

Oklee Precipitation
By Einar Kvasager

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Pink Ribbon Tea Hosted by Red Lake County ACS Board



Many people from the area attended the Pink Ribbon Tea on October 25th at the Brooks Community Hall.

About 40 area women gathered on Sunday, October 25th at 2:00 pm at the Brooks Community Hall for the 3rd annual Pink Ribbon Tea promoting the American Cancer Society's Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October. A variety of desserts, coffee and tea was served at the Community Hall which was decorated in pink, the the ACS signature color for breast cancer.

Guest speaker Cindy Bushelle, Plummer, and her daughter Becky Carlson had an inspirational message about Cindy's journey with her recent diagnosis with breast cancer. Cindy's cancer was discovered after she had a physical in preparation for an elk hunting trip. A mammogram detected a suspicious spot in her breast and the elk hunt was put on hold while Cindy underwent a life changing experience with breast cancer. The support from her family, the community and even strangers was an emotional and important part of her cancer diagnosis and

treatment. Her children, their spouses and her grandchildren were directly involved every step of the way during her cancer treatment and for all

part of her experience.

Prizes donated by Diamonds and Designs in Thief River Falls, Kim Olson, Oklee, Bev Rupprecht and Kristi Housey

(mother and sister of Kim Olson, Oklee) and Tracy Hamm owner of Simply Hair in Oklee were given to the woman who was the longest survivor of breast cancer at 31 years, the woman who had the most recent mammogram and the woman most recently diagnosed. Cancer facts from the American Cancer Society were shared and the women were reminded that the website for the American Cancer Society is cancer.org.

This successful cancer awareness gathering has been determined by the Red Lake County volunteer board of the American Cancer Society to be an educational tool in making women aware of the importance

of good medical practices in preventing breast cancer. Plans are already underway for the 2016 Pink Ribbon Tea to be held in October!



Guest speaker, Cindy Bushelle (left) and daughter Becky Carlson.

of them that was a significant aspect of her treatment. Her medical care was exceptional and she credits her doctors and nurses with being a positive

Farm Service Agency Payment Update

By Mike Philipp, CED, East Polk/Red Lake Counties

ARC-PLC Payment Update- FSA offices have received many questions from producers regarding whether or not there will be any farm program payments this fall. Farmers need this information as they begin their year-end financial planning. It used to be a simple question to answer, but as many of you know things have changed and there's not an answer that fits everybody anymore. If you're involved with the new farm program at FSA please take a few minutes to read through this brief summary of what has happened and why the answer is now more complicated.

Since last spring most producers have gone through a three-step signup process which first involved updating yields and base acres, then choosing between Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) or Price Loss Coverage (PLC) options, and finally the actual enrollment for 2014 and 2015 which recently ended. Also thrown into the mix was acreage reporting, so many have visited their FSA office three or four times at minimum during the past 10 months.

The 2014 Farm Bill changed the old farm program structure so now payments will only be made when farm revenue is below certain levels due to low market prices or low yields. This means that instead of fixed, predetermined payments being made during the production year we have to wait for the marketing year for each crop to end, which is the following May 31 for small grains and August 31 for corn and soybeans. During this waiting period average yields for each crop in each county are also determined because they are part of the payment formula under the ARC-County option. Unlike the national market-year average prices which are the same for

everyone, average yields for the specific year are county specific and make all the difference as to which counties may generate a payment under ARC-County and which do not. So for right now, in regards to possible 2014 payments USDA has the final prices and is just finishing up on the yields.

Under the PLC program, for 2014, we know that there will not be any 2014 payments issued this fall because the final prices were above the Reference Prices (similar to the old target prices), except for canola. This scenario may however change for 2015 because average market prices are running lower than they did during the 2014 marketing year and over time PLC could still prove to be a good option.

For the ARC-County option which was by far the most popular option nationwide, again we have the final 2014 market year prices but we also need the 2014 average yields, by county for each crop, to complete the calculation to determine if there will be any payments for a crop in each separate county. The yields are the final piece of the puzzle that we are waiting for and they will be different from one county to the next. As of the third week in October we understand that the county yields for each crop are just being finalized and we should know very soon which crops in which counties may receive a 2014 ARC-County payment. The payments are actually generated in Kansas City but are electronically verified at your local FSA office.

One last thing to keep in mind is that there may and will be differences in payments between farms and between counties, due to the different options that were offered (ARC or PLC) and the different yields across county lines. Farmers with questions should contact their local FSA office for more information.



Nancy Amberson (35 years)-County Assessor was presented with this Redlin print by Commissioner Ron Weiss.



Mary Derosier (25 years)-County Attorney's office Legal Secretary, was presented a plaque from Commissioner Weiss.



Jayson Sletten (10 years)-Sheriff's Department Deputy.

Six employee recognized at last county board meeting

Six Red Lake County employees were recognized for their years of service at the October 13th board meeting. Red Lake County board chairman, Ron Weiss, presented awards to:

Other employees that were recognized but not pictured are:

Micky Brekke (25 years)-Highway Department Equipment Operator
Gary Anderson (10 years)-Highway Department Seasonal Mower

Jeremy Johnson (5 years)-Highway Department Senior Engineering Technician.

(Submitted)

Trick or Treat Safety

"Trick or treat!"

That's the phrase shouted with glee by many a youngster across the country every Halloween night. But before your ghosts and goblins trick or treat this year, parents should keep in mind these trick or treating safety tips to make sure the only howls are those of fun.

