

Oklee Precipitation

By Einar Kvasager

	Rain	Snow
Dec. 9		Trace
Dec. 11		1.00
Dec. 13	Trace	Trace
Dec. 14		0.25
Dec. 15		0.50
Total in.	0.00	1.75

Oklee Herald

...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

OKLEE (RED LAKE COUNTY) MINN. 56742

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Wednesday, December 20, 2017

We wish you a
Happy Christmas
A season full of
love and cheer,
A season to be merry
Which lasts throughout
the New Year.

The Oklee Herald

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Catherine Johnson, director of Inter County Community Council was presented a check for \$4500 from Canadian Pacific Railroad's Holiday Train on December 12th.



Terri Clark and Kelly Prescott, two of the performers on the CP Holiday Train, entertaining the large crowd in Plummer on December 12th.



Dallas Smith was also one of the entertainers on the Holiday Train and was a favorite of the kids.



The RLCC Honors Choir sang Christmas Carols at the Plummer Hall and at the Tri River Museum during the evening before the Holiday Train rolled in. Below: Santa was also walking around and visiting with children in the Plummer Hall.



inflexions. If you text 911, dispatchers will ask if they can call you.

Location is not as accurate with texting as it is with a call. Be sure to text your exact address.

A text or data plan is required to use Text-to-911. Texts to 911 will get a bounce back message if you are roaming.

Texts to 911 have a 160 character limit, can get out of order, or may not be received.

There is no language translation service for texts to 911.

Do not text and drive! The new service should

only be used in emergencies. Texting 911 with a false report is a crime.

If you accidentally send a text to 911, send another text, or call 911 to let the dispatcher know that there is no emergency.

Remember: Call if you can, text if you can't.

Additional Resources

Information about Minnesota's Text-to-911 service can be found on the DPS-ECN website. Additional public education materials can be found on our DPS and ECN online, Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube channels in the coming months.

Correction: The mittens given away on Santa Day in Oklee were purchased by the Community Club with a donation from Garden Valley Telephone Company from Sandra Tougas.

Calendar of Events

- Wed, Dec. 20:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
- Thu, Dec. 21:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
- Fri, Dec. 22:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
- Sat, Dec. 23:**
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!
- Sun, Dec. 24:**
-Worship at the church of your choice.
- Mon, Dec. 25:**
Christmas Day – Everything closed.
- Tue, Dec. 26:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards
- Wed, Dec. 27:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
- Thu, Dec. 28:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
- Fri, Dec. 29:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
- Sat, Dec. 30:**
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!
- Sun, Dec. 31:**
-Worship at the church of your choice.
- Mon, Jan. 1:**
New Year's Day
- Tue, Jan. 2:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards
- Wed, Jan. 3:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
- Thu, Jan 4:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
- Fri, Jan. 5:**
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.



Holiday Train Food Shelf drive successful

The two food shelves of Red Lake County would like to say thank you to all who helped make the Holiday Train stop in Plummer a success.

Inter-County Community Council held a freewill donation light lunch of hot dogs and chips at the Plummer Hall and collected \$1,145 serving over 400 people.

Together as a community they collected 696 pounds of food that is shared between the Red Lake Falls food shelf and the Inter-County Community Council food shelf.

None of this would be possible with out the wonderful help and support of the Canadian Pacific Holiday Train, Tri-River Museum, the city of Plummer, the Lions, the Lions Too, Red Lake County Sheriff's office, Plummer Fire Department, RLCC School and busses, RLCC honors choir lead by Krista Bernstein, DeeAnn Eskeli for helping with the food and all the people who donated or volunteered their time. Lots of great, magical memories were made!

If you weren't able to make it to the Holiday train but still want to contribute non-perishable food donations can be dropped off all year round at ICCC in Oklee. Monetary donations can be sent to ICCC PO Box 189, Oklee MN

56742. Or sent to Sheila Reich, Red Lake Falls Food Shelf Treasurer at 15475 110th Avenue SW Red Lake Falls, MN 56750.

Your generous support to your local Red Lake County Food Shelves, it is greatly appreciated!

The entertainment part of the evening was great with Terri Clark, Dallas Smith and Kelly Prescott putting on a fun show for all ages.

Dallas Smith was popular with the younger crowd when he got down and started bumping knuckles with the youth, making them feel special.

Kelly Prescott had lots of energy and got the large crowd of people ready to party on the streets of Plummer.

Terri Clark was the most recognizable name to the adults of the ninety's. She sang a couple numbers that were hits and well remember by the crowd.

Catherine Johnson, director of Inter County Community Council was on stage to accept a check from Canadian Pacific Railroad's Holiday Train which raises awareness and funds for local food shelves across the county.

It was a fun evening of entertainment and a great way to help your community.

Text-to-911 Now Available in Minnesota Statewide

A direct line to help for those with hearing loss; Alternative when the reporting party must remain quiet to stay safe

ST. PAUL — In an emergency, dialing 911 is a call for help. But people with hearing loss or those who must remain quiet in a dangerous situation aren't able to place a call safely or at all. That's why the Department of Public Safety Emergency Communication Networks (DPS-ECN) has worked with stakeholders around Minnesota to develop Text-to-911 on Minnesota's Next Generation 911 (NG911) network. DPS-ECN announced today that Minnesotans are now able to use the service throughout the state.

An Emergency Lifeline
Text-to-911 is an alternative to calling in an emergency when it would be unsafe for an individual to speak.

"Imagine having to hide from an intruder in your bedroom closet or witnessing a domestic violence situation. Text-to-911 is a lifeline for people who would put themselves in harm's way if they called 911," said DPS-ECN Director Jackie Mines. "Speaking with a dispatcher is still the fastest way to receive help, so call if you can, text if you can't."

A New Solution

The addition of Text-to-911 also means individuals who have some form of hearing loss will now be able to use text dispatchers as a first contact option. Until today, deaf Minnesotans have gone without a direct way to communicate with 911 centers.

"Twenty percent of Minnesotans have some form hearing loss. The communication barriers they experience are frightening when seconds matter most in an emergency," said Marie Koehler, Regional Manager, Minnesota Department of Human Services Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services division. "Text-to-911 offers a solution to that overwhelming problem."

In 2014, all 104 Minnesota 911 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) became connected to the next generation network that allows them to accept texts. In 2017, ECN worked with PSAPs to train dispatchers and test the equipment for the Text-to-911 system. The deployment of Text-to-911 in Minnesota is fully funded by 911 fees collected from all devices capable of originating a 911 emergency telephone call.

If there is an emergency and you cannot call 911, take these steps:

Enter the numbers 911 in the "To" field.

Text your exact address and type of emergency.

Send the message.

Use simple words, but do not include abbreviations, emoji's, pictures or slang.

Promptly answer questions and follow instructions.

"The physical act of texting 911 is not that difficult, but it's important that people follow these steps and provide us with the most accurate information," said Darlene Pankonie, Chair of the NG911 Committee. "If there's a delay in answering a dispatcher's questions, or if you don't tell us where you are, we can't help you. This will lead to valuable time lost in an emergency and take dispatchers away from other calls."

Best Practices and Challenges

Text-to-911 comes with challenges. For instance, emergency response may be lengthened due to the time it takes for a text to 911 to be typed and sent. Delivery of texts and speed of delivery are also not guaranteed. Here are several reminders to ensure the best service and response from dispatchers.

Dispatchers prefer calls so they can get cues from background noise and voice

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH

Zion and Salem
Interim SAM Christy Klemz
Wed, Dec. 20: No Chime Choir. No Confirmation at Zion.
Sun, Dec. 24: 9:00 a.m. Joint Service at Zion. No SS at Zion or Salem. Christmas Eve Services: 4:00 p.m. Salem. 10:00 p.m. Zion.
Wed, Dec. 27: No Chime Choir. No Confirmation at Zion.

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OKLEE, GRYGLA & GOODRIDGE

Fr. Adam Hamness
Sat, Dec. 23: 5:00 p.m. St. Francis Xavier in Oklee. 7:00 p.m. at St. Ann in Grygla.
Sun, Dec. 24: Goodridge Sunday 10:00 a.m. Oklee 4:30 p.m. Grygla 8:00 p.m.
Mon, Dec. 25: Goodridge 8:00 a.m.

BROOKS - RED LAKE FALLS

CATHOLIC PARISH
Fr. Bob Schreiner
Sat, Dec. 23: 5:30 p.m. RLF
Sun, Dec. 24: 8:00 a.m. Brooks. 10:00 a.m. RLF.

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA

Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun, Dec. 24: 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve.
Mon, Dec. 25: 9:00 a.m. Christmas Day.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA

Bethany-Ekelund-Faith Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Wed, Dec. 20: Release Time. 6:00 p.m. Advent services at Bethany, 7:00 p.m.
Sat, Dec. 23: 10:00 1st Communion for 5th grade.
Sun, Dec. 24: 3:00 p.m. Bethany. 4:30 p.m. Ekelund. 10:00 p.m. Faith.
Wed, Dec. 27: No Release Time. No Confirmation.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH

Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Wed, Dec. 20: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School. Semester exam.
Sat, Dec. 23: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive Christmas service.
Sun, Dec. 24: 9:00 a.m. St. Petri. 5:30 p.m. Nazareth.
Mon, Dec. 25: 9:30 a.m. Christmas Day Service at Oak Park.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH

Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Dec. 20: Community Caroling, 12:30p.m.-3:00p.m. Food Shelf, 6:00p.m. Alpha. 6:30 p.m. Awana.
Thu, Dec. 21: 12:00 p.m. Rotary.
Fri, Dec. 22: 6:00 p.m. Holy Yoga.
Sat, Dec. 23: 9:00 a.m. Holy Yoga.
Sun, Dec. 24: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:40 p.m. Sunday School.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH

Bethany * Lund Sand Valley Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Wed, Dec. 20: 2:00 p.m. Lund WELCA Christmas Party/ Potluck, Advent Service Sand Valley 6:30 p.m.
Sun, Dec. 24: 5:00 p.m. Parish Wide Christmas Eve at Lund.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston

Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor
Sun, Dec. 24: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship.

Deadline: Friday's at noon!

NOTICE OF FILING FOR GARNES TOWNSHIP ELECTION

Notice is hereby given to qualified voters of Garnes Township, Red Lake County, State of Minnesota, that filing for town office will be held for a two week period beginning January 2, 2018. Affidavits of Candidacy shall be filed with the Town Clerk at Clerk's home at any reasonable hour from January 2, 2018, to January 16, 2018. Filing will close on January 16, 2018, at 5:00p.m. Filing fee-\$2.00
Offices to be filled at the March Annual Election are:
1- Supervisor for a Three Year term
1- Clerk for a Two Year Term
Diane Kolstoe, Clerk, Town of Garnes

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1-Supervisor for a Three Year Term
1-Clerk for a Two Year Term
Pam O'Neill, Clerk, Town of Chester

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Oklee Senior Site Dining

December 25 - 29

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: Closed for Christmas Day.

Tuesday: Chicken strips, hash browns, vegetables, and dessert.

Wednesday: 2 pc. French toast, sausage patty, 1 egg, and dessert.

Thursday: ½ Hot pork w/ vegetables, and dessert.

Friday: Fried ham sandwich, bacon cheeseburger wild rice soup, and dessert.

Red Lake Falls Library News

In observance of the Christmas holiday, the Red Lake Falls Public Library will be closed as usual on Monday, December 25, as well as Tuesday, December 26.

All other branches of Northwest Regional Library will observe the same holiday schedule,

resuming regular hours on Wednesday, December 27. Regular hours will be in effect the following week of New Year's Day.

New adult fiction includes "The Romanov Ransom" by Clive Cussler, "Black Bird" by Michael Fiegel, "Sweet Tea & Sympathy" by Molly Harper, "Year One," book 1 of the Chronicles of the One, by Nora Roberts, and "Can't Let Go" by Gena Showalter.

CALL FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received by Robert Schmitz, Red Lake County Auditor, 124 Langevin Ave., Red Lake Falls, Minnesota, on behalf of the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners, until 10:00 a.m. on January 2, 2018, for the following publication:

FIRST PUBLICATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTES 375.17 IN 2018.

The bidders must comply with the legal requirements of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 331A, and the legal requirements for publication of this material, and the bidders should make themselves familiar with these requirements.

Bids must be submitted on the form provided by the County Auditor's Office, and all bids must comply with the additional specifications on the bid form.

The words "**Bid for Publishing**" must be written on the outside of the bid envelope.

The Red Lake County Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any irregularities in the bidding process.

Dated at Red Lake Falls, Minnesota, this 4th day of December, 2017.

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Robert Schmitz
Red Lake County Auditor 038-39C

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Upcoming events for RLCC High School students

By Madison Carlson

Upcoming events for the Red Lake County Central High School include the following:

Wednesday, December 20th: The Senior High choir will be performing at Digi-Key.

Friday, December 22nd: There will be a talent show and activities during school.

Friday, December 22nd will be the last day of school for the high school and elementary before winter break.

Tuesday, January 2nd: Students will return to school.

Thursday, January 4th: Selected students will be going to the Creativity Festival.



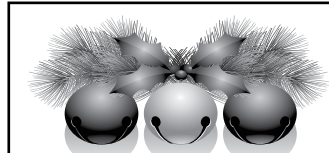
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Email: kellefsoncvso@hotmail.com

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Oklee & Brooks Residents Please Note:

Due to the Christmas Day Holiday garbage will be picked up Tues, December 26th.

Due to the New Year's Day holiday garbage will be picked up on Tues, January 2nd.

Thank You!



Santa was visiting with children at the Plummer Hall while they had their meal and were waiting for the Holiday Train.

Sudoku Solution

9	4	5	3	7	8	2	1	6
2	1	6	5	9	4	8	3	7
8	7	3	1	2	6	4	9	5
3	8	9	7	6	1	5	4	2
1	5	7	2	4	9	6	8	3
4	6	2	8	5	3	1	7	9
7	9	1	6	8	2	3	5	4
5	2	8	4	3	7	9	6	1
6	3	4	9	1	5	7	2	8

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The bank will be closing at 3:00 pm Fri., Dec. 22nd and will be closed Mon., Dec. 25th

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MUSTANG STAMPEDE



The Oklee preschoolers singing “We Wish You a Merry Christmas” at their Winter Preschool Program.

RLCC Menus

December 25 - 29
Oklee
Monday - Friday:
Christmas Vacation
Plummer
Monday - Friday:
Christmas Vacation

RLCC Sports Schedules

Rebel Boys

Basketball

Thu, Dec. 21: Waubun at Mahnomen 6:00 p.m.

Fri, Dec. 29: Goodridge-Grygla at Plummer 6:00 p.m.

Tue, Jan. 2: East Grand Forks at EGF 6:00 p.m.

Lady Mustang

Basketball

Thu, Dec. 21: Mahnomen at Plummer 6:00 p.m.

Tue, Jan. 2: Goodridge-Grygla at Goodridge 6:00 p.m.

Thu, Jan. 4: Red Lake at Oklee 6:00 p.m.

Sat, Jan. 6: Stephen-Argyle at Stephen 1:00 p.m.

Mustang Wrestling

Thu, Jan. 4: Mayport/Roseau Tri at Roseau 5 p.m.

Fri, Jan. 5: Mahnomen/Waubun Dual Team at Mahnomen 4:00 p.m.

Tue, Jan. 16: Mahnomen LP Tri (Parents Night) at Oklee. 5:00 p.m.

Fri, Jan. 19: Park Rapids/PHPPV at Oklee 2:00 p.m.

Sat, Jan. 20: TRF Tournament at TRF 9:30 a.m.

Sat, Jan. 27: Grafton Tourney at Grafton TBA.

Tue, Jan. 30: BGMR at BGMR 6:30 p.m.

Open Gym,

Saturdays in Oklee

By Abigail Walton

There is open gym at the Red Lake County Central High School in Oklee on Saturdays from 1-3 pm. Children below seventh grade must come with an adult or guardian. If you have any questions, you may direct them to Kurt Halvorson at (612-247-0812).



Sydney and Karena Melby and Britan Arlt are practicing for the RLCC'S one 1 Act Play.

One Act Play

Practice Begins

By David Clifton

The Red Lake County Central Theater will be starting to practice for the One Act play. This year they will be performing “Freaked.” Practice is held every day after school and they will present it after the holiday season in January. The play is based on

a freak and horror movie.

The team will compete on January 26, 2018 in Bagley. During the One Act competition they only have 30 minutes or less to perform and if they go overtime the team will be disqualified. For more information on when they compete check it out in upcoming news. The play will be directed by Mr. Mike Swenson.



Derek Peterson was selected to the All-Tournament team at the NCTC Boys' Basketball Tournament which took place December 5, 7, and 9.

Rebels place 7th at NCTC Tournament

By: Hannah Riendeau

The Rebels played their Round 3 game in the Northland Community Technical College Boys' Basketball Tournament on Saturday, December 9. The Rebels placed seventh in the tournament by defeating Clearbrook-Gonvick. At half time the Bears had the lead 30-28. The final score was 66-60, Rebels winning.

The leading scorer for the Rebels was Ethan Vettleson with 21 points, seven rebounds and two steals. Derek Peterson scored 14 points, and had three three-pointers. Brandon Wiskow scored 11 points, had seven rebounds and three steals. Isiah Olson had 10 points and 10 rebounds.

Ethan Dorman was the leading scorer for the Bears with 18 points. Jonney Hamnes scored 13 points. Erick Bergman had 11 points and nine rebounds.



Nick Pahlen, Damon Ferguson, and Tristyn Ferguson from RLCC each placed at two area wrestling tournaments, Alfred Olson Tournament in Fosston and Rodd Olson Tournament in Crookston.

Wrestlers go to Rodd Olson Invitational

By Holly Johnsrud

Red Lake County Central wrestlers went to Crookston for the Rodd Olson Invitational Wrestling Tournament. It was held Saturday, December 9. The top three schools were: United North Central, Crookston, and

Park Rapids Area.

Wrestlers placing for RLCC included Damon Ferguson coming in second place at a 113 lbs. He lost 4-8 to Gabe Geiser from New York Mills. Placing fourth was Trystan Ferguson

at the weight of 170 lbs. He lost 4-4 to Damian Hodgson from Crookston. Placing fifth was Nick Pahlen at the weight of 220 lbs. He pinned Jayden Stevenson from Walker-Hackensack Akeley-Nevis.

Mustangs play in NCTC Tournament

By Britain Arlt and Lily Guillemette

The girls' basketball team played in the three day Northland Community and Technical College Girls Basketball Tournament held December 12, 14, and 15 in Thief River Falls.

In Round 1 of the tournament, the Red Lake County Central Mustangs played the Red Lake Warriors on Tuesday, December 12th. The Red Lake Warriors

defeated the RLCC Mustangs 76-40.

Red Lake Warrior players Alexis Desjarlait scored 27 points, and Angel McClain scored 25 points. RLCC Mustangs players Julia Bernstein scored 16 points, Jenna Pahlen scored 16 points, Hannah Kolstoe scored two points, Zoe Russillo scored two points, Kia Bachand scored two points, Brandie DeHate scored one point, and Tanisha Srnsky scored one point.

RLCC girls' basketball lost to Goodridge-Grygla 51-58 in Round 2 at the NCTC Tournament on Thursday, December 14. RLCC's Jenna Pahlen scored 22 points, Calyssa Eskeli scored 11, Zoe Russillo and Kia Bachand scored seven each, and Brandie DeHate and Julia Bernstein both scored two. Goodridge-Grygla's Amy Wiscow and Cheyenne Irlbeck both scored 12 points.



RLC Rebel Senior Matt Vettleson shooting free throws against the BGMR Gators on December 14.

RLCC-Oklee

Preschool Program

By: Sydnie Gunderson

The Red Lake County Central-Oklee Preschool Program was held Thursday, December 14th in Oklee. The Tuesday-Thursday group of preschoolers sang “Comin’ Down the Chimney”, “Jingle Bells,” “Reindeer Hokey Pokey,” and “We Wish You a Merry Christmas.”

Cookies decorated by the preschoolers along with milk and coffee were served to parents and grandparents after the program. This was the last school day for the preschoolers until January 2nd.

Holiday Break

at RLCC

By: Aiydin Lancto

The Holiday break for the Red Lake County Central Elementary and High School will start on Saturday, December 23. School will resume on Tuesday, January 2. Happy Holidays!

RLCC Class Of 2017

Scholarship Winners

A reminder to those RLCC graduates who received local scholarships last spring at the awards day: You need to submit a copy of your first semester grades and proof of registration for second semester to the organization it was awarded by or the high school office (for RLCC Community Service scholarship, Tim and Donna Swenson Scholarship, Lorna Wicks Scholarship, Shirley and Vincent Dessellier Scholarship, Red Lake Electric Scholarship), before the money is issued to you. Note the school will be closed the week of December 25-29.



Rebels defeat

the Gators

By: Derek Peterson

The Red Lake County Rebels played the Badger/Greenbush/Middle River Gators Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. in the RLCC High School in Oklee. This was the first meeting between the two teams.

RLC lead in the first half 27-19, and defeated BGMR with the final score of 58-51. The Gators outscored the Rebels 32-31 in the second half.

Ethan Vettleson led the Rebels with 22 points, and also added 14 rebounds and six steals to his stat line. Other scorers were Derek Peterson with 13 points, Matt Vettleson with eight, Ben Cardinal with five, and Connor Lambert with five. Brandon Wiskow, Jordan Johnson, and John Renner all had two points.

The Gators were led in scoring by Jake Taggart with 15 points who also had five steals, Brandon Sorenson had 14 points, and Dylan Heggedal had eight points and 11 rebounds.



New northern pike fishing regulations coming in spring 2018

Anglers and spearers pursuing northern pike this winter can prepare for new pike regulations that will be in effect for the spring fishing opener on Minnesota's inland waters.

"Pike regulations remain the same this winter, with major changes coming this spring," said Chris Kavanaugh, northeast region fisheries manager. "As anglers continue fishing for pike, we encourage them to get used to measuring their catches and even consider keeping some of the smaller ones in the north-central part of the state."

The new regulations on inland waters will be in effect starting March 1; however, fishing for northern pike is not allowed on these waters until the fishing opener on Saturday, May 12.

Spearer season opened Nov. 15 and pike fishing remains open until Feb. 25, 2018. Current statewide regulations including the daily and possession limit of three northern pike is still in effect. So, too, are special and experimental regulations listed for specific waters in the 2017 Minnesota Fishing Regulations.

The new fishing regulations beginning in the spring take a cue from hunting regulations and will set up three distinct zones to address the different characteristics of pike populations in Minnesota.

"Anglers and spearers have an opportunity to use this winter as a transition period and become accustomed to measuring their catch before the new rules take effect," Kavanaugh said. "We know many anglers already do measure fish, and spearers judge fish size, but we want to highlight the importance of those practices when it comes to northern pike."

Pike zones begin this spring when the new regulations take effect this spring, the majority of the state will be in the north-central zone where the issue is overpopulation of small pike. Anglers here will be able to keep 10 northern pike, but not more than two pike longer than 26 inches, and all from 22 to 26 inches must be released. Northern pike taken by spearing follow the same rules except one pike may be between 22 and 26 inches and one longer than 26 inches.

In the northeast zone, the new regulation will maintain harvest opportunity and protect large fish already present and anglers here will be able to keep two pike and must release all from 30 to 40 inches, with only one over 40 inches allowed in possession. Spearers also will be able to take two pike but only one may be longer than 26 inches.

In the southern zone, the regulation will intend to increase pike abundance and improve the size of fish harvested. Anglers and spearers will be able to keep two fish, with a minimum size of 24 inches.

For more information on the new zone regulations visit mndnr.gov/pike or contact a local area fisheries office. Contact information can be found at mndnr.gov/areas/fisheries or in the printed fishing regulations booklet.



Have yourself a stress-free little Christmas with Essentia Health

'Tis the season for yuletide carols and decked halls. However, with the new iPhone costing more than your mortgage payment and the in-laws critiquing your decked halls, this merry little Christmas can turn into a stressful one.

"Around the holidays, it's very common for people to feel overwhelmed," says Essentia Health Psychologist Megan Spencer, who sees patients at the South University Clinic in Fargo. "As a society, we've put so many expectations and pressures on ourselves, it's easy to get stressed."

The consumer health group Healthline conducted a 2015 study, finding 62 percent of respondents said their stress was elevated during the holidays. Only 10 percent of respondents said their stress wasn't affected at all during the season of joy.

"During the holidays, people are having more company come over, are in charge of cooking for more people and are expected to spend more money all with a smile," Spencer says. "Yes, the holidays are an incredibly magical time that can bring people together, but people need to know their personal limits and not stretch themselves too thin."

A vital part of keeping on top

of things during the holidays is to maintain a normal routine. Exercising may seem like the last thing you want to do, but it naturally relieves stress and keeps your body working properly. Having a regular sleep schedule can keep away any grinch-like feelings, and never forget the importance of deep breathing.

Setting aside 15 minutes a day for "me time" can also be beneficial for your health. It may be hard, but learn to say "no." If you are invited to eight events in seven days, you don't have to attend every one.

"Every person's mental health is different and has different needs, and we need to recognize that," says Spencer. "Maybe instead of thinking you need to be go, go, go this holiday season, take a little break."

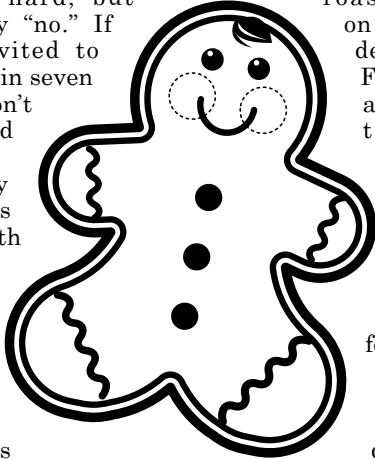
Experts also recommend planning. Whether it's coordinating who is bringing

which food to the Christmas table or a budget limit for gifts, having a game plan can make your life a little less hectic.

"We watch these images on TV or see these pictures of families and house decorations that seem perfect, and that's just unrealistic," says Spencer. "Perfection doesn't exist. Simply do what you can to make the holiday season special for you and your family."

Whether you're merrily roasting chestnuts on an open fire or dealing with Jack Frost nipping at your nose, this Christmas doesn't need to be stressful. Spend time with the ones you love and set expectations that are realistic for you and yours.

If you are feeling overwhelmed or depressed this season, there's help. You can see one of Essentia Health's psychologists. Go to www.EssentiaHealth.org to find providers and resources or call your local clinic to learn more.





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This week's photo is of fellow who is happy getting a new coat for his birthday. Last week's photo was of Trick or Treaters from 1980. Pictured is Scott Lambert (Oklee), Debbie (Lambert) Amiot (RLF), Cindy (Lambert) Dallmann (TRF), and Chad Hammer

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Oklee Herald Early Files

Seventy Years Ago December 18, 1947

The annual free Christmas movie for children and parents of the Oklee community will take place at the Oak Theatre on Monday, December 22nd.

It was a happy night in Oklee last Friday because the Bobcats finally came through with a victory. Their victims, Erskine, went home with two defeats – their A and B teams.

George Spong of Oklee was elected president of the Red Lake County Farm Bureau at their annual meeting held at Red Lake Falls on Saturday.

From an ad from Abe's Electric Service: "Give Electrical Gifts." With products listed at a wall lamp, iron, heating pad and alarm clock.

Sixty Years Ago December 19, 1957

Roger M. Fore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Fore of Oklee, has been promoted to Chief Petty Officer in New Port, Rhode Island where he is now serving as an instructor for atomic, biological and chemical warfare.

According to a telegram received from the office of congresswoman, Coya Knutson, the village of Plummer will receive a federal grant-in-aid in the amount of \$18,169 for the construction of a sewer lift station, mains and waste stabilization pond northwest of the village.

Jolayne Greenwald and Marie Froiland visited with Karen Eskeli Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Fore and children and Mr. and Mrs. Geo Fossum were visitors at the Torkel Gunderson home Friday evening.

The Plummer Cardinals defeated the Oslo Bobcats in a basketball game played at Plummer Friday night with a final score of 61-38.

Fifty Years Ago December 21, 1967

Snowmobiles, which are becoming more numerous by the hour, are great vehicles

for winter sport. However, they are the cause for numerous complaints and justifiably so. In open country there are few restrictions, but in villages and town, it's another story.

Mrs. Donald Mack and Mrs. Ole Austad attended the employees dinner at the Lyle Mandt home Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Leroy Carriere was hostess Wednesday evening when the Holly Hock Homemakers Club met at her home for their Christmas party.

Forty Years Ago December 22, 1977

On December 21st, the band, chorus, kindergarten, first and second grades presented the annual Christmas program. The theme was "Christmas Time Together" from the Charlie Brown series by Charles Schultz.

Milo Sandeen and Arley Flateland of Oklee Farmer's Co-op Elev. Assn. and Farmer Union Oil, recently attended an Advanced Agri Department Managers Seminar sponsored by CENEX.

Thirty Years Ago December 23, 1987

No matter the weather – the mail must go through. This is not only a postal motto, but a strong belief of rural mail carrier, Don Fournier who retires after 30 years as a mail route carrier.

The fire whistle blew in Oklee at midnight Saturday

morning, December 19th alerting the Oklee Fire Dept. of a fire in the David Johnson home, 7 miles north and ½ miles east of Oklee.

Oklee School held their Christmas program with elementary classes and high school band and choirs entertaining the audience.

Twenty Years Ago December 24, 1997

Charity Wick, daughter of Mike and Lorna Wicks and a senior at the Oklee High School was named as KVLV-News Student of the Week.

Jennifer Magnell and Chelsley Paradis sang a duet during the St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church Christmas program.

Jack Lee and his grandma Vicky Frazer were busy making crafts together at Oklee's Santa Day on December 13th.

Sheriff Al Morken elected president of Minnesota Sheriff's Association.

Ten Years Ago December 19, 2007

Zion held their Sunday School program with many children participating.

Clowie Magnell snuck up on the stage to visit Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus and Katie Olson was busy making one of the many craft items available for the children.

RLCC Students of the Month at the Elementary were Cameron Lundeen and Shelby Gunderson.

Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

Words of Wisdom

The truest love is one that makes you want to be a better person.

Go carolling with friends and family.

Joke Time

The psychiatrist was interviewing a first-time patient. "You say you're here" he inquired, "because your family is worried about your

taste in socks?"

"That's correct," muttered the patient. "I like wool socks."

"But that's perfectly normal," replied the doctor. "Many people prefer wool socks to those made from cotton or acrylic. In fact, I myself like wool socks."

"You do?" exclaimed the man. "With oil and vinegar or just a squeeze of lemon?"



Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

The weather has been okay for this time of year but the ice is not the friend of any of us. Walking around on eggshells is not my way of rolling, but it seems that most of us are doing just that. I just don't want to fall and break a hip after what the doctors say my bones are like. Nursing homes are not my dream place to be. A little young for that I think. It promises to be colder toward Christmas and down under the donut after that.

We lost a legend in Brooks this past Saturday. Aurel (AJ) Parenteau died on Saturday. He was loved by all of us, and he was the energizer bunny all his life. He just was not one to sit still but needed to be where the action was. Each year it was a tradition to celebrate his birthday on the golf links in a tournament. Over a hundred people came to these events. It was a three day tournament and much fun for all. One year I covered the event with the camera and the love that poured out from Aurel's friends came through the viewfinder. People came from all over the country for this event. We will all miss him, his fun personality, and his laugh. God bless him and his lovely family, and especially Gloria. Rest in Peace, old friend.

On Monday Jerome and Barb Novak went to Warroad to watch Ian and Phillip Ellenson, their grandchildren, perform in their Christmas programs. Phillip is in band and he

performs in percussion, with the band. Ian and Phillip both sing in chorus and their program was after the band program. It was a great program, and they enhanced it with one number that had an ugly Christmas sweater costume. What fun. Each member wore something of an ugly Christmas sweater. Not all Christmas sweaters are ugly though. The Novak's returned home on Monday night. It was an excellent entertainment. The solos of the serious singers in the chorus were excellent.

Joyce Morinville, Carly Kvasager, and Linda Hemly, went to Duluth for a weekend out. They stayed at the Radisson and they marveled at the turning upper floor that showed the city while they dined. They went to see Bentleyville, a lighted show of Chritmas lights that is a tourist draw every year. The photos she showed were really beautiful. What a fun time to go to see something different. The girls had fun and enjoyed their stay and the weather couldn't have been better.

Dianne and Clarence Gagner have returned from a trip to Cabo San Lucas where they were joined by Barb and Vern Lacoursierre of Tucson Arizona. They spent the week enjoying the amenities of Mexico for a week. On their return, they visited with Dan and Alicia Gagner in the cities and attended the soccer tournament which their

grandchild Ayden played in and in the afternoon they attended a gymnastic competition that their grandchild Ashton performed in. It was fun to be with the family and watch their grandchildren show their stuff.

Christmas times for services at St. Joes in Brooks and Red Lake Falls sounds confusing but it is not. Christmas is a holy day for Catholics and if you go to Mass on Sunday morning, you still are obliged to attend Mass for Monday which is Christmas Day. There will be a vigil Mass on Sunday night for Christmas at St. Joe's in Red Lake Falls at 5:30 pm. Christmas Mass on Christmas Day is at 8:00 am in Brooks, and at 10:00 a.m. at St Joe's Red Lake Falls. So the usual Masses are still the same for Sunday, and you can attend the special Masses for Monday (Christmas).

Christmas is racing toward us right now. It seems fast every year but this year it seems that it is coming quicker than usual. I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas. Enjoy the season the goodies and the gifts, but most of all remember the reason for the season which is the birth a little baby who changed the world.

There are so many who are not able to enjoy what we have, but this season is filled with love and good wishes so share your joy with others, friends or neighbors and those less fortunate. God Bless you all.

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe
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Memories Café in Red Lake Falls with Marie Seeger and her sons Mike and Steve. They had dinner.

Karen Tvedt and Anne Traxler went to the open house at DigiKey for Christmas goodies on Wednesday.

Tuesday evening, the 12th was Canadian Pacific Railroad Holiday Train that arrived at 6:00 p.m. The museum was open at 4:30 for tours. At the hall, Inter County Community Council members served hotdogs, chips, wraps, Christmas cookies, coffee, and punch. Donation were made there for the Food Shelf. Santa came and there were wagon rides, carolers from RLCC who sang first at the hall then at the museum. They did a great job. Some that toured the museum had signed the guest register and the were from towns farther away. One visitor was from Spain! The music was awesome. A band started a few songs with Dallas Smith & Kelly Prescott. Then Terri Clark sang. Terri did a couple of songs from the 90's that were really good and then a few Christmas Santa songs. Terri Clark is from Medicine

Hat, Alberta and when I was on a trip to the Canadian Rockies, we stopped there. They have claim to the tallest Indian Teepee in the world. Its 200 feet, I believe.

A couple from Thief River Falls, whom I know well, had come to the museum and when the train was ready to go to Thief River, they got on. They enjoyed the ride and were served hot chocolate. Terri Clark came through the car and greeted the people. The couple were Debra and Eddie Seaverson. I'm so happy I got to visit with them.

On Thursday, Anna DeHate and Bunny DuChamp went to the Christmas open house luncheon at Greenleaf Assisted Living to visit Jean Carpenter. They served soups, veggies munchies, desserts, coffee, etc.

I was not feeling well, but had planned on going. Oh, well, that's how it goes.

Just have a couple more cards to write and I'll be done. Yeah! I write letters.

The Elementary Holiday program is Friday at 2:00 p.m. for K-3rd grade. That should be good.

Have a good week!



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Pasture Renovation & Herd Health Workshop

January 9th 5:00 p.m. Bagley, American Legion - Dinner served 15\$ per person 20\$ for couple at the door (different from cow/calf days will be Jan. 23rd)

Pasture renovation

We will have the pleasure of having Jeff Duchene present along with two producers who have worked with him on improving their own pastures. Jeff Duchene works as a Grazing Lands Specialist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service and covers NW MN. He mainly assists livestock producers with improving pasture management and productivity. In his spare time, Jeff likes to hunt, fish hike, and fix up his old farmstead.

"I would like to introduce a thought process to help producers make decisions on when pasture renovation is needed, why it may be a good fit for their pasture and operation, and different methods that could be employed to renovate

pastures. I will also talk about the need to utilize good grazing management principles to ensure a return on their investment. My talk will also set the stage for the two producers to follow that will talk about their experiences with renovating pasture."

Producers: Steve & Susan Flanagan, have a diversified farm north of Bluffton where they raise children, beef, deer, oats, and soybeans. Steve is a fifth generation Minnesota farmer who is focused on restoring an old family homestead and regenerating soil. Steve and Sue host several pasture walks per year to view a mix of low input annuals and perennials.

Ivan and Dayle Reinke operate Cloverleaf Grass Farm, a diversified farm that direct markets grass fed beef, pastured pork and chicken. Rotational grazing in the summer then bale grazing in the winter has been their management scheme. Cover

crops have been fit into their system as a stepping stone to an improved pasture seeding.

Herd Health

Dr. Donald J Hagen, DVM –Don graduated from the University of Minnesota Veterinary program in 1979 and has had his own practice for about 14 years. We are a mixed animal practice with an emphasis in cattle. Don has worked for Red Lake Falls Veterinary and Lyle Kenner before starting his own practice. In 1985 he also spent 5 years milking his own cows. Don currently has a small beef herd and he rents out bulls for local farmers. Don will be assisting us with respiratory problems that have been popping up in NW MN. He will be reviewing the best options of a herd health protocols and what we can do as producers to help mitigate these diseases.

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