

Oklee Precipitation

By Einar Kvasager

	Rain
May 27	0.39
May 28	0.09
May 29	1.50
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Getting the Scoop on the Mustang Stampede Newspaper



The RLCC Mustang Stampede Newspaper students this year were (back) Austin May, Austin Waliser, Ashley Longtin, (front) Megan Berberich, Asia Davis, and Taylor Bushelle.

By: Asia Davis

Not very many people know about the history of the Mustang Stampede Newspaper Class. It was started by Red Lake County Central's art teacher Mrs. Vickie Kolden around 1999. She heard about a school newspaper created and written by students. Kolden had already known how to do an "old fashioned layout" for the paper, so she brought the idea of creating a school paper to Ardis Hofstad who was the high school principal at that time. The idea took off with Kolden's students gathering and writing up the news of the school. The paper was first printed in Thief River Falls when the TRF Times printed an actual newspaper version in early 2000.

After that first year a change was made. According to Kolden, the Oklee Herald wanted to include more school news in their paper. It was suggested a school newspaper class could become a part of it. The class would search out and write

up the school news along with taking photographs and submit them to the Oklee Herald. There was even a brainstorming session throwing out a number of ideas on what to name the newspaper. The winning entry for the contest ended up being "Mustang Stampede." Kolden and her brother Keith Wheeler, a graphic designer, worked together to design the logo for the Mustang Stampede newspaper.

In recent years, the information has also been submitted to the Red Lake Falls Gazette. Throughout the years, the teachers of the Mustang Stampede Newspaper Class have been Kolden, Mrs. Erin Olson, Mr. Mike Swenson, and Mrs. Anita Bachand.

"Reporters" involved in this year's newspaper class are sophomores Megan Berberich, Taylor Bushelle, and Ashley Longtin, and juniors Asia Davis, Austin May, and Austin Waliser. The students of the class work hard at gathering the news of the school and

writing articles about it to submit into the papers. They also take photos at events for the paper and write captions for the photos.

The writing format for newspapers is quite different than other writing formats. When writing an article once a person's full name is used, only their last name is used after that unless there is more than one person with the same last name, then it is first initial and last name. Also when writing articles for the newspaper, double spacing is not used like most writing formats. In the newspaper, space is money. Numbers are always spelled out if the number is below ten. Anything above ten does not have to be written out in words.

After the full name of a group or organization is used the first time, it does not need to be spelled out again in the rest of the article. For example, after Red Lake County Central is already written out it would be abbreviated to RLCC in the rest of the article. Another important rule in the newspaper format is that sentences should not start with a date. There has been a lot to learn.

Having a professionally printed paper would not have been possible without the cooperation and support from the Oklee Herald. They have willingly allowed space for the Mustang Stampede and have provided opportunities for students to share our school with the community. RLCC appreciates how the Gazette in recent years has included our school news as well. It has helped keep the school and communities closely connected.

With the school year ending, the Mustang Stampede Newspaper Class hopes you have enjoyed reading about the happenings at RLCC. We will be back again next fall.



The Frank Lund American Legion Post 159 held a flag ceremony at the Oklee Area Memorial Park before the service held in the gymnasium at Red Lake County Central. The flag raised was flown above the country's capitol in Washington, D.C.

Memorial Day 2015 in Oklee

Early on Monday morning, May 25th, the American Legion, Frank Lund Post #159, gathered at the Oklee Area Memorial Park for a flag raising ceremony, presenting a United States flag flown over our nation.

At 9:30 a.m., the Legion held a Memorial Day program at RLCC High gymnasium.



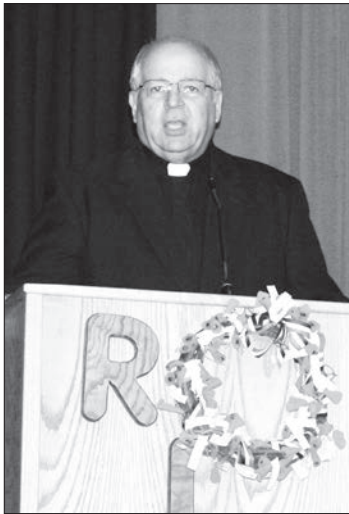
Commander Dean Walstad welcomed everyone to the program.

The American Legion Color Guard presented the Colors, and Commander Dean Walstad welcomed everyone to the program.

Music was provided by the talents of Holly Vettleson, Matthew Vettleson, Sydney Melby. Holly Vettleson performed on the piano, "My Country Tis of Thee" which the audience sang, Melby performed "God Bless America" and Holly & Matt Vettleson did a trumpet duet of "America The Beautiful."

Father Bill DeCrans from the Red Lake County Catholic Parish was the speaker. He served in the U.S. Army. He spoke about how many people have served our country and have touched our lives, including many from his own family and where they served. And because of their service, we can wake up in country where we can enjoy life and liberty.

The Honoary Roll Call was read: World War I by Elmer Hanson, World War II by Don Stenberg, Korea, Viet Nam, & Cold War by Dean Walstad,



Father Bill DeCrans from Red Lake Falls was the speaker at the Memorial Day program.

Persian Gulf by Clay Haugen and Auxiliary by Barb Melby.

Taps was played by Seth Johnson and the Colors were retired.

After the Memorial Day program the American Legion Auxiliary served coffee and bars.

Walk Around Quin

Local Public Health Promotes Healthy Behaviors for All Ages

The public health departments in Kittson, Roseau, Marshall, Pennington and Red Lake Counties are promoting an 11 week program this summer to encourage healthy behaviors among all ages. These departments along with Quin Community Health Services in Newfolden recently surveyed area residents to find out their public health priorities. The assessment found that area residents are concerned about physical activity and healthy behaviors, in addition to other issues. One of the ways public health is addressing these concerns is to implement a fun program for all ages that promotes a

variety of healthy behaviors, while awarding prizes. An extra fun category is the 35 year age difference as a pair. Get together with someone of a different age category and get active. The contest will take place this summer over 11 weeks from June 15 to September 1.

The contest goes like this: each person will receive a scorecard with 120 footprints on it. Each time they complete a qualifying activity initial a footprint. Once all the footprints are filled participants can bring their scorecard into one of the public health locations to receive prizes. At the end of 11 weeks participants from each of

the 5 counties will be entered in a drawing for a grand prize in each county.

Activities include walking, running, bicycling, aerobics, Zumba, swimming, weight room, tennis, golf without a cart and anything that gets you moving.

Pickup your score sheet at any of the following offices:

Inter County Nursing Service
318 Knight Ave. N
Thief River Falls

North Valley Public Health
109 S. Minnesota Street
Warren

Kittson Memorial Home Healthcare
1010 S. Birch
Hallowell

LifeCare Public Health
715 Delmore Drive
Roseau

Quin County Community Health Services
136 W Minnesota Ave.
Newfolden

Inter County Nursing Service
Red Lake County
Courthouse Basement

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, June 3: Fargo/ Moorhead - Red Lake Falls, Plummer, Oklee, McIntosh, Erskine, Mentor, Crookston.
Fri, June 5: Bemidji - Thief River Falls.

Mon, June 8: Grand Forks - Red Lake Falls, Plummer, Oklee, McIntosh, Erskine, Mentor, Crookston.
Mahnomen/Shooting Star Casino - Thief River Falls, Plummer, Brooks.

Tue, June 9: 7-Clans Casino/Warroad - Crookston, Mentor, Erskine.

Thu, June 11: Fargo/ Moorhead - Thief River Falls.
Fri, June 12: Bemidji - Crookston, Fertile, Winger, Erskine, McIntosh, Fosston.

All area residents receiving Fair Premium List

Red Lake County is looking forward to hosting the Red Lake County Fair. It will be held in Oklee and the dates to mark on your calendar are: June 26, 27, and 28th.

To make sure that all in the area are aware of the event, a premium list is being mailed through this issue of the Oklee Herald, to all residents, City and Rural, in Oklee, Plummer, Brooks, and Trail. Red Lake Falls will receive their Premium List in the Red Lake Falls Gazette.

In addition to getting you enthused about your Fair, we want to introduce you to the Oklee Herald online, if you are not familiar with it. For a limited time you may access the Oklee Herald for free at www.TriCoCanary.com

The "Tri-County Canary" is a supplement to each weekly paper that is a useful tool to be used when looking to buy and sell all kinds of products and services and also carries area news of interest.

We hope you will enjoy the Oklee Herald and the Red Lake County Fair June 26, 27 & 28th in Oklee.



Calendar of Events

Wed, June 3:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. - Bridge.
Thu, June 4:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. - Bingo.
Fri, June 5:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
Sat, June 6:
-Support your local business - Shop Locally!
Sun, June 7:
-Worship at the church of your choice.
Mon, June 8:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.

Tue, June 9:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. - Cards.
Wed, June 10:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. - Bridge.
Thu, June 11:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. - Bingo.
Fri, June 12:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
Sat, June 13:
- Shop Locally!
Sun, June 14:
-Worship at the church of your choice.

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH

Zion and Salem
Pastor Margaret Jacobus

Wed, June 3: 7:00 p.m. Zion WELCA. 7:00 p.m. Salem WELCA.
Sun, June 7: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Zion. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Salem.
Mon, June 8: 7:00 p.m. Zion Council meeting.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH

Mt. Olive – Nazareth
Oak Park – St. Petri
Pastor Joseph Abrahamson

Sat, June 6: 8:30 a.m. Mt. Olive. 10:30 a.m. St. Petri.
Sun, June 7: 5:30 p.m. Oak Park. 7:00 p.m. Nazareth.
OKLEE-BROOKS CATHOLIC PARISH
St. Francis Xavier
St. Joseph's – Brooks
St. Joseph's - RLF
Fr. Bill DeCrans
Sat, June 6: 5 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph Brooks with 4:30 p.m. Reconciliation.
Sun, June 7: 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

Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun, June 7: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Immanuel w/ Communion. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer w/ Communion.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA

Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Robert W. Dahlen,
Pastor

Sun, June 7: 8:30 a.m. Ekelund. 9:45 a.m. Faith. 11:00 a.m. Bethany.
Mon, June 8: 9:30 a.m. Rachel Circle. 7:00 p.m. Parish Board meeting.
Tue, June 9: 6:30 p.m. Shalom Circle.
Wed, June 10: Mid-week Services at Bethany 7:30 p.m. Sunday School meeting to follow.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH

Josiah Hoagland,
Pastor

Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, June 3: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Thu, June 4: 12:00 p.m. Rotary meeting.
Sun, June 7: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 11:00 a.m. Baptism.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH

Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson,
Lay Minister

Sun, June 7: 9:00 a.m. Lund. 10:30 a.m. Bethany.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY

Fosston

Jon Marx, Lead Pastor
Seth Johnson, Assist. Pastor
Sun, June 7: 10:00 a.m. Worship

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 adult fiction: "Cabin Lessons" - A Nail-by-Nail Tale, Building our Dream Cottage from 2x4s, Blisters, and Love by Spike Carlsen, author of "A Splintered History of Wood." This memoir of a do-it-yourself adventure traces a couple's steps and missteps

as they purchase a nearly inaccessible cliff of eroding clay on Lake Superior and build a cabin together.

Also "North Shore" - A Natural History of Minnesota's Superior Coast by Chel Anderson and Adelheid Fischer; as is common with University of Minnesota Press publications, this book is a beautiful volume rife with detailed information and beautiful photos of five specific areas of the North Shore watershed: the meandering rivers of the Headwaters, the dense forests of the Highlands, the rocky Nearshore, the Lake itself, and its Islands. Fascinating and readable, it provides the reader with science-based knowledge of this unique area.

Who's Dat?



Who's Dat

This week's photo is a group of men from the area. Last week's photo is of Tom Melby, Ole Melby, Husby and Tande.



I wish to thank the community of Oklee for welcoming me to their town. I was a resident of the Freedom Living Center. The owners and staff were great. My fellow residents became family. They all had an interesting story. We all had to sadly find new homes. Hopefully the building will be put to good use. Thank you for your kindness.
Joyce Matheny O10P

Oklee Senior Site Dining

June 8 - 12

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: Chicken noodle hotdish, vegetables, toast, dessert and milk.
Wednesday: Fish sandwich, tossed salad, dessert and milk.
Thursday: ½ hot beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetables, dessert and milk.
Friday: Baked chicken, hash browns, vegetables, dessert and milk.

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Barb Melby, Elmer Hanson, Clay Haugen, Don Stenberg, Father Bill DeCrans, and Dean Walstad, were all part of the American Legion Memorial Day program.

Bridal Shower
in Honor of
Laura Vetteson
Bride-to-be of
Chad Conneran

Sunday June 14, 2015
2:00 PM

Oak Park Lutheran Church

Chad and Laura are registered at Bed Bath & Beyond and Sears
O10-11P



Holly and Matthew Vetteson played a duet on trumpets.

Oklee Community Club Coupon



Been exercising by walking/biking/running around Oklee getting in you're miles and now you're thirsty!

Stop by D & R Grocery with this coupon for a Free 20 oz. bottle of water.

EXPIRES ON AUGUST 31, 2015.

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Legion Post 623 retired the colors at the conclusion of the ceremony at the Plummer bridge. Pictured are Color Guard members Roger Skjervén, Barry Rewertz, Billy Peterson, Jeff Engesether, Honor guard commander Charles Simpson, and rifle squad members David Eskeli, Steve Eskeli, Charles Gagner, and Melvin Hesse.



Legion Post 159 presenting the colors at the beginning of the the Oklee Memorial Day program. Pictured are Color Guard members Rick Dulka, Vincent Dessellier, Jan Dulka Einar Kvasager, and Bennet Larson.

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Red Lake County Board of Commissioners will hold a public meeting at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at the Courthouse in Red Lake Falls to consider an ordinance relating to the sale, possession, and use of tobacco, tobacco related products, electronic delivery devices, and nicotine or lobelia delivery products in the county and to reduce the illegal sale, possession, and use of such items to and by minors.

A printed copy of the proposed ordinance is available for inspection by any person at the Red Lake County Auditor's Office, the Red Lake County Attorney's Office, or the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office during regular office hours.

In the development and adoption of this Ordinance, Red Lake County recognizes that many persons under the age of 18 years purchase or otherwise obtain, possess, and use tobacco, tobacco related products, electronic delivery devices, and nicotine or lobelia delivery products and such sales, possession and use are violations of both state and federal laws. Because studies have shown that most smokers begin smoking before the age of 18 years, and because tobacco use has been shown to be the cause of several serious health problems which subsequently place a financial burden on all levels of government, this ordinance shall be intended to regulate the sale, possession and use of tobacco, tobacco related products, and the delivery devices and products listed above, and to further the official public policy of the State of Minnesota in regard to preventing young people from starting to smoke as stated in Minn. Stat. § 144.391.

A summary of the ordinance is as follows:

Section 100. Authority

Section 200. Purpose and Intent
Section 300. Definitions and Interpretations
Section 400. License
Section 500. Fees
Section 600. Training

Section 700. Basis for Denial of License
Section 800. Prohibited Sales
Section 900. Vending Machines
Section 1000. Liquid Packaging

Section 1100. Self-service Sales
Section 1200. Responsibility
Section 1300. Compliance Checks and Inspections
Section 1400. Other Illegal Acts
Section 1500. Violations
Section 1600. Penalties
Section 1700. Exceptions and Defenses
Section 1800. Severability and Savings Clause
Section 1900. Date of Adoption
09-10C

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Centennial Recipe Corner

Rhubarb Cake
Joel, Talia, Aurora & Ciara Mitzner

1 box yellow cake mix
1-1/2 to 2 cups sugar
5 to 6 cups chopped rhubarb
1 pint whipping cream

Make cake as directed on package. Pour batter into a greased 9 x 13 pan. Sprinkle rhubarb over batter and then gently press rhubarb into the batter. Sprinkle sugar evenly over batter & rhubarb. Pour whipping cream evenly over top. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 to 50 minutes. Serve cake upside down. Top with vanilla ice cream or Cool Whip if desired.



Matt Schmitz played taps at both the Plummer Park and at the Plummer bridge.

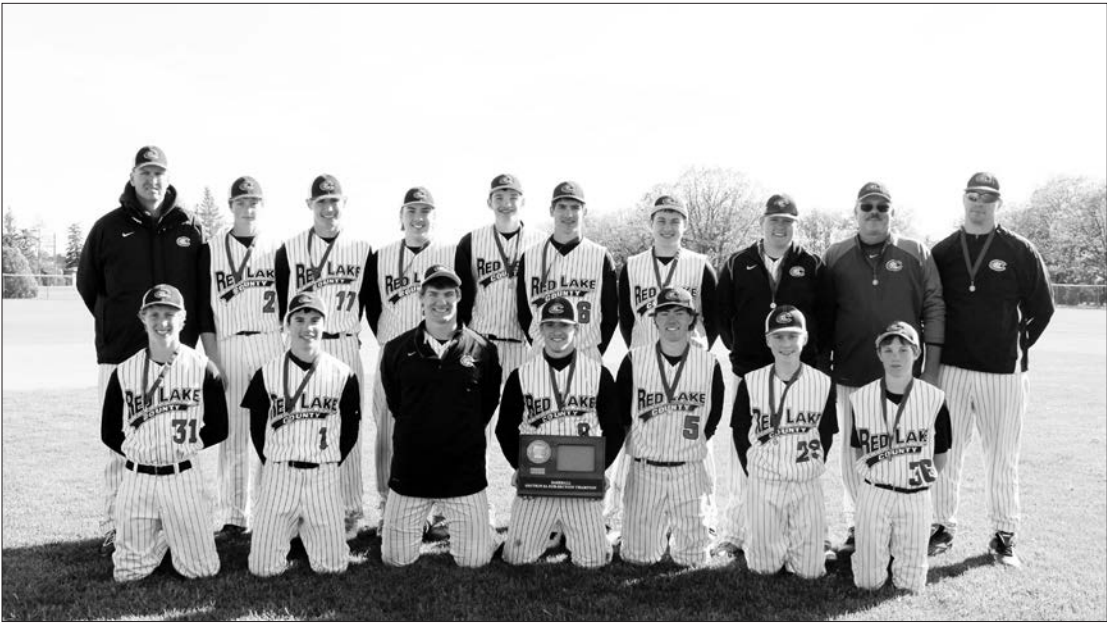
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MUSSTANG STAMPEDE



RLC Baseball Team sub-section champs

Front Row: Talon Porter, Mason Hanson, Tristan Knott, Alex Erickson, Devin McGlynn, Nathan Hofstad, Ben Cardinal Back Row: Coach Chris Nelson, Brandon Klipping, Taylor Kenfield, Bailey Schmitz, Drake Engelstad, Chase Schmitz, Josh Casavan, Kurt Larson, Coach Gary Casavan, Coach Alex Carlson.



The 6th Grade from Red Lake County Central were promoted and received a certificate of recognition. They will be the Class of 2021. Teachers were Alex Carlson and Andrea Eskeli.



2014-15 3rd/4th Grade Students of the Month

Arielle Rude, Bryn Vettleson, Aurora Mitzner, Caden Lee, Kaleb Fougner, Cael Nelson, Sydney Fougner. Not pictured – Stella Abrahamson.



2014-15 5th/6th Grade Students of the Month

Row 1 – Bailey Sherman, Leah Peterson, Cari Bachand, Kali Lussier. Row 2 – Steven Sogla, Tristyn Ferguson, Adriel Bakken, Kjerstin Nelson. Students of the Month are rated on their Academics, Effort, Attitude, Citizenship.



2014-15 Perfect Attendance – students that have missed ½ day or less

Row 1 – Jacob Cater, Nicholas Suchy, Abbie Morinville, Dylan Gerardy, Luke Peterson. Row 2 – Skylar Longtin, Heather Longtin, Evelyn Kamm, Jonathan Roue. Row 3 – Bryan Meter, Eric Gieseke, Katelyn Suchy, Steven Sogla, AnnaRosa Gibbs-Martinez, Zachary Cater, Avery Sannes. Not Pictured – Shawna Majeres

Red Lake County Track and Field Update

Twelve athletes competed at the Section 8A Track and Field meet in Ada. Four will advance to the State Track and Field meet in St. Paul at Hamline University, June 5th and 6th.

On Saturday May 30th twelve Red Lake County Athletes competed in the Section 8A Track and Field meet in Ada for a chance to advance to the State Track and Field meet.

Cody Gagner advanced to the State Track & Field meet by winning the Section 8A Championship in the 800 meter with a time of 2:00.08. Cody also advanced to the State Track & Field meet by winning the Section 8A Championship in the 1600 meter with a time of 4:32.69. This time broke the team record which Cody held previously held. Wyatt Schirrick advanced to the State Track & Field meet by winning the Section 8A Championship in the discus with a throw of 143'9". Wyatt also competed in the shot put and placed 12th with a throw of 39'1 ½". Devin Lambert competed in the 110 meter hurdles in which he placed 11th with a time of 17.33. Nick Plante, Devin Lambert, Jordan Johnson, and Dylan Gustafson placed 7th in the 4x200 meter relay with a time of 1:42.02. Nick Plante, Jordan Johnson, Dylan Gustafson, and Devin Lambert placed 6th in the 4x400 meter relay with a time of 3:54.76. The boy's team finished 9th overall.

Ashley Longtin advanced to the State Track & Field meet by placing 2nd in the high jump, with a jump of 4'9". Ashley also competed in the 100 meter hurdles in which

she placed 12th with a time of 18.32. Zoe Russillo advanced to the State Track & Field meet by placing 2nd in the 100 meter with a time of 13.04. Megan LaCrosse competed in the 1600 meter in which she placed 12th with a time of 5:53.36. Megan competed in the 100 hurdles in which she placed 14th with a time of 18.39. Megan also competed in the long jump in which she placed 11th with a jump of 14' ¾". Makenzie Williams competed in the 400 meter in which she placed 10th with a time of 1:05.02. Josie Huot competed in the 800 meter in which she placed 11th with a time of 2:36.54. Josie Huot, Julia Bernstein, Makenzie Williams, and Megan LaCrosse placed 6th in the 4x400 meter relay with a time of 4:24.59. The girl's team finished 13th overall.

Cody Gagner will compete in the prelims of the 800 meter on Friday June 5th at 5:48 p.m. To advance to the finals on Saturday, Cody needs to place in the top nine out of sixteen. If Cody makes it to the finals in the 800 meter he will run at 6:20 p.m. on Saturday June 6th. Cody also will compete in the finals of the 1600 meter on Saturday June 6th at 5:17 p.m. Wyatt Schirrick will compete in the prelims/finals of the discus on Saturday June 6th at 4:45 p.m. Wyatt needs to place in the top nine out of sixteen to make it to the finals that same day. Ashley Longtin will compete in the finals of the high jump on Friday June 5th at 3:30 p.m. Zoe Russillo will compete in the prelims of

the 100 meter on Friday June 5th at 3:54 p.m. To advance to the finals on Saturday, Zoe needs to place in the top nine out of sixteen. If Zoe makes it to the finals in the 100 meter she will run at 4:33 p.m. on Saturday June 6th. The State Track and Field meet will be held at Hamline University in St. Paul. Cody, Wyatt, Ashley, Zoe, and Coach Huie will leave for St. Paul Wednesday June 3rd at 9:00 a.m. from the New Cenex in Brooks at 9:00 a.m. If you would like to be there to send them off and wish them good luck that would be great. Good luck to Cody, Wyatt, Ashley, and Zoe.

RLCC School Minutes

The ISD 2906 Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at the Oklee Site.

All members were present except for P Paradis. Both principals were also present.

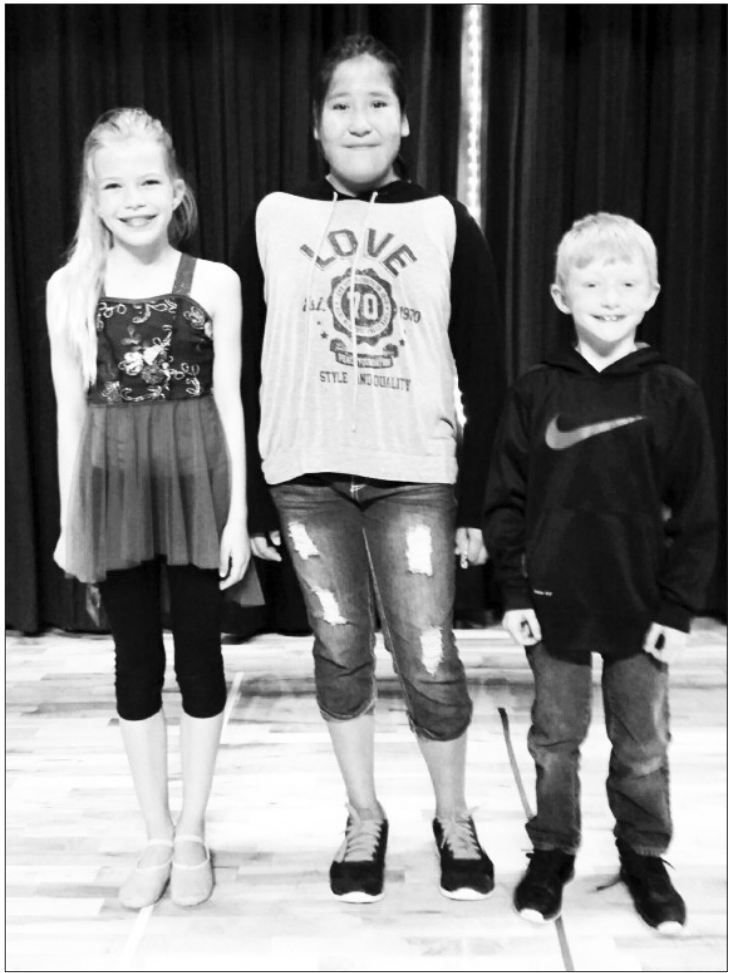
The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Motions were carried to approve financials, graduation candidates, summer rec employees, MSHSL membership, to hire a special education teacher and elementary teacher, accept prom advisor resignation and JH football coach resignation, latchkey rates, to accept academic eligibility change, to approve K-Grade 3 literacy plan, to approve roof repair proposal, to approve painting bid, to approve PK-5 math curriculum.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

(Complete minutes may be seen in the district office at 201 Governor St, Oklee, MN or on our school website at www.ricc2906.org)

Darby Trontveit
ISD 2906 School Board Clerk
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Talent Show winners

RLCC Elementary talent show winners from the last day of school. (Left -Right) 1st place Leah Peterson (dance routine) 2nd place Serenity May (juggling act) 3rd place Oliver Russillo (break dancing)

Regional Ag News

Jim Stordahl,
Extension Educator

Rhubarb and Frost Damage

Over the past two weeks, I have received numerous calls regarding the danger of eating frosted rhubarb. Rhubarb is one of the first plants in the garden to green-up and tolerates mild frosts nearly every year; frost on rhubarb is very common.

Rhubarb is a hardy perennial that grows from underground rhizomes. It produces distinctive large leaves on long edible leaf stalks. The leaf stalks are similar in size to celery but have a distinctive tart taste. Typically, the stalks are consumed in many forms with ample amounts of sugar. Although we consider is an ingredient for dessert, it's been widely used for centuries in Chinese medicine as a laxative. Maybe this is one reason Minnesotans love their rhubarb.

The recent flurry of concern was generated from a news release in Illinois, after receiving unseasonably cold temperatures. In her article, Martha A. Smith, Extension Educator, said, "Rhubarb should not be harvested when the leaves are wilted and limp after a hard freeze. After a hard frost, oxalic acid may move from the leaves into the leafstalk. When consumed the oxalic acid can crystallize in the kidneys and cause permanent damage to the organs. In addition to the potential toxicity, the rhubarb

leaf stalks will be of poor texture and flavor."

Rhubarb is quite hardy and tolerates typical mild spring frosts and can be eaten provided the stalks are still firm and upright. Leaves with obvious frost damage (brown or black after a few days) that have leaf stalks that are soft or mushy are best removed and composted; do not eat them. It is looks damaged, tastes bad, don't eat it. And of course, never eat the leaves, which reportedly taste terrible anyway. As with most things in life, let common sense be your guide.

Rhubarb can be harvested through the end of June, picking as many stalks as desired. After this time period, rhubarb can still be harvested however the plant will need to maintain a good portion of leaves to photosynthesize. Another reason to decrease the amount harvested is because late season stalks become tougher than spring season harvest and simply don't have the desired taste.

Rhubarb seems to do best in well-drained soils, but is not picky about the pH of the soil. The best growing environment for rhubarb also

is a sunny area with rich composted or fertilized soil. Water the plant thoroughly to a depth of one inch a week for good production. It is good practice to annually amend the soil with a balanced fertilizer or rich compost. Make note of the plant's reaction and adjust accordingly. Soil testing can also be done to determine a more specific current state and application.

No matter the time of year, remove the seed stalks that emerge. This returns the plant's energy to the edible stalks or the plant's reserves for next year. Occasionally, seed stalks will appear early in the season and should be removed by twisting and pulling just like other stalks being harvested. Rhubarb can be transplanted or divided very early in the season. As soon as new growth starts use a clean, sharp shovel and split the plant, or dig the entire plant up and divide it with a sharp knife or saw.

For more information, contact me at 800-450-2465 or stordahl@umn.edu. Sources: Beth Berlin, University of Minnesota Extension and Martha A. Smith, University of Illinois Extension.

Frost Damage In Small Grains And Corn

Air temperatures recently dipped below freezing in much of Northwest Minnesota and the Red River Valley. Since most of the small grains had been planted and emerged and with some of the corn, there is concern about the type of damage this cold weather may have caused. Temperature below freezing certainly have the potential to damage emerging crops. Nevertheless, amount of damage is influenced by crop tolerance, growth stage, moisture content of the soil, duration of the sub-freezing temperature, location in the field, and environmental conditions before the occurrence of the sub freezing temperature.

Factors affecting frost damage

Crop-Cereal crops are generally considered to be frost tolerant early in their growth cycle. There is considerable variation between crops, however. In general terms for the cereals grown in our area(and provided they are at the same stage of development), tolerance to freezing temperatures can be ranked in the following order: winter rye(most tolerant to frost)>winter wheat>oats>barley>wheat>corn(least tolerant).

Growth stage-One reason that cereals tolerate frost early

in the season relative to broad leaf crops, is their growing points remain below the surface of the soil for several weeks after emergence and are therefore protected from the extremes in the temperature of the air above. In small grains the growing point extends above the soil's surface at about the six leaf stage or just prior to joining and in corn at about the five leaf stage. Fortunately, all of the spring grown cereals in the area were still relatively young and their growing points were below the soil's surface during the recent cold weather. Some winter wheat however has jointed and is potentially more susceptible to frost damage than its spring sown counterpart.

However, it is recommended that you carefully inspect growing points in your winter wheat if you had temperatures below 25 degrees for any extended period of time as the growing point is more susceptible to damage than leaf tissue during jointing. A damaged growing point will appear brownish or water soaked. A dead leaf may appear in the whorl if the growing point has been damaged. Prolonged (or very low) sub-freezing temperatures can kill growing points of cereal

crops even if they are below the surface of the soil. Corn is the most sensitive and temperatures of less than 28 degrees can be lethal.

Environmental factors- Temperatures change more slowly in wetter soils than in dryer soils. Therefore, there is more risk of low temperatures killing plants if your soils are also dry. Plants are capable of hardening themselves against freezing and plants that had previously been exposed to near freezing temperatures are more likely to tolerate lower sub freezing temperatures than those that have not. Most cereal crops were at least partially hardened before the arrival of the coldest weather last week. This may provide an additional level of protection. Cold air is heavier than warm air, so cold air will flow towards the lowest parts of your field, making frost damage more severe in these areas. When assessing frost damage, visit the lowest spots of your farm first.

Inspecting for damage- Foliage that has been damaged

by frost will initially appear yellow and within a few days turn black usually towards the tips of the leaf first. If the growing point was not damaged, after 3 to 5 days of reasonably warm weather, new growth should appear from the whorl. If this occurs, then you can be assured that the growing point was not killed. Loss of leaf tissue at this early stage will have little if any effect on yield. For corn that has not yet emerged, dig up a few seeds to check for germination and to see if the emerging seedling is viable. Seeds that had not germinated will not be adversely affected, but emerging seedlings could be killed if soil temperatures were very cold, though generally they are thought to be quite tolerant to cold temperatures. For more information on frost damage to cereal crops contact Joel Ransom, NDSU Extension Agronomist for Cereal Crops at joel.ransom@ndsu.edu.

Source: Joel Ransom, NDSU Extension Agronomist for Cereal Crops

Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

We had a great rainfall last week, now it sounds like we may get more rain this week. I think we could wait another week before needing more.

Today was a nice but cool day. I like it to be 70 degrees every day, but it was sunny so it was warm in the sun.

Last week Joyce Hardcopf's brother passed away last week and the funeral will be this week. Sincere sympathy to Joyce and family.

Last week was quiet at the Site with just Cards and Bingo for entertainment. This week we had an evening meal on Tuesday night. Some weeks there is something every day.

Tuesday noon I attended a Retirement Party for Susan Lee at the School. It was fun seeing some of the former teachers and employees in attendance.

Dates To Remember
June 14: Flag Day (fly

your flag)
June 16: Pot Luck 5:00 p.m.
June 19: Birthday Meal

Words Of Wisdom
Every Day offers opportunities if only to offer someone a smile and a few kind words.

There's urgency in doing your best. The world is less without it.

Joke Time
A couple of extras in the play were talking backstage at the end of the performance. "What's the matter with Sally," one actress asked. "She seems really upset."

"Oh, she was upset because she only received nine bouquets of flowers over the footlights," the other woman answered.

"Nine!" exclaimed the first actress. "That's pretty good, isn't it?"

"Yes," her friend replied, "but she paid for 10."

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

This past week we were gifted with some rain and in places maybe too much rain. We were gifted with just right in our area. To the north though some farmers have water in the fields. I guess we have to be thankful that we still have water to drink, unlike some of our California friends that are on rationing. What will be will be I assume.

On Saturday Jerome and Barb Novak attended the funeral of Greg Weiland formerly of Euclid.

Glenn Schindler flew up to visit with his parents and to help with the sale that is coming up. Mary and Vern Schindler also were helped by Patty Pueringer who lives in Thief River Falls. Glenn left again on Monday morning.

Mary Schindler and Bernadette Malm went to Ada to pick up some heritage

tomatoes that were developed by Sheila Capistran formerly of Terrebonne. The Laughing Earth Greenhouse of Ada sells these plants.

On Sunday Jerome and Barb Novak met with Dave and Mary Novak, of Havre, Montana, at the 7 Clans dining facility for dinner. There was great food and lots of visiting, (they almost kicked us out we were there so long,) for the afternoon. It was nice to visit with them. They will leave for Montana at the beginning of this week.

The weather is cool today and it seems to be gearing up for a hot/ cold summer this year. Maybe the AC won't have to be cranked up so high this summer. Sure hope that is the case. Take a breath of this fresh air, and do whatever is appropriate for the weather this week. Have a good one.

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

Milt and Corrine Haugen of Chaska, visited Bunny and Jim DuChamp on Saturday and had breakfast at the Legion. Milt is Bunny's nephew.

Kathleen and Darrel Burskela of West Fargo, ND visited Gerda and Arlan Koskela and Dean. They stayed at Kathleen's home farm.

RLCC's graduation was Friday night in Oklee. Mickala Morinville gave the Valdictorian address. Brittany Bray and Sierre Swenson were co-Salutatorians'. Two songs sung were "I'm On My Way," a duet, and "Compass," senior class. It was very nice.

Lorna and Merle Jesme and Lorraine Lorenson came for Memorial Day services and lunch at the American Legion in Plummer.

Lorie and John Gildea visited Roger and Polly Skjervend and other family over the weekend.

Doris Malwitz came with Kevin and Gloria Malwits and attended the services on Memorial Day and had lunch at the Legion.

The Plummer Bank (Ultima) is getting a new exterior put on. The guys have worked over a week on it.

Stella and Dwight Howard of Mendota Heights, came for the weekend and stayed at Argyle

where Stella's sister lives. They visited other relatives while here. They came for Memorial Day program and enjoyed lunch and visiting after at the Legion.

Wednesday, Alice Jobe visited her sister Phyllis Unruh by Warroad. Phyllis' daughter, Stacy Lasse was visiting from Glendale, AZ. The three enjoyed lunch and visiting. Stacy left Thursday evening.

Friday, Alice Jobe attended the funeral of her Aunt Dorothy Brazier at Greenbush. She was 93.

Thursday, today, we got 7/10 tenths of rain in the morning.

On Memorial Day, I saw a hummingbird outside my living room window. I don't have a feeder. At my sisters, she has a rose breasted grosbeak. He is really pretty.

The lunch at the American Legion was very good, macaroni-ham salad, and BBQ's with brownies for dessert. Many enjoyed it.

I attended Mickala Morinville's reception last Friday evening. The salads were so good and ham sandwiches, fruit and bars. It was well attended. Congratulations to all the RLCC Seniors on their graduation. I wish them a bright future.

Statepoint Crossword

Theme: Father's Day

ACROSS

1. Mine passage
6. Chlorofluorocarbon
9. Diplomat's forte
13. "____, I Love You" by The Doors
14. "____ la la!"
15. Harvest helper
16. "Pomp and Circumstance Marches" composer
17. Hula necklace
18. Exclude
19. *Father, e.g.
21. *Frequently derided gift
23. Baseball stat
24. "Animal House" party garb
25. "T" in Greek
28. Symphony member
30. *Dad, colloquially
35. Ballpark stats
37. Dollar bills
39. *Where lots of old dads live?
40. Norse war god
41. *Mike was the dad in the "The Brady ____"
43. In the next month
44. Whitman's dooryard bloomer
46. Dog command
47. Fodder holder
48. Don't do this to Elvis's blue suede shoes
50. Type of cell
52. Even, to a poet
53. Has divine power
55. Grandmother, in Britain
57. *"____ and Son"
61. ____ 5, band
64. Twig of a willow tree
65. Extra point value
67. Theater boxes
69. "It is silent" in sheet music
70. Money in Myanmar
71. Coastal feature
72. Hightailed it
73. Play part
74. Like one who seeks extra attention

DOWN

1. "He said, ____ said"
2. The Beatles song/movie "____!"
3. One of algae
4. Distress signal
5. Bull opponent
6. *A stallion is a dad to him
7. Pacquiao to Mayweather, e.g.
8. Trouser fabric
9. Radio genre
10. Came down to earth
11. Ghana money
12. Arbor Day star
15. Stop being excited
20. Fat cat in the Orient
22. Id's partner
24. Very small
25. *These gifts can come in handy for dad
26. IRS threat
27. Useful
29. Burden or load
31. Goes with chips
32. An Osmond
33. Soap plant
34. *He signed Father's Day into law
36. Ginger cookie
38. Jazz singing
42. Laughing predator
45. A company of companions
49. It often follows "neither"
51. *Nemo's Dad
54. Parkinson's drug
56. Nary a soul
57. Chronic drinkers
58. Hurry up
59. Cote d'Azur locale
60. Livestock food
61. A burrito can come with or without this
62. Check out
63. As opposed to a want
66. Manhattan
68. Hog haven

Solution

On The Farm

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LUPIN OVA DINGO
THICK EEL OCCUR
ORCHARD SCYTHE
ERA PAGE
CPA ADAR INFLOW
RIBS ALEE SEDGE
OVAL RANCH DOLE
COCO A SURE SPED
STABLE PULP ADS
TAPS LAC
SHEARS POULTRY
SHIRR ACE NASAL
HANGS LAW CRAZE
EDDO MRS HAREM

Bonny's Bits...

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It has been very busy, like most springs. Too many things going on and so much to get done. That is why you haven't seen the Early Files in the past couple of weeks. So much stuff to get in the paper before it gets old and not enough time. Look for the Early Files next week. I will be back on track with no holidays or other things keeping me from the old archives.

The weather seems a little chilly for this time of year, but we have to keep in mind that it is only the first week of June. The weather will be warmer soon and then we can complain about the heat and humidity. We are a fickle bunch, never satisfied.

I'm still looking for an intern for the Oklee Herald office. If you are interested, give me a call at 218-796-5181 or stop by for more details.

From my email: You Might Live in Minnesota:

• If you consider it a sport to gather your food by drilling through 18 inches of ice and sitting there all day hoping that the food will swim by,

you might live in Minnesota.

• If you're proud that your state makes the national news 96 nights each year, because International Falls is the coldest spot in the nation, you might live in Minnesota.

• If you have ever refused to buy something because it's "too Spendy", you might live in Minnesota.

• If your local Dairy Queen is closed from November through March, you might live in Minnesota.

• If someone in a store offers you assistance, and they don't work there, you might live in Minnesota.

• If your dad's suntan stops at a line curving around the middle of his forehead, you might live in Minnesota.

• If you know how to say Wayzata, Mahtomedi, Edina and Shakopee, you might live in Minnesota.

• If you know several people who have hit deer more than once, you might live in Minnesota.

• If you often switch from "heat" to "A/C" in the same day and back again, you might live in Minnesota.

CROSSWORD

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Sitting in the Oklee Herald's office, you don't quite have this view, but you can notice that the grain bins are gone. New bins are in the process of being installed, so soon we should all see the familiar site of four bins connected to the catwalk that seemed to appear out of nowhere once the old bins were removed.