnormal Psychology, and Public Speaking. Gunderson is on the “B” honor roll and is involved in National Honor Society and Knowledge Bowl. For academics she enjoys the Social Science area the most.

For arts, she was in choir for one year and band for two years. She also was a member of the speech team for four years and competes in Prose and Great Speeches. Her favorite is speech. For athletics Gunderson participated in volleyball for six years and basketball for two. Volleyball has been her favorite sport.

Gunderson’s future plans include attending Northland Community and Technical College in Thief River Falls finishing her AA degree.



RLC Rebel Justin Nemec shooting a free throw against the Patriots.



Matt Vettleson passing the ball to Jordan Johnson during the Rebels game against the Patriots.



RLCC seventh and eighth graders enjoyed a fun day in Grand Forks. Pictured are some students jumping and dunking at Northern Air.

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.

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.



RLC Matt Vettleson is going up for the ball along with a Sacred Heart Eagles player.

Red Lake County vs Sacred Heart

By Sarah Christensen

The Red Lake County Rebels boys’ basketball played the Section 8A Pig Tail Game at Sacred Heart on Monday, March 6th, 2017. The Rebels lost by seven points (53-60) ending their season. The Rebels shot 35% and the Eagles shot 36%. From the free-throw line the Rebels shot 53% and Eagles shot 54%.

Leading the Rebels in scoring was Ethan Vettleson with 14 points, 13 rebounds and five steals closely followed by Brandon Wiskow with 13 points including three three-pointers. Also scoring for the

Rebels were Ben Cardinal with 10 points, Justin Nemec with five points, Matt Vettleson with five points, Jordan Johnson with four points, and Isiah Olson with two points.

Top scorer for the Eagles was Jordan Tomkinson with 20 points and nine rebounds. Jack Gerber scored 16 points and eight rebounds. Brenden Bethke had eight points, three steals, and seven rebounds for the Eagles. Evan Szczepanski added six points, John Bergman four points, Noah Chine four points, and Jack Fontaine two points.



Coach Steve Pillion going over game plans with the Rebels during the Pig Tail game.



RLCC seventh graders Nolan Magnell, Afton Benoit, and Skylar Longtin playing in the foam pit at Northern Air.

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Breakfast with Dads at RLCC Elementary



The RLCC Elementary sponsored a Breakfast with Dad event serving 316 dads and children.

Submitted by Andrea Eskeli
No matter what age you are, no matter where you are in life, everyone has a “dad” of some fashion who has been a role model in their lives. “Dad” is a very powerful word, and a very complex yet rewarding position to fill. Whether your “dad” is the man who created you or a man who inspired you, this is a position not to be taken lightly by those who take the job, nor by those seeking guidance and support.

All year at Red Lake County Central Elementary, we work hard to ensure that the kids at our school are getting a well-rounded education from every adult in the building. We not only teach them to read, write, to do math, and to spell, but we try our best to teach them to show respect for everyone, to learn from each other, to be proud of themselves for everything they accomplish, and to persevere even when you feel like quitting. No matter how much we try, no matter how many tests we administer, no matter how many lessons we teach in school, there is no greater lesson than that taught to a child by the presence of a “dad.”

Every year at RLCC Elementary, we host Breakfast with Dads. Everyone chips in. The custodians set up early and make sure the school is



The dads and students patiently waiting to be served at the Breakfast with Dad, an appreciation event sponsored by the RLCC Elementary.

sparkling. Mrs. Judy Morinville and Mrs. Vicky Gustafson take the tickets, the cooks make a delicious breakfast, the para-professionals serve coffee and assist in any way that they can. This year even Mrs. Lisa Sorenson, the Librarian, did the dishes while Mr. Andy Fougner, the Principal, made sure kids are getting safely dropped off and everything is

running smoothly. Seeing all of the “dads” proudly escorted by their kids makes everyone smile from the inside out!

At Breakfast with Dads last year we served 285 people and this year we served 316. Breakfast with “Moms” will be held on March 30th. We would like to take this opportunity to be thankful for our community. We are thankful for our Faculty

and Staff who so kindly pull together to help make these events so meaningful for students. We are SO thankful for the “dads” who guide ALL of our area youth, and we are grateful beyond words for our students who so proudly share their “dads” with us here at the school. We look forward to seeing all of the great “dads” next year.

RLC Speech goes to Walker

By: Hannah Riendeau
Red Lake County speech team went to Walker Saturday, March 4. The speech meet was a big event with larger schools including Duluth and Moorhead.

The RLC Speech Team results were Lily Guillemette first in Poetry; Jayden Fore, Superior Ribbon Creative Expression; and Jade Person, Excellent Ribbon Humor.

Sub-Regional Knowledge Bowl

By: Hannah Riendeau
The Sub-Regional Knowledge Bowl competition was held Wednesday, March 1 at Thief River Falls. Red Lake County Central took five people: Kelsie Sirjord, Angel Auman, Shelby Gunderson, Taylor Bushelle, and Ashley Longtin. RLCC came in 22nd place.

The first six teams were Bemidji Blue, Norman County Gold, Tri-County, Kittson County Central Red, Fosston Maroon, and Blackduck Gold.

Upcoming Events for RLCC High School

By: Sarah Christensen
The end of the quarter at Red Lake County Central is quickly approaching. Many upcoming events will be happening in the next few months.

Upcoming events for March include:

Friday, March 17 – End of 3rd quarter and Early Out

Monday, March 20 – Softball practice begins

Wednesday, March 22 – Vocal Ensembles

Sunday, March 26 – Boys’ Basketball Awards Potluck in Plummer

Sunday-Monday, March 26-27 – French Club Trip to Winnipeg

Thursday, March 30 – High School Conferences, 4-8 pm

Events scheduled for the month of April:

Tuesday, April 4 – Band and

Choir Concert
Monday, April 10 – Academic Banquet

Saturday, April 29 – Prom
For May events, please note the additional student days and change of time for Graduation.

Friday, May 26 – Last student day (due to snow make up days) and Early Out

Friday, May 26 – Graduation 5:30 pm.

Rebels Basketball Awards Potluck is March 26

The annual Red Lake County Boys’ Basketball Awards Potluck will be held at the Plummer gym on Sunday, March 26 at 5:30 pm. This is for all Red Lake County boys’ basketball players in grades 7-12 and their families and friends. Please plan to attend.

There will be open gym following the awards if anyone wants to stay and play some ball. Any questions, call Steve Phillion at 218-253-2499.

RLCC’s End of 3rd quarter is March 17

By Sarah Christensen
Red Lake County Central High School and Elementary School third quarter ends on Friday, March 17th. Report cards will go home with High School students on Thursday, March 23rd.

Parent Teacher Conferences for the Elementary will be held on Tuesday, March 28th from 4-8 pm. For the High School, conferences will be on Thursday, March 30th at 4-8 pm.

March 17 Early out at RLCC

By: Hannah Riendeau
Red Lake County High School and Elementary School will have an early out on Friday, March 17. School will be dismissed three hours early and buses will be leaving three hours earlier. The afternoon will be Staff Development for teachers.



RLCC Student Senate hosted the Northwest Division Spring Student Council Summit. After a day of work the RLCC Student Senate kicked back and took a picture. RLCC Student Senate included: (L to R) Natalie Aakhus, Jade Pearson, Ashley Longtin, Advisor Mr. Randy Huie, Megan Berberich, Julia Bernstein, Taylor Bushelle, Sydney Melby, Angel Auman, Karena Melby, Tera Qualley, Dawson Rystad, Lynsey Morris, Kia Bachand, Taya Mornville, Jenna Pahlen, Tyler Eskeli, and Calyssa Eskeli.

2017 Spring Student Council Summit

By: Julia Bernstein
The Northwest Division Spring Student Council Summit was held Thursday, March 9 at the Red Lake County High School. Taylor Bushelle was the current President of the division so RLCC had the honor of hosting the Summit.

The day started off with a welcome speech by RLCC Principal Mr. Randy Pederson followed by an icebreaker game. The students got pipe cleaners with three of the same color of beads. They had to find three other students who had different color in order to win. After the icebreaker game the executive board candidates gave a two minute speech on why they should be voted for office.

There was a primary vote for the President and Vice President candidates. Running for President were Brandon Stanley from Goodridge, Brayden Sorenson from Fosston, and Kathryn Kurta from Thief River Falls. For Vice President it was between Madison Paulson from Goodridge, Carlye Kiesow from Grygla, and Sydney Melby from RLCC. The top two candidates who made to the final vote was Braydon Sorenson and Kathryn Kruta and for Vice President Carlye Kiesow and

Sydney Melby. Abbey Johnson and Jade Person also made it to the final vote for Treasurer.

After lunch each of the candidates were asked various questions about why they were running for the position. After the questioning there was a final vote for President, Vice President, and Treasurer. Kathryn Kruta won the final vote for President, Carlye Kiesow won for Vice President, and Hailey Vad won for Secretary, Abbey Johnson for Treasurer, and Bailey Watne and Calyssa Eskeli for Representatives.

Since there were only two candidates running for Representatives and three spots open any candidate from any office who didn’t win in the final round was eligible to run for Representative. There was another round of questions and closing speeches with Brayden Sorenson being voted to fill the third Representative position.

Since the RLCC Student Council was the host of the Summit, the members were responsible for planning and setting up the event. The student council members made all of the posters and decorations for the Summit. They were led by RLCC Student Senate Advisor Mr. Randy Huie.



Candidates running for Northwest Division Student Council offices with their posters and a time to campaign.



Hypnotist Terry Sundby was the entertainment for the Northwest Division of Student Councils Spring Summit held March 9th at Oklee.

Regional Ag News

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Blastomycosis in Dogs: Has Taken Life in NW MN

Blastomycosis is a systematic yeast-like fungal infection caused by the organism *Blastomyces dermatitidis*, which is commonly found in decaying wood and soil. Blastomycosis occurs most frequently in male dogs, but female dogs are also susceptible.

Dogs that are frequently exposed to environments where *Blastomyces dermatitidis* exists are at increased risk.

This is particularly so with large-breed dogs weighing at least 55 lbs (25 kg), and especially sporting breeds. The *Blastomyces* fungus thrives in wet environments, such as riverbanks, lakes and swamps, where damp soil lacking direct sunlight fosters growth of the fungus. It is also present in areas that are rich in decaying matter, such as wooded areas, forests, and farms. It is a naturally occurring North American fungus, with the highest prevalence of infection taking place in geographic areas located near water -- such as the Mississippi, Ohio, Missouri, and Tennessee River basins. Studies have concluded that most affected dogs live within at least 400 meters of a body of water.

Symptoms and Types
Fever
Loss of appetite (anorexia)
Weight loss
Eye discharge
Eye inflammation, specifically the *iris*
Difficulty breathing (e.g., coughing, wheezing and other unusual breathing sounds)
Skin lesions, which are frequently filled with *pus*

Causes
Blastomycosis typically occurs when the dog inhales the airborne fungal spores of the *genus Blastomyces dermatitidis* after the contaminated soil has been disturbed. This can be from an activity as *benign* as digging in the dirt or following a scent trail. The spores can also enter through the skin. Exposure to areas with water, decaying matter, or recently excavated areas increase the risk of exposure to the fungus and consequent development of the disease.

Diagnosis
Care must be taken to test properly for this condition, since it is commonly misdiagnosed, which can lead to permanent or fatal damage. It may be mistaken for cancer and mistreated, or it may be mistaken for a lung infection of bacterial origin and treated with antibiotics, which puts your pet at greater risk. If your pet has been in an environment where the *Blastomyces* fungus may have been present, at any time in the six weeks previous to the onset of symptoms, you will want to ask your veterinarian to test for fungal infection.

The best methods for diagnosing blastomycosis is an examination of the cells in the *lymph nodes*, an analysis of fluid drained from skin lesions, a tracheal wash for collecting *trachea* (windpipe)

fluids, and an examination of lung tissues. Tissue samples may also be taken to check for the presence of fungal organisms, especially if there is no productive cough (productive, meaning that fluids are produced). Other tests that may help diagnose blastomycosis include a urine analysis, and an X-ray of the dog's lungs.

Treatment
Treatment is generally done at home, using oral dosages of an antifungal medication. The medication is relatively expensive and must be administered for a minimum of 60 days, or one month after all signs of blastomycosis have disappeared. Dogs with severe difficulty breathing (a condition known as *dyspnea*) may require an supplemental oxygen until lung condition has improved. The preferred antifungal at the moment for dogs diagnosed with this infection is Itraconazole, which is better tolerated and has fewer side effects than older antifungal drugs. It is recommend a nutraceutical called quantum nucleotide, which helps to stimulate an immediate immune system reaction, as well as oil of oregano in capsule form, which is excellent support for a body fighting a fungal infection.

In severely prolonged infections, or when medication has not cured the infection, surgery may be necessary in order to remove part of an abscessed lobe in damaged lungs.

Living and Management
Continue to give the necessary antifungal medication regularly and limit the dog's physical activities -- this will help it avoid straining its lungs. A high-quality diet to stimulate the dog's appetite is also encouraged. Chest X-rays can help determine the duration of and response to treatment, and reveal any permanent changes in the lungs that may have resulted from the treatment.

Although the disease is only spread from animals to people through bite wounds, humans may have been exposed to the *Blastomyces* organism at the same time as pets and should inform their physician if they have breathing problems or skin lesions, which are both good indicators of blastomycosis.

Prevention
This condition often is acquired in environments where decaying wood is found: farms, forests, wooded areas, camps, hunting areas. Decay of other organic material is also conducive to its growth in soil, especially when the soil is not exposed to sunlight and remains damp all the time.

Conversely, the spores may be more likely to go airborne during dry weather, when the contaminated dust is lighter. It is not easy to predict exactly where the *Blastomyces* organism may be growing, and is thus difficult to avoid entirely.

The only useful recommendation that can be

given is to avoid lakes and streams where risk of exposure is greatest. This is, admittedly, an impractical suggestion for most.

This condition is only rarely transmittable from animal to animal, or from animal to human. In the event that transmission does occur, it is when the animal has an open and draining wound, and it comes into contact with an open wound on the human, or the discharge from the animal's wound gets into the humans eye

Source: www.petmd.com
www.healthypets.mercola.com
www.cdc.gov

Other

Important events:
High Tunnel Conference
–NDSU Extension March 24th. 25th

NDSU Campus, Fargo
More details coming...
Call Esther McGinnis-
N D S U Extension
Horticulturist 701-231-7971
Garden Party and Workshop
–Beltrami Master Gardeners/
UMN Extension March 25th
8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. @
Evangelical Free Church,
Bemidji, MN 56601
Succulents, pollinator
habitat, fruit in the north,
tulips, potato, and garlic will
all be covered

Centennial Recipe Corner

Lemon Cream Poppy Seed Delight

Carol Bachand



Mix together:
2-1/4 cups flour
2 tsp baking powder
1 tsp soda
1/2 tsp salt

Combine in a large bowl:
1 cup sugar
1/2 cup lemon juice
1/2 cup oil
1 Tbsp lemon zest
4 drops yellow food coloring
5 egg whites or 3 eggs
1 – 2 Tbsp poppy seeds
1 pkg instant Lemon pudding mix
1 cup sour cream

Mix together for at least 3 minutes. Add to the combined dry ingredients. Stir only until moistened. Batter will be lumpy. Pour into sprayed bundt pan. Bake 40-45 minutes at 350 degrees. Cool and drizzle with icing.

Icing:
1-1/2 Tbsp lemon juice
1 cup powdered sugar
1 – 2 drops yellow food coloring
Add a bit of water if needed

March 2017 Health Points

Put Your Digital Devices to Bed Early:
Optometrists Caution Overexposure to Blue Light May Cause Health Issues - American Optometric Association Shares Tips to Reduce Prolonged Exposure To Blue Light

The American Optometric Association's (AOA) 2016 American Eye-Q® survey revealed that 88 percent of Americans know that digital devices can negatively affect their vision, but the average American still spends seven or more hours per day looking at their screens. This overexposure to blue light – high-energy visible light emitted from digital devices – can lead to digital eye strain, sleep problems, blurred vision, headaches and neck and shoulder pain, among other things. The AOA survey also indicates that the average millennial spends nine hours per day on devices such as smartphones, tablets, LED monitors and flat-screen TVs which also emit blue light.

The AOA understands that digital devices are an important part of everyday life, and encourages patients to learn about blue light and its impact on vision and health during Save Your Vision Month 2017 in March.

Blue light symptoms:
digital eye strain
dry eyes
eye irritation (burning and stinging)
blurred vision
sleep problems
headaches
neck and shoulder pain
News Medical, 2016

If you think you are experiencing any of the symptoms listed on the side due to prolonged exposure to blue light, schedule an appointment with your doctor of optometry.

The following tips explore ways people can protect their eyes and monitor digital screen

Red Lake County Extension Educator

Curtis W. Nyegaard - 218-253-2895

When Can I Turn My Cows Out?

With a winter like we are having this year; some producers may be tempted to turn their livestock out early this year. Why, most producers are tired of feeding them and would like to turn them out as soon as they see a few open areas of grass staring to break dormancy. According to Tom Gervais, USDA-NRCS Grazing Specialist, you could see some early growth activity in about two months or less. He says it may be a good thing in terms of getting animals on clean pasture and save some on the dwindling hay supplies.

But, is early May a good time to start grazing the pasture from the perspective of forage health and productivity? Tom says there's a fair bit of evidence that shows that it may not be the best for thing for long term pasture production. When grass begins to grow in early spring, the energy for growth generally comes from stored carbohydrates in the roots and crowns (bases) of the plant. Once the plant grows for a little while and grows some significant green leaf area, the

energy for growth comes from the process of photosynthesis. If a plant is grazed or harvested without having enough leaf material available to utilize photosynthesis for regrowth, then the plant has to rely on energy reserves to regrow. After a couple of cycles of utilizing energy reserves for growth, the plant cannot grow efficiently and may become unproductive or stunted for the rest of the growing season. Delaying turnout can help avoid this repeated grazing of short plants which are putting a bunch of stored energy into growth.

If you can allow forages to grow until they develop 3 or 4 leaves (4-8 inches for most cool season grass plants) prior to grazing, it's likely that they will have a good jump start on a productive growing season and thereafter. This extra top growth will also result in extra root growth that can reach additional nutrients and water deeper in the soil profile which will be a big help later in the summer when the first couple of inches of topsoil start to dry out.

2016 was a reasonably good year for growing stored feed; so if you have a little hay left over this spring, consider delaying turnout until the forages are up and running, even if it's two or three weeks later than your typical turnout time. If you wait for a later turnout, you will reap some benefits by producing more forage during the summer. If 2017 turns out to be a drought year, Tom says you should have a plan on how your farm can handle the drought. Your plan should consist of three parts; BEFORE THE DROUGHT OCCURS, DURING A DROUGHT, and IN THE YEARS THAT FOLLOW.

For information on HOW TO PUT THIS PLAN TOGETHER and manage your pastures; you can contact Tom by e mail at Thomas.Gervais@mn.usda.gov or you can call him at [218.720.5308](tel:2187205308). You can also be put on the list to receive the Grazing Gazette (which is compiled by the SWCD, U M Extension and NRCS) by sending your email address to ruesio1@umn.edu.

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Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

We are promised some warmer weather this week. I hope so the winds whipped themselves into a frenzy last week, and the black dirt on my snow banks shows that soil erosion is alive and well. Everything is dirty and dank looking.

Visitors to the Jerome Novak home were Leonard and Marilyn Novak of Warren, on Sunday. We had a chicken dinner and all the trimmings. We had a great time catching up with the family news and then the guys went out to view the farm and the country side. A fun day all day.

Our community was saddened by the loss of Merle Jesme who now lived in Thief River Falls. Check for wake service and funeral service times in the local area. Merle was a friend to most anyone and a successful businessman for years in the area. He originally was from Middle River. We extend our sympathy to the family and our prayers are with you all.

Brian Schmitz of Red Lake Falls died this past week. His wake service was on Sunday at St. Joseph RLF. His funeral was on Monday at 11 am. Brian was a quiet farmer who was a very big collector of antiques. He was known for his haunted house on Halloween, some years back and he collected Christmas village items and had an extensive setting up of them at Christmas time. Brian was a great person and loved to visit with family. God rest your soul in peace Brian, and our sympathy to the family. We will miss his shy smile.

Reinette Walter of Plummer, Gerard Novak of Thief

River Falls, Jerome and Barb Novak, and Leonard and Marilyn Novak of Warren all attended the wake of Brian Schmitz on Sunday night, and later visited with the family in the church parlors.

There is an Annual Meeting of the Brooks Community Homes at 7 pm on Wednesday evening at the Brooks Community Hall. Everyone welcome to this meeting.

The Brooks Community Federal Credit Union will be holding their Annual Meeting at 7 pm at the Brooks Community hall on March 16th. They are celebrating their 70 th Anniversary this year. I remember way back when the Credit Union was run out of the home of Dellas Felling on the farm. This meeting asks that all interested folks come and ask questions about the services they offer including checking and other services. Everyone welcome.

Again Hallmark Movie Mysteries is presenting Pam Daly (our own Pam Parenteau Daly) in the movie "AN UNCOMMON GOOD" on March 17th 8 pm CDT and March 27th 7 CDT. Or check on internet for times of this movie.

Red Hats are meeting on Wednesday, March 22 at Carol's Cozy Bar and Grill. Bring a friend and come enjoy the fellowship and good food. We postponed it till the 22nd because of Merle Jesme's funeral which will be held on the 15th. Please tell all of our friends this news, so we don't interfere with the funeral. Thanks.

We hope you have a great week and enjoy the warming weather as they promised, hope it is true.

Who's Dat?



Who's Dat

This week's photo is from years gone by, these fellows had a good catch.

Last week's photo is from a parade in 1958 celebrating the 100th State of Minnesota anniversary. Do you know who it on the float? There was no name on the photo, so if you know who is riding on the float, please contact the Oklee Herald office. Thank you!



children to stay off of the ice, whether it's a lake, river or even a road ditch.

It takes just a matter of minutes before hypothermia sets in. Use it as teaching time. Explain how the water is still frozen on top but it is

starting to flow underneath. Explain how it can drag them under the ice and we will have a hard time getting to them.

Make a game out of it so we don't scare them.

Happy Parenting!

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