

Oklee Precipitation
By Einar Kvasager

	Rain	Snow
Dec. 16		2.00
Dec. 17		Trace
Dec. 19		0.25
Dec. 21		2.00
Total in.	0.00	4.25
December Total		8.00 inches

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...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

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Red Lake County 4-H Honored for Afterschool Programming



Minnesota 4-H Educators Karyn Santl (left) and Joshua Kukowski (right) present Sharon Weiss, Red Lake 4-H Program Coordinator (middle) with the Minnesota Afterschool Champion Award).

Afterschool programs play an important role in helping young people do better in school and make positive choices and the Red Lake County 4-H Afterschool Programs have been recognized for their quality by a statewide organization. Ignite Afterschool, Minnesota's statewide network of afterschool programs, honored Red Lake County 4-H Program Coordinator Sharon Weiss with the Minnesota Afterschool Champion Award. This award recognizes individuals whose practices enhance the

quality of and access to afterschool programs for all youth. The Red Lake County 4-H Afterschool Program is available in the three sites in Red Lake County for youth in Kindergarten through sixth grade. Sharon provides leadership opportunities for older youth in these afterschool programs by involving them in planning, delivering and evaluating the program. Through Sharon's leadership, the Red Lake County 4-H Afterschool Program adapts to meet the needs

of the community, resulting in full capacity of the programs. Learning opportunities are extended through materials sent home to support parents in helping their child continue to learn. Youth in the programs look forward to the programs each time they are offered. To learn more about Red Lake County 4-H, contact 4-H Program Coordinator Sharon Weiss, at (218) 253-2895 and visit the website, <http://www.extension.umn.edu/county/red-lake>



*New is the year,
new are the hopes,
and the aspirations,
new is the resolution,
new are the spirits and
forever our warm wishes are for you.
Have a promising and fulfilling new year!*

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Extension Organic & Sustainable Agriculture Fund raises funds in honor of Jim Stordahl

Organic agricultural research projects in northwestern Minnesota will benefit from a new University of Minnesota Extension endowment fund created in honor of a passionate advocate for sustainable and organic farming. The fund is being created in memory of Jim Stordahl, who was an Extension Educator in the northwest region of Minnesota for 21 years and was known for

his ability to listen to people's needs and finding solutions that had impact statewide. "Jim was the ultimate role model for me and others as an Extension Educator in how to engage individuals and communities," said Ryan Pesch, an Extension Educator in Community Economics. "His highly knowledgeable, yet practical approach to issues made him a highly-sought after resource."



Funds raised for the endowment will be used by farmers and Extension Educators to investigate producer-led organic research projects. Scholarships also will be available for farmers to attend state and organic conferences. Questions regarding this endowment can be directed to Nancy Frosaker at frosa001@umn.edu or 701-212-2471. Gifts can be sent to University of MN Extension Development, 9 Coffey Hall, 1420 Eckles Ave, St Paul, Minn., 55108.

Oklee Skating Rink

The Oklee Skating Rink is now open all day every day until further notice.

Calendar of Events

- 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:**
-Senior Site Closed – 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.
- Sat, Jan. 6:**
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!
- Sun, Jan. 7:**
-Worship at the church of your choice.
- Mon, Jan 8:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
- Tue, Jan. 9:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards.
- Wed, Jan. 10:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.



Salem Lutheran Church Sunday School Program "Hark the Herald Angel".



Zion Lutheran Church Sunday School Program was based on a "The Evening News Hour" reporting on the birth of Jesus in the Manger.

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH

Zion and Salem
Interim SAM Christy Klemz
Wed, Dec. 27: No Chime Choir. No Confirmation at Zion.
Sun, Dec. 31: 10:30 a.m. Joint Service at Salem. No SS at Zion or Salem.

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OKLEE, GRYGLA & GOODRIDGE

Fr. Adam Hamness
Sun, Dec. 31: 7:30 a.m. Confessions 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Francis Xavier, Oklee; 10:00 a.m. St. Ann Parish, Goodridge; 11:45 a.m. St. Clement Parish, Grygla.

BROOKS – RED LAKE FALLS

CATHOLIC PARISH
Fr. Bob Schreiner
Sat, Dec. 30: 5:30 p.m. RLF
Sun, Dec. 31: 8:00 a.m. Brooks, 10:00 a.m. RLF.

IMMANUEL–EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA

Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun, Dec. 31: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer. 10:30 am. Worship at Immanuel.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA

Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Pastor Jonathan Ostercamp
Wed, Dec. 27: No Release Time. No Confirmation.
Sun, Dec. 31: 10:30 a.m. Joint Service at Faith.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

January 1-5

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 New Year's Day

Tuesday: Hamburger patty, hash browns, vegetable, and dessert.

Wednesday: Grilled ham & cheese, potato soup, and dessert.

Thursday: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, cream gravy, corn, and dessert.

Friday: Fish, baked potato, vegetable, and dessert.

Centennial Recipe Corner

Cheesy Chip Dip Tiffany (Whalen) Tvedt

2 lbs Velveeta, cut into cubes
1/4 cup chopped onion
1/2 cup chopped green pepper
1/2 cup diced tomato
4 tsp ground coriander
4 tsp ground cumin

Combine all ingredients in slow cooker until well blended. Cover and cook on low 2 to 3 hours or until hot.



CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH

Mt. Olive – Nazareth Oak Park – St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Sun, Dec. 31: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri, 9:15 a.m. SS; 8:30 a.m. SS at Nazareth, 9:45 a.m. Nazareth; 9:30 a.m. SS Oak Park, 11:00 a.m. Oak Park.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH

Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com

Sun, Dec. 31: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:40 p.m. Sunday School.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH

Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, Dec. 31: 10:30 a.m. Parish Wide Christmas Eve at Sand Valley. Potluck to follow.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston

Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor
Sun, Dec. 31: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship.

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If you are interested in placing a tree order, for springs' tree planting season, please call the Red Lake County SWCD office at (218) 253-2593 ext. 4.



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We hope you have a happy and prosperous New Year!



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closing at 3:00 pm Fri.,
Dec. 29th and will be
closed Mon., Jan. 1st

2018

Season's Greetings

We hope you celebrated this holiday season with friendship, goodwill and all the joy this special season brings into bloom. You remind us how lucky we are to be part of such a close-knit community. Your kindness and generosity are an inspiration to us, and we are truly grateful to have neighbors like you. Thank you for brightening our year with your visits; your support and trust in us means a lot.

We wish you all the best, and we look forward to seeing you soon in the New Year!

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Mentor
Thief River Falls



Red Lake Falls Library News

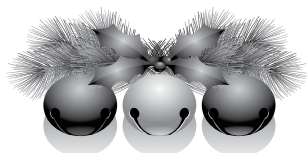
The library is open on Tuesday from Noon until 7:00 pm, Wednesday from Noon until 7:00 pm, Thursday from Noon to 5:00 p.m.; Friday from Noon until 5:00 pm, and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. On-line patrons are reminded that they can visit www.nwrlib.org/rlf.htm at any time, where they can create their own patron accounts to browse, request and renew materials all from their home computers.

In January the Winter Reading Program for adults

gets underway with its recurring theme of "Hot Reads for Cold Nights." The 2018 program will include a Winter Concert Series with one music event for each of the months of January, February and March. The first of these three is scheduled for Thursday, January 25 at 6:00 pm, when Robin Anders will present his "Drums of the World" percussion program. Another program set for Wednesday, February 7 will focus on indoor flower gardening.

In addition to these, we will have a visit from former RLF resident, and now published author, Scott Cameron. Scott will be reading from his recently published book of poetry "In Absentia" on Tuesday, March 6 at 6:00 pm.

Adult patrons are encouraged to visit the library during the winter months, check out books and register for this year's version of the Hot Reads coffee mug, which features a gray & yellow color scheme and a squirrel for the motif.



Oklee & Brooks Residents Please Note:

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

Thank You!

Sudoku Solution

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

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Red Lake County Commissioners Minutes

RED LAKE COUNTY Regular Meeting Held November 14, 2017

Pursuant to adjournment of its regular meeting the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners duly met in regular session at the courthouse in Red Lake Falls, MN on November 14, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. Chair Flage called the meeting to order. Commissioner Simpson was absent.

County Engineer Kleven met with the board to inform on several topics. Flood Plain maps are being reviewed by DNR and FEMA with the involvement of Tanya Hanson of the SWCD and County Environmental Officer Kurt Casavan. Additional training and review sessions on the topic will be held in January. The current plans are to replace the Schirrick Bridge on CSAH #13 with box culverts but Kleven reports cost is higher than expected so some changes may be made to lower project costs. Plans for the TH #222 project near Oklee are still under review with MnDOT. Kleven reported that the DNR will not support paving the Klondike and re-paving the bike path. Kleven mentioned that he has concerns with the Industrial Loop Project the City of Red Lake Falls is proposing.

Kleven requested that Jeremy Johnson, Senior Engineering Tech be promoted to the Tech Assistant-2 position (Grade 34, Step 5 at \$28.10 hr.) and Jeff Kelley, Engineering Aide-5 be promoted to the Senior Engineering Tech position (Grade 31, Step 7 at \$26.86 hr.). Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Sorensen and carried unanimously to approve the request as presented.

County Attorney LaCoursiere reported on the Minn-Dak lawsuit against Red Lake County over a construction project approximately 4-years ago. The courts had ordered a mediation session that was held November 6, 2017 in Fargo, ND. Attorney LaCoursiere, Board Chairman Flage, Commissioner Sorensen and Engineer Kleven attended the session. The mediation did not result in a settlement, and if no agreement is reached by December 31st the issue will go to county court on February 7, 2018. The board reviewed a billing for Red Lake County's 50% share of the mediation fees. Commissioner Sorensen moved, seconded by Lerohl and carried unanimously to approve payment of \$988.00 to Serkland Law Firm.

Bob Bohland of the SWCD presented the 2018 Feedlot Delegation Work Plan Agreement

RED LAKE COUNTY Regular Meeting Held November 28, 2017

Pursuant to adjournment of its regular meeting the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners duly met in regular session at the courthouse in Red Lake Falls, MN on November 28, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. Chair Flage called the meeting to order. Commissioner Sorensen was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Weiss moved and seconded by Simpson to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Supervisor Penny Grove met with the board to request approval of the biennial MFIP plan for Social Services. Grove informed that since employment services are done in-house the County Board must approve to continue the plan and it must meet state requirements. Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Lerohl and carried unanimously to approve the 2018-2019 MFIP Biennial Service Agreement as prepared by Red Lake County Social Service according to provisions of Minnesota Statutes, section 256J.

Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Weiss and unanimously carried to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held November 14, 2017.

Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Lerohl and carried by unanimous vote to approve the expenditures for the period as listed:

Vendor	Amount
Conduent Enterprise Solutions	\$ 5,695.92
Garden Valley Telephone	2,975.42
Insight Technologies	2,515.00
U of MN Extension	18,611.61
12 Payments	less than \$2,000 ea. 3,964.30
TOTAL	\$33,762.25

The motion included the following added bills: \$132.20 to CHS Credit Card.

The following Commissioner/Committee reports were shared:

Commissioner	Meeting/Report
Simpson:	None.
Weiss:	None.

Lerohl: County Extension Committee meeting. NW Regional Development: reviewing financials and the 2016 audit report. NW Housing Authority: discussing rental properties and a new home development project in Fosston. Inter County Community Council: reviewing the various programs and budget, and the election of officers.

Flage: SWCD: project update on BWSR Clean Water Fund Grants. County Extension Committee.

The board discussed a second request from the Office of State Auditor asking Red Lake County to approve the 2015 Audit Engagement letter and to return a signed copy of the document to the OSA. The board members concurred to not sign the document.

Commissioner Sorensen arrived at 10:50 a.m. Commissioner Sorensen informed that constituents had contacted him regarding two properties outside the city limits in Red Lake Falls Township. The properties are cluttered with several unlicensed vehicles and other items on the premises and constituents are asking

and requested its approval. Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Lerohl and carried unanimously to approve the agreement as presented and authorize Chairman Flage to sign the document.

Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Weiss and unanimously carried to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held October 24, 2017.

Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Sorensen and carried by unanimous vote to approve the expenditures for the period as listed:

Revenue:	\$27,763.28
Road & Bridge:	39,956.22
SS Collaborative:	250.00
Social Services:	300.00
TOTAL:	\$68,269.50

The motion included the following added bills: \$105.00 to AMC; \$148.09 to Dacotah Paper; \$320.00 to Dwight Huot; \$1,725.00 to Premier Signs; \$1,827.54 to Pro West & Associates.

The following Commissioner/Committee reports were shared:

Commissioner	Meeting/Report
Weiss:	AMC District III meeting in Mahanomen.

Attended a Tri County Corrections meeting with Commissioner Sorensen discussing the food service agreement, an IT Security Agreement, revenue received for housing inmates, and Polk County hosting a Regional Dispatch Center.

Sorensen: AMC District III. Minn-Dak mediation session in Fargo.

Lerohl: AMC District III. NW Regional Development reviewing the budget and information on a Dementia Workshop and other programs.

Flage: Minn-Dak mediation session in Fargo.

Chair Flage read a letter addressed to the County Board and SS Director Nelson regarding a local citizen that is withdrawing from the LAC Committee.

The board acknowledged correspondence from the MN Department of Natural Resources regarding the MNUSA Area 1C Snowmobile Trails meeting on November 18, 2017 in Bemidji, MN, and a letter from the MN Department of Revenue regarding an appeal filed by Enbridge Energy over the state's valuation of Enbridge's utility property for assessment year 2017 (Tax Court Docket No 09123-R).

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned until November 28, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

Attest:
Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

Chuck Flage, Chairman
Board of Commissioners 040C

ing the county to address the issue. Environmental Officer Casavan was present during discussion. Casavan stated that the county does not have a land use ordinance in effect thus making enforcement difficult. MnDOT State Aid Engineer Lou Tasa was also present and informed that a Minnesota state statute regulates appearance along a state highway. Tasa suggested that the County Attorney send letters to the landowners requesting them to clean up their property or install fencing at the owner's expense. Casavan felt there would be better cooperation if he could contact the property owners and encourage them to clean up their premises as a first step. The board members agreed. Casavan will provide a follow-up report at a later date.

MnDOT State Aid Engineer Lou Tasa and County Engineer Kleven met with the board to discuss some of the county's options when Kleven retires at the end of his 4-year appointment in May 2018. Board members have discussed in the past whether a full-time County Engineer is needed. Tasa informed that recruitment for qualified Engineers in smaller counties has been difficult throughout the state due to salary requirements. Two of the options discussed were that the county could hire a full-time in-house engineer or share an engineer with another county. Tasa informed that a County Engineer must be a full-time licensed engineer registered in the State of Minnesota. Also, State Aid money is available to reimburse counties for engineering services performed on local county projects to help offset some of an Engineers salary. Tasa commented that he is available if the County Board has questions or needs any assistance during the process.

Tasa informed that MnDOT is proceeding with the environmental investigation regarding moving the turn-back process forward for Trunk Highway No. 222 at Oklee.

County Engineer Kleven presented two contracts for final payment as the projects have been completed. Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Sorensen and carried by unanimous vote, to approve Resolution No. 11-01-17 "Certificate of Final Payment" to Knife River Materials (Contract 2016-1) in amount of \$35,883.65 for a paving project within the City of Red Lake Falls.

Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Sorensen and carried by unanimous vote to approve Resolution No. 11-02-17 "Certificate of Final Payment" to Wright Construction (Contract 2017-1) in amount of \$8,147.04 for the Plummer Intersection project.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned until December 7, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.

Attest:
Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

Chuck Flage, Chairman
Board of Commissioners 040C

**Deadline:
Friday's at noon!**



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RLCC Menus

January 1-5

Oklee

Monday: No School – New Year's Day

Tuesday: Breakfast: Muffins, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Pizza, lettuce salad, cottage cheese, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, scalloped potatoes, vegetables, fruit, dipping sauce, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Waffles w/syrup, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Pulled pork or BBQ chicken, baked beans, chips, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** 3 different soups, meat sandwich, fresh vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Plummer

Monday: No School – New Year's Day

Tuesday: Breakfast: Cooks Choice, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken fajita, (salsa, sour cream, lettuce, cheese, tomatoes), yogurt parfaits, fruit, hash browns, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Scrambled pizza, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Spaghetti, garlic bread sticks, salad (croutons & tomatoes), fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Pancakes, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Hamburger w/bun, cheese, oven fries, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Meatballs, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, buttered bread, fruit, and milk.

RLCC Sports Schedules

Rebel Boys

Basketball

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

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

Mon, Jan. 8: Sacred Heart at RLF 6:00 p.m.

Fri, Jan. 12: W-A-O at RLF 6:00 p.m.

Tue, Jan. 16: Climax-Fisher at RLF 6:00 p.m.

Fri, Jan. 19: Fosston at Fosston 6:00 p.m.

Tue, Jan. 23: Roseau at Roseau 5:00 p.m.

Thu, Jan. 25: Norman Co West at Halstad 6:00 p.m.

Tue, Jan. 30: Northern Freeze at Karlstad 4:45 p.m.

Thu, Feb. 1: Clearbrook-Gonvick at Oklee 6:00 p.m.

Fri, Feb. 2: W-A-O at W-A-O 6:00 p.m.

Thu, Feb. 8: Goodridge-Grygla at Goodridge 6:00 p.m.

Lady Mustang

Basketball

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.

Tue, Jan. 9: Red Lake Falls at RLF 6:00 p.m.

Fri, Jan. 12: Fosston at Fosston 6:00 p.m.

Tue, Jan. 16: Bagley at Bagley 6:00 p.m.

Thu, Jan. 18: Laporte at Laporte 6:00 p.m.

Fri, Jan. 19: W-A-O at Plummer 6:00 p.m.

Tue, Jan. 23: Win-E-Mac at Oklee 6:00 p.m.

Thu, Jan. 25: Cass Lake-Bena at Cass Lake 6:00 p.m.

Thu, Feb. 1: Red Lake Falls at Plummer 6:00 p.m.

Sat, Feb. 3: Lake of the Woods at Oklee 1:00 p.m.

Mon, Feb. 5: Kittson Central at Plummer 6:00 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.



RLCC November Students of the Month: Mrs. Mickleson selected Jed Duden for Junior High and Sydney Melby was nominated for Senior High by Mr. Huie.

RLCC announces November Students of the Month

By Madison Carlson and Hannah Riendeau

The November Students of the Month were recently announced at Red Lake County Central High School in Oklee. They were Sydney Melby and Jed Duden.

Sydney Melby is the Senior High November Student of the Month for Red Lake County Central. She is in 12th grade and she is 17 years old. She was nominated by Mr. Randy Huie who said, "She is a strong academic student. She is hard working in and out of class, a great leader in RLCC's Student

Senate, and excels in theater and music performances." Her parents are Isaac and Marcella Melby and her younger sister is Karena Melby. She is the president of Student Senate and is involved in activities such as one act and three act plays, speech and Knowledge Bowl. Sydney enjoys singing and playing guitar.

Jed Duden was nominated for November Student of the Month at RLCC by Mrs. Patty Mickelson. He is in eighth grade, thirteen years old, and the son of Rodney and Jody

Duden. Jed has a brother Connor Duden. He is involved in trap, basketball, and football. He enjoys hunting, adventuring, fishing, and trapping in his free time.

Mrs. Mickelson said that he is a person who will help classmates and staff, is a hard worker, and does really well in the classrooms. "Jed is a student that excels in many different areas." She also said he is involved in a lot of different activities.

Congratulations to Sydney and Jed.

Youth Snowmobile Training: January

14th in Oklee

By Abigail Walton

On Sunday, January 14th, 2018 at 1:00 pm the Oklee Moonlighters Snowmobile Club is sponsoring the Youth Snowmobile Training at the Red Lake County Central High School Library in Oklee.

The class is open to youth 11 years and older. Youth may register in the RLCC school office or by calling Shelly Flatgard at 218-686-8627.

Youth who are interested in taking the class must register and complete the online portion of the class by the class date. Go to one of these two websites to complete the online portion of the class: snowmobilecourse.com (\$29.95) or snowmobile-ed.com (\$29.50).

Round 3 of NCTC

Girls Tournament

By: Grace Gieseke

The Red Lake County Central girls' basketball team played the round three game of the Northland Community Technical College Holiday Tournament December 15 in Thief River Falls. The Mustangs lost by two points, 50-52 to Cass Lake Bena Panthers. The Mustangs placed eighth.

Jenna Pahlen was the high scorer for the Mustangs with 20 points and had 12 rebounds. Julia Bernstein scored eight points, Kia Bachand and Hannah Kolstoe both scored seven points, Calyssa Eskeli and Brandie DeHate each had three points and Billie Jo Gryskiewicz had two points. DeHate also had 10 rebounds.

For the Panthers Trina Headbird was the high scorer with 12 points followed by Taryn Frazer, and Michelle Jourdain both scored nine points. Jourdain had seven rebounds.

Mustangs defeat Greyhounds

By Holly Johnsrud

Red Lake County Central girls' basketball played against Fosston Greyhounds on Monday, December 18 in Oklee. After the first half of the game, Mustangs led 24-17. RLCC won the game 44-37.

Jenna Pahlen had the most points for RLCC with 21, 10 rebounds, and seven blocked shots. Julia Bernstein had eight points, Calyssa Eskeli three points, Billie Jo Gryskiewicz two points, Hannah Kolstoe two points and Brandie DeHate one point.

From Fosston Lillie Manecke led the team with 13 points, Jadyn Hubbard and Jenna Manecke both had eight points.

RLCC wrestles in Crookston Triangular

By: Derek Peterson and

Chris Longtin

The Red Lake County Central Mustang wrestling team faced two teams, the Crookston Pirates and the Grafton Spoilers, in the Crookston Triangular. The triangular was held Tuesday, December 19 in Crookston.

The RLCC Mustang wrestling team took on Grafton in the triangular and lost to the Spoilers 40 to 18. Gunnar Sundeen was pinned in 1:32 by Chance Burns at 106 pounds. In the 120 pound weight, Damon Ferguson was pinned by Austin Thompson in 42 seconds. Wrestling at 126 pounds, Paul DeHate pinned Tyler Mavel in 3:11. Oscar Duden was pinned by Alex Ibanez in 1:27 at 132 pounds. At the weight of 170 pounds, Tristyn Ferguson pinned Brian Sisk in 2:52. At the weight of 220 pounds, Nick Pahlen won by forfeit. Wrestling at the weight of 285 pounds, George Duden lost to Tristen Lopez by 10-2 decision.

In the RLCC wrestling match against Crookston, Crookston defeated RLCC 69 points to 12. At 106 pounds Gunner Sundeen was pinned in 1:35 by Ethan Bowman. At 120 pounds Damon Ferguson lost 3-0 to Zach Brown. At 126 pounds Paul DeHate pinned Braxton Volken in 2:35. At 138 pounds Oscar Duden was pinned by Ethan Boll in 1:12. At 182 pounds Tristyn Ferguson was pinned by Damian Hodgson in 2:37. At 220 pounds Nick Pahlen pinned Jake Wagner in 2:16. At 285 pounds George Duden was pinned by Collin Hockie in 1:15.

Stephen Argyle defeats Red Lake County

By Britain Arlt

At LaFayette High School in Red Lake Falls, MN, the Red Lake County Rebels played the Stephen Argyle Central Storm on Friday, December 15th. The Stephen Argyle Storm defeated the RLC Rebels 59-57.

RLC Rebels player Ethan Vettleson grabbed 10 rebounds, had five steals, and scored 19 points. Derek Peterson scored 17 points, Isiah Olson scored six points, Brandon Wiskow grabbed eight rebounds and scored five points, Matt Vettleson scored five points, Ben Cardinal scored three points, and Conner Lambert scored two points.

Stoene Splide from Stephen Argyle scored 17 points, Zak Fincher scored 14 points, and Nathan Kotts had eight rebounds and scored 11 points.

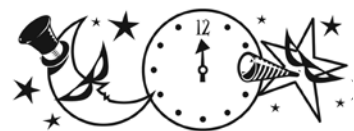
Rebels win against the Knights

By: Aiydin Lancto

The Red Lake County Rebels won against the Climax/Fisher Knights at Tuesday's game on December 19th in Fisher. The final score was 65-56.

Derek Peterson had the most points for the Rebels with 28, then Ethan Vettleson with 15 points and ten rebounds, Matt Vettleson with six points, Isiah Olson and John Renner with five points each, Brandon Wiskow with four points, and Ben Cardinal with two points.

The Knights leading scorers were Matt Knutson with 14 points and Myles Smith with nine points and nine rebounds.



RLCC SADD members (left to right) Danny Guillemette, Britain Arlt, and Brandi DeHate help wrap presents for Northland Rescue Mission.



Junior High RLCC SADD members Bella Russillo, Brody Moen, and Bailey Culkins wrapping clothing for those in need at the Northland Rescue Mission.



Three of RLCC SADD's seniors, Josh Kelley, Holly Johnsrud, and Sara Simon, help spread the holiday spirit by volunteering at the Northland Rescue Mission.

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Oklee Herald Early Files

Seventy Years Ago

December 25, 1947

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Flardeau and family of Coleraine are spending the Christmas holidays here.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Hofstad, Shirley and Gene motored to Lengby last Sunday afternoon to visit with Walter & Julia Lillo.

Last Thursday night the Oklee Bobcats went down in defeat before the tall sharp-shooting Gonvick Bulldogs.

Sixty Years Ago

December 26, 1957

A mercury reading of 40 above (not below) brought this select group of Oklee High School band members out for a Christmas caroling tour on Thursday. It included Ronald Seedorf, director, David Melby, Robert Lindquist, Robert Asselin, Richard Dufault, and Donald Berg.

A large crowd attended the Christmas play given by the Brooks School children on Thursday evening.

Fifty Years Ago

December 28, 1967

A second "Sugar Lump Sunday" will be held in Red Lake Falls on January 28. Immunization for poliomyelitis (polio) will be available to all residents of Red Lake County who require it.

Charles Toulouse, who

attends school in Barnesville, arrived here Friday to spend the Christmas holidays at the home of his parents, the Walter Toulouse's.

Oliver Hofstad and Raymond Gordon were dinner guests at the Darrow Lundeen home Saturday.

Forty Years Ago

December 29, 1977

The Plummer Cardinals jumped out to a 20-8 first quarter lead to win over Oklee 72-39 Friday on their home court.

Jeff Jaeger who attends Vocational School in White Bear Lake, came Saturday to spend the holidays at the home of his mother, Mrs. Anne Jaeger.

Oklee won three straight matches to come away with the title at a four-team dual tournament hosted by the Mahnomen wrestling squad last Saturday.

Thirty Years Ago

Dec. 30, 1987

A potluck dinner was held at the Ludger Tougas home on Sunday with 34 relatives present.

Carol Sweno announced the wedding of her daughter Polly Eck to Greg Hinrichs, son of Les and Sandy Hinrichs.

A Christmas Party was held at the home of Edna Hyde of Plummer with Bertha

Hughes, Pearl Laniel, Bunny DuChamp, and Roger Hyde as guests.

Tammy Skallet, daughter of Larry & Beth Skallet of Oklee was the winner of an IMB PC Jr. computer that was donated by DulkaTech to encourage kids to excel in school.

Twenty Years Ago

December 31, 1997

Jackie Svaren, daughter of Becky and Dale Svaren of Eagle Valley and formerly of Oklee, won first place in the Voice of Democracy contest.

The RLCC Mustang Cheerleaders brought home the Spirit Award from the Crookston Wrestling Tournament on December 6th.

A birthday breakfast was held at the River Road Casino for Lucille Kvasager.

Ten Years Ago

December 26, 2007

A Christmas Sing-A-Long was held at Zion Lutheran Church on December 19th evening with many participating in the event.

The Oklee Fire Department presented the School Readiness class with new smoke detectors to distribute to the children in memory of Bree Peters.

Brooks, Plummer and Oklee students present the Christmas Story at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Brooks.

Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

Today is overcast. A few sprinkles of snow were coming down earlier this morning. I guess snow is better than rain at this time of year. The prediction is not sounding good for Christmas Day.

Last Monday the prediction was for a nice day. I had business in Thief River Falls so thought that was the day to go. I left home and the roads were perfect for half of the way there. I noticed it looked like fog ahead, but I soon realized I was seeing snow falling up ahead. I wondered if I should turn back, but I decided I was half way there so I continued. By the time I was on Hwy 59, it was coming in buckets. It continued all the way to Thief River Falls. It was really slushy driving. I thought I would take care of my business and go home. I did a few things but hated to drive

in the slush. I left for home and about a mile out of town, the roads had been cleaned off and I had clear sailing all the way home.

We had an evening meal last Tuesday night. There was a big crowd there and the meal was super. If you didn't come, you missed something.

We won't be playing Bingo at the Site for two weeks. The feeling is that everyone is busy during the holidays. Also there won't be any meals at the Site on Christmas Day and New Years Day.

Dates to Remember

December 25: Christmas

Day – No Meals at Site

December 31: New Year's Eve

January 1: New Year's Day – No Meals at Site

January 21: Senior Site Council meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe
218-465-4402

Marci Kloety, Debbie DuChamp, Bobbi and Brett DuChamp travelled to Minneapolis the last weekend.

They stayed downtown and attended the Andrew Lloyd Webber production of "Phantom of the Opera" at the historic Orpheum Theatre on Saturday evening. Saturday, Lori and Nicole Raebel met them for brunch downtown at Hell's Kitchen and Tiffany Bloefield met them later in the day.

Brody and Brielle Traxler were out snowmobiling last Saturday and had a ball!

Nancy and Brittany Bray and Lynn Gallant drove to Killdeer, ND and picked up Jenny Wallace and left for Oregon where Brittany will be working. They flew back.

Alice Jobe visited Jean Carpenter at Greenleaf Assisted Living on Tuesday afternoon. Also visiting were

Don and Merle Gagner of Maple Bay. Merle's is Jean's sister.

Monte Greewald of Aurora, CO came for a visit. He stayed at Mike and Sandy Greenwald's. Also visited Chuck and Jolayne Simpson's. Mindy and Tracy have also been home visiting.

Ultima Bank had Christmas Open House on Thursday, cookies, cider, and coffee.

Tri River Pioneers hosted the Challenger 1st graders at the museum Mon – Wed. They toured the museum first. Then they made butter in baby food jars by shaking the cream. After I was set up, they enjoyed the butter on soda crackers. Also they had juice to drink. There were close to 150 kids total for the three days.

Elizabeth Quick's class came Wednesday. Mrs. Quick played Jingle Bells on the Chickering Piano. And her

January 15: Birthday Meal.

Words of Wisdom

Create the tradition of having the same entrée or side dish every Christmas Eve.

You will not be judged by what you planned, but by what you finished.

Joke Time

Entering a small country store, a stranger spotted a sign saying: "Beware of the dog." He looked around but all he could see was a harmless old dog lying fast asleep on the floor next to the counter. The stranger said to the store manager, "It stat the dog folks are supposed to beware of?"

"Yep."

"Well, he doesn't look dangerous to me. Why did you put the sign up?"

"Cos people kept tripping over him."

News and Views

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Growing Soybeans That Out-Compete Weeds & Private Pesticide Applicator Training

By Eli Gindele

Local Extension Educator

Weed management has become one of the most significant challenges in crop production as herbicide resistance continues to increase. Learn about the latest research and information to address these challenges by attending a "Strategic Farming: Growing Soybeans That Out-Compete Weeds" workshop this winter. Registration is now open at <https://z.umn.edu/strategic-farming>.

By attending, you will learn about:

- Growing soybeans that out-compete weeds.
- What are the impacts of row spacing, plant population, canopy closure, and pest pressure on soybean competitiveness and profitability?

- Beating weeds at their own game.
- How can we use weed biology to our advantage?

- Breaking the cycle of loving a technology to death: Get off the resistance treadmill.
- What are some new viable weed management options that we can implement now!

Implementing a game plan. What is your strategy to win against weeds?

McIntosh at the Community Center, 9:00 am-12:30 pm, February 15

Lunch will be provided. Private Pesticide Applicator Recertification will run concurrently at McIntosh location; therefore, attendance until 2:30 pm is required to receive recertification.

Registration is strongly encouraged at least five days prior to each event to assist in meal and program planning. Please visit <https://z.umn.edu/strategic-farming>. This

program is being sponsored by the Minnesota Soybean Research & Promotion Council.

For more information about this program, please contact Liz Stahl at 507-372-3900 or stah0012@umn.edu, or Seth Naeve at 612-625-4298 or naeve002@umn.edu.

Farmers with Private Pesticide Applicator Permits that expire on March 1, 2018, should get a postcard from the MN Department of Agriculture during December. U of M Extension will mail flyers about renewal workshops that have been scheduled from the middle of January to the end of February. Farmers can renew permits again this year by 1 of 3 options.



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1) Attend a "Renewal Workshop" conducted by U of M Extension staff. Bring an official picture ID like a driver's license; and your current Permit Card if you have it. Bring a check to pay the \$75 permit fee. You must arrive on time and stay for the whole workshop. Attend any workshop that is convenient for you. Workshops are listed in mailed flyers and at the UMN Pesticide Safety website listed below.

2) Work through the written exam that is available now at County Extension Offices. Use the 19th Edition Manual as a reference. If needed, the cost of the manual is \$10. Mail the \$75

permit fee along with your test answer sheet in the addressed envelope provided. You can ask County Extension staff about mailing these items to you. They may ask you to prepay for the manual and postage.

3) Work through the exam online by going to <http://z.umn.edu/ppatprogram>. The \$75 fee is paid by credit card. The manual can be viewed online. The online test should be running by mid-January.

People getting the Private Pesticide Applicator's Permit for the first time, or those with permits that expired PRIOR to March 1, 2018, must use option 2) or 3) to be certified. The "Private" Applicator's Permit is for farm operators

who are applying restricted use pesticide products on their own fields. This includes some herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, and other pest control products that are labeled "Restricted Use." The Dicamba products used on dicamba tolerant soybeans will be "Restricted Use" products this year. Pesticide Safety Education programs are aimed at safety for applicators, the crop, the environment, the community, and food supplies.

For questions about the Private Pesticide Application process, call Eli Gindele's cell #218-280-1129.

The Farm Information Line at 1-800-232-9077 has this information also. The Farm Information Line is answered from 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Monday - Friday and will record a message for weather related changes after hours when possible. Always use your best judgment with the weather. Listen to local radio stations or call the coordinating U of M Extension Office before getting on the road.

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two that would be great for this column. Please share them with our readers as it is one of most popular columns of the Oklee Herald. Thank you to all that have brought in photos.

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Who's Dat?



Who's Dat

This week's photo is of three local ladies.

Last week's photo was of Joanie (O'Neill) Bakke from TRF with Douglas Melby (Shakopee, MN) who is getting a new coat. Doug and his aunt Joanie share the same birthday.

Everyone has a photo or

Wednesday, December 27, 2017

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

The cold is settling in. We are on the upswing now, the days are getting longer. Time to celebrate.

I was outside one day this past week and I saw an eagle swoop in and then land on a tree in my yard. It was a mature bald eagle, and a beauty. Without a long range camera I could get no definitive photos of him though. He was so regal sitting on that tree branch. He was spying on my two cats that were playing in the driveway and not paying attention to their surroundings. The eagle sat for a long time just waiting for his chance to swoop down on those cats, but I was there and I think he knew I would try to defend them. After a while, he decided to leave the area.

I also noticed one day that I have a bunny rabbit in the yard. This little brown fellow hops around the house and any bare ground without snow is fair game for food. I noticed that he made a meal of some grass that was bared by the wind where the snow was blown off it. The cats ran out of the barn and came to the house and the rabbit watched them and went on to feed some more. I hope he sticks around for the duration of the winter. It will be fun to see him. This is the first year that I didn't see the Christmas birds come to the trees. The bohemian cardinal usually comes around Christmas time to eat the left over crab apples on the flowering crabs. This is the first year I didn't see any come. Maybe next year.

On Friday Father Chuck Huck came back to Brooks to say the Mass for A. J. Parenteau 's funeral. It was good to see Father Huck again,

UMN Extension Calendar of Events

January

9th: Pastor Renovation & Heard Health Program in Bagley at 5:00p .m. at the American Legion starting with a meal. Cost \$15 for one, \$20 for a couple.

11th: Crookston Research Updates for Ag Professionals at Crookston 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Northwest Outreach Center.

17th: Small Grains Update Meetings for Wheat, Corn & Soy at the Crookston Inn from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Lunch provided.

19th: Small Grains Update meetings for Wheat, Corn & Soy at the St. Hilaire Community Center from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Lunch provided.

23rd: Cow/Calf Days at Bagley at the American Legion. Meal as well, \$TBA.

and he knew A.J. so well. His homily was appropriate to A.J.'s life. We will miss Bucko, and we will remember him. God rest His soul.

Santa came to our house as he did to every other house around the area. He had to reinforced his sled this year because of all the weight. he was carrying. The reindeer got a little fatter this year and when they first started out they had a hard time pulling the sleigh. After a while though they toughened up and were going at high speed by the time they got to our house. Thank you

Santa for the great gifts we all received from you and from God. We were blessed this year, as we are every year.

The new year is upon us. Happy Birthday to my grandson Phillip Ellenson who turns 16 on New Year's Eve. Where does the time go? We hope that you all have a very wonderful and wonder filled New Year.

I am writing this a bit earlier than usual so there is just a bit of news in here. So with the holidays being what they are, we work around the timing of the press time this week. Have a great week.

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The Red Lake County Economic Development Corporation can help you start your own business or expand an existing one. We are here to assist with a five (5) year loan for an amount up to \$20,000 at 2% APR. The business must be located in Red Lake County.

For more information, contact the Red Lake County Economic Development home office at 1-218-253-2897.

Or call David Ste. Marie, Red Lake Falls, 218-698-4279; Mike Spurgin, Red Lake Falls, 218-465-4648 or Leo Olson, Oklee, 218-796-5656.

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