

Oklee Precipitation
By Einar Kvasager

	Rain	Snow
Mar. 5	0.07	1.00
Mar. 6		0.50
Mar. 11		1.50
Total in.	0.07	3.00

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...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

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The cast of Something's Afoot, a musical that will be presented in a month at RLCC High School in Oklee. Front row: Sidney Melby, Hannah Kolstoe, Lilly Guillemette, and Kara Longtin. Back row: Jeremiah Rathsack, Nick Pahlen, Tom Nelson, and David Clifton. Not pictured Dan Guillemette, Jade Person, Skyler Longtin.

RLCC High School presents “Something’s Afoot,” a musical

RLCC High School Theater will be presenting its first musical in over 35 years next month. They will be presenting its first musical in over 35 years named. SOMETHING'S AFOOT by James Mcdonald, David Vos and Robert Gerlach and by special arrangement by Samuel French Inc.

This musical comedy is loosely based on Agatha Christie's TEN LITTLE INDIANS. A group of six

guests have all been invited by Lord Rancour to the island in 1930 called Rancour's retreat. Everyone is hoping for a wonderful weekend when the butler is murdered while informing the others that Lord Rancour will not be at supper because he has been killed. Suspicion, accusations, confusion galore. It is a great who dun it. Mr. Swenson had directed this show 35 years ago with Deb Lambert, Carol Bergeron, Eric Mickelson, John Lindquist and Matt Radniecki.

This year's cast is Jade Person as Lady Grace-Manley Prowe, Sydnie Melby as

Hope Landon, Kara Longtin as Regina Rancour, Tom Nelson as Geoffrey, Hannah Kolstoe as Miss Tweed, Colonel Gillweather as Nick Pahlen, David Clifton as Clive, Lilly Guillemette as Lettie, Dan Guillemette as Flint, and Jayden Iverson as Dr. Grayburne.

Gunner Anderson as the Stage Manager, Remi Ransack special effects, Mr. Swenson and his shop classes will help with sets, Mrs. Mickleson will be helping with the music and Michael Swenson will be directing.

It will be a fun time.



A picture of the set of "Something's Afoot" is in the process of development. Mr. Swanson, together with the shop class have been building and painting the set. Their help is invaluable and greatly appreciated by the cast and Mr. Swenson.

“What Love Looks Like” to be held on April 26th



What Love Looks Like

Love looks different to many people. For Renee Rongen, international speaker, author, business consultant and most importantly wife to Tom and mom to Alexander, Elizabeth, and Grace, love came in the choice of choosing life. Renee and her husband Tom are pioneers in open adoption and were some of the first adoptive parents paving the way when they were chosen to be Alexander's parents 26 years ago. They went on to become parents to Elizabeth and Grace in the same way.

What does love look like? For the Rongens's, love is big! It encompasses six biological families melded to become one big family that together loves three children. “Each of the bi-

ological parents made a choice to choose life and entrust those lives to us to nurture and care for” says Rongen. “They gave us the greatest gift that we could not give ourselves. That is what love looks like!”

Join Renee and her husband Tom, their three children and their birth families as they share their journey of choosing love.

On Thursday, April 26th, LifeCare Pregnancy Center invites you to their 14th Annual Fundrasing Banquet with featured speaker Renee Rongen at the Hucker Olson Memorial Center in Thief River Falls. Contact the LCPC at 218-681-1279 if you want to purchase tickets to the event. Adults only, seating is limited. Semi-formal attire is required.

Year in Review

December 6, 2017

Once again, Plummer is graced with the Canadian Pacific Holiday Train stopping on December 12th.

Humbleberry Farms is located just east of Brooks on Highway 92. It is a little hidden treasure that some are beginning to realize is there with unique products, organic and homegrown items.

RLCC High School welcomes Ginny Stonehouse as a para.

River Watch is an extracurricular activity where high school students study and sample rivers in the local area, as well as create projects that benefit the community.

It is overcast this morning, but the temperature is in the 30's so it is pleasant outside. There is very little wind so maybe it will be a day to remember since it is already the 3rd of December.

December 13, 2017

Robotics is a class where students learn how robotic engineering changes the world, they build robots for competitions, and they take notes to design these robots. This is the second year that the class has been available at Red Lake County Central High School.