Trick-or-Treaters Tips

Buy costumes and wigs labeled "flame resistant."
Never walk near lit candles or luminaries while wearing costumes.
Fasten reflective tape to costumes and bags to help drivers see you.
Carry a flashlight.
Walk, don't run.
Don't go into a stranger's house.
Stay on Sidewalks.
Don't cut across yards or driveways.
Make sure costumes don't drag on the ground.
Shoes should fit
Avoid wearing masks while walking from house to house.
Carry only flexible knives,

swords or other props.

"No sidewalk?" Then walk on the left side of the road facing traffic.

Wear clothing with reflective markings or tape.

Approach only houses that are lit.

Never accept rides from strangers.

Avoid trick-or-treating alone. Walk in groups or with a trusted adult.

Parent Safety Tips

Ideally, an adult should accompany young children of any age.

If you buy a costume, look for one made of flame-retardant material.

Older children should know where to reach you and when

to be home.

You should know where they're going.

Although tampering is rare, tell children to bring the candy home to be inspected - before consuming anything.

Look at the wrapping carefully and toss out anything that looks suspect.

Homeowner Safety Tips

Make sure your yard is clear of such things as ladders, hoses, dog leashes and flowerpots that can trip the young ones.

Battery powered jack o'lantern candles are preferable to a real flame.

If you do use candles, place the pumpkin well away from where trick-or-treaters will be walking or standing.

Make sure paper or cloth yard decorations won't be blown into a flaming candle.

Driver Safety Tips

Go slow, slow, slow all evening.

Adult Halloween party goers should have a designated driver.

Don't Drink & Drive.

Have a safe and a Happy Halloween!



Calendar of Events

Wed, Oct. 28:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. - Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
Thu, Oct. 29:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. - Bingo.
Fri, Oct. 30:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
Sat, Oct. 31:
-Support your local business - Shop Locally!
Sun, Nov. 1:
-Worship at the church of your choice.
Mon, Nov. 2:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
Tue, Nov. 3:
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. - Cards
-LSS Sr. Evening meal - 5:00 p.m.
Wed, Nov. 4:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. - Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
Thu, Nov. 5:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. - Bingo.
Fri, Nov. 6:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
Sat, Nov. 7:
-Support your local business - Shop Locally!
Sun, Nov. 8:
-Worship at the church of your choice.
Mon, Nov. 9:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
Tue, Nov. 10:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. - Cards
Wed, Nov. 11:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. - Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.



MUSTANG STAMPEDE

RLCC Menus

November 2 - 6

Oklee

Mon: Breakfast: Apple turnover, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Pizza, lettuce salad, cottage cheese, fresh vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Tue: Breakfast: Bakery rolls, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Hamburger patty, French fries, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Wed: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Chicken hotdish, bread sticks, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Thu: Breakfast: French toast sticks, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Fri: Breakfast: Cereal, cinnamon roll, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Hot subs, chips, fresh vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Plummer

Mon: Breakfast: Egg wrap, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Taco's in a bag (chips, hamburger, cheese, lettuce, taco sauce), carrots, celery, fruit, Go-Gurt, and milk.

Tue: Breakfast: Waffles, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Spaghetti, garlic toast, broccoli Normandy, string cheese, fruit, and milk.

Wed: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Chicken strips, baked potato, coleslaw, tea roll, strawberries, and milk.

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

Fri: Breakfast: Maple ham/cheese biscuit, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Pizza, k-2: salad, 3-6: salad bar, yogurt, grapes, and milk.

Sports Schedules

RLCC Mustang Volleyball

Thu, Oct. 29: Section Qtr Finals NCTC TBD.

Mon, Nov. 2: Section Semi Finals Bagley TBD.

Fri, Nov. 6: Section Finals UMC-Crookston TBD.

Red Lake Rebels Boys Basketball

Sat. Nov. 15: Scrimmage at Clearbrook TBD.

Fri, Nov. 20: Fertile at Red Lake Falls 5:00 p.m.

Tue, Nov. 24: Sacred Heart at RLF 5:00 p.m.

Mon, Nov. 30: Win-E-Mac at Erskine 5:00 p.m.

Happy Go Lucky 4-H Club Minutes

Happy Go Lucky 4-H Club met Tuesday October 20, 2015 at 7:00 PM at the Plummer Community Hall. Bailey Culkins and Bella Russillo gave a project talk on making bows from duct tape. We elected club officers. President: Brock Tvedt. Vice President: Bella Russillo. Secretary: Sarah Quick. Treasurer: Daniel Quick. Reporter/Photographer: Bailey Culkins.

We set goals and planned projects for the new 4-H year. We set a club budget. Members were asked to register soon. We played silent ball and telephone.

Our next meeting is Tuesday November 10, 2015 at 7:00 PM at the Plummer Community Hall. Come and join us to sew an outfit for your pet.

Happy Go Lucky 4-H Club Reporter, Bailey Culkins

ECFE News

Thursday, October 29: "Make Believe Family Fun Night" 6:00-7:30pm for 0-5 year olds at the Brooks Community Hall. Come to try orange glurch, face painting, guess the feely box, and taste a popcorn snack. Costumes are encouraged but no masks or weapons, please. Be prepared for magical evening.

RLCC students lend a helping hand

By: Nick Plante

Red Lake County Central recently held their 11th annual Day of Caring. This was the first time it was held in the fall rather than spring. Approximately 160 students and staff that gave back to the communities of Brooks, Oklee, Plummer, and Trail by helping with many fall projects. Students and staff moved large items for people, washed windows, raked yards, cleaned parks, put up a snow fence, cleaned at a church and cemetery, and much more.

Students recognize the benefits of this event. Seventh grade Janae Olson said, "Day of Caring is important so students can give back to their community for giving things to us/the school." Seniors Alan Nemec, Morgan Bushelle, Kayla Olson, and sophomore Hannah Kolstoe commented that Day of Caring helps people who are unable to do certain tasks or do not have the time or energy. Angel Auman added, "It allows students to socialize with people in their community and it makes the community a better place."

People who were helped during Day of Caring greatly appreciated it. There were many smiles and thank yous. Adriel Bakken said, "One lady helped us with her yard and she was very happy. We got to pick chestnuts from her chestnut



Cleaning the cemetery in Brooks for Day of Caring: (back) Rickey Ulrich, Katelyn Suchy, Faith Hanson, (front) Marie Johnson, Jillian Booth, Jena Phalen, Ms. Shelley Steva, and Courtney Rude.

tree, too!" Many students including AnaRosa Gibbs-Martinez enjoyed helping the community, talking to the people and having fun with their group. This was the first time Kia Bachand and Katelyn Suchy participated. Both said it was a lot of fun and can't

wait until next year!

Junior Makay Berns commented on the goal of Day of Caring. "It helps clean up our communities so it looks better. It makes people smile with joy! It's a good way to get to know people better and help your environment."

Sophomore Billie Jo Gryskiewicz said, "It's really nice to be helping out people and cleaning up things." Gryskiewicz summed it up by saying "Day of Caring is all about caring for the community."

A number of businesses and



Students from RLCC's Day of Caring with many bags of leaves in Plummer included (from left to right) Makay Berns, Kayla Olson, Alan Nemec, Morgan Bushelle, Mary Auman, Billie Gryskiewicz, Cameron Parsley, and Hannah Kolstoe.

Rebels Season

Gets Cut Short

By: Wyatt Waldal

The Red Lake County Rebels hosted the Fertile/Beltrami Falcons on October 13 for the first play-off game. The game started short as neither team scored during the first quarter. The last time the Rebels and Falcons played, it was tied 0-0 until the fourth quarter so the games between these two teams are always intense.

The Rebels got onto the scoreboard first with a 26 yard field goal kicked by Ethan Vettleson at the end of the second quarter. The Falcons came down with limited time left in the second quarter to score an eight yard touchdown by Ryan Benson, and the extra point was good. The score at the half was 3-7, Falcons ahead.

The Rebels would receive the ball starting the second

half. The third quarter was like the first with neither team scoring. Late into the fourth quarter, Carter Moser for the Falcons had a three yard touchdown but the extra point was missed. Shortly after, Austin Waliser for the Rebels brought back a 77 yard kick return. The conversion failed. The final score was 9-13, Falcons with the win. The Rebels season had come to a short end on the field that night.

The Rebels top rusher was Dylan Gustafson with 72 yards on the night. Will Duden was the top receiver for the Rebels with 45 yards on only two catches. Devin Lambert and Duden were tied for the most tackles on the Rebels team with only three tackles. The Rebels final record was 3-6 ending the season.

RLC Boys' Basketball Pre-Season Meeting

Red Lake County Boys' Basketball players in grades 7-12 will have a pre-season informational meeting on Sunday, November 1 at 6:00 pm in the Plummer School gym. There will be a meal served as well. We will also be distributing information for our fundraiser we will be having again this year. We would like all boys and their parents to be at this meeting. There will also be open gym following the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Players in grades 7-12 who were not in football this year should also have their MSHSL paperwork and physical exam requirements brought to this meeting so everyone is eligible

to start practice. Forms can be picked up in the school offices if you were not in football.

RLCC Mustangs plays against Warren

By: Ana Almeida

The Red Lake County Central Mustangs volleyball team played against the Warren Ponies Tuesday, October 20. They lost in three sets. The score for the first set was Mustangs 13, Ponies 25; for the second set Mustangs 10, Ponies 25; and for the third set Mustangs 12, Ponies 25.

Some highlights for the Mustangs were Kelsie Sirjord, Michelle Sundquist and Ashley Longtin with one kill each, Megan Berberich and Calyssa Eskeli with one assist each and Longtin with one ace.

Mustangs Fall Short to Falcons

By: Wyatt Waldal

Monday, October 19 the Mustangs played the Fertile Falcons in Fertile. The Mustangs have been struggling a bit this season but came close during this game. The Mustangs lost in three but the first two sets were close and very winnable. The first set score was 23-25, the second was 17-25 and the third was 13-25.

Ashley Longtin led the team with eight kills followed by Julia Bernstein with three and Michelle Sundquist with two. Calyssa Eskeli led the team in assists with five, followed by Megan Berberich with four and Holly Vettleson with one. Sundquist was the only player for the Mustangs who got an ace that night.

organizations helped make Day of Caring possible. Donors included D&R Grocery, Garden Valley Telephone Company, Oklee Lumber, Oklee Quilting, Paradis Mail Service, Plummer Agency, Red Lake County Cooperative, Thrivent Financial Action Team, and Ultima Bank.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

Sunday,
November 1
Don't forget to set
your clock back.

Oklee Community Halloween Party on Oct. 31

By: Asia Davis

The Oklee Community will be hosting a Halloween Party on Saturday, October 31 starting at 7:00 pm. Children of all ages are welcome to participate in a variety of games and activities that will be set up.

Red Lake County Central High School Honor Society will be helping run the games and activities at the party.



RLCC students Heaven Heard, Jayden Fore, Kyler Fluharty, and Natalie Aakhus cleaning at the Veteran's Memorial Park in Oklee on Day of Caring.

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Oklee Herald Early Files

Seventy Years Ago October 25, 1945

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Melby arrived here last week from California. Mr. Melby recently received his discharge from the Navy.

Sgt. Louis LeRoux, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul LeRoux of Brooks, returned home Tuesday, having received his discharge from the Army.

Lt. Arnold Stenberg arrived here last week from Florida, to spend a furlough with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Stenberg, north of town.

From an ad – For Peace and Prosperity – America's Great Victory Loan starts October 29th – celebrate victory by buying bonds in the Victory Loan.

Sixty Years Ago October 27, 1955

Congresswoman Coya Knutson will address the regular meeting of the Highlanders Farmers Union on Friday night.

The marriage on October 22 of Willard Hince and Miss Shirley Poole of Brooks was announced this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Toulouse received word from their son Dean who is on leave in Hong Kong, China from Guam.

A family reunion was held at the Melvin A. Johnson home on Sunday, October 23rd with nine of their ten children and families present.

Fifty Years Ago October 21, 1965

Roy Hokkanen was named commander of the Frank Lund Post of the American Legion at the post's annual meeting on Monday night.

A community shower has been arranged by friends and neighbors of the Roger Barsness family of Mayfield township, whose home was all but destroyed in a fire early Sunday morning.

Buddy Bjornaraa, who was a gridiron star on the Oklee Bobcat team when a student in high school here, is now coaching football at Chetek, Wisconsin high school.

The senior class of Plummer High School will present "Out of the World," a three-act comedy on November 19th.

Forty Years Ago October 23, 1975

Tony, foster son of the Orlando Chervestad family, celebrated his 5th birthday Thursday afternoon with a special cake baked for the occasion.

Don Fournier and Oscar Flateland are building a house for the Don Fournier family on the west edge of Oklee and is the second home built on Highway 222.

The Oklee Jaycees will be sponsoring a Community Auction, Saturday with all proceeds being used for community projects.

Thirty Years Ago October 23, 1985

Carol Bergeron, a freshman in Music & Drama at Moorhead State University, has the female lead in "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying."

The Plummer Lioness Club will be sponsoring a Halloween Party at the Plummer Hall on Thursday, October 31st.

At the October 21st meeting of the Oklee City Council,

Rene Hofstad was sworn in as a new council member by Mayor Shirley Cyr. Hofstad is completing the term of office vacated by Tim Paquin.

Twenty Years Ago November 1, 1995

A horse for Donnie Larson is what a seeing-eye dog is to a blind person and a horse is Donnie's legs and eyes as he gets back in the saddle again. Tim Munt and Charlie Bishop did the planning and cutting of the material and directed the Luther League in the building of a corral for Donnie's horse Sadie.

The Red Lake County Central Mustangs defeated the Crookston Pirates on Monday during the 1st round of Sub-Section 8A-31 tournament.

Friday evening was ideal for Oklee's annual Halloween Hysteria. Lots of folks came out in costume for the annual event.

Ten Years Ago October 27, 2005

Three students from Plummer made a trip to Washington D.C. this past summer thanks to their teacher Angel Mickelson, who submitted six students names to the Junior Young Leaders Conference, and Jeffrey Sorenson, Kevin Longtin and Tricia Braaten were picked to participate.

Red Lake Falls City Council votes to consider the Pennington County jail proposal instead of the Tri-County Corrections proposal.

Principal Pederson reported to the RLCC school board that School is off to a great start.

Red Lake County Extension Educator Curtis W. Nyegaard - 218-253-2895

Getting Cattle Ready for winter

With most beef cattle operations, the fall season requires many management and labor decisions, including repairing fences, planting cover crops, assessing pasture conditions, moving cattle to fall grazing and wondering if you have enough feed for the whole winter!

Unlike crop production, you can't buy insurance to cover potential problems in the livestock business. However, you can take steps to ensure you have a successful year. What things can a producer do this fall to "insure" that you have a successful winter with your livestock?

One step is good management, according to livestock experts at N D S U. The fall season is another good time to asses body condition score (BCS) in cows that are nursing calves. Scheduling pregnancy checks for cows nursing calves provides a good opportunity to identify cows for market and to prewean vaccinated calves. Pregnancy checking heifers provides the opportunity to market open females directly off pasture.

Bulls need evaluation in the fall as well, and producers should assess the animal's feet and legs and BCS and check the bull for penile injuries. Mature bull should have minimal weight loss during the breeding season, while yearling bulls will lose some weight during that time and would benefit from improved nutrition when removed from the breeding herd.

Selecting the right vaccine is another part of good fall livestock management. This aspect of "insurance" should be done in consultation with your veterinarian because it involves an assessment of the risk of certain diseases, and the efficacy and safety of specific vaccines says Gerald Stokka, NDSU Extension veterinarian and livestock stewardship specialist. The pre-weaning vaccination protocol provides an ideal opportunity to follow up on springtime vaccinations and enhance the immune response to respiratory pathogens. Respiratory disease is one of the primary risks to weaned calves and bovine respiratory disease complex (BRDC) is associated with the stress of weaning, a change of diet, transportation or movement to new surroundings, and often the co-mingling of different pasture groups on the same ranch. Enhancing the calves' immunity to specific potential pathogens decreases the risk of BRDC. Also the sorting and weaning and vaccinating calves while they are still nursing reduces the stress of the processing event.

Pre-weaning vaccination events, while stressful, can minimize pathogen stress that normally is associated with commingling of animals from

different pastures, separation from the dam and changes in diet that occur with weaning. You need to ensure that all animal handling events are conducted in a clam, low stress manner as much as possible. Depending on the veterinarian's assessment of the disease risk in a herd, calves may receive booster doses at weaning or simply may be separated from the dams without additional vaccinations. Modified live virus vaccines, often called five way viral vaccines, can provided excellent protection when handled properly and administered according to label instructions. Other bacterial vaccines may be used depending on herd history and risk.

What is important to remember is that killed/inactivated vaccines usually will require a booster dose to achieve an adequate level of protection. Consult your veterinarian about specific products related to viral and bacterial vaccines. Other diseases that can affect cattle in the fall include:

* Clostridial diseases, commonly called "blackleg" The risk of this infection is difficult to assess; however, this organism lives in the soil and can cause severe illness and death in susceptible animals. A second dose of vaccine administered at this time will enhance protection against this family of pathogens.

* Internal parasites-Cattle on grass will have internal parasites. These parasites can reduce the calves' feed and forage uptake, resulting in reduced weaning weights, and have a negative impact on the calves' ability to respond to vaccination.

If de-wormers products are

used at pre-weaning, calves should be moved to clean pastures to avoid reinfection. Rotational grazing can increase parasite loads, especially if the cattle are left too long on rotations units or if some units are used several times during the grazing season. Conversely, rotational grazing can decrease the internal parasite load when cattle are moved appropriately (one month or less) to clean grazing units. Producers should consult with their veterinarian about which products to use.

* External parasites-They will be very evident at this time of the year. Horn and face flies can be bothersome to adults and calves. Topical treatment at pre-weaning for cows, bulls and calves is advisable, depending on the fly population. It is not necessary to treat for biting and sucking lice at this time. Lice's feeding activity will increase with colder weather, so hold off on systemic treatments until lice appear.

Reproductive vaccines also can be administered to breeding females at this time, but producers need to be very aware of label recommendations for the timing and use of vaccines in pregnant cows. Producers should make sure their veterinarian has provided recommendations about the use of these vaccines. Another important aspect of herd management is to record the inventory and asses breeding females for pregnancy, and to sort out market animals. For more information and or questions, you can e mail Carl Dahlen, NDSU Extension Service beef cattle specialist at carl.dahlen@ndsu.edu.

Source: Carl Dahlen, NDSU Extension Beef Cattle Specialist.

Who's Dat?

Who's Dat?

This week's photo is from a number of years ago, when schools used to be able to celebrate Halloween. Can you recognize this group of trick or treaters?

Well, must have had a senior moment on the photo from last week. It has already been in

and not that long ago. June 24th is when the answer was published. So once again it is:

An Oklee Quartet: Nils Hagen, Richard Sletvold, Ole Melby and Arthur J. Melby.



Senior Site News and Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

It looks like fall is really setting in as the weather has been cooler in the mornings. We have had such nice weather to get fall chores finished. We had a nice, welcome rain this past week so we don't have to fear so much for fires.

Halloween is Saturday and I'm sure all the kids have their costumes ready. I'm happy there is a party at the Community Center. The American Legion Auxiliary will be serving coffee and treats the same as every year. It makes it nice for adults to visit with friends and have coffee while watching the kids with their games. When I was in grade school, we had a party

in school and never heard of going "Tricks or Treating". I guess living in the country, it was not easy to even go to the neighbors at night.

Maybe some of the readers aren't aware the Senior Site has a library of books which we loan out at no charge. The only requirement is we ask you to return the book when you have finished reading it. Books were donated to the Site from Elmer Hanson.

Dates To Remember

Nov. 3 - Evening Meal
Nov. 17 - Pot Luck
Nov. 19 - Site Council Meets
Nov. 20 - Birthday Meal

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

Congratulations to Cindy and Del Determan who are grandparents again. Little Aubrey Stella was born on the 19th of October. She is the daughter of Brad and Lorie Determan of Thief River Falls. She was named after Lori's grandmother Stella Novak, and was 7 pounds 3 ounces at birth. She joins Mattie and Macie and brother Devin in the family. Get those safety pins out Cindy and Del, it looks like you are popping your buttons.

Elaine Radniecki and Therese Radniecki visited at the Richard Radniecki home in Apache Junction,, Arizona last week. They enjoyed many great hours of visiting and going about the town.

Elaine Radniecki had minor surgery for skin cancer recently and is recovering nicely.

Last weekend Cindy Determan went to Slayton to visit her father Paul Beech and to help him with fall

work. They combined some corn, and she was able to go hunting and did some outside work on the yard. She enjoyed the weekend with her Dad and had some quality time with him. She was also able to get a visit with her 83 year old aunt Audrey Sherer who after her trip to Sturgis decided to hang up the motorcycle rides, decided to give Cindy some of her motorcycle clothes. So if you see that motorcycle jacket or shirts with Harley Davidson advertised on them walking around town you know Cindy was the one wearing them.

Congratulations too to Barb and Arnie Schmitz who are grandparents to little Dawson Jake. He was born on the 22nd of October. He is a most welcome and was 9 pounds and 10 ounces at birth. I bet he'll be eating pork chops before long. Congratulations to Ashley and the family on your new arrival. Jerome and Barb Novak

Words Of Wisdom

Don't forget a kindness. Human nature compels us to feel a certain way. It's our obligation to be better than that.

Joke Time

Every chair in the doctor's office was filled and some patients were standing. At one point the conversation died down. During the silence, an old man stood up wearily and remarked, "Well, I guess I'll go home and die a natural death."

People who think that time heals everything, haven't tried sitting it out in a doctor's waiting room.

Bonny's Bits...

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Americans. Did you know that...

- + 22% of us skip lunch daily.
- + 9% of us skip breakfast daily.
- + 66% of us eat cereal regularly.
- + 22% of all restaurant meals include French fries.
- + 14% of us eat the watermelon seeds.
- + Only 13% brush our teeth from side to side.
- + 45% use mouthwash every day.
- + 22% leave the glob of toothpaste in the sink.
- + The typical shower is 101 degrees F.
- + Nearly 1/3 of US women color their hair.
- + 9% of women and 8% of men have had cosmetic surgery.
- + 53% of women will not leave the house without makeup on.
- + 58% of women paint their nails regularly.
- + 62% of us pop our zits.
- + 33% of women lie about their weight.
- + 10% of us claim to have seen a ghost.
- + 57% have had deja vu.
- + 49% believe in ESP.
- + 4 out of 5 of us have suffered from hemorrhoids.
- + The average girl starts her period at age 12.
- + 44% have broken a bone.
- + Only 30% of us know our cholesterol level.
- + 14% have attended a self-help meeting.
- + 15% regularly go to a shrink.

+ 78% would rather die quickly than live in a retirement home.

+ 46.5% of men say they ALWAYS put the seat down after they've used the toilet, yet women claim to ALWAYS find it up.

+ 30% of us refuse to sit on a public toilet seat.

+ 54.2% of us always wash our hands after using the toilet.

+ 23.5% admit they don't always flush.

+ 45.2% pee in the shower.

+ 44.9% pee in the ocean.

+ 28.1% pee in the pool.

+ 55.2% will let someone else come in the bathroom while they're using the toilet.

+ 39% of us peek in our host's bathroom cabinet.

+ 17% have been caught by the host.

+ 81.3% would tell an acquaintance to zip his pants.

+ 29% of us ignore RSVP.

+ 71.6% of us eavesdrop.

+ 22% are functionally illiterate.

+ Less than 10% are trilingual.

+ How far would you go for \$10 million? 25% would abandon their friends, family, and religion. 7% would murder.

+ 69% eat the cake before the frosting.

+ When nobody else is around, 47% drink straight from the carton.

+ 85% of us will eat Spam this year.

+ 70% of us drink orange juice daily.

+ Snickers is the most popular candy.

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

Last Friday night, there was a good crowd that attended the Lions Fish Fry at the Plummer Hall. They also sold chances on slabs of bacon – a good fundraiser.

Chancey Greenwald and kids of Minneapolis came for a few days over MEA to Rick and Bonnie Greenwald's, up town. Bonnie went back with Chancey, Sunday. Rick left later on Monday.

On Tuesday, October 29th, Nancy and Randy Pederson of Thief River Falls, Danielle and Keaden and Judy Kelley came for Russ' birthday to Jean Carpenter's. Also, Cindy Thomas, of Manhattan, Kansas, visited here for a week at Jean's.

Emilie Skjervén visited Melanie Parise, at Shoreview, the previous week. Emilie's sister Elaine and Loren Mathson, of Dickenson, ND visited Emilie Tuesday through Saturday. They also went to Oklee for supper.

Jim and Bunny DuChamp attended the memorial service for Donna Burrell at Johnson Funeral Home in Thief River Falls, the previous Saturday.

On Saturday night, October 17th, Inga Linder's family had a birthday party for her at Salem Church. Here great grandkids sang "Happy Birthday" to her. A potluck supper was served and a wonderful time was spent visiting. It was her 101st birthday on the 21st.

Alice Jobe visited her mom, Sylvia Kukowski at Roseau and had lunch with her also, on Saturday. It was a beautiful fall day. Later she visited her brother Gerald and sister-in-law Lorraine at Badger. Their daughter, Ashely, was there with her sons, Jens, age 3, and Leo, 10 months. Also nephew Jeremy, from Benson, and his girlfriend Caitlin. They had a good visit.

I had new neighbors to my west, Linda Jaeger and son Dougie. Also to the north, Matt Anderson, son of John and Diane Anderson of Twin Valley. He is in the house John grew up in.

The weather is crisp and beautiful. About 2/3 of the leaves are off the trees. Winter is coming fast.

Enjoy your week!

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

Statepoint Crossword
Theme: Veterans Day

- ACROSS
1. Laugh at with contempt
6. *Veterans Day stems from this war
9. *Hand-to-hand combat weapon
13. Par on a short golf hole
14. Immeasurable period
15. Gossipmonger
16. Triangular road sign
17. "M*A*S*H" character
18. *Commander's instruction
19. *a.k.a. American flag
21. *Like soldier honored at certain tombs
23. Present plural of "be"
24. Acer, e.g.
25. Unit of electric current
28. Yearn or pine
30. *Traditional time for moment of silence
35. Luau souvenirs
37. Salad prep
39. Kidney problem
40. Cut or carve a design
41. Chose instead
43. High school breakout
44. Measure of alcohol
46. Republic of Ireland
47. Glorify
48. John Cusack's time machine, 2010
50. Irena Cara's 1980 hit
52. Fleur-de-___
53. Snoopy
55. Argo propeller
57. *Washington or Carter
61. *Key's composition
64. 3-line poem
65. *Between "ready" and "fire"
67. Well-___ machine
69. Skier's mecca
70. Winter glider
71. Unnerve
72. East India Company wares
73. Part of H.M.S.
74. T in Ferrari TR
- DOWN
1. Hog haven
2. Like a "Vogue" ad
3. Three-layer cookie
4. Jolly good one
5. Indiana's head gear
6. What one does at the altar
7. Court or solicit
8. Bring upon oneself
9. "Where the Red ___ Grows"
10. *Vietnam, on the ___ china Peninsula
11. One-pot meal
12. Mountain lake
15. Bumpkins
20. Right-hand page
22. Denotes maiden last name
24. Bear witness
25. First in Hebrew alphabet
26. First M in MGM
27. Lace loop
29. *Honorary veteran, GI Bob
31. And elsewhere
32. Singing part
33. Boredom
34. Required things
36. *Marksmanship Badge denotes a good one
38. "Que Sera ___"
42. Evil one
45. Charity race
49. Flapper's feathers
51. Have dinner at a restaurant
54. URL sign
56. *River Allies crossed in Invasion of Germany
57. Stairway to river in India
58. *"At ___, soldier"
59. Australian palm
60. Adds to or augments
61. Gulf V.I.P.
62. They have oval leaves that come to a point
63. Source of protein
66. *Veterans Day Proclamation signer
68. Genetic stuff

Solution
Fairy Tales

Table with 12 columns and 12 rows containing crossword solutions. Row 1: MAMBA, OTT, PSST. Row 2: AXIAL, NIH, KOALA. Row 3: RELIT, ENE, AUGUR. Row 4: CLOTHES, MIRROR. Row 5: SEC, HELP. Row 6: THE, ALSO, OOLONG. Row 7: HERB, AWRY, VISOR. Row 8: ULNA, TARES, ECRU. Row 9: MISTS, NILE, NAIF. Row 10: BOTTOM, FLOG, RAF. Row 11: WAVY, URL. Row 12: NIGHTS, ALADDIN. Row 13: CURTAIN, ISM, SOUSA. Row 14: ADAPT, GEE, SPANS. Row 15: BENS, NAN, YALTA.



Devin Lambert, Megan Berberich, Asia Davis, Shelby Gunderson, Joe Paradis, and Alec Castaneda from RLCC with bags of leaves in Oklee.

Regional Ag News
Jim Stordahl, Extension Educator

Beef Pastures Benefit from Legumes

As the grazing season ends, it's a good time to evaluate your pastures and make plans for next year. Last winter was hard on perennial forage crops and coupled with this year's rather dry finish, your pastures may need a tune-up. Now is a good time to consider your options for the next grazing season.

Forage legume species such as red or white clover, birdsfoot trefoil, and alfalfa are important plant contributors to productivity and quality of beef pastures. Most notable among the many characteristics of forage legumes is their ability to fix nitrogen in a symbiotic partnership with the rhizobia bacteria that colonize root nodules of host legume plants. This partnership reduces the need for adding nitrogen fertilizer to pastures when legumes comprise at least 30 – 40% of the stand, reducing or eliminating need for nitrogen fertilizer applications.

Legumes provide many other benefits to pasture systems. Pastures that include

legumes are more adaptable and productive in response to variable soil conditions, weather, insects/disease pests, weeds and other environmental stressors. For example, alfalfa, with its deep taproot, in combination with cool-season grasses, can provide increased pasture resiliency during dry summer periods.

Legumes help maintain more consistent forage quality and production for grazing animal diets over the season, and dilute the negative impacts of anti-quality and/or palatability factors of companion grasses. The net effect is that legumes can contribute significantly to improved beef production from pastures.

Legumes also provide other environmental benefits, serving as a pollen and nectar source for honeybees, and providing food and habitat benefits for other wildlife. Legumes have long been known for their contributions to improve soil quality and reduce erosion as

part of a productive perennial cropland or pasture system on the landscape.

Improving legume content of pastures need not be difficult. With a goal of 30 – 40% legume content, first determine which legume species are desirable for your location by consultation with local Extension or natural resources conservation staff. Consider that you may want different legume and grass species in mixtures across the farm, depending on soil variations and other production criteria.

Next, soil fertility needs should be assessed for pastures based on current soil tests and tailored for optimal forage legume production. For most pastures, legumes will express good growth when soil pH is at least 6.0 (or above). Amending soil pH with lime or wood ash aids in addressing the higher calcium and magnesium requirements of legumes. Phosphorus levels should be at 15 ppm or higher (measured as Bray P1), and

potassium levels should be maintained at 120 ppm (or above) for most legume-based pastures. Addition of other soil nutrients such as sulfur and boron may also be needed in some areas to support good legume stands. Consult with your local Extension office for additional information on soil testing guidelines for pastures.

There are several methods for introducing legumes into pastures. Ideally, legumes are included in the seeding mix of newly established pastures, but frost seeding (broadcasting seed on frozen ground during late winter freeze/thaw events) and direct seeding with a no-till drill are also common methods of introducing legumes into established grass stands. Information on seeding rates, recommended varieties, availability of no-till drills, agronomic and pasture management information for pastures is available at your local Extension office. Also, if you have applied any herbicides to your pasture in the past few years, be sure to check the replant restrictions.

Results from pasture improvement and introduction of legumes will be most successfully realized under a managed grazing system. For beef producers, research suggests that a grazing system that includes multiple paddocks can provide management flexibility to optimize utilization of improved legume pastures and increase profits.

For more information, contact me at 800-450-2465 or stordahl@umn.edu. Source: Dr. Rhonda Gildersleeve, UW Extension Grazing Specialist.



RLCC students Holly Vettleson and Noah Bakken picking up leaves in Oklee for Day of Caring.

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Josef Paradis helps out by washing windows in Oklee for RLCC Day of Caring.



Day of Caring students give back to the Brooks community. One group included Ms. Jessie Hamrum, Kaitlyn Morris, Sydnie Gunderson, Daphney Koralewski, Alex Peterson, Britain Arlt, Christian Baker, Eric Gieseke, DJ Bernstein, and Janae Olson.



The Red Lake County Central High School's student body and staff offered helping hands to make a positive change in our communities on Day of Caring. Business donors included Oklee Quilting, Oklee Lumber, D&R Grocery, Paradis Mail Service, Red Lake County Cooperative, Ultima Bank, Plummer Agency, Garden Valley Telephone Company, and Thrivent Financial Action Team.

Protect Trees for Winter

by: James Stordahl
It's time for an annual reminder to protect young trees for winter. Minnesota winters are often as stressful on trees and shrubs as they are on humans. Plants may suffer from root or stem damage, frost cracks, winter browning, die back, bud death and even plant death.

Each spring, we get scores of calls on damage to newly planted trees. In many cases, the trees were near the point of bearing fruit and such a loss is frustrating and discouraging.

Young trees are vulnerable to two preventable problems each winter, sunscald and critter damage. Luckily, both types of damage are easy to prevent with a little work and inexpensive materials.

Sunscald
Sunscald and bark cracks occur mostly on the south and southwest sides of smooth barked trees and shrubs. Young maple, apple, aspen, linden and mountain ash are the most vulnerable.

Sunscald can occur when the sun is at a low-angle and it warms the south and southwest sides of the trunk which causes cells to think spring has arrived. As the sun sets and the temperature plummets below freezing, the bark cells are damaged. The following spring, a vertical crack develops along those damaged cells.

Sunscald is very common and does not always kill the tree. If you look at a number of trees, especially apple, maple and mountain ash, you will likely find trees with previous sunscald damage. If they survive, trees with this damage are prone to further problems years later, so it's a good practice to protect the tree when it's young. As the tree matures, the bark is less prone to damage.



Bryce Bergeson, Tristyn Ferguson, and Nick Pahlen helped clean up Trail for Day of Caring.

Stem protection, such as wrapping it in the fall, will help protect the young tree. Start at ground level and work up to the first branches; remove the wrap in spring if using the disposable wraps. Light-colored, loose stem protectants are most effective. My preference is to use plastic tubes or spirals available at your hometown hardware store or garden center.

Mulching
Mulching around the tree's base reduces soil moisture loss, improves water and air penetration,

and keeps soil temperatures more stable. These conditions are helpful for root growth and therefore improve tree vigor. Wood chips, shredded bark, dried grass clippings or pine needles all can be used for mulch. Cover the area with mulch about 3 to 4 inches deep. Avoid mounding mulch on the tree trunk.

Critter Damage
Protection from rodents and rabbits must be in place before damage occurs. Little can be done after they have girdled your prize apple tree!

Tree trunks can be protected from the damage of voles, mice

and rabbits in two ways. One, place a cylinder of 1/4 inch-mesh hardware cloth or plastic drainpipe around the trunk. It should extend two to three inches below the ground line for mice control and 18 to 24 inches above the anticipated snow line for rabbit control. This protective ring should be removed each spring, or at least evaluated, to ensure that it does not end up girdling the trunk as the tree grows.

The second method is to use materials commonly used to prevent sunscald. If your purpose is to prevent sunscald and critter damage, the plastic wraps may be more effective. These wraps are



Allison Aakhus, Julia Bernstein and Jarisa Bailey help clean up the playground in Oklee during Day of Caring

not as foolproof as the wire, but it's less laborious; so if this is all you'll get done, something is better than nothing. You can protect shrub beds from rabbit feeding by fencing the beds with chicken wire. Check fenced areas frequently to ensure a rabbit has not gained entrance and is trapped inside.

Trees add tremendous value to a homeowner in a variety of ways. A small amount of effort this fall can prevent disappointment and unnecessary work next spring with a few simple measures taken this fall.

For more information, contact me at 800-450-2465 or stordahl@umn.edu. Source: UM Forestry.



The wrestlers did a lot of muscle work in Trail for Day of Caring. Helping put up a snow fence were Bryce Bergeson, Kyle Gagner, Tristyn Ferguson, and Nick Pahlen (front).



The 6th band at RLCC Elementary is excited about the new percussion instruments donated by the Plummer Lion's club! We sound better than ever! THANK YOU LION'S CLUB!!!!

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