

Oklee Precipitation
By Einar Kvasager

	Rain	Snow
Snow		
Feb. 3		1.50
Feb. 4		0.50
Feb. 7		0.50
Total in.	0.00	2.50

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...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

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Year in Review

July 5, 2017

Many cars entered the pit to race on Sunday, June 25th during the Red Lake County Fair. Despite the wind and the on and off rain showers at the Red Lake County Fair's Baja Race there were many people that attended and many cars that raced.

Natalie Aakhus is the recipient of an Excellence Scholarship to attend Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn. Aakhus, a graduate of Red Lake County Central High School, is the daughter of Jason and Roberta Aakhus, Oklee, Minn.

Kids Pedal Pull Winners were: 4 year old winners were 2nd Place Ellie Halverson, 1st Jacob Lee, and 3rd Brett Anderson; Age 5 winners were 2nd Place Liam Magnell, 1st

Place Aubrey Halverson, and Karter Dallmann 3rd; Age 6 winners were 2nd Place Emmitt Melin, 1st Ray Srnsky, and Parker Lundeen 3rd; 7 year old winners were Evan Wagner 2nd, Peyton Jensen 1st, and Gunnar Broden 3rd; Age 8 winners were 2nd Place Hayden Shulstad, 1st Jett Hanson, and 3rd Keaton Dallmann; 9 year old winners were 2nd Place Kegan Schmitz, 1st Nolan Lundeen, and 3rd Gavin Thomas; Age 10 winners were 2nd Place Kane Nelson, 1st Everett Svendsen, and 3rd Hayz Hanson.

July 12, 2017

Friday night's Rodeo crowd was big, but Saturdays night crowd was bigger at the Red Lake County Fair. This was the first year that a rodeo was part of the Fair and it was a great addition.

The Mini Bronco Riding had some familiar names from the area: (Melin and Magnell).

The winners of the 5K Run at the RLC Fair were (L to R) 19-40 male, Travis Lason with a time of 25:58, 18 and under male, Brock Tvedt with a time of 22:27, 41 and over male, Done Hagen with a time of 22:47, 18 and under female, Katelyn Wagner with a time of 27:09, 19-40 female, Jennifer Johnson with a time of 29:52, and 41 and over female, Connie Wavra with a time of 30:12.

Many people came out in the beautiful weather for the Customer Appreciation Picnic on Thursday, June 29th held by the Security State Bank. Everyone was served with tacos in a bag, soda, coffe, or water, ice cream and homemade goodies by the workers of the bank.

July 19, 2017

It sure was a hot 4th of July, but that did not stop people from coming out to the annual 4th of July Celebration in Plummer. Many fun activities were held including the Parade. The Parade had many cool cars, nice restored tractors, and many floats.

Vi Cote was awarded Red Lake County Outstanding Citizen, and was introduced by John Lerohl. Many seniors from around the county gathered in the Oklee Community Hall and listened to a number of speakers that included LeRoy Stumpf, retired State Senator who now works for Congressman Collin Peterson.

The Red Lake County 4-H Leader's Council presented \$250 scholarships to these members. They are Shelby Gunderson and Sarah Quick. This scholarship program is open to graduating Red Lake County High School Seniors who have been active 4-H Members for at least three years.

Red Lake County Fair Grand and Reserve 4-H Champions. Paige Olson, Sidney Olson, Kendra Rondorf, Jacob Solie Coby Knott, Emma Knott, Justin Solie, Akayla Rondorf, Grace Smith, Harmonee Buckholtz, Hailey Hanson, Nick Solie, Tanisha Srnsky, Kathryn Srnsky, McKenzie Hamm.

July 26, 2017

RLCC had enough players for 2 PeeWee teams this summer. RLCC White is playing RLCC Red to get into the A division championship at Clearbrook. And RLCC Red won the A Division Championship.

The Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources announced two additional resources for landowners working to come into compliance with the state's buffer law. The buffer law requires the implementation of a buffer strip on public waters by November 1, 2017 and a buffer on public drainage ditches by November 1, 2018. These additional resources are a Cost Sharing Program and a One Stop Website.

The University of Minnesota recently released a new hard red spring wheat variety called 'Lang-MN.' This new variety is well suited for much of the spring wheat-growing region. Lang- MN has yielded equal to the popular varieties Fallor and Lang-MN Wheat Trial held in Oklee Prosper, but with higher protein. It also quite disease resistant, specifically in regards to scab, stripe and stem rust. Plots of Lang-MN and competing varieties are being tested at on-farm trials across Minnesota.



The original church as it stood in Lambert, MN, a little over a mile as the crow flies, was moved to the new town of Oklee in 1917. St. Francis Xavier as it looks today. Fr. J. Archambault was responsible for the building of the original church building, measuring 40 feet by 90 feet in 1899.



St. Francis Xavier celebration held in December 100th Anniversary of moving St. Francis Xavier Church to Oklee

Editor's Note: A celebration was held at St. Francis Xavier on December 9, 2017. This was a historic event in the life of St. Francis Xavier - One hundred years ago, the church and rectory were rolled across the frozen field on logs from Lambert town to Oklee. A special Mass was held and it was followed by a short program. The following article was read at the program by Mary Ann Lambert.

Written by Mary Ann Lambert
Our St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church had a humble beginning at the original townsite of Lambert 1 ½ miles south of Oklee. Fr. Pierre Champagne chose the name for this parish. He chose the French saint, St. Francis Xavier, who was born in the Kingdom of Navarre -- now known as Spain. He was considered to be one of the greatest missionaries since St. Paul and was responsible for more than 30,000 converts to Christianity and also for many miracles. He, along with 7 others founded the Jesuits. His feast day is December 3rd which is also my birthday.

In 1879, Fr. Pierre Champagne was the first missionary priest to offer Mass every 2 weeks in the home of Francois Lambert, before the Chapel was built at the Lambert Townsite. The township was so named because of the many French Canadian Lambert families living there. Other early pioneers were John and Pierre Belland, Francois Juneau and Pierre Paquin. All of the 8 families of the little mission originally came from the Province of Quebec, Canada.

Under the leadership of Fr. Champagne - a mission chapel was built on land donated by Pierre Belland. A larger church was erected in 1893 but this church was completely demolished by a violent windstorm during its construction. Mass was held in the little Mission again. A new church was built in 1899 at a cost of \$3,800 - 2/3 of which was donated by Canadian benefactors. The parish was part of the Duluth Diocese until 1910 when the Diocese of Crookston was formed. In 1917, the parish was divided into 2 sections - the East half - about 80 families, became the Oklee Parish of St. Francis Xavier and the West half - about 90 families, became the Brooks Parish of St. Joseph.

One of the many Lambert families living there was Antoine and Matilda Paquin Lambert who were my husband Richard's Great-Great Grandparents and were also related to Al and Joyce Paquin's family. Richard's family's home was right where the church stood. Darrell and Delores Grimm live there now. Rich talked about playing in the cemetery with his brother, sisters and the neighbors and of Fr. Paul Cardin coming in his white T-shirt and sailor cap to work in the cemetery. He usually brought Dennis Bachand's sons along to help and they would all have lunch with his family. At that time, it was very unusual to see a priest without his white collar or wearing any casual clothing. Whenever a woman rode in Fr.

Cardin's car - she had to sit in the backseat, even if no one else was there. He was strict about that and also about how he was addressed - he taught high school release-time catechism and it had to be "Yes Father" or "No Father" - no one said yeah to Fr. Cardin.

He would wait at the school and organize the town kids to help him rake and clean up the church yard and they

directed many improvements. Beautiful stained glass windows were installed at the presently unbelievable cost of \$75 each! It was necessary to ask 3 families to contribute jointly for one window because the national depression of the 30's had affected local parishioners so very much. As you can see - they are still incredibly beautiful today!

In 1948 the parish was one

like the day-long bazaars in the summer that served over 1000 people. (dinner - bingo AND supper) The Annual Fall bazaars are a good memory too and later a Mardi Gras supper with Bingo, Country Store, Cake Walk, Fish Pond and other games for the kids, also a Couples Night Out, a Valentine Supper, the Annual Bake Sale and recently the Palm Sunday Breakfast have been popular and successful.

We serve a Thanksgiving dinner for anyone who is alone for the holiday and also have a yearly Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, which we alternate every year with Zion for hosting. This event was begun by Fr. Keough and Pastor Gunderson.

There was a Men's Club who served pancake breakfasts and had Bingo Parties. These events are a lot of work but there is an enjoyment in working with your friends and pride in your parish family.

The younger teens were a big help at the dinners and my girls and their friends thought it was fun going around pushing the cart to pick up dishes and filling water pitchers. The Society of the Ladies of St. Anne started in 1949 and we had an active Christian Mothers group too. Whist card parties were also very popular and enjoyed on a Sunday evening. We had a CYO (Catholic Youth Group) with dances and games in the rectory basement.

We have had 25 priests serve us since 1881 including 3 priests who were here twice. Fr. Keough Patnode was here for a total of 32 years. He was loved for his generosity, visiting the sick of every Faith and his love for his parishioners and he was known for his long sermons, hunting on the reservation, and driving fast. The River Valley Road was affectionately called "Father's Speedway." When Fr. Keough was here the first time - he said his sermons in French for those who didn't speak English and then repeated it in English for those who didn't speak French, - which made for a long Mass.

Eris (Bruggeman) Super's and Therese (Fortier) Radniecki's

Church

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Ladies Guild – Father Cardin with the ladies.

remembered him in his T shirt and sailor hat too. After they were done, they enjoyed a fire to roast hot dogs and marshmallows together. They helped him chop Palms for Palm Sunday too.

Also in 1917, the church and the rectory were moved to Oklee by Ole Ihle of Thief River Falls. They were moved across the field during the winter with horses pulling the buildings on beams that were slowly slid over logs laid on the frozen ground. Many parishioners vividly remember that when the church was on blocks before the cement foundation was ready - a violent wind vibrated the building enough to cause the bell to ring.

Now, only the cemetery remains at Lambert as a landmark of the original parish. This cemetery was used until 1915, when Joseph Bergeron donated land south of Oklee for a new and larger cemetery which is still in use today. Fr. Charles Trudeau was here from 1929 to 1932 and he

of the first to respond to the diocesan request to establish a local board of charity to help keep parishioners off of county welfare.

Fr. Keough Patnode was here from 1932 to 1952 and then again in 1972 to 1984. During that time, excavations were made for a parish kitchen with a winter chapel built directly above, which is now the Sacristy. Other major improvements were the tiling of all the floors, new pews, oak paneling in the sanctuary, painting and decorating of the church interior and the installation of a pipe organ which is so enjoyed by everyone. In 1972, a large addition was added to the front of the church building, enclosing the steps and the basement entrance and adding 2 bathrooms and a meeting room which is now used for people who cannot manage the steps. They can enjoy attending Mass by close-circuit TV and receive the Blessed Sacrament. Funds for such projects came from events



Inside of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church about 1916.



Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH

Zion and Salem Interim SAM Christy Klemz Wed, Feb. 14: Ash Wednesday – 7:30 p.m. Service at Salem. Sun, Feb. 18: 9:00 a.m. Zion. 10:30 a.m. Salem. No SS at either church. Mon, Feb. 19: 9:00 a.m. Quilting at Zion. Wed, Feb. 21: Lenten – 6:30 p.m. Lent Supper. 7:30 p.m. Service at Zion.

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OKLEE, GRYGLA & GOODRIDGE

Fr. Adam Hamness Sun, Feb. 18: 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, Feb. 17: 5:30 p.m. RLF Sun, Feb. 18: 8:00 a.m. Brooks. 10:00 a.m. RLF.

IMMANUEL–EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA

Pastor Jonathan Dodson Wed, Feb. 14: Ash Wednesday – 7:00 p.m. Ebenezer. Sun, Feb. 18: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Immanuel. No Sunday School at Immanuel. 7:00 p.m. Worship at Ebenezer. Wed, Feb. 21: 6:30 p.m. Lenten Supper. 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service at Immanuel.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA

Bethany–Ekelund–Faith Pastor Kristen Ostercamp Wed, Feb. 14: Release Time. 7:00 p.m. Faith Ash Wednesday services. Sun, Feb. 18: 8:30 a.m. Faith, No SS; 9:45 a.m. Bethany, No SS; 11:00 a.m. Ekelund, No SS. 1:00 p.m. Ski Trip bus leaves from Faith. Mon, Feb. 19: 9:00 a.m. Faith Quilting. Wed, Feb. 21: Release Time. 7:00 p.m. Bethany Lenten Service.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

February 19 - 23 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: Chicken strip, hash browns, vegetable medley, and dessert.

Tuesday: Taco's on fried bread with all the fixings, and dessert.

Wednesday: Grilled ham & cheese sandwich, chili, and dessert.

Thursday: Spaghetti, meat sauce, candy corn, garlic toast, and dessert.

Friday: Egg salad sandwich, broccoli cheese soup, and dessert.

Open Gym, Saturdays in Oklee

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).

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH

Mt. Olive – Nazareth Oak Park – St. Petri Pastor Jeff Merseeth Wed, Feb. 14: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School/ Confirmation. Nazareth: 6:00 p.m. Soup/Sandwich supper. 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday – Bible Study to follow. Thu, Feb. 15: 6:30 p.m. Lenten Service at St. Petri – Bible Study to follow. Sat, Feb. 17: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.

Sun, Feb. 18: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri, 9:15 SS; 9:45 a.m. Nazareth, 8:30 a.m. SS; 11:00 a.m. Oak Park, 9:45 SS.

Tue, Feb. 20: 5:30 p.m. Mt. Olive Bible - Study to follow.

Wed, Feb. 21: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School/ Confirmation. Oak Park: 6:00 p.m. Soup/Sandwich supper. 7:00 p.m. Lent Service – Bible Study to follow.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH

Josiah Hoagland, Pastor Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor www.newjourneyfosston.com Wed, Feb. 14: 6:30 p.m. Awana. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group. 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study. Thu, Feb. 15: 12:00 p.m. Rotary.

Sun, Feb. 18: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:40 p.m. Sunday School. 7:00 p.m. Couquer Men's Study at Country Faith Church.

Tue, Feb. 20: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study. 10:30 a.m. Quilting. 6:30 p.m. Hebrews Bible Study.

Wed, Feb. 21: 6:30 p.m. Awana. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group. 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH

Bethany * Lund Sand Valley Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister Wed, Feb. 14: Ash Wednesday at Lund – 6:00 p.m. Soup & Sandwich supper, 7:00 p.m. Services.

Sun, Feb. 18: 9:00 a.m. Lund. 10:30 a.m. Sand Valley. 12:30 p.m. Youth Ski Trip leave Lund.

Wed, Feb. 21: Lent Service at Sand Valley – 6:00 p.m. Soup & Sandwich supper, 7:00 p.m. Services.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY

Fosston Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor Sun, Feb. 18: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship.

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 can visit www.nwrlib.org/rlf.htm where they can create their own patron accounts to browse, request and renew materials all from their home computers.

Last week's winner of the Hot Reads for Cold Nights coffee mug is Nancy Vraa. Next up for Legacy programming at Red Lake Falls Library is Willow Brae, a female musical group presenting Irish and Scottish music and dance on Thursday, February 22 at 6:00 pm This program is free and open to the public.

The American Legion Gunder Austad Post 22 recently donated a new United States flag to replace the old one. It is now proudly displayed inside on the north wall of the

Special thank you to family and friends for staying, calls and well wishes after my two eye surgeries. God Bless, Wavell Sorenson.

February WIC Schedule

The Women, Infants and Children's Supplemental Nutrition Education Program (WIC) is being held the month of February 2018.

Infants, children up to the age of 5, and women who are pregnant or breastfeeding may be eligible for the program. We are very interested in enrolling pregnant women in the program. We feel that the prenatal nutrition is a vital part of producing a healthy baby. Therefore, it is important to apply for WIC early in your pregnancy. We need no proof of pregnancy.

All potential clients must contact the WIC Program to schedule an appointment.

The following is the schedule of WIC Clinics for the month of February

Wed, Feb. 14: Thief River Falls Redeemer Lutheran Church

Thu, Feb. 15: Thief River Falls Redeemer Lutheran Church

Fri, Feb. 16: Thief River Falls Redeemer Lutheran Church

For further information concerning the WIC program, call or write WIC Quin, PO Box 248, Newfolden, MN 56738, phone 874-7845 (Newfolden, Viking, Middle River, Holt or Thief River Falls residents) or 1-800-223-1591, or e-mail at quinchs@wiktel.com.

North Valley Home Health will offer immunizations, dental varnishing & blood lead testing at the Newfolden and Warren clinics from 9 to 11 am. Arrangements should be made prior to clinics by contacting North Valley Public Health. For more information contact North Valley Public Health at 218-745-5154 or 1-800-950-6986.

February ECFE Event for RLCC

Thursday, February 22: RLCC ECFE Beach Party for the whole family at the Oklee site will be from 6:00-7:00 PM. This night will include making ice cream, playing with sand, blowing bubbles, making beach hats and much more.

library building. Appreciation goes also to those who have recently made monetary gifts to the library in honor or memory of someone. These donations directly benefit the Red Lake Falls branch by helping to purchase books, materials and program supplies. And to those who have donated beverage K-cups and treats for the coffee station; these are much appreciated and help make the library a more pleasant & inviting place to visit.

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Red Lake County Commissioners Minutes

Red Lake County Truth-In-Taxation Meeting Held December 7, 2017

Pursuant to M.S. 275.065 the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners met in special session at the Red Lake County Courthouse Commissioners Room on December 7, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct the county Truth-In-Taxation hearing for taxes payable in year 2018. Present were County Commissioners Lerohl, Sorensen, and Weiss; County Assessor Nancy Amberson and County Auditor Robert Schmitz. No citizens were present. Commissioners Flage and Simpson were absent.

Vice-Chair Sorensen called the meeting to order. Auditor Schmitz explained the requirements of the budget and levy hearing process. Assessor Amberson reviewed the proposed valuation totals for payable 2018 noting a 2.46% increase in tax capacity from the previous year, mainly attributed due to value increases within the City of Red Lake Falls and Plummer. Schmitz also commented on the School Building Bond Ag Credit and its effect on some of the proposed tax amounts on the TNT notices.

Auditor Schmitz provided a review of the proposed Social Services and County Revenue Fund budgets, and an overall summary of the proposed county budget and levy for 2018, noting that no budget information was received from the County Highway Department. Additional information was provided comparing 2018 proposed levies and percentage increases from the surrounding counties.

Auditor Schmitz mentioned that the County Board would be adopting the tax levy and budget at the regular board meeting scheduled for December 27, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

There, being no further business, the TNT hearing was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Attest: Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

Dave Sorensen, Vice-Chairman, Board of Commissioners 047C

RED LAKE COUNTY Regular Meeting Held December 7, 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 December 7, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. Vice-Chair Sorensen called the meeting to order. Commissioner Flage was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Weiss moved and seconded by Lerohl to approve the agenda with the addition of the Environmental Officer regarding annual ditch assessments and the Social Services Director regarding approval of contracts. Motion carried.

Social Services Director Kristi Nelson presented for review the contracts between Red Lake County and Norman County for shared management positions. There was brief discussion on contract language and duration. Red Lake County employee contracts for shared management positions were approved through 12-31-18 for Director Nelson, Denise McCarty, Peggy Nord, and Penny Grove. The Norman County employee contracts for shared management positions were also approved through 12-31-18. The calendar year 2018 pay addendum for Norman County employees will be finalized once union negotiations are completed. Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Weiss and carried unanimously to approve the contracts as presented.

Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Lerohl and carried by unanimous vote that Red Lake

County Social Services remain open to the public during the 12:00 to 12:30 p.m. lunch period.

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

Vendor	Amount
Computer Professionals Unlimited	\$ 2,207.00
Local No. 49 Health & Welfare Fund	15,210.00
Knife River Materials	35,883.65
Ottertail Power Co.	2,475.51
Triple D Construction	3,507.50
Wright Construction	98,340.73
48 Vendors less than \$2,000	15,760.66
TOTAL	\$173,385.05

The motion included the following added bills: \$601.99 expenses and \$540.00 per diems to Dave Sorensen, and \$592.94 expenses and \$280.00 per diems to John Lerohl.

The following Commissioner/Committee reports were shared: Commissioner Meeting/Report Weiss: Attended the annual NW Regional Development meeting in East Grand Forks discussing financials, memberships for public interest positions and other topics.

Lerohl: Attended several committee sessions at the AMC Annual Conference in St. Paul.

Sorensen: Attended a NW Mental Health meeting reviewing the financials, programs and completed an evaluation of the facilities Director. Attended a Mental Health Collaborative session and other presentations at the AMC Annual Conference.

Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Weiss and carried by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held November 28, 2017.

Auditor Schmitz reported on the election grant funding that is available through the state. The application and county resolution is due by December 15, 2017. Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Lerohl and carried by unanimous vote to approve Resolution No. 12-01-17 to approve Red Lake County's application for funding from the Voting Equipment Grant Account (VEGA) listed as follows:

WHEREAS, Minnesota counties are responsible for administering elections, which includes purchase and maintenance of supplies and election equipment, including accessible voting equipment; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota last updated much of its voting equipment between 2002 and 2006 and that equipment is rapidly approaching the end of its 10 to 15 year life span; and

WHEREAS, it is essential for precincts to have functioning voting equipment so that voters are able to cast ballots on equipment that is secure, accessible, accurate and

WHEREAS, Minnesota's 90th Legislature authorized \$7 million for the Voting Equipment Grant Account to assist counties, cities, towns, and school districts with the purchase of

voting equipment; and

WHEREAS, to receive funding from the Voting Equipment Grant Account, counties must submit an application to the Minnesota Secretary of State on or before December 15, 2017; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Red Lake County approves its application for funding from the Voting Equipment Grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the county certifies that any funds awarded from the Voting Equipment Grant will be used only to purchase assistive voting technology, an electronic roster system, an electronic voting system, any individual component of an electronic voting system, or any other equipment of technology approved by the Secretary of State.

Environmental Officer Casavan met with the board to request approval of the annual ditch maintenance assessments for 2018. The assessments identical to the previous year. Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Lerohl and carried by unanimous vote to approve the payable 2018 legal ditch assessments, and to authorize the County Auditor to levy such assessments for ditch maintenance purposes against the benefited property owners in the following amounts:

Ditch Assessments - see below:

Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Lerohl and carried unanimously to approve the FY 2018 Maintenance and Grooming Grants Contract with the State of Minnesota DNR in amount of \$48,650.94 for the Red Lake Falls Pathfinders and the Oklee Moonlighters Snowmobile Clubs. Vice Chair Sorensen and Auditor Schmitz were authorized to sign the agreement. A copy is available at the County Auditor's office.

Casavan requested that the board approve the re-newal of Sanitary Services' annual garbage haulers license. Casavan informed that all required insurance documents and paperwork have been received in his office. Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Weiss and carried by unanimous vote to renew the Annual Garbage Haulers License for Sanitary Service for year 2018.

Casavan informed that the 10-year Solid Waste Management Plan is due for re-newal by February 3, 2018 and must be approved by the MPCA. Casavan has been in contact with the MPCA Regional Office and discussing the revisions that are being required in the new 10-year plan. Casavan will provide continued updates to the board on the process.

The board concurred to change the date of the next regular scheduled board meeting from Tuesday, December 26, 2017 to Wednesday, December 27, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned until December 27, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

Attest: Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

Dave Sorensen, Vice-Chairman, Board of Commissioners 047C

Ditch #	Assessment
CD-2	\$5,000.00
CD-3	\$0.00
CD-4	\$5,000.00
CD-9	\$3,000.00
CD-12	\$3,000.00
CD-17	\$3,000.00
CD-1865	\$2,000.00
CD-22	\$1,000.00
CD-23	\$500.00
CD-24	\$3,000.00
CD-28	\$1,000.00
CD-57	\$4,000.00
CD-58	\$4,000.00
CD-60	\$4,000.00
CD-61	\$5,000.00
CD-62	\$5,000.00
CD-64	\$2,000.00
CD-67	\$1,500.00
CD-69	\$2,000.00
CD-70	\$500.00
JCD-1	\$5,000.00
JCD-3	\$500.00
JCD-11	\$1,500.00
JCD-13	\$3,000.00
JCD-15	\$4,000.00
JCD-31	\$2,000.00
JCD-60	\$6,000.00
JCD-64	\$4,000.00
JCD-66	\$8,000.00
JCD-71	\$1,000.00
TOTALS	\$89,500.00

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Mid-Quarter at RLCC

By: Hannah Riendeau
Red Lake County Central High School mid-quarter for third quarter is Wednesday, February 14. Mid-quarter reports will be handed out to the students Thursday, February 15. Parents ask for reports from your daughter or son.

President's Day

break at RLCC

By: Hannah Riendeau
Red Lake County Central will not have school Friday, February 16th or Monday, February 19th for both the Elementary School and High School. This is due to Presidents Day break. School will resume Tuesday, February 20th.

RLCC Menus

February 19 - 23

Oklee

Monday: No School.
Tuesday: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Quesadilla, lettuce salad, fresh vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Muffins, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Corn dogs, macaroni & cheese, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, scalloped & au gratin potatoes, vegetable, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Pollack, triangle potato, vegetable, fruit, Gold Fish, and milk.

Plummer

Monday: No School.
Tuesday: Breakfast: Waffles, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Pizza, salad (crouton, tomato), cucumber cup, garlic breadstick, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Pancakes, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Pork riblet, scalloped potatoes, broccoli, dinner roll, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Egg omelet, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy veggies, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Creamy tomato soup (crackers & cheese), salad, PB sandwich, fruit, and milk.

RLCC Sports Schedules

Rebel Boys

Basketball

Thu, Feb. 15: Win-E-Mac at Win-E-Mac 6:15 p.m.

Fri, Feb. 16: Sacred Heart at Sacred Heart 6:00 p.m.

Tue, Feb. 20: Fertile-Beltrami at Red Lake Falls 4:50 p.m.

Fri, Feb. 23: Clearbrook-Gonvick at Clearbrook 6:00 p.m.

Mon, Feb. 26: Win-E-Mac at RLF 6:00 p.m.

Mon, Mar. 5: Section 8A Pig Tail – High Seed 7:00 p.m.

Thu, Mar. 8: Section 8A Play-in at NCTC/UMC TBD.

Sat, Mar. 10: Section 8A Quarter Final at REA in TRF TBD

Tue, Mar. 13: Section 8A Semi Final at REA in TRF TBD

Lady Mustang

Basketball

Fri, Feb. 16: Goodridge-Grygla (Senior Night) at Oklee 6:00 p.m.

Tue, Feb. 20: Mahnomen at Mahnomen 6:00 p.m.

Tue, Feb. 27: Pig Tail @ High Seed 7:00 p.m.

Tue, Mar. 1: Play-In Game at UMC/NCTC 67:00 p.m.

Sat, Mar. 3: Section 8A Quarter Finals at REA in TRF TBD.

Tue, Mar. 6: Section 8A Semi Finals at REA in TRF TBD.

Mustang Wrestling

Sat, Feb. 17: Team Section at TRF TBD.

Fri – Sat, Feb 23 & 24: Team Individual at DGF TBD.

March 1-3: State Tournaments



RLCC 9th grade science class shows off their CO₂ cars. In the front is Bryan Meyer, Gavin Galkowski, Morgan Plante, Janae Olson, Jeremy Kruchowski, Andrew Gryskiewicz, Brody Moen, and Katelyn Suchy. Middle row is Bailey Culkins, Adriel Bakken, Isabella Russillo, Emily Kolstoe, Karena Melby, Brock Tvedt, Jillian Booth, and Faith Hanson. The back row is Elijha Rathack, Eric Gieseke, Isaiah Aquino, George Duden, Danny Guillemette, Kia Bachand, Levi Flatgard, and Tristyn Ferguson.

9th Grade CO₂ Cars

By: Adrianne Jones

Red Lake County Central High School's ninth grade Physical Science Class raced their CO₂ cars February 3, 2018 and February 5, 2018. The racing track was set up in the high school gymnasium.

The students were taught by Mr. Steven Strutz, who required many constraints for the CO₂ cars. These constraints included the weight, length, axel height, drill holes, the grid paper design of the car, how smooth the car was, the paint, and the shaping of the car. The weight of the car could

be no more than 60 grams, and the length restriction of the car was 27 cm minimum, and 30 cm maximum. The axel had to have a height of 6.5 mm minimum to 9.5 mm maximum. The wood around where the CO₂ cartridges went in to the back of the car had to be 3 mm around. The car needed to be shaped. Each car was required to have four wheels touching the ground, as well as a number painted on the side of the car. The students were learning Isaac Newton's Three Laws of Physics during the car-making process.

Only two cars could race at one time on the track. The track consisted of fishing line, which connected the starting point and the ending point, and was 40 meters long. A timer placed at the end determined the winner, and cushions helped stop the destruction of the cars. The track also consisted of boards that were placed on the end of the track. To set off the cars, a small trip magnet hit a firing pin in the CO₂ cartridge and they were tripped off at the same time so the race was even.

The winners were determined by the double elimination method, meaning if a car lost twice, it was out of the competition. The first place winner was Janae Olson, the second place winner was Karena Melby, and the third place winners was the team of Brock Tvedt and Jillian Booth.



RLCC's 9th grader Janae Olson wins first place racing her CO₂ car.



RLCC varsity wrestlers who placed at the Invitational at Fertile-Beltrami: George Duden, Paul DeHate, Damon Ferguson, and Tristyn Ferguson.



RLCC wrestler Gunnar Sandeen wrestling junior varsity at the Northwest Invitational.



RLCC freshmen Brock Tvedt and Brody Moen setting up the timing area for the CO₂ cars.



Tristyn Ferguson set up the cars and Faith Hanson pulled the trigger as the cars race out from the launch area.

RLCC vs Fertile-Beltrami Wrestling

By: Aiydin Laneto

Red Lake County Central wrestling went against Fertile-Beltrami in Fertile on Monday, February 5. RLCC lost 30 to 51.

Gunnar Sandeen, in the 106 lb weight class, lost to Seth Lavalier in 2:47. In the 113 lb weight class Damon Ferguson pinned Daunte Yost in 4:23. Oscar Duden wrestling at 120 lbs won by forfeit. In the 126 lb weight class Paul DeHate lost to Levi Qualley 17-11. Bryce Bergeson competed in the 132 lb weight class and pinned Ivan Nephew in 4:54. Tristyn Ferguson, in the 170 lb weight class, pinned Gabe Horgeshimer in 3:17. In the 285 weight class George Duden pinned Jude Olson in 1:27.

RLCC loses to

Lake of the Woods

By David Clifton

Red Lake County Central girls' basketball team lost against Lake of the Woods on Saturday, February 3 with the score at 48-53. The game was played in Oklee.

For the Mustangs, Jenna Pahlen scored 16 points, Julia Bernstein 11 points, Calyssa Eskeli nine points, Kia Bachand eight points and Billie Jo Gryskiewicz had two points.

Rebels win over

WAO Ponies, 61-33

By Holly Johnsrud

Red Lake County Rebels played against Warren-Alvarado-Oslo Ponies in Warren on Friday, February 2. In the first half the Rebels scored 31 points and Ponies scored nine points. In the second half Rebels added 30 and Ponies 24.

Ethan Vettleson led the Rebels with 24 points including six three-pointers, 12 rebounds, three steals and two blocks. Ben Cardinal scored eight points. Derek Peterson had six points. Matt Vettleson had scored five points. Isiah Olson scored four points. Hayden Cardinal had four points. Brandon Wiskow had scored three points. Alex Peterson had three points. Connor Lambert scored two points. Austin Jensen had two points.

Mason Wang led the Ponies with eight points and eight rebounds. Jackson Steer scored eight points.

Knowledge Bowl

Competition

By David Clifton

The Red Lake County Central Knowledge Bowl team traveled to Thief River Falls on Wednesday, January 24. They had two teams compete. The Red team had a total of 177 points and came in at 34th place. The Black Team had a total 136 points and they came in at 40th place.

Those who competed on the Red team were Katie Olson, Hannah Kolstoe, Jade Person, Seth Paradis, and Ethan Vettleson. Those who were on the Black team were Chris Longtin, Calyssa Eskeli, Derek Peterson, Sophia Linder, and Lily Guillemette.

RLCC Girls' Basketball

By Jenna Pahlen

Red Lake County Central girls' basketball hosted Kittson County Central Tuesday, Feb. 5 in Plummer. KCC defeated the Mustangs 60-46. The leading scorers for the Mustangs were Jenna Pahlen with 19, 13 for Julia Bernstein, Kia Bachand had six, Calyssa Eskeli with four, two for Brandie DeHate, and Billie Jo Gryskiewicz with two.

The top scorers for KCC were Cora Kujava with 17 and Kasey Soliah with 14 and 13 for Adi Stege. Marlee Turn had eight, Morgan Olson had two, two for Allie Cassels, and Karin Dahl with two.



Oscar Duden from RLCC pinning another wrestler at the Northwest Invitational



Blackduck Speech Meet

By Sophia Linder
Red Lake County Speech team had a meet in Blackduck on Saturday, February 3. Jade Person got first place for her Original Oratory, and Jonathan Roue got third place for his Original Oratory. Sydney Melby placed fifth in Great Speeches. In Discussion Phillip Sorenson came in sixth place.

Knowledge Bowl Meet

By David Clifton
The Red Lake County Central Knowledge Bowl Team went to Thief River Falls to compete on Wednesday, January 31. They had four teams that competed and 17 students attended. The Black team had a total of 58 points and came in 15th place. The Red team had 48 points and came in 27th. The Silver team had 40 points and came in 33rd place and the Blue team had a total of 31 points and they came in 35th place.

Those competing on the Black Team were Ethan Vettleson, Seth Paradis, Andrew Fish, Phillip Sorenson, and Daphney Koralewski. On the Red team was Hannah Kolstoe, Sydney Melby, Katie Olson, and Jade Person. On the Silver Team was Calyssa Eskeli, Sophia Linder, Chris Longtin, and Lily Guillemette and those on the Blue team were Derek Peterson, Julia Bernstein, Marie Johnson, and Sydnie Gunderson.

Search for Miss Pre-Teen Red Lake County Announced

Young girls between the ages of 10 to 12 years, applications are being accepted for the title of “2018 Miss Pre-Teen Red Lake County.

Miss Pre-Teen Red Lake County will represent her county at the Miss Pre-Teen Minnesota pageant, which will be held at the “Wellstone Center, April 28th, 2018 in the city of St. Paul, Minnesota.

The young lady chosen as Miss Pre-Teen Red Lake County will become an ambassador from the Red Lake County Area and will receive an official title and sash.

The young lady chosen as Miss Pre-Teen Minnesota will receive a prize package and chance to represent Minnesota at The Miss Pre-Teen International pageant held in Charleston, West Virginia in July.

The “American Heart Association’s Go for Red for Women” is the official Charity of the Miss Pre-Teen Minnesota Pageant.

Pre-Teens will compete in Personal Interview, On-stage Interview, Fun Fashion Wear and Evening Wear. (There is no talent or fitness or swimsuit competition)!!! Young Pre-Teen ladies living in Red Lake County interested in applying should go on line to: www.misspreteenminnesota.com or write for bio-form to: Miss Pre-Teen Minnesota International Pageant, P.O. Box 240537, Apple Valley, MN, 55124-0537, or call for information:: (952) 432-6758 or Fax (952) 953-3896, Email: pagunltd@frontiernet.net.

The current reigning “2017” Miss Pre-Teen Minnesota is **Rebeka Mihalik** of Waterville. As Miss Pre-Teen Minnesota, Rebeka speaks out on “STOMP OUT BULLYING.” For more information go to: www.stompoutbullying.org.

Entry deadline is March 15th 2018



RLC speech members who placed in the Blackduck meet: (Back row) Sydney Melby, Phillip Sorenson, (Front row) Jade Person, Jonathan Roue

Rebels beat Chargers in overtime

By: Calyssa Eskeli
The Red Lake County Rebels boys’ basketball team beat the Goodridge-Grygla Chargers 60-52 in overtime at Goodridge High School on Thursday, February 8. The Chargers outscored the Rebels in the first half 25-22 but the Rebels came back in the second half.

For the Rebels Ethan Vettleson scored 23 points and had three steals. Isiah Olson had 11 points and seven rebounds. Matt Vettleson had seven points and eight rebounds. Derek Peterson scored seven points and six rebounds. Ben Cardinal had six points and four rebounds. Brandon Wiskow scored six points and three rebounds.

For the Chargers Ben Groven was high scorer with 13 points and eight rebounds. Kaleb Sjulestad had 10 points and three rebounds. Dylan Manderued had seven points and fourteen rebounds.



RLCC junior girls basketball players and parents at Parents Night are Zoe Russillo (Magen Anderson, Rob and Kelli Russillo), Sarah Christensen (AnnaMae Christensen) Julia Bernstein (Mitch and Krista Bernstein) Marie Johnson (Jeff and Pam Johnson)



The Mustangs’ sophomores and parents. (Front) manager Sophia Linder, daughter of Jenny and Ted Linder; Sidney Olson, daughter of Kim and Conway Olson; Brandie DeHate, daughter of Jill and Bernie DeHate; Jayden Iverson, daughter of Kelley Baune; Jenna Pahlen, daughter of Stacy Pahlen and Steven Pahlen; Tanisha Srnsky, daughter of Jennifer Srnsky and James Srnsky; and Calyssa Eskeli, daughter of Steve and Andrea Eskeli and Becky Eskeli.

Parent's Night for RLCC Mustangs



The Red Lake County Central Mustang Seniors at their Parents Night. In the front it is Hannah Kolstoe, daughter of Matt and Lisa Kolstoe, and Billy Jo Gryskiewicz, daughter of Angie Klasen and Ryan Gryskiewicz.



David Clifton broadcast RLCC girls’ basketball against Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears. Wednesday, February 14, 2018



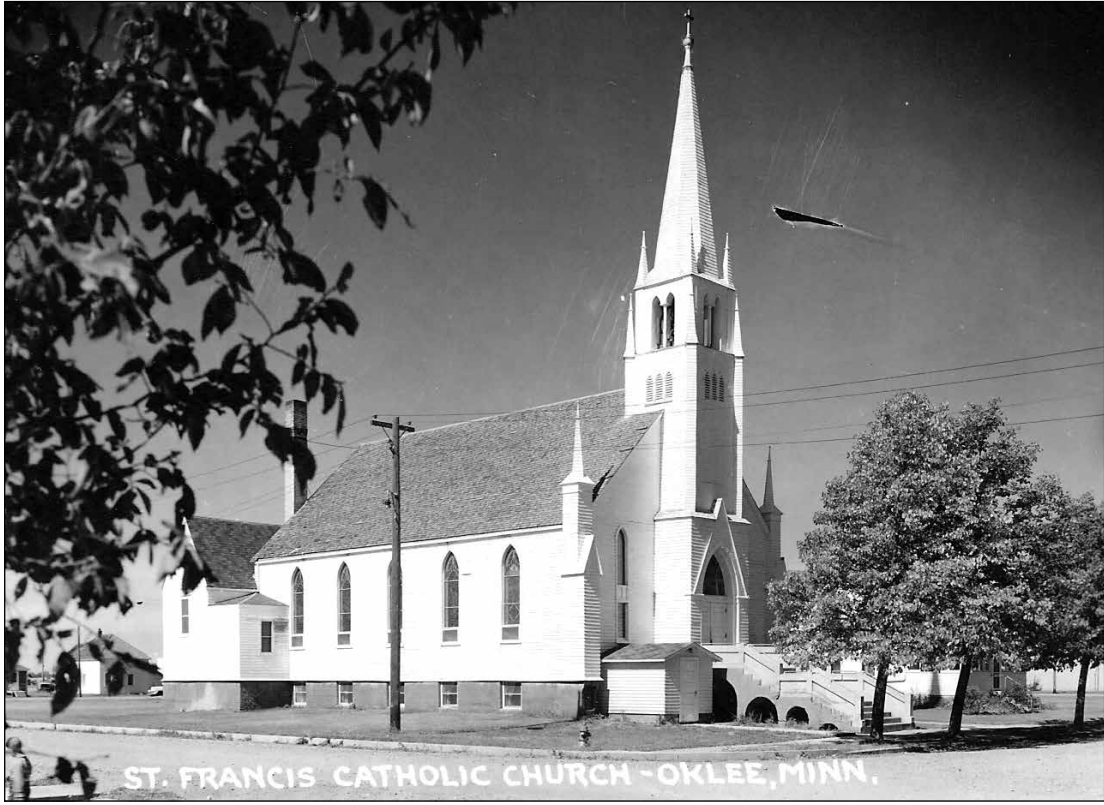
Junior High Knowledge Bowl Takes Third Place

By Erin Jones
The Red Lake County Central Junior High Knowledge Bowl team competed in Karlstad on February 5th. Out of 10 teams, this team took third place at the event. Under the direction of Knowledge Bowl coach Bryan Paskvan, the team included Danny Guillemette, Brody Moen, Elijah Rath sack, and Aurora Mitzner. This was the first Junior High meet of the year for the team.

Photo left: (Back) Elijah Rath sack, Danny Guillemette, (front) Brody Moen and Aurora Mitzner, the RLCC junior high Knowledge Bowl team, placed third at the meet in Karlstad.



Girls basketball players from ninth and eighth grade with their parents: manager Emily Kolstoe (Lisa and Matt Kolstoe), Katelyn Suchy (Kristie Suchy), Bella Russillo (Magen Anderson, Rob and Kelli Russillo), Kia and Cari Bachand (Jodi and Jeff Bachand).



St. Frances Xavier Church 1950's.

Church
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parents did this when the altar boys were not there. Fr. Keough also encouraged vocations for the young men and women. My friend, Sister Doreen Charest told me that one summer, the Sisters of St. Joseph in Crookston opened their boarding school for a weekend silent retreat for girls. It was directed by priests from various orders. Fr. Keough offered a ride for anyone who wanted to go but no one said anything. A few days later, Father drove into the Charest farmyard, unannounced. He asked her mother if Doreen was going to the Retreat.

Her Mother, wise woman that she was, said "I don't know - ask her." He did and Doreen went to the retreat, where she realized her vocation as a Sister of St. Joseph. She thanks Father Keough for her happy life as a Sister. She also told me a funny story about him - He was shopping in the local grocery owned by his friend Ole Soyde. Ole told a funny story and Father laughed. He had a very loud whooping, sort of barking kind of laugh and they heard a little boy say "Mommy,

where is that dog?" and Father laughed even louder.

He was a dear friend to our family, especially to my father-in-law, Walter.

There were no vocations to the priesthood from our parish; but there are many vocations to religious life coming from the Charest, Lessard, Bergeron, Fortier, Paquin, Asselin, Bachand, Tousignant and Lambert families.

There were several neighboring parishes that were closed due to the shortage of priests. Some of those members joined this parish - namely from St. Charles Borromeo of Trail, which was open from (1908 - 1984) and St. Gertrudes of Rhoda, where I grew up, which was open from 1915 - 1965. St. Francis has also been the center of operations to several Mission Parishes. This included St. Charles Borromeo of Trail, St. Gertrudes of Rhoda, St. Vincent de Paul of Plummer, St. Joseph's of Brooks and our present Missions of St. Clement of Grygla and St. Ann's of Goodridge. I became the first parish secretary in 1992. The bell and its tower were taken down in 1999 for

safety under the leadership of Fr. Joe Richards, when it was discovered that the wood was so deteriorated that it was unsafe to support the 800 pound steel bell. This bell was brought here in the steeple with the church. In 2003, under the leadership of Fr. John Kleinwachter, the original bell was put in a new bell tower constructed by a parishioner, Leroy Lynch. Leroy proposed his own design and volunteered his labor along with several parish volunteers. There were some recent problems that have been fixed and it is so nice to hear the bell ringing again. Many years ago, the Hince family was assigned the task of ringing the bell at 7:00 AM, Noon and 6:00 PM. Their daughter, Marie said that usually the kids did it.

An elevator/lift was installed under the leadership of Fr. John Kleinwachter.

I didn't grow up in this parish and I spoke to several parishioners, asking them about happy, sad and just any memories of their parish. All of the memories shared here are from parishioners and former parishioners. Assigned pews in the church and pew rent

was mentioned. They loved playing, running and hiding in the oval cut outs in the cement of the outside steps. They all mentioned loving the summer catechism classes with the Sisters of St. Joseph and the Sisters of St. Benedict in Crookston coming here to teach them. The nuns stayed upstairs in the rectory and families took turns providing meals.

It was so good to get acquainted and to learn and play together. The Sisters would play ball with the kids and they loved that. Summer catechism continued for many more years with us parents volunteering to teach - until there were no more volunteer teachers. My children and their friends loved it too; especially bringing their lunch to eat outside together and getting to know and to be friends with the nuns. Some of the kids happily remembered getting to ring the bell by pulling the rope and getting a short ride when it went back up. Several had good memories of playing under the inside steps, getting to help with Bingo, running on the benches in the basement even though they knew they would be in trouble for it and they all were **always** excited to get to sit in the balcony.

There are lots of happy memories and thoughts of the music part of the parish. Joe Dufault was the Director of the choir and they sang at the High Mass. He started a children's choir with the help of Marie Simmons. Carols were sung for 15 minutes before Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. He had the children singing in the stairwell and the adults in the balcony. This made it echo and the sound was beautiful! They would open the belfry and then they could be heard uptown! Mrs. Joan Bronken took over the Choir when Joe retired. She had a good voice and would sing and lead the whole congregation. She started a children's choir again and would bring them to the area Nursing Homes to sing for the residents. The Ladies Guild brought homemade treats and it was like a party for them.

She continued the singing of Christmas Carols before

Centennial Recipe Kids Corner

Play Dough
Connie (Jensen) Kriel

Mix in a medium saucepan:
1 cup flour
1/4 cup salt
2 Tbsp cream of tartar
Combine and add to flour:
1 cup water
1 Tbsp veg oil
food coloring

Cook over medium heat. When it forms a ball in the center of the saucepan, turn out onto lightly floured surface and knead. Store in airtight container.

Silly Putty
Pat Asselin

2 parts Elmers Glue
1 part liquid starch

Pour glue into starch a little at a time. Mix. Scissors are fun with this.



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**RLCC vs
Clearbrook-Gonvick**
By Erin Jones

The Red Lake County Central girls' varsity basketball team played against the Clearbrook-Gonvick team Thursday, February 8 in Oklee. The varsity team lost 52-70.

The leading score for the Mustangs was Jenna Pahlen who scored 21 points. Other players also scoring were Kia Bachand 12 points, Julia Bernstein 10, Calyssa Eskeli five, and Zoe Russillo four.

Two of the top scorers on the opposing team were Cassandra Faldet with 17 points, and Jennifer Lavin with 15 points.

Mustang's Calyssa Eskeli at the free throw line in the game against the Bears.

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Midnight Mass. The kids especially loved getting to sing from the balcony again! It made them feel so special and important at Mass. Joan could "talk" anyone into doing what she wanted when she knew they were able. She was always positive, encouraging and helpful. She was the person who got several young girls, including my daughters, to try playing the organ. Dennis Bachand was sort of a song leader from the pew and he is fondly remembered, sometimes singing the wrong verse. Dennis was always there to help the priest and the parish with anything needed and he was the Sacristan who set up the Altar before Mass every Sunday.

Midnight Mass was always special and popular in this Church. The Church would be full upstairs and down with chairs being set up in the back. One year there was

a terrible snowstorm so there were very few attending and Fr. Joe Richards invited all of us to come up on the altar for the whole Mass which was so memorable, especially for the kids. Mine still remember it.

We became a Mission out of Red Lake Falls when Fr. Chuck Huck came and the 3 parishes became Red Lake County Catholic. He closed the parish office, sold most everything and all the records went to Red Lake Falls. Fr. Chuck also updated the sound system in the church, which was really needed.

Now we are happy to have Fr. Adam Hamness, and the rectory and the parish office have been re-opened and refurbished for him. Ann Peterson is our secretary now. The main basement has been redone under his leadership along with Rick Dulka, who did the work. It is very nice, warm and welcoming.



St. Frances Xavier Church and Rectory when located in Lambert.



The Rectory was also moved to Oklee. This photo is from the 1950's.

Oklee Herald Early Files

Seventy Years Ago February 12, 1947

Twenty-four hour telephone service at the local exchange will begin March 1 if arrangements can be completed by that time. Car. M. Ostby, General Manager of Garden Valley Telephone Company, said in Oklee on Monday.

State Auditor furnished a list of cigarette and liquor tax distribution and Oklee Village's share was: Cigarettes – 207.00; Liquor – 459.54 for a total of \$666.54. Plummer Villages share was: Cigarettes – 156.00 and Liquor – 346.32 for a total of \$502.32.

The fans of Oklee got their first look at the Bobcats in their new uniforms when the Cats tangled with the Bulldogs last Thursday night. The new uniforms have orange jerseys with black pants and are really classy looking.

Sixty Years Ago February 6, 1958

Snowfall report: Practically None. A study of snowfall in the Oklee area since the first of the year is unimpressive. Total snowfall for January was two inches which, because of mild temperatures, is now reduced to a total of about one inch of snow on the level.

Mechanical failure of a pump on the Oklee rural fire truck was blamed for the complete destruction by fire of the Hofstad Brother's farm home in Deer Park Township Saturday morning.

A birthday party for Lathora Maynard was held Friday evening at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Maynard.

Several improvements have been made at the Nazareth Church recently. A gold cross and offering plates were given by the family of Mrs. Olof Nelson in her memory.

Citizens of Tomorrow featured: Linda Rennay, 2 weeks- 2 day old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orlien Sollie of Oklee.

Fifty Years Ago February 8, 1968

A new Jacobson Pulverator grinding and mixing machine was put into service last week at the Oklee Farmers Cooperative Elevator Co. The new machine, driven by a 60

hp electric motor, was clocked at 200 pounds per minute on heavy oats.

Captain Gary Radniecki returned here last week after completing 17 months of duty in Vietnam with the Third Marine Division. After a leave of about one month, he will report to Camp Pendleton, CA, where his brother Tim is now with a Marine unit staging for overseas duty in the west Pacific.

A debate team consisting of three Terrebonne girls, Margaret Gagner, Gloria Quesnell, and Linda Genereux, won first place in the novice division of the Hallock Debate Tournament in East Grand Forks.

Forty Years Ago February 9, 1978

Earl Swenson, I-500 Racer gave his report to the Oklee Herald stating he had completed in 18 hours, 38 minutes and 25 seconds and was the oldest driver to complete the race. The winner of the race completed the race in 12 hours, 7 minutes and 5 seconds.

Verna Melby was designated the Number One Fan at the Basketball games.

Swenson Equipment was broken into on Wednesday morning with thieves taking a 1977 250 TX Polaris Snowmobile and one used Lawn Flyte garden tractor.

Accordionist Andreas Royrvik, arrived in United States a week ago to promote his growing business in this country. He is here to record and make guest appearances with his orchestra. He will be appearing here in Oklee on July 14-15 for the Setesdalslaget celebration.

Thirty Years Ago February 10, 1988

Otto Bakken received a plaque from the President, Executive Director and Board of Directors of the United States Justice Foundation.

Oklee School Board called a Special Meeting on January 25th for the purpose to discuss applying for membership in the Joint Powers Agreement with Erskine School District and McIntosh-Winger School District. This was because Erskine-McIntosh-Winger

schools needs a superintendent and was wondering if Oklee could share Superintendent Christianson.

A surprise 60th wedding anniversary party honoring Al and Mabel Bergeron, formerly of Oklee, was held on January 28th at the Pueblo Trailer Park in Apache Junction, Arizona.

Twenty Years Ago February 11, 1998

The Rev. Steven Sparley family has returned to Oklee and Rev. Sparley is once again serving the Evangelical churches of Mt. Olive, St. Petri, Nazareth and Oak Park.

The Mustangs hosted the Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears in Oklee and the Mustangs won with a score of 56-44.

The Oklee High School One Act Play performed "Cinderella" on January 17th, where they placed 3rd in Section competition. Cast members were: Crystle Moody, Amber Linder, Juli Gamm, Talia Bishop, Cassie Knutson, Jennifer Tougas, Mandi Roisland, McKenzie Tougas, and Jessica Klasen.

Ten Years Ago February 13, 2008

The Garden Valley Education Foundation recently presented a \$5,000 grant to the Red Lake County Central School in Oklee to aid in the purchase of audio/visual and technology equipment.

King & Queen at the Senior Site Valentine supper were Ernest Dessellier and Annette LaCoursiere.

Mike and Lesley (Sundrud) Harmoning of RLF are happy to announce the arrival of their daughter Daphne Dora. Grandparents are Donna Fossum of Oklee & Roger & Barbara Harmoning of RLF.

Mr. Huie's Economics and Mr. Marquis' Geography classes toured the new jail facilities in Crookston.



Erick Bergman of the CG Bears tries to block this long range jump shot by Ethan Vettleson. Bears defeated the Rebels in game that was close for a brief time at the end. Photo courtesy of Alice Hofstad.



In Rebel basketball action on Feb. 1, Matt Vettleson is closely guarded by #10 Ethan Dorman of the Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears, who won the game. Photo courtesy of Alice Hofstad.

Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

Today was a day with temperatures on the plus side. Last week was a long cold week. I'm definitely waiting for warmer weather.

This week we have Valentine's Day to look forward to. At the Site we will be having a party on Thursday. It will take place at 1:30 or 2:00 p.m. following Bingo. Everyone is welcome to come and take part in the fun. It will be a change of pace.

There have been several new books in the hallway next to the Cafe and Oklee Herald office. These books are for sale for 25 cents. You can give your money to the Cafe, Oklee Herald or the Senior Site. Also, we have a great selection of books to loan out at the Senior Site. During

the cold weather, it is a good time to read a book.

I hear there has been quite a few flu cases at the school. It's never too late to get a flu shot.

Dates to Remember

Feb. 14: Valentine's Day.
Feb. 15: Site Council meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Bingo at 12:30 p.m.
Valenting Party following Bingo.

Feb. 16: Birthday Meal.

Words of Wisdom

Confidence gives you the ability to see and seize opportunities others miss.

Don't always fix your gaze on the stars; better to look down at your step.

Joke Time

A Norwegian, recently arrived in the U.S. was showing off his knowledge of the months of the year in English. "Yoon, You-lie, All-guts, Split timer, no vonder, all winter."

How much to you remember from reading the comic strips in the past. Don't peak at the answers before you try to answer them.

1. The Yellow _____.
2. Maggie and _____.
3. Mutt and _____.
4. _____ Abner.
5. _____ Nemo.
6. Bringing up _____.

Answers:

1. Kid. 2. Jiggs. 3. Jeff. 4. Li'L. 5. Little. 6. Father.

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe

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There was a surprise 40th birthday party on Friday evening for Pastor Jonathan Dodson at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

A good crowd came and enjoyed taco's with several toppings, cake and ice cream. Happy 40th, Pastor Dodson.

Donnie and Jackie Hesse, of Elk River, came for the weekend and visited Loretta Hesse in Thief River Falls and Neil and Linda Mattison and family also.

Anna DeHate attended the wrestling tournament at Fertile on Saturday. She watched Paul DeHate, her grandson. He placed third. Then Monday evening went to watch Brandie DeHate play basketball here in Plummer.

Monday evening, Tri River Pioneers met at the museum at 7:00 p.m. They are still looking for someone to clean. Also they discussed having a lean-to put on the east side of the barn. They also discussed

who can use the museum for gatherings and liabilities; insurance coverages, etc.

Tuesday morning, a guy from Oklee and his cousin from Mankato toured the museum and they were really impressed. Next time he may check out the barn in the summer.

The weather has been brutal for about a week. I did go skiing on Tuesday afternoon. It was 6 above. I made three runs.

I watched the Super Bowl last Sunday night. The Philadelphia Eagles won 41-33 over the Patriots. What a game! It was the 52nd Super Bowl. The tickets for the 1st one were only \$12. Minimum tickets \$3,000 now and very expensive other ones. I hope I'm right, but I think they said this was the Eagles first time to win a Super Bowl. The commercials were good as well as the half-time entertainment. At least the players were respectful

when the National Anthem was sung. The gal who sang "America" did a beautiful job.

Al Roker, weather man on the Today Show, and a co-worker, Craig, went to the Super Bowl and a day earlier got to go ice fishing. Al even dug the hole and they each caught a fish. They had so much fun! It was 6 below zero on Friday, wind chill -17 before the Super Bowl. I think that's when they went fishing.

Winter Olympics officially started Thursday eveing in Pyong Chang, South Korea.

Peggy Fleming won the ice skating at the Olymics 50 years ago. She was on TV today and said her parents and family have moved to Colorado, so she could practice skating. When the Olympics were on, her parents had bought a color TV so they could watch her while at the Olympics. She looked really good.

Have a good week!

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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It is cold, but I am glad that we are not getting those snowstorms that have run across the country. I guess getting around is more important to me than sitting at home waiting to get plowed out. We are approaching the middle of February, Valentine's Day, Ash Wednesday is Wednesday, and the start of fish fry's and giving up or doing something for lent. Easter is on April Fools Day this year. Time marches on.

On Wednesday of this past week Jerome and Barb Novak went to Warroad to visit Nancy and Matt Ellenson, and to watch Daphne Ellenson in her debut with the school 6th grade band. She started playing the flute this year. They partnered

with the fifth grade band and had a great show. It was fun to watch these budding musicians ply what they learned this year in their performance. While there they saw Dale and Theresa Telle who are related to them and visited for a short time. Pat Larson and Nancy Ellenson and the Novak's went to lunch at a local diner. Pat Larson visited and gave us all her news, and joined us for the concert. After supper at the Ellenson home, the Novaks departed for home.

Cindy and Del Determan and Jess Determan along with many others went to the Keys in Florida to fish the ocean. Jess promised photos, but they haven't come through the email as yet. I promise

that they will be published as soon as we get them. It was fun seeing Jess and Heidi and the girls yesterday. They were getting tattoos on their pretty faces yesterday at the K of C breakfast in Red Lake Falls. You can't improve on God's favor, but little girls like to do something different.

It is funny that when I go to Warroad, I usually get noticed by someone I do not know. It was at the school that I tried to get into the door and of course with the new rules you just do not walk in the door you have to get it unlocked first. Well not being tech saavy, I was wondering how I was going to get in. While searching the wall for the right buttons to push a lady came into the building and said "You are Nancy's Mom aren't you?" I replied "Yes" while wondering how this pretty young lady would know me. "I am Lynn Erickson, Ann Hammer's daughter." Light came into my mind then. She pushed a button on the wall and she let me into the building. It seems something like this happens to me each time I go to Warroad, and I marvel at how people know who I am and I do not know who they are. Getting

old I guess. Ann Hammer is known all over the area. And now I am known by association.

Many people gathered at St. Joseph's Church on Sunday morning for brunch scrambled eggs French toast ham slices fruit and coffee were on the menu. Great food. There was a raffle of many items and a silent auction. We stayed for the announcement of the names of winners. Many people were awarded prizes and some from Oklee were awarded prizes too. It was a fun time. While there I visited with Shirley Thompson. I heard that Marne is fishing often and catching fish. I think I am going to the Thompsons to get fish for lent. Fresh from Lake of the Woods. Just joking Shirley.

This week will be busy with church in the middle of the week, on Ash Wednesday. From here on it is a fast slide to spring and Easter. My Christmas tree comes down this week, as we are changing into a new liturgical season and by the way the sun is supposed to shine more. I love the lights on those cloudy dunky days and that is why I keep it up. So busy and waiting for the weather change. Have a great week.

Who's Dat?



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This week's photo is of a couple of local guys.

Last week's photo was of Emil and Dore (Carriere) Boucher. Emil worked in Brooks at the Cheese Factory and Elevator and later at the Oklee Grain Elevator where he worked for 25 years until he retired. Dore enjoyed being a housewife and mother.

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