Snow covers the ground now, so everyone can get into the Christmas mindset. We have a bit of fresh snow from overnight

so now it is blowing around. Seems that there is no end of the blowing. Now we have about 3 inches on the level if you can find a level.

Red Lake County Rebels boys' basketball team was one of eight teams playing in a three day tournament at Northland Community Technical College in Thief River Falls. Due to weather the games were rescheduled for December 5, 7, and 9.

December 20, 2017

During the Holiday Train's stop in Plummer, Inter-County Community Council held a freewill donation light lunch of hot dogs and chips at the Plummer Hall and collected \$1,145 serving over 400 people. Together as a community they collected 696 pounds of food that is shared between the Red Lake Falls food shelf and the Inter-County Community Council food shelf. None of this would be possible with out the wonderful support of the Canadian Pacific Holiday Train.

The Red Lake County Central Theater will be starting to practice for the One Act play. This year they will be performing “Freaked.

The weather has been okay for this time of year but the ice is not the friend of any of us. Walking around on eggshells is not my way of rolling, but

it seems that most of us are doing just that.

Many photos of the children in the area were in the paper with three Santa Days held the past few weeks.

December 27, 2017

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 Red Lake County 4-H Honored for Afterschool Programming quality of and access to afterschool programs for all youth.

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.

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 youth wrestling tournament hosted recently at the RLCC High School there were approximately 175 wrestlers from eight schools.

Text-to-911 Now Available in Minnesota Statewide

Editor's Note: This article ran in December, but it is important for everyone to remember that you can now Text-to-911 in an emergency.

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

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

An Emergency Lifeline

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

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

A New Solution

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

“Twenty percent of

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

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

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

Enter the numbers 911 in the “To” field.

Text your exact address and type of emergency.

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

Promptly answer questions and follow instructions.

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

Best Practices and Challenges

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

Dispatchers prefer calls so they can get cues from background noise and voice inflections. If you text 911, dispatchers will ask if they can call you.

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

A text or data plan is required to use Text-to-911.

Texts to 911 will get a bounce back message if you are roaming.

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

There is no language translation service for texts to 911.

Do not text and drive!

The new service should only be used in emergencies. Texting 911 with a false report is a crime. If you accidentally send a text to 911, send another text, or call 911 to let the dispatcher know that there is no emergency.

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

Additional Resources

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



Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH Zion and Salem Interim SAM Christy Klemz

Wed, Mar. 21: Lenten – 6:30 p.m. Lent Supper. 7:30 p.m. Service at Zion.

Sun, Mar. 25: 9:00 a.m. Zion. 9:00 a.m. SS at Salem. 10:15 a.m. SS at Zion. 10:30 a.m. Salem.

Thu, Mar. 29: 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service at Zion.

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OKLEE, GRYGLA & GOODRIDGE

Fr. Adam Hamness

Sun, Mar. 25: 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, Mar. 24: 5:30 p.m. RLF
Sun, Mar. 25: 8:00 a.m. Brooks. 10:00 a.m. RLF.

IMMANUEL–EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA

Pastor Jonathan Dodson

Wed, Mar. 21: 6:30 p.m. Lenten Supper. 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service at Immanuel.

Sun, Mar. 25: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer. 9:15 a.m. Sunday School at Immanuel. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Immanuel.

Thu, Mar. 29: 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service at Ebenezer.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA

Bethany–Ekelund–Faith Pastor Kristen Ostercamp

Wed, Mar. 21: Release Time. 5:00 p.m. Faith WELCA. 6:30 p.m. Meal @ Ekelund. 7:00 p.m. Ekelund Lenten Service.

Sun, Mar. 25: 8:30 a.m. Ekelund, 9:45 a.m. SS, Brunch following service; 9:45 a.m. Faith, 11:00 a.m. SS; 11:00 a.m. Bethany, 9:45 a.m. SS. 6:00 p.m. Faith Joint Council. 7:00 p.m. Confirmation 7 & 8 grades at Bethany.

Wed, Mar. 28: Release

Oklee Senior Site Dining

March 26 - 30

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: Hamburger w/ bun, chili, and dessert.

Tuesday: Chicken drummies, macaroni salad, green beans, toast, and dessert.

Wednesday: Meat loaf, parsley buttered potatoes, beets, and dessert.

Thursday: BBQ on bun, hash browns, peas, and dessert.

Friday: ½ BLT, fries, carrots, and dessert.

Time. 7:00 p.m. 9th grade confirmation at Faith.

Thu, Mar. 29: 6:30 p.m. Meal at Faith. 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday service at Faith.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH

Mt. Olive – Nazareth Oak Park – St. Petri

Pastor Jeff Merseeth

Wed, Mar. 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.

Thu, Mar. 22: 5:00 p.m. Mt. Olive. Bible Study to follow. 7:00 p.m. Oak Park Ladies Aid.

Sat, Mar. 24: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.

Sun, Mar. 25: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri; 8:30 a.m. Nazareth SS, Nazareth 9:45 a.m.; 9:45 a.m. Oak Park SS, 11:00 a.m. Oak Park.

Thu, Mar. 29: Maundy Thursday services: 5:00 p.m. Mt. Olive. 7:00 p.m. Oak Park.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH

Josiah Hoagland, Pastor Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor

www.newjourneyfosston.com

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

Sun, Mar. 25: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:40 p.m. Sunday School.

Tue, Mar. 27: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study. 10:30 a.m. Quilting. 6:30 p.m. Hebrews Bible Study.

Wed, Mar. 28: 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, Mar. 21: 2:00 p.m. Sand Valley WELCA. Lent Service at Bethany – 6:00 p.m. Soup & Sandwich supper, 7:00 p.m. Services.

Sun, Mar. 25: 9:00 a.m. Lund. 10:30 a.m. Bethany. 9:00 a.m. SS at Sand Valley & Bethany. 2:00 p.m. Confirmation.

Thu, Mar. 29: Maundy Thursday at Lund – 6:00 p.m. Soup & Sandwich. 7:00 p.m. Services. First Communion for 5th graders.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY

Fosston

Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor

Sun, Mar. 25: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship.

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SYMPTOMS:

Consult your doctor if you experience the following symptoms at any age.

- A change in bowel habits
- Blood in the stool
- Diarrhea, constipation or feeling that the bowel does not empty completely
- Stools narrower than usual
- Abdominal discomfort
- Weight loss with no known reason
- Fatigue or anemia without an identified cause
- Unusual or persistent vomiting

Source: FightColorectalCancer.org

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- At home FIT Test
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RLCC wrestler Paul DeHate refereeing the match at RLCC's Youth Wrestling Tournament.

Sudoku Solution

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

GOODRIDGE AREA FIRE AND RESCUE

14th Annual

Open House and Fundraise!

Saturday,
March 31st

MENU:

Burgers,
fries, ice
cream, milk,
coffee,
juice

SUPPER

at the
Goodridge
Fire Hall
4:30-7:30 pm

RAFFLE ITEMS

Buy a 10-prize raffle ticket for \$10 from any fireman, first responder or board member

Drawing will be held April 21st

LIVE AUCTION to follow
at 9 pm at the
Goodridge Liquor Store

ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the Oklee Community Homes, Inc. will be held on Monday, March 26, 2018, at 6:30 PM at the Senior Center in Oklee.

The purpose of the meeting is to present financial reports and elect One Director. Prize drawings will be held.

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ISD 2906 Red Lake County Central Minutes-February 2018

The ISD 2906 Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, February 14th, 2018 at RLCC High School in Oklee.

Duden, Hamrum, Kolstoe, Majeres, Paradis, Person were present.

Motions were carried to approve January minutes, financials, membership to the Northwest Council of Collaborative for 2018, membership to the Red Lake County Collaborative for 2018, Spring Directors & Coaches.

(Complete minutes may be seen in the district office at 260 Minnesota Street, Plummer, MN or on our school website at www.rlcc2906.org.)

Jody Duden
ISD 2906 School Board Clerk
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RLCC Menus

March 26 - 30

Oklee

Monday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Pulled pork or BBQ chicken, baked beans, chips, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Waffles, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken strips, au gratin potatoes, vegetable, fruit, crackers, dipping sauce, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Ham patty, oven browns, vegetable, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Bakery rolls, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Pizza, lettuce salad, fresh vegetables, cottage cheese, fruit, and milk.

Friday: No School.

Plummer

Monday: Breakfast: Cooks Choice, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Meat loaf, baked potato, coