

Oklee Precipitation
By Einar Kvasager

	Rain	Snow
April 28	0.07	
May 1	0.02	
Total in.	0.09	

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OKLEE (RED LAKE COUNTY) MINN. 56742

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Red Lake County Central students along with Mr. Strutz at Rydell National Wildlife Refuge for the Minnesota Area Envirothon competition.

29 RLCC Students Attend Minnesota Area Envirothon

By: Asia Davis

Every year students from different school districts compete at the Minnesota Area Envirothons. Envirothon is an outdoor learning event for high school students in grades ninth through twelve and is one of the largest environmental education competitions.

The first Envirothon program called 'Environmental Olympics' began in Pennsylvania in 1979. In 1993, Minnesota's first Envirothon included about 100 students from the Twin Cities area. By 1996, Minnesota hosted competitions in each region. Now approximately 1,000 students participate throughout the regional competitions in Minnesota. The goals of Envirothon include helping students become informed citizens making educated decisions as well as helping them develop into leaders who will impact the quality of life in our communities.

The Northwest (Middle) Envirothon was held April 29, 2015 at the Rydell National Wildlife Refuge in Erskine Minnesota. Teams of five students from the same school visited six different learning stations covering Aquatics, Forestry, Soils, Wildlife, and a current environmental topic that is different each year. Students were given a 25-point

exam relating to the topic of each station. At the sixth station, the students were required to give a brief oral presentation to judges.

This year's Envirothon oral presentation focused on Urban/Community Forestry. The scenario was "The mayor has appointed your team to work together to create a proposal for the long-term implementation of reforestation efforts in the city that will be presented to the city council prior to the fiscal year 2016's budgetary meetings." Each

team of students will try and convince the judges that trees are good for cities and the environment.

RLCC attendees in teams were: Ric Ven Auman, Mickala Morinville, Mikayla Paradis, Brian Roue, and Sierra Swenson; Kjersten Walton, Miranda Magnell, Devin Lambert, Seth Johnson, and Asia Davis; Lawrence Dow, Marcus Christensen, Cade Bachand, and Chase Agnes; Deidra Walton, Kelsie Sirjord, Tera Qualley, Brandon Lee, and Mary Auman; Morgan

Bushelle, Natalie Aakhus, Shelby Gunderson, Sydney Melby, and Katie Olson; Seth Paradis, Nick Pahlen, Kara Longtin, Jayden Fore, and Hannah Kolstoe. Also attending was RLCC supervisor Mr. Steven Strutz.

Top teams that placed this year were Climax Fisher with first, Mahnomen with second, and Crookston with third place. Students that attended Envirothon said that the weather was beautiful and they enjoyed the opportunity to be able to go.



RLCC sophomore group working together at an Envirothon station. Those pictured were (left to right) Tera Qualley, Deidra Walton, Brandon Lee, Kelsie Sirjord, and Mary Auman.

Gonvick Fire Department fund raiser set for May 16

The yearly Gonvick Fire Department Spring Fundraiser is upon us. They are inviting all area residents and landowners to their annual pulled pork dinner, on Saturday, May 16, at the Gonvick Fire Department Hall.

The funds raised this year will be for ongoing training and

upgrading of their equipment so they can better serve the community. They are constantly updating/repairing firefighting gear, radios, generators, tools, pumps, medical supplies, SCBA, and maintaining the trucks on a regular basis. Your donation goes directly to support Gonvick Fire & Rescue.



RLCC freshman team with their poster for the Envirothon oral presentation. Pictured are Hannah Kolstoe, Seth Paradis, Jayden Fore, Kara Longtin, and Nick Pahlen.

Spring turkey hunt bring success to local hunter

On April 30th, the first day of the Spring Turkey season, brought success to local hunter, Vincent Dessellier.

This was the first time hunting turkey for Dessellier and the season is only 5 days long. The day before, a neighbor that knew he had the license, saw turkeys in one of the fields around Dessellier home and Dessellier said that it wasn't the season until tomorrow. He did see the two turkeys as they wandered on his land, but they were hens and the spring hunt is for toms, not hens.

The next day Dessellier was busy working around his place when he realized it was mid-day and he gathered up his equipment of decoys, calls and his gun. He also brought a puzzle book with, as he figured

he would be sitting for a long period waiting for a tom to come in.

Once he had the decoys set up and had used the calls, he started doing a puzzle. Dessellier had just finished the first puzzle when two toms came. One got skittish and left, but the other stayed long enough for Dessellier to take his shot.

The tom was 23 lbs and had a beard that was 9 inches long. Dessellier and his wife Shirley, were looking forward to enjoying their first wild turkey this past weekend.

So Vincent Dessellier was a very lucky hunter getting his first bird the first time he bought a license. Shirley says it was delicious and the Tom furnished 23 meals.



Vincent Dessellier with his 23 lbs tom turkey. Notice the beard on the right side, it is nine inches long.

Substitute teacher shortage

Bev Thompson, who is the NCEC Coordinator for the North West Service Cooperative is concerned about the shortage of substitute teachers in the area schools.

The Northwest Service Cooperative serves school districts, cities, counties and other governmental agencies in 12 counties, covering a total of 14,853 square miles in Minnesota Development Regions 1 & 2. The counties include: Roseau, Kittson, Marshall, Beltrami, Lake of the Woods, Hubbard, Mahnomen, Norman, Clearwater, Red Lake, Polk and Pennington Counties.

The Minnesota Department of Education's report this year to the Legislature regarding the demand for and supply of teachers shows that the difficulty in finding short- and long-term subs has doubled since 2012. Nearly 50 percent of districts surveyed last year expressed having a hard time finding substitutes.

The shortages reported in recent years signify the first time that "it's risen to the level of being stated as a real

problem," said Richard Wassen, director of educator licensing for the state.

Substitute teachers are notified at the last minute. They have to teach from lesson plans they are not familiar with and students who they do not know. Substitutes do this for lower pay than average teachers.

When substitutes are not available the teaching staff has to help out during their preparation time or principals or other staff members have to fill in for the regular person.

The average daily rate for a short-term substitute teacher varies around the state, but in the metro area districts typically pay \$110 to \$125 a day. Rural districts generally pay less.

Bev Thompson, stated that people don't realize that you can apply for a two year short call substitute teaching license without have a teaching degree – you need a four year college degree. She can be reached at 218-681-0900 x 110 with Office Hours – M-TH 8-4:30, F 8-1

Calendar of Events	
Wed, May 6: -LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m. -Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.	Sun, May 17: -Worship at the church of your choice.
Thu, May 7: -LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m. -Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.	Mon, May 18: -LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
Fri, May 8: -LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m. -Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.	Tue, May 19: -LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m. -Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards.
Sat, May 9: -Support your local business – Shop Locally!	Wed, May 20: -LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m. -Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.
Sun, May 10: -Worship at the church of your choice.	Thu, May 21: -LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m. -Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
Mon, May 11: -LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.	Fri, May 22: -LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m. -Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
Tue, May 12: -LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m. -Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards.	Sat, May 23: -Support your local business – Shop Locally!
Wed, May 13: -LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m. -Sr Site: 1:30 pm – Bridge.	Sun, May 24: -Worship at the church of your choice.
Thu, May 14: -LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m. -Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.	Mon, May 25: -LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
Fri, May 15: -LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m. -Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.	Tue, May 26: -LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m. -Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards
Sat, May 16: -Shop Locally!	Wed, May 27: -LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m. -Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.

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Sump Pump Ordinance discussed City Council meeting

Blizzard Bonanza Winners List

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH

Zion and Salem
Pastor Margaret Jacobus
Wed, May 6: 5:00 p.m. Zion WELCA supper.
Sun, May 10: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Zion. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Salem.
Wed, May 13: 7:00 p.m. Salem WELCA meeting.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH

Mt. Olive – Nazareth
Oak Park – St. Petri
Interim Pastor
Wed, May 6: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 7:00 p.m. Clearwater Youth Group.
Sat, May 9: No church at Mt. Olive – Bake Sale. 10:30 a.m. St. Petri.
Sun, May 10: 5:30 p.m. Oak Park. 7:00 p.m. Nazareth.
Wed, May 13: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 7:00 p.m. Wednesday School Picnic.

OKLEE-BROOKS CATHOLIC PARISH

St. Francis Xavier
St. Joseph's – Brooks
St. Joseph's – RLF
Fr. Bill DeCrans
Sat, May 9: 5 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph Brooks with 4:30 p.m. Reconciliation.
Sun, May 10: 8 a.m. Mass at St. Francis Xavier Oklee with 7:30 a.m. Reconciliation. 10 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Red Lake Falls with 11 a.m. Reconciliation.

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH

ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Wed, May 6: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation at Immanuel.
Sat, May 9: 7:00 p.m. Mother/Daughter Tea at Immanuel.
Sun, May 10: 7:00 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Immanuel. 11:30 a.m. Bible Study at Immanuel.
Mon, May 11: 9:00 a.m. Quilting. 6:30 p.m. Youth Table at Immanuel.
Wed, May 13: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation. 7:00 p.m. Ebenezer WELCA meeting.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH

ELCA
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Robert W. Dahlen, Pastor
Wed, May 6: 6:30 p.m. Faith WELCA meeting.
Sun, May 10: 8:30 a.m. Faith. 9:45 a.m. Bethany. 11:00 a.m. Ekelund. Ekelund Council meeting.
Mon, May 11: 9:30 a.m. Rachel Circle.
Tue, May 12: 6:30 p.m. Shalom Circle.
Wed, May 13: 7:30 p.m. Baccalaureate services at Goodridge Community Center.

Oklee American Legion Auxiliary meeting

The American Legion Auxiliary Frank Lund Unit #159 will meet for their annual luncheon at the Oklee Cafe at 11:30am on Tuesday, May 12. We would like to invite all women whose husbands, fathers or brothers served in any branch of the service to join us.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH

Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, May 6: 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Thu, May 7: 12:00 p.m. Rotary meeting. 7:00 p.m. Shepherd's meeting.
Sat, May 9: 6:00 p.m. "Night for Mom!" Youth Mission Fundraiser meal.
Sun, May 10: 9:30 a.m. Teen Challenge. 11:00 a.m. Potluck Lunch.
Tue, May 12: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study. 10:30 a.m. Quilting.
Wed, May 13: 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH

Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, May 10: 9:00 a.m. Lund. 10:30 Bethany.
Wed, May 13: 2:00 p.m. WELCA at Lund.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY

Fosston
Jon Marx, Lead Pastor
Seth Johnson, Assist. Pastor
Sun, May 10: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship

Oklee Senior Site Dining

May 11 - 15
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: Meat loaf, boiled potatoes, vegetables, dessert and milk.

Tuesday: Hamburger/bun, macaroni salad, vegetables, dessert and milk.

Wednesday: Beef roast, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetables, dessert and milk.
Thursday: Fried bread taco's w/all the trimmings, dessert and milk.

Friday: Turkey noodle hotdish, coleslaw, toast, dessert and milk.

ECFE News

Oklee Events

Thursday, May 7, join us for a **Surprise Event!** What a wonderful adventure awaits your family as ECFE has a surprise night planned for you. You'll not know what to expect, but a fun time will be had.

Thursday, May 14, come to **Camping and Fishing Night** for the grand finale event of the 2015 school year. Much fun is in store for camping and fishing night. Enjoy spending time in tents, "fishing," trying out a kayak, other outdoor adventures, and a snack. It will be an evening you hope won't end, so join the adventure and bring a friend.

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ZION WELCA



Wednesday, May 6th
serving from 5 - 7 p.m.

Zion Fellowship Hall

Oklee, MN

Menu: Hotdish, salad, dinner roll, dessert, and beverage

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Oklee Landfill Site

Saturdays:
2nd & 4th of the month
8:00 a.m. to 12 noon

Wednesdays:
2:00 p.m. to 6:00 pm.

Red Lake Falls Landfill Site

Saturdays:
1st & 3rd Saturdays
8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Monday to Thursday:
7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

218-253-2951 - RLF Landfill
218-253-4121 - RLC Environmental office

Tri-Valley Public Transportation

To reserve a seat, please call by 3:00 p.m. the day before - 1-800-951-9363. All routes will arrive approximately between 10 and 11 a.m. at the destination. All routes need at least five persons signed up.

Wed, May 6: Fargo-Moorhead – Crookston, Erskine, McIntosh, Winger, Fertile.

Thu, May 7: Fargo/Moorhead – Thief River Falls, St. Hilaire.

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Red Lake County Ditch Inventory

The Red Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District will be conducting a Drainage Ditch Inventory, along County and Judicial Drainage Ditch Systems, for Red Lake County. Dave Bennett from the Red Lake County SWCD will be out in the field collecting this information for the Drainage Ditch Inventory. The Red Lake County SWCD office wanted to inform the public about the inventory that will be going on throughout 2015. The Drainage Ditch Inventory will identify areas where side water inlet structures or buffer strips could be place along County and Judicial Drainage Ditch Systems. If you have any question please give our office a call at (218) 253-2593 ext. 4.

Red Lake County Commissioners Minutes

RED LAKE COUNTY Regular Meeting Held March 10, 2015

Pursuant to adjournment of its regular meeting the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners duly met in regular session at the courthouse in Red Lake Falls, MN on March 10, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. Chair Weiss called the meeting to order. All members were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Dale Nelson, Manager of the MarKit Landfill met with the board to review a new 10-year contract for solid waste disposal for the county. Red Lake County has been with MarKit since 1993. The current solid waste contract is at \$45 per ton and expires on December 31, 2015. The new 10-year proposal is at \$50 per ton. Nelson commented that the facility is designed for a 40-year lifespan and is currently processing an average of 190 tons per day. Nelson asked that the county review the contract language, and if in agreement may approve it any time before year end. A copy of the document will be forwarded on to the County Attorney for review.

Nelson mentioned that a meeting has been scheduled for March 12th at 9:30 a.m. to discuss the stricter recycling and solid waste regulations being proposed by the state. The meeting will be held at the MN Department of Transportation building in Thief River Falls. Nelson asked that the county send two representatives to the meeting.

Tanya Hanson of the SWCD met with the board. Hanson presented the Annual Operations Plan for 2015 and provided an overview of several planned projects. The SWCD recently received three grants totaling \$365,623 to be used for a grade stabilization, grass waterway, and ditch inventory projects.

Hanson informed that Enbridge Energy is requesting a work permit to complete routine maintenance in Lambert Township. Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Flage and carried by unanimous vote to approve the permit as presented. The district received a small grant from Enbridge Energy to be used towards the 25% match requirement needed by the SWCD to qualify for the 2015 BWSR Clean Water Grant.

Hanson informed of a 1W1P meeting to be held on March 18th in Thief River Falls. Commissioners Weiss and Simpson are county representatives on the RLWD Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Sorensen moved, seconded by Lerohl and unanimously carried to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held February 24, 2015.

Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Lerohl and unanimously carried to approve the expenditures for the period as follows:

Vendor Name	Amount
City of Crookston	\$ 5,000.00
Computer Professionals Inc.	\$11,667.12
Insight Technologies	\$ 9,493.75
Mspace Inc.	\$ 2,152.80
Rogers Two Way Radio	\$ 3,499.00
37 Payments less than 2,000	\$13,996.33
Final Total	\$45,809.00

The motion includes the following added bills: \$191.37 to AT&T; \$6.88 to North Country Process; \$370.38 to Dacotah Paper; \$106.53 to Marco; \$770.67 expenses and \$420.00 per diem to John Lerohl; \$72.45 expenses and \$340.00 per diem to Dave Sorensen.

The following Commissioner/Committee reports were shared:

Commissioner	Meeting/Report
Simpson	County Highway Department tour.

Flage R R B C i n Mahnomen; SWCD board meeting discussing various programs and tree planting to be contracted out to Pennington; County Highway Department tour.

Sorensen Represented the RLC Economic Development at small claims court proceedings; County Highway Department tour; NW Transportation Advisory Committee meeting in Warren discussing bridge projects; NW Mental Health reviewing legislative reports, grants, and policies.

Lerohl N W R D C discussing financials and programs; County Highway Department

ADDRESS CHANGES

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Centennial Recipe Corner

Chocolate Candy Bar Cake Elise (Brievold) Longhenry

1 pkg (18.25 oz) Devil's food cake mix
3 eggs
1 cup sour cream
1/2 cup mini chocolate chips
6 bars (1.55 oz each) milk chocolate bars (Hershey's)
3 cans (16 oz) vanilla frosting



Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line two 9 inch round pans with enough foil to overhang the sides by 2 inches; coat with cooking spray. At low speed, beat cake mix, eggs, sour cream & 1 cup water until smooth. At medium-high speed beat until fluffy, 2-3 minutes. Stir in chips. Divide between pans. Bake 25 minutes or until toothpicks inserted come out clean. Transfer to racks; place 3 chocolate bars on top of each hot cake. Let stand until melted, 2 minutes. Spread over cakes to within 1/2 inch of edge, using foil, lift cakes from pans. Cool on racks. Refrigerate until set, 2 hours. Remove foil. Place 1 layer, chocolate side up, on serving plate. Spread with 1 cup frosting. Top with remaining layer, chocolate side down. Spread top and sides of cake with remaining frosting. Yield: 16 serving.

tour; AMC Legislative Conference sessions on Extension, Ag & Rural Development, Health & Human Services.

Weiss Highway Department tour.

County Engineer Kleven met with the county board. Kleven requested that the board allow Highway Department Accountant Kari Moyer to use her accrued vacation time during her probationary period, as current county policy does not allow an employee to utilize accrued vacation and sick time until completion of a 6-month probation period. Moyer has been employed for 5.5 months. Kleven stated that Moyer had informed that she needed time off for a family event when she was offered the county position. Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Sorensen and carried unanimously to allow an exception for Kari Moyer to use accrued vacation time during her 6-month probation period.

Kleven reported that spring road restrictions will begin on Friday, March 13th and that construction to a 10-ton road will be completed on County #2 this summer. Kleven asked that the County Board approve an agreement with MN Dot whom will be the agency that receives the funding for the county. Commissioner Sorensen moved, seconded by Simpson and carried unanimously to approve **Resolution No. 03-01-15** "Agency Agreement" as follows:

Be It Resolved; that pursuant to Minnesota Statute Sec 161.36, the Commissioner of Transportation be appointed as Agent of Red Lake County to accept as its agent, federal aid funds which may be made available for eligible transportation related projects.

Be It Further Resolved; the Chairperson and the Auditor are hereby authorized and directed for, and on behalf of the County, to execute and enter into an agreement with the Commissioner Of Transportation prescribing the terms and conditions of said federal aid participation as set forth and contained in "Minnesota Department of Transportation Agency Agreement No. 00063", a copy of which said agreement was before the County Board and which is made a part hereof by reference.

A complete document is on file at the County Auditor's office or the County Highway Department.

Two employees were recognized for years of service with the county. Social Service employee Lacy Knott for 5-years of service and Auditor Bob Schmitz for 20-years of service. The County Board issued Certificates of Appreciation to the two employees.

Chairman Weiss mentioned that the DNR is interested in purchasing some land in Equality Township and the landowner has inquired if the county is in agreement. Weiss will contact Russ Hier of the Crookston DNR office to attend the next board meeting to discuss further.

Commissioner Sorensen moved, seconded by Lerohl and duly adopted to appoint Commissioner Flage as the county representative and allow a per diem to attend monthly SWCD board meetings.

HR Director Lundeen presented a proposal for a PTO policy to replace the current vacation and sick leave policies for non-union employees. Board members were asked to review the information as the topic will be discussed at a future meeting. Lundeen informed that her employment anniversary date was March 4th and is eligible for a salary increase according to county policy. Commissioner Sorensen moved, seconded by Lerohl and carried unanimously to approve an increase from Grade 35-Step 2 (\$25.92 per hour) to Step 3 (\$26.36 per hour), effective as of March 4, 2015.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned until March 24, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

Attest:
Bob Schmitz, County Auditor

Ron Weiss, Chair,
Board of Commissioners

(U.S.P.S. 407-240)

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RLCC Annuals

By: Ashley Longtin
The Red Lake County Central High School is selling 2014-2015 annuals for \$35. Pre-orders will be taken until May 15. They can be pre-ordered and paid for at either the Plummer or Oklee sites.

RLCC Awards

Day on May 13th

By: Megan Berberich
Red Lake County Central High School is holding the Annual Awards Day on Wednesday, April 13th. The Annual Awards Day is open to the public and will be at 1:00 p.m. in the Oklee gymnasium. Seniors will be introduced and their plans for the future. Also senior scholarships will be presented to recipients. The following awards are being given: Academic Letters, Attendance, Drama, Knowledge Bowl, Six Year Math and Science, Speech, Student Senate, Tri-Athlete Awards, Band, Choir, and Music.

RLCC Menus

May 11 - 15

Oklee

Mon: Breakfast: Ham & cheese croissant, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Pulled pork, baked beans, chips, fruit, and milk.

Tue: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken strips, potatoes or rice, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Wed: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** BBQ, cheesy hash browns, veggies, fruit, and milk.

Thu: Breakfast: French toast sticks, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken fajita, rice, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Fri: Breakfast: Bakery rolls, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Chef salad, breadsticks, fresh vegetables, cottage cheese, fruit, and milk.

Plummer

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

Tue: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Fish burger/bun, oven fries, corn cobs, fruit, and milk.

Wed: Breakfast: Variety, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Meatballs, mashed potatoes, gravy, veggies w/Ranch, fruit, and milk.

Thu: Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, toast, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Shredded pork/bun, coleslaw, yogurt, apple crisp, and milk.

Fri: Breakfast: Apple strudel, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Pizza, salad, fruit, PB sandwich, and milk.

Spring Sport Schedules

RLCC Mustang

Softball

Thu, May 7: 4:30 p.m. Bagley at Oklee.

Fri, May 8: 4:30 p.m. East Polk North Stars at Erskine.

Mon, May 11: 5:00 p.m. Sacred Heart at Sacred Heart.

Tue, May 12: 5:00 p.m. Warroad at Warroad.

RLC Rebel Baseball

Thu, May 7: 4:30 p.m. Norman County – Home.

Fri, May 8: 4:30 p.m. Norman County East – Away.

Tue, May 12: 4:30 p.m. Kittson Central – Away.

RLCC Rebels

Track & Field

Varsity Track
Thu, May 7: 4:30 p.m. PTP Conference at Mahnomen.

Fri, May 8: 4:00 p.m. WM Lion's Invitational at Warren.

Junior High Track
Mon, May 11: 4:00 p.m. Jr. High at Mahnomen.

RLC Golf

Wed, May 6: 9:00 a.m. V Girls at Mahnomen/Ada.

Thu, May 7: 9:00 a.m. V Boys at Fosston/Bagley. 4:30 p.m. JH Boys at Mahnomen.

Tue, May 12: 4:30 p.m. V Boys at Win-E-Mac. 4:30 p.m. JH Girls at Fertile.



RLCC senior Brittney Bray ready for action at a game played at the Mustangs softball field in Oklee.



After stealing to second base on a previous play, Angel Auman advances to third for the Mustangs. Also pictured is RLCC's head coach Pete Larson.



Megan Berberich at bat for the RLCC Mustangs against Kelliher-Northome Mustangs.

RLCC loses to

Laporte in a close one

By: Austin Waliser

The Red Lake County Central Mustangs traveled to Laporte April 27 to face the Wildcats. The Mustangs lost 10-9 in the seventh inning in a close game. Laporte had 10 hits and four errors and RLCC had nine hits with six errors. RLCC scored two runs in the first inning, one in the second, two in the fourth, and four in the fifth. Laporte scored two runs in the first and second inning, one in the third, fourth fifth, and sixth inning; and two runs in the seventh inning.

The winning pitcher was Alex Smith and the losing pitcher was Brandi Jensen. Alex Smith pitched three innings, allowing one hit, walking two, and striking out five. Courtney Holland came in to pitch for them and she pitched four innings, allowing two hits, walking 12, and striking out two. Brandi Jensen pitched six and a third innings, allowing nine hits, walking three and striking out five.

Angel Auman, Sydnie Gunderson, Billie Jo Gyskiewicz, Taylor Bushelle, and Jensen each had a run batted in for the Mustangs. For Laporte, Holland went two for four, Natalie Hadrava went two for four with two triples, and Brittney Lutgen went two for four with two doubles. Lindsay Miller had three runs batted in and Neka Davis had two.

West Marshall Junior

High Track Meet

By: Austin Waliser

The Red Lake County Rebels Track and Field team went to Warren for a junior high track meet. The meet was held April 27 with the following Rebels placing at the meet.

Girls "A" Division
100 Meter: 1st-Zoe Russillo,

13.52
100 Hurdles: 1st-Megan LaCrosse, 17.96; 2nd-Jozi Halvorson, 19.27; 3rd-Julia Bernstein, 20.05

300 Hurdles: 2nd-Jozi Halvorson, 56.12; 3rd-Julia Bernstein, 56.23; 5th-Madison Derosier, 57.45

200 Meter: 2nd-Zoe Russillo 30.44; 3rd-Makenzie Williams, 30.70; 4th-Jozi Halvorson, 31.20
400 Meter: 2nd-Makenzie Williams, 1:06.80; 4th-Josie Huot, 1:08.19; 6th-Zoe Russillo, 1:14.68

800 Meter: 1st-Josie Huot, 2:44.96

1600 Meter: 1st-Megan LaCrosse, 6:00.41

4x400 Meter Relay: 1st-Josie Huot, Julia Bernstein, Makenzie Williams & Megan LaCrosse, 4:40.82

High Jump: 2nd-Madison Derosier, 4'0"

Long Jump: 1st-Megan LaCrosse 14'1 ½"; 3rd-Josie Huot 13' ¾"; 4th-Jozi Halvorson 13'0"

Girls "B" Division
200 Meter: 8th-DJ Bernstein, 34.16

400 Meter: 6th-Bella Russillo, 1:18.36

Discus: 5th-Mya Johanneck, 59'1"

Boys "A" Division
110 Hurdles: 3rd-Connor Lambert, 20.05

300 Hurdles: 2nd-Connor Lambert, 49.56

400 Meter: 2nd-Chris Longtin, 1:05.85; 3rd-Justin Nemec, 1:06.27; 5th-John Renner, 1:11.32
800 Meter: 5th-John Renner, 2:55.45

1600 Meter: 3rd-Chris Longtin, 5:50.49; 4th-Justin Nemec, 5:57.57; 5th-Chase Magnier, 6:06.79

4x400 Relay: 1st-David Dufault, Connor Lambert, Justin Nemec & Chris Longtin, 4:24.05

Long Jump: 5th-Connor Lambert, 14'2"; 6th-Chris Longtin, 13'7"; 7th-Justin

Nemec, 13'5"
Boys "B" Division
400 Meter: 5th-Britain Arlt, 1:14.75

Rebels lose to

Prowlers in close game

By: Austin Waliser

The Red Lake County Rebels hosted the Thief River Falls Prowlers April 24. The Rebels lost 8-9 scoring two runs in the first inning, one in the fourth, four in the third, and one run in the seventh. The Prowlers scored two runs in the first inning, three in the second, and four in the third. The Prowlers had 11 hits and the Rebels had 10 and both teams had three errors.

The winning pitcher was Austin Audette and the losing pitcher was Alex Erickson. Erickson pitched three innings, facing 21 batters, giving up eight runs, striking out two, and walking three. Mason Hanson pitched the other four innings, facing 15 batters, and walking one. Erickson went four for five hitting in a run and having a double. Chase Schmitz went two for four with a double.

For the Prowlers, Kade Nelson went two for three with a double and batted in a run. Carson Retka went two for four and Benden Vigen went two for four with a double and two runs batted in. Landon Kuckenberg went two for four with a triple and a run batted in and Nate Holecek had a triple with two runs batted in.

Rebels Beat

the Eagles

By: Ashley Longtin

The Red Lake County Rebels defeated the Sacred Heart Eagles in a baseball game on Monday, April 4 in Red Lake Falls. RLC came out strong in the first inning and scored five runs and then scored three each in the fourth

RLCC Staff Feature



Jarrod Larson

RLCC newest bus driver

By: Taylor Bushelle
Red Lake County Central has a new bus driver Jarrod Larson. Larson works as a driver and does some "wrenching" whenever needed by the school. Most of all he enjoys meeting the students and learning their interests. He said the hardest part about his job is driving on bad roads. Larson commented, "I like it here at RLCC."

Besides working at RLCC, Larson has been self-employed with farming, truck driving,

and dairy farm. Larson is married to Leah and they have two children Tristan, a junior at RLCC, and Kaytlin, a 2013 RLCC graduate.

Some of Larson's hobbies are shop work, building demo pickups and race cars, semi and tractor pulling, four-wheeling, and auctions. When it comes to travel, Larson said he likes Duluth, MN, Montana and Wyoming and would like to visit Alaska some day. For food, he enjoys any grilled beef, and macaroni and potato salads.

and fifth innings. The Eagles only scored one run in the second inning. RLC had one error and SH had two.

For the Rebels, Alex Erickson was two for four batting, had two doubles, and one RBI. Tristan Knott was two for three and had two RBIs. Chase Schmitz was three for three and had a double. Drake Engelstad had three RBIs. Zac Bethke had an RBI for Scared Heart.

Tristan Knott was the winning pitcher for the Rebels after pitching five innings. Knott had eight strikeouts, faced 24 batters, and only gave up one run. Bethke was the losing pitcher for SH.

RLC Falls to BGMR

By: Ashley Longtin

The Red Lake County Rebels baseball team played the Badger-Greenbush-Middle River Gators in Greenbush on Saturday, April 25. In the first inning, BGMR scored two runs to start off the game. The Rebels scored one in the third and then BGMR scored three in the fourth to take a bigger lead. Then the Rebels scored three more in the fifth, but couldn't overtake the Gators when they scored another run in the sixth winning the game 4-6.

The highlight for RLC was Taylor Kenfield who was two for three batting and had one RBI as well as a double. Josh Casavan also had one RBI. BGMR highlights included Skyler Forst who was two for four batting and had a double. Chris Koehmstead also hit a double and had one RBI. Aaron Dostal had two RBIs, and Wyatt Peppel hit a double and had one RBI. RLC had four errors and BGMR had three.

Casavan pitched six innings for the Rebels with eight strikeouts and allowed six runs. Dostal was the winning pitcher for BGMR and Casavan was the losing pitcher for RLC.

East Grand Forks

Invitational Track

and Field Meet

By Taylor Bushelle

The Rebels Track and Field competed at the track meet in East Grand Forks on Friday, April 24. The Rebels Girls Team and Boys Team both finished in fourth place during the EGF track meet.

For the Rebel girls in the 100 hurdles, Megan LaCrosse took second place in 18.07, Ashley Longtin third in 18.10, and Madison Derosier eighth in 20.69. In the 100 Meter Zoe Russillo placed fourth in 13.9. The 4x100 Meter Relay team including Longtin, Derosier, Jozi Halvorson, and Russillo placed fifth in 57.25. In the 4x400 Meter Relay, Josie Huot, Julia Bernstein, Makenzie Williams, and LaCrosse placed third in 4:42.97. In the 1600

Meter, LaCrosse placed fourth in 6:07.44. In the 400 Meter Williams placed third in 1:06.95 and Huot fourth, 1:07.44. In the 300 Hurdles Longtin placed sixth in 56.75 and Bernstein eighth with 57.87. In the 800 Meter, Huot came in fifth with the time 2:44.26. In the 200 Meter Russillo placed fifth in 29.94 and Halvorson placed seventh, 30.14.

In Long Jump, LaCrosse placed fourth with 13'10", Huot sixth, 13'5", and Halvorson placed eighth, 13'4". In Shot Put Madison Thompson placed second with 28'10½" and in Discus Thompson also placed second with 87'2".

For the Rebels Boys' team in the 110 Hurdles, Devin Lambert placed third in 17.39 and Dylan Gustafson seventh in 19.89. In the 100 Meter Nick Plante placed seventh in 13.11. In the 1600 Meter Cody Gagner placed first in 4:45.93. In the 800 Meter Gagner placed first in 2:07.45 and Longtin seventh, 2:28.04. In the 300 Hurdles D. Lambert placed fifth in 47.65, Jordan Johnson sixth in 51.37, and Connor Lambert seventh in 51.95. D. Lambert, Johnson, Austin Waliser, and Gustafson placed third in 1:42.01 in the 4x200 Meter Relay. In the 4x400 Meter Relay C. Lambert, Justin Nemec, Longtin, and Plante placed fifth in 4:21.74. In the 4x800 Meter Relay David Dufault, John Renner, Nemec, and Longtin placed sixth in 11:06.92.

Gagner placed third with 18'2 ½" in Long Jump and Waliser placed fifth with 17'6". In Discus Wyatt Schirrick with 127'00" placed first and Marcus Christensen with 105'2" placed seventh. In Shot Put Schirrick placed second with 39'2 ½".

Correction in Rebels vs Patriots game

In last week's paper, the article on the Red Lake County Rebels boys baseball game against the Win-E-Mac Patriots incorrectly stated the Rebels lost. The Rebels defeated the Patriots by a score of 10-4. We apologize for the error.

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Mustangs’ first basemen Sarah Christensen making a play during the JV game.

Red Lake Falls Library News

The library is open on Monday from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm, Wednesday from Noon until 8:00 pm, Friday from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm, and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. On-line patrons are reminded that they can visit www.nwrlib.org/rlf.htm at anytime, where they can create their own patron accounts to browse, request and renew materials all from their home computers.

New in adult nonfiction, “When Fraser Met Billy” is the

international bestselling book about an autistic boy, a rescue cat and the transformative power of animal connections. Louise Booth writes her story of having the child she’d always dreamed of, but knowing immediately that something was wrong. “Fraser was an angry child, prone to frequent screaming fits. Then came Billy, a grey cat who’d been found in an abandoned house and left at a shelter. Billy came home with the family, purred, and laid his paws across Fraser’s lap. The

two became inseparable from that moment on, and slowly but surely, Billy transformed Fraser’s life. Within two years of Billy joining their family, Louise watched her son evolve from being a toddler prone to anxiety, tantrums, and sudden emotional meltdowns into a much calmer, less moody child. Billy still acts as Fraser’s guardian, never leaving his side at mealtimes and bedtimes or whenever he’s feeling low. Their profound bond has immeasurably improved both their lives” and that of their family. “When Fraser Met Billy” is available for checkout on the new shelf at the RLF Library.

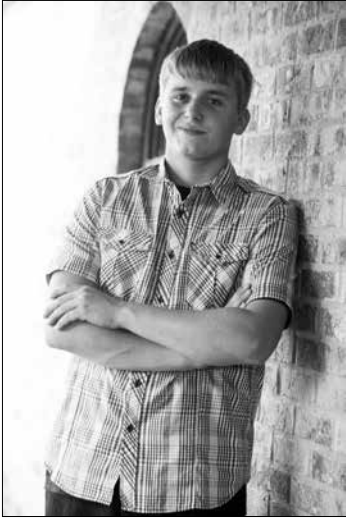
Meet the Seniors



Name: Ric Ven Anthony Amores Auman
Family members: Parents: Steven McPherson, Anne McPherson. Sister: Mary Angeliue Auman
Favorite movie: Captain America, Winter Soldier, Pacific Rim
Favorite song/band: “Godzilla” Blue Oyster Cult, “Home Sweet Home” Motley Crue
Favorite class: N/A
Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Choir, Three Act Play
Favorite teacher/coach: N/A
Most important item you learned: Socializing with people.
Best memory from school: My first play in school
Your plans for the Future: Teaching.



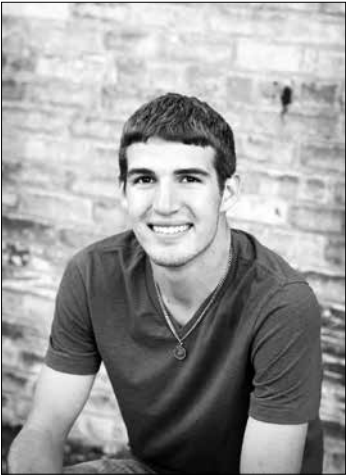
Name: Brittney Bray
Family members: Tom & Nancy Bray. Sibling: Kevin Bray.
Favorite movie: Titanic
Favorite song/band: Bryce Vine
Favorite class: Anatomy
Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Volleyball
Favorite teacher/coach: Mr. Strutz
Most important item you learned: To take as many online college classes as possible!
Best memory from school: When we put cats in the passenger seats of people’s cars.
Your plans for the Future: Attend Northland Community & Technical College – EGF for Surgical Technology.



Name: Timothy Christianson
Family members: Anders, Anna Mae, Marcus, Sarah.
Favorite movie: Favorite song/band: KJ 108
Favorite class: Lunch
Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Football
Favorite teacher/coach: Mr. Baron
Most important item you learned: School smarts.
Best memory from school: I ran into the side of Kroulik’s pickup with a three wheeler.
Your plans for the Future: Planning to attend North Dakota State College of Science Wahpeton for diesel mechanic.



Name: Jordan Finseth
Family members: Sidney Finseth, Lynae Finseth.
Favorite movie: None.
Favorite song/band: Nirvana “Smells Like Teen Spirit”
Favorite class: Economics
Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity:
Favorite teacher/coach: Mrs. Tvedt
Most important item you learned: You work hard to get to the places you wanna be.
Best memory from school: The past two years of school.
Your plans for the Future: College business management.



Name: Cody Gagner
Family members: Poncho & Char Gagner. Kyle Gagner (brother), Ashley & Amanda Black (half sisters).
Favorite movie: Lone Survivor or American Sniper
Favorite song/band: “For You” by Keith Urban
Favorite class: Online Engineering class.
Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Track.
Favorite teacher/coach: Coach Huie and Matzke.
Most important item you learned: That Sierra is older than me by 30 minutes.
Best memory from school: Going to Australia for a track meet.
Your plans for the Future: Serve in the United States Marine Corps.



Name: Anna Pahlen
Family members: Stacy, Steven, Marisha, Shelby, Nicholas, Jenna.
Favorite movie: Grownups
Favorite song/band: Bye Bye Bye by NSync
Favorite class: Web page.
Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Basketball
Favorite teacher/coach: Mr. Strutz.
Most important item you learned: Nothing.
Best memory from school: Don’t have one.
Your plans for the Future: Go to Northland and become a pre-school helper.

Red Lake County Central Class of 2015

Name: Brian Roue.
Family members: Renee Roue, Mark Roue, Michael, Rachel, and Jonathan Roue.
Most important item you learned: The morals and values my parents taught me.
Best memory from school: Our minibike and all the other times goofing off with the guys.
Your plans for the Future: Marines.



RLC Track and Field Heads to Crookston

By: Ashley Longtin
The Red Lake County Rebels Track and Field went to Crookston on Tuesday, April 28. The girls placed eleventh and the following placed:
100 Hurdles: 4th-Ashley Longtin, 17.60; 7th-Megan LaCrosse, 18.23
1600 Meter: 7th-Megan LaCrosse, 5:56.92
400 Meter: 8th-Makenzie Williams, 1:07.39
High Jump: 5th-Ashley Longtin 4’6”
Discus: 7th-Madison Thompson, 86’10”
The Rebel boys placed thirteenth and the following placed:
4x200 Meter Relay: 7th-Devin Lambert, Jordan Johnson, Austin Waliser & Dylan Gustafson, 1:40.85,
4x800 Meter Relay: 7th-David Dufault, Johan Renner, Justin Nemec & Chris Longtin, 11:10.79
Discus: 3rd-Wyatt Schirrick, 120’2”
Shot Put: 3rd-Wyatt Schirrick, 42’8”

Mustangs fall to Wildcats

By: Taylor Bushelle
Red Lake County Central Mustangs lost to the Norman County Wildcats 5-15 in Ada on Thursday, April 30. The Wildcats scored five in the first inning, nine in the second, one in the third with the Mustangs scoring two in the fourth and three in the fifth.
For the Mustangs Brandi Jensen hit two out of three at bats, and Michelle Sundquist brought in two RBIs. For the Wildcats G. Johnson had hit two out of four times at bat with two RBIs, Nelson was three out of four times at bat, Z. Johnson hit three out of three times at bat with two RBIs, Merkens was three for three at bat, hitting two triples, and getting two RBIs.

Red Lake County Track at Mahnomen

By: Austin May
The Red Lake County Track team went to the Mahnomen Invitational Meet April 30 in Mahnomen. The results are as follows:
100 Hurdles: 3rd-Ashley Longtin, 17.41
300 Hurdles: 8th-Ashley Longtin, 57.07
High Jump: 2nd-Ashley Longtin 4’8”
Shot Put: 4th-Madison Thompson, 29’1 ½”

Discus: 3rd-Madison Thompson, 88’4”
110 Hurdles: 5th-Devin Lambert, 17.42
100 Meter: 5th-Dylan Gustafson, 11.80
200 Meter: 5th-Dylan Gustafson, 24.55
300 Hurdles: 5th-Dylan Gustafson, 45.25
Long Jump: 7th-Austin Waliser, 18’ ½”
Discus: 3rd-Wyatt Schirrick, 118’3”
Shot Put: 6th-Wyatt Schirrick, 39’10 ¾”

4-H News

The Huot Hustlers 4-H club met at the Columbus Farm on April 26, 2015. Roll call was answered by 20 people including 9 parents and 11 club members. Our meeting was led by Pam Columbus and we went ditch cleaning along Hwy. 32. After our club was done ditch cleaning we had pizza and ice-cream. Our 4-H club is anxiously getting ready for the county fair and performing our 4-H Share the Fun skit down at the State Fair this summer. Reporter Hallie Harmoning

General Weed Notice To Control or Eradicate Noxious Weeds and Grasshoppers

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, this 1st day of May 2015, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 18.83, Subd. 1 (1992), that all persons in Red Lake County, Minnesota, shall control or eradicate all noxious weeds on land they own, occupy, or are required to maintain. Control or eradication may be accomplished by any lawful method, but the methods may need to be repeated in order to prevent the spread of viable noxious weed seeds and other propagating parts to other lands. Failure to comply with the general notice may mean that an individual notice will be issued. An individual notice may be appealed within two working days of receipt to the appeal committee in the county where the land is located. Failure to comply with the individual notice will mean that the inspector having jurisdiction may either hire the work done or seek a misdemeanor charge against the person(s) who failed to comply. If the work is hired done by the inspector, the cost can be placed as a tax upon the land and collected as other real estate taxes are collected. You may obtain a list of the plants that are designated noxious and of the members of the appeal committee from your County Agricultural Inspector. The local weed inspectors are Township Supervisors, City Mayors or their appointed assistants.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 18.0225 (1990), that all persons, owning, occupying, or in charge of maintenance of land shall control grasshoppers by any lawful method on land located in designated control zones. The methods used may need to be repeated to prevent the movement of grasshoppers to adjacent lands. Failure to comply with the general notice may mean that the inspector having jurisdiction will issue an individual notice. Failure to comply with the individual notice may mean the inspector having jurisdiction will hire control work done and place the cost as a tax lien upon the land. A similar appeal process applies to violations of the grasshopper law as to the noxious weed law. You may obtain lists of the townships that are designated as control zones and of the appeal committee members from the County Agricultural Inspector or local grasshopper inspector. Local grasshopper inspectors are Township Supervisors or their appointed assistants.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASKS YOUR COOPERATION IN THIS WEED CONTROL WORK.

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SP 063-602-010

Red Lake County, MN

Bituminous Overlay and Shouldering BIDS CLOSE 11:00 AM, Tuesday May 26, 2015

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS:
Sealed bids will be received until 11:00 AM Tuesday, May 26, 2015
By the Red Lake County Auditor at the Red Lake Falls Courthouse
On behalf of the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners for the following:

SP 063-602-010

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: Bituminous Overlay and Aggregate Shouldering, CSAH #2. Project includes 17,000 tons of Bituminous Paving and 6,500 Tons of Aggregate Shouldering on CSAH #2, 9.2 miles in length, NE of Red Lake Falls, MN
Minimum wage rates to be paid by the Contractors have been predetermined and are subject to the Work Hours Act of 1962, P.L. 87-581 and implementing regulations.

READ CAREFULLY THE WAGE SCALES AND DIVISION A OF THE SPECIAL PROVISIONS AS THEY AFFECT THIS/THESE PROJECT/PROJECTS

The Minnesota Department of Transportation hereby notifies all bidders:

in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Act), as amended and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Subtitle A Part 21, Non-discrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation, it will affirmatively assure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded maximum opportunity to participate and/or to submit bids in response to this invitation, and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, disability, age, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award;

in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended, and Title 23, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 230 Subpart A-Equal Employment Opportunity on Federal and Federal-Aid Construction Contracts (including supportive services), it will affirmatively assure increased participation of minority groups and disadvantaged persons and women in all phases of the highway construction industry, and that on any project constructed pursuant to this advertisement equal employment opportunity will be provided to all persons without regard to their race, color, disability, age, religion, sex or national origin;

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in accordance with the Minnesota Human Rights Act, Minnesota Statute 363A.36 Certificates of Compliance for Public Contracts, and 363A.37 Rules for Certificates of Compliance, it will assure that appropriate parties to any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement possess valid Certificates of Compliance.

If you are not a current holder of a compliance certificate issued by the Minnesota Department of Human Rights and intend to bid on any job in this advertisement you must contact the Department of Human Rights immediately for assistance in obtaining a certificate.

The following notice from the Minnesota Department of Human Rights applies to all contractors:

“It is hereby agreed between the parties that Minnesota Statute, section 363A.36 and Minnesota Rules, parts 5000.3400 to 5000.3600 are incorporated into any contract between these parties based on this specification or any modification of it. A copy of Minnesota Statute 363A.36 and Minnesota Rules, parts 5000.3400 to 5000.3600 is available upon request from the contracting agency.”

“It is hereby agreed between the parties that this agency will require affirmative action requirements be met by contractors in relation to Minnesota Statute 363A.36 and Minnesota Rules 5000.3600. Failure by a contractor to implement an affirmative action plan or make a good faith effort shall result in revocation of its certificate or revocation of the contract (Minnesota Statute 363A.36, Subd. 2 and 3).”

A minimum goal of 1.2 % Good Faith Effort to be subcontracted to Disadvantaged Business Enterprises.

Proposal, Plans, and Specifications may be obtained and examined at the Office of the County Highway Engineer, 204 7th Street SE Red Lake Falls, MN 56750. (218) 253-2697

All bids must be accompanied by a certified check or Bidder’s Bond made payable to the Red Lake County Treasurer for not less than five percent (5%) of the proposal amount.

ALL BIDS MUST BE DELIVERED TO THE RED LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR AT THE COURTHOUSE, P.O. Box 367 Red Lake Falls, MN 56750 by 11:00 AM on Tuesday, May 26, 2015.

The right is reserved to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive any defects.

Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

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Red Lake County Extension Educator
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Avian Influenza and Backyard Poultry Owners

What Is It?
Avian influenza (AI) is a disease in domestic poultry, such as chickens, turkeys, pheasants, quail, ducks, and geese. Waterfowl and shorebirds are natural hosts for the virus that causes avian influenza and will shed the virus into their environment while showing no signs of illness. Some types of AI are called highly pathogenic (HPAI) because in contrast to waterfowl, these viruses are rapidly fatal for poultry. In chickens, the clinical signs of

HPAI are often a combination of respiratory (gasping) and digestive (extreme diarrhea) signs followed by rapid death. There may be swelling around the head, neck, and eyes as well as purple discoloration around the head and legs. In contrast, other poultry species, including turkeys, may have nervous symptoms such as tremors, twisted necks, paralyzed wings and recumbent pedaling. What is common among all poultry (except ducks and geese) is the sudden onset and high rate of mortality.

Since December 2014, the U S DA has reported confirmed cases of HPAI, primarily of the H5N2 subtype, in waterfowl and backyard poultry in the states of Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho; and commercial flocks in California, Minnesota, and Missouri and Arkansas. The risk to the public is very low and there is no food safety concern because infected birds do not reach the market. The risk of infection is generally limited to people in direct contact with affected birds. As a remainder, poultry and eggs should always be handled properly and cooked to an internal temperature of 165degrees F. Do not eat birds that appear sick or have died for reasons unknown.

What To Do If You Suspect HPAI

Each state has a designated agency to respond to HPAI. In Minnesota, the Board of animal Health is that agency. If your poultry flock shows signs of HPAI, please contact your veterinarian or the Board of Animal Health or by calling the Minnesota Poultry Lab at 320.231.5170. For more detailed information; visit the following websites: eXtension.org Avian Influenza; Minnesota Department of Health; or Minnesota Board of Animal Health. You can also e mail Wayne Martin, U M Extension Alternative Livestock Systems with your questions at marti067@umn.edu.

Source; Wayne Martin, U M Extension Alternative Livestock Systems.

Regional Ag News

Jim Stordahl, Extension Educator

Windbreak and Crop Yield Study

The dry windy weather is a good reminder of the importance of trees and windbreaks. This week's tip is provided by Gary Wyatt, UM Extension educator in agroforestry, and offers greater insight into the value of trees on agricultural land and how you can become involved in future research.

Recent land values, farm innovations and management such as adoption of no-till, minimum till, use of wide farm equipment, and windbreak plantings that are just getting old, have led to many windbreaks being removed. In time, windbreaks need to be renovated to restore the multiple benefits they offer rural landscapes. There are cost share programs available to plant new windbreaks and renovate mature plantings through the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). In most areas where windbreaks were planted, there have been documented crop yield increases.

Researcher John Kort of Canada compiled 50 worldwide windbreak studies conducted from 1934 to 1984. The distance is measured in units of the height of the windbreak, and results show that, as expected,

yields are hampered out 1 to 1-1/2 times the height. But yields steadily increased out from the windbreak 6 to 12 times the height. This means that 40-foot tall trees, yields suffer 40 to 60 feet away from the windbreak, but they benefit an area about 500 feet out, or roughly 12 times the height of the trees. This world study found that, within the protected zone of the windbreak, spring wheat yields increased an average of 8%, corn by 12%, soybeans by 13%, and winter wheat by 23%. The percent of these benefits would likely surprise many agricultural producers.

"In 2007, a windbreak crop yield study was conducted in SW Minnesota. Nine fields were studied. Crop yields were measured with combine yield monitoring systems. The data varied from site to site. Some crop yield increases were from 2 – 3 % while other fields showed yield losses of 0 – 2 % from field averages," says Gary Wyatt, Extension Educator with the University of Minnesota Extension.

A team of NRCS and University Extension specialists are conducting a 2015 Great Plains Windbreak

Crop Yield Study to evaluate crop yields around field windbreaks using modern crop yield monitoring systems. A more complete summary of the study is found in the January issue of the Furrow Magazine. http://z.umn.edu/furrowjan2015

"We are looking for farmers to participate in this windbreak study to validate crop yields around windbreaks, taking modern farming techniques into account," adds Ginger Kopp, Agroforester with NRCS in St. Paul, MN.

Farmers who have a field windbreak(s) and a crop yield monitoring system and are interested in being part of this Great Plains Windbreak Crop Yield Study, please contact Ginger Kopp, ginger.kopp@mn.usda.gov or Gary Wyatt, wyatt@umn.edu or 888-241-3214.

Oklee Senior Site needs you

The Oklee Senior Site is looking for persons interested in participating in the Senior Site. Volunteers are needed for working the desk from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. one day a week, volunteers to deliver meals to people on the Meals on Wheels program.

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ELECTRIC ORDINANCE
ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY, A MINNESOTA CORPORATION, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, A NONEXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE, REPAIR AND MAINTAIN IN THE CITY OF BROOKS, MINNESOTA, AN ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM AND TRANSMISSION LINES, INCLUDING NECESSARY POLES, LINES, FIXTURES AND APPURTENANCES, FOR THE FURNISHING OF ELECTRIC ENERGY TO THE CITY, ITS INHABITANTS, AND OTHERS, AND TO USE THE PUBLIC WAYS AND PUBLIC GROUNDS OF THE CITY FOR SUCH PURPOSES.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOKS, RED LAKE COUNTY, MINNESOTA, ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS.

For purposes of this Ordinance, the following capitalized terms listed in alphabetical order shall have the following meanings:

City. The City of Brooks, County of Red Lake, State of Minnesota.

City Utility System. Facilities used for providing public utility service owned or operated by City or agency thereof, including sewer, storm sewer, water service, street lighting and traffic signals, but excluding facilities for providing heating, lighting, or other forms of energy.

Commission. The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, or any successor agency or agencies, including an agency of the federal government, which preempts all or part of the authority to regulate electric retail rates now vested in the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.

Company. Otter Tail Power Company, a Minnesota corporation, its successors and assigns including all successors or assignees that own or operate any part or parts of the Electric Facilities subject to this franchise.

Electric Facilities. Electric transmission and distribution towers, poles, lines, guys, anchors, conduits, fixtures, and necessary appurtenances owned or operated by Company for the purpose of providing electric energy for public or private use.

Notice. A writing served by any party or parties on any other party or parties. Notice to Company shall be mailed to **Otter Tail Power, 216 S Cascade St., Fergus Falls, MN 56537**. Notice to the City shall be mailed to City of Brooks, PO Box 98, Brooks, MN 56715-0098. Any party may change its respective address for the purpose of this Ordinance by written notice to the other parties.

Public Way. Any street, alley or other public right-of-way within the City.

Public Ground. Land owned or otherwise controlled by the City for park, open space or similar public purpose, which is held for use in common by the public.

SECTION 2. ADOPTION OF FRANCHISE.

2.1. Grant of Franchise. City hereby grants Company, for a period of 20 years from the date this Ordinance is passed and approved by the City, the right to transmit and furnish electric energy for light, heat and power for public and private use within and through the limits of the City as its boundaries now exist or as they may be extended in the future. For these purposes, Company may construct, operate, repair and maintain Electric Facilities in, on, over, under and across the Public Ways and Public Grounds, subject to the provisions of this Ordinance. Company may do all reasonable things necessary or customary to accomplish these purposes, subject however, to such reasonable regulations as may be imposed by the City pursuant to ordinance or permit requirements and to the further provisions of this franchise agreement.

2.2. Effective Date: Written Acceptance. This franchise shall be in force and effect from and after the passage of this Ordinance and publication as required by law and its acceptance by Company. If Company does not file a written acceptance with the City within 60 days after the date the City Council adopts this Ordinance, the City Council by resolution may revoke this franchise or seek its enforcement in a competent jurisdiction.

2.3. Service, Rates and Area. The service to be provided and the rates to be charged by Company for electric service in City are subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission. The area within the City in which Company may provide electric service is subject to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 216B.37 - .40.

2.4. Publication Expense. Company shall pay the expense of publication of this Ordinance.

2.5. Dispute Resolution. If either party asserts that the other party is in default in the performance of any obligation hereunder, the complaining party shall notify the other party of the default and the desired remedy. The notification shall be written. Representatives of the parties must promptly meet and attempt in good faith to negotiate a resolution of the dispute. If the dispute is not resolved within thirty (30) days of the date of written Notice, the parties may jointly select a mediator to facilitate further discussion. The parties will equally share the fees and expenses of this mediator. If a mediator is not used or if the parties are unable to resolve the dispute within 30 days after first meeting with the selected mediator, either party may commence an action in District Court to interpret and enforce this franchise or for such other relief as may be permitted by law or equity.

2.6. Continuation of Franchise. If the City and the Company are unable to agree on the terms of a new franchise by the time this franchise expires, this franchise will remain in effect until a new franchise is agreed upon, or until 90 days after the City or the Company serves written Notice to the other party of its intention to allow the franchise to expire. However, in no event shall this franchise continue for more than one year after expiration of the 20 year term set forth in Section 2.1.

SECTION 3. LOCATION. OTHER REGULATIONS.

3.1. Location of Facilities. Electric Facilities shall be located, constructed, and maintained so as not to interfere with the safety and convenience of ordinary travel along and over Public Ways and so as not to disrupt or interfere with the normal operation of any City Utility System. Electric Facilities may be located on Public Grounds as determined by the City. Company's construction, reconstruction, operation, repair, maintenance, location and relocation of Electric Facilities shall be subject to other reasonable regulations of the City consistent with authority granted the City to manage its Public Ways and Public Grounds under state law, to the extent not inconsistent with a specific term of this franchise agreement.

3.2. Street Openings. Company shall not open or disturb the surface of any Public Way or Public Ground for any purpose without first having obtained a permit from the City, if required by a separate ordinance for which the City may impose a reasonable fee. Permit conditions imposed on Company shall not be more burdensome than those imposed on other utilities for similar facilities or work. Company may, however, open and disturb the surface of any Public Way or Public Ground without a permit if (i) an emergency exists requiring the immediate repair of Electric Facilities and (ii) Company gives telephone notice to the City before, if reasonably possible, commencement of the emergency repair. Within two business days after commencing the repair, Company shall apply for any required permits and pay any required fees.

3.3. Restoration. After undertaking any work requiring the

opening of any Public Way, the Company shall restore the Public Way in accordance with Minnesota Rules, part 7819.1100 and applicable City ordinances consistent with law. Company shall restore Public Ground to as good a condition as formerly existed. All work shall be completed as promptly as weather permits, and if Company shall not promptly perform and complete the work, remove all dirt, rubbish, equipment and material, and put the Public Ground in the said condition, the City shall have, after demand to Company to cure and the passage of a reasonable period of time following the demand, but not to exceed five days, the right to make the restoration of the Public Ground at the expense of Company. Company shall pay to the City the cost of such work done for or performed by the City. This remedy shall be in addition to any other remedy available to the City for noncompliance with this Section 3.3.

3.4. Shared Use of Poles. Company shall make space available on its poles or towers for City fire, water utility, police or other City facilities whenever such use will not interfere with the use of such poles or towers by Company, by another electric utility, by a telephone utility, or by any cable television company or other form of communication company. In addition, the City shall pay for any added cost incurred by Company because of such use by City.

3.5. Avoid Damage to Electric Facilities. The Company must take reasonable measures to prevent the Electric Facilities from causing damage to persons or property. The Company must take reasonable measures to protect the Electric Facilities from damage that could be inflicted on the Facilities by persons, property, or the elements. The Company must take protective measures when the City performs work near the Electric Facilities, if given reasonable notice by the City of such work prior to its commencement.

3.6. Notice of Improvements to Streets. The City must give Company reasonable written Notice of plans for improvements to Public Ways where the City has reason to believe that Electric Facilities may affect or be affected by the improvement. The notice must contain: (i) the nature and character of the improvements, (ii) the Public Ways upon which the improvements are to be made, (iii) the extent of the improvements, (iv) the time when the City will start the work, and (v) if more than one Public Way is involved, the order in which the work is to proceed. The notice must be given to Company a sufficient length of time, considering seasonal working conditions, in advance of the actual commencement of the work to permit Company to make any additions, alterations or repairs to its Electric Facilities the Company deems necessary.

3.7. Mapping Information. The Company must promptly provide mapping information for any of it underground Electric Facilities in accordance with Minnesota Rules parts 7819.4000 and 7819.4100.

SECTION 4. FACILITIES RELOCATION.

4.1. Relocation in Public Ways. The Company shall comply with Minnesota Rules, part 7819.3100 and applicable City ordinances consistent with law.

4.2. Relocation in Public Grounds. City may require Company at Company's expense to relocate or remove its Electric Facilities from Public Ground upon a finding by City that the Electric Facilities have become or will become a substantial impairment to the existing or proposed public use of the Public Ground. Such relocation shall comply with applicable ordinances consistent with law.

4.3. Projects with Federal Funding. Relocation, removal, or rearrangement of any Electric Facilities made necessary because of the extension into or through City of a federally-aided highway project shall be governed by the provisions of Minnesota Statutes Section 161.46.

SECTION 5. TREE TRIMMING.

Unless otherwise provided in any

permit or other reasonable regulation required by the City under separate ordinance, Company may trim all trees and shrubs in the Public Ways and Public Grounds of City to the extent Company finds necessary to avoid interference with the proper construction, operation, repair and maintenance of any Electric Facilities installed hereunder, provided that Company shall hold the City harmless from any liability arising therefrom.

SECTION 6. INDEMNIFICATION.

6.1. Indemnity of City. Company shall indemnify and hold the City harmless from any and all liability, on account of injury to persons or damage to property occasioned by the construction, maintenance, repair, inspection, the issuance of permits, or the operation of the Electric Facilities located in the Public Ways and Public Grounds. The City shall not be indemnified for losses or claims occasioned through its own negligence except for losses or claims arising out of or alleging the City's negligence as to the issuance of permits for, or inspection of, Company's plans or work.

6.2. Defense of City. In the event a suit is brought against the City under circumstances where this agreement to indemnify applies, Company at its sole cost and expense shall defend the City in such suit if written notice thereof is promptly given to Company within a period wherein Company is not prejudiced by lack of such notice. If Company is required to indemnify and defend, it will thereafter have control of such litigation, but Company may not settle such litigation without the consent of the City, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. This section is not, as to third parties, a waiver of any defense or immunity otherwise available to the City; and Company, in defending any action on behalf of the City shall be entitled to assert in any action every defense or immunity that the City could assert in its own behalf. This franchise agreement shall not be interpreted to constitute a waiver by the City of any of its defenses of immunity or limitations on liability under Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 466.

SECTION 7. VACATION OF PUBLIC WAYS.

The City shall give Company at least two weeks prior written notice of a proposed vacation of a Public Way. The City and the Company shall comply with Minnesota Rules, 7819.3200 and applicable ordinances consistent with law.

SECTION 8. ABANDONED FACILITIES.

The Company shall comply with City ordinances, Minnesota Statutes, Section 216D.01 et seq. and Minnesota Rules Part 7819.3300, as they may be amended from time to time. The Company shall maintain records describing the exact location of all abandoned and retired Facilities within the City, produce such records at the City's request and comply with the location requirements of Section 216D.04 with respect to all Facilities, including abandoned and retired Facilities.

SECTION 9. CHANGE IN FORM OF GOVERNMENT.

Any change in the form of government of the City shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance. Any governmental unit succeeding the City shall, without the consent of Company, succeed to all of the rights and obligations of the City provided in this Ordinance.

SECTION 10. FRANCHISE FEE.

10.1. Form. During the term of the franchise hereby granted, and in addition to permit fees being imposed or that the city has a right to impose, the City may charge the Company a franchise fee. The fee may be (i) a percentage of gross revenues received by the Company for its operations within the City, or (ii) a flat fee per customer based on a metered service to retail customers within the City or on some other similar basis, or (iii) a fee based on units of energy delivered to any class of retail customers within the corporate limits of the City. The method of imposing the franchise fee, the percentage of revenue rate, or the flat rate based on metered service may differ for each customer class or combined the

methods described in (i)-(iii) above in assessing the fee. The City shall seek to use a formula that provides a stable and predictable amount of fees, without placing the Company at a competitive disadvantage. If the Company claims that the City required fee formula is discriminatory or otherwise places the Company at a competitive disadvantage, the Company shall provide a formula that will produce a substantially similar fee amount to the City and reimburse the City's reasonable fees and costs in reviewing and implementing the formula. The City will attempt to accommodate the Company but is under no franchise obligation to adopt the Company-proposed franchise fee formula and each review will not delay the implementation of the City-imposed fee.

10.2. Separate Ordinance. The franchise fee shall be imposed by separate ordinance duly adopted by the City Council, which ordinance shall not be adopted until at least one hundred twenty (120) days after written notice enclosing such proposed ordinance has been served upon the Company. The fee shall become effective with the first billing cycle of the next month following the month the City adopts such ordinance.

10.3. Condition of Fee. The separate ordinance imposing the fee shall not be effective against the Company unless it lawfully imposes a fee of the same or substantially similar amount on the sale of electric energy within the City by any other electric energy supplier, provided that, as to such supplier, the City has the authority or contractual right to require a franchise fee or similar fee through a previously agreed upon franchise.

10.4. Collection of Fee. The franchise fee shall be payable not less than quarterly during complete billing months of the period for which payment is to be made. The franchise fee formula may be changed from time to time, however the change shall meet the same notice requirements and the fee may not be changed more often than annually. Such fee shall not exceed any amount that the Company may legally charge to its customers prior to payment to the City. Such fee is subject to substantial reductions to account for uncollectibles and customer refunds incurred by the Company. The Company agrees to make available for inspection by the City at reasonable times all records

necessary to audit the Company's determination of the franchise fee payments.

10.5. Continuation of Franchise Fee. If this franchise expires and the City and the Company are unable to agree upon terms of a new franchise, the franchise fee, if any being imposed by the City at the time this franchise expires, will remain in effect until a new franchise is agreed upon.

SECTION 11. PROVISIONS OF ORDINANCE.

11.1. Severability. Every section, provision, or part of this Ordinance is declared separate from every other section, provision, or part; and if any section, provision, or part shall be held invalid, it shall not affect any other section, provision, or part; provided, however, that if the City is unable to enforce its franchise fee provisions for any reason the City will be allowed to amend the franchise agreement to impose a franchise fee pursuant to statute. Where a provision of any other City ordinance conflicts with the provisions of this Ordinance, the provisions of this Ordinance shall prevail.

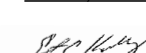
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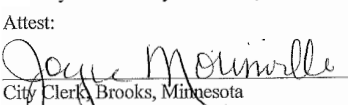
This Ordinance constitutes a franchise agreement between the City and Company as the only parties and no provision of this franchise shall in any way inure to the benefit of any third person (including the public at large) so as to constitute any such person as a third party beneficiary of the agreement or of any one or more of the terms hereof, or otherwise give rise to any cause of action in any person not a party hereto.

SECTION 12. AMENDMENT PROCEDURE.

Either party to this franchise agreement may at any time propose that the agreement be amended. This Ordinance may be amended at any time by the City passing a subsequent ordinance declaring the provisions of the amendment, which amendatory ordinance shall become effective upon the filing of Company's written consent thereto with the City Clerk after City council adoption of the amendatory ordinance.

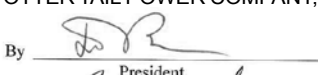
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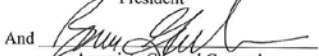

Mayor of the City of Brooks, Minnesota

Attest:

City Clerk Brooks, Minnesota

ACCEPTANCE

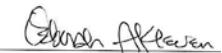
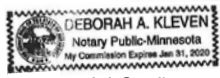
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY,

By  President

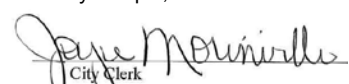
And  Associate General Counsel,
Otter Tail Power Company

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
(SS
COUNTY OF OTTERTAIL)

On this 14 day of April, 2015, before me, a Notary Public within and for said County, personally appeared Tim Rogelstad and Bruce Gerhardson to me personally known, who, being each by me duly sworn, did say that they are, respectively, the President, and Associate General Counsel of Otter Tail Power Company, the corporation named in the foregoing instrument, and that said instrument was signed in behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors, and said Tim Rogelstad and Bruce Gerhardson acknowledged said instrument to be the free act and deed of said corporation.



(Notarial Seal)

The foregoing Acceptance was duly filed in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Brooks, Minnesota, this 22nd day of April, 2015.


City Clerk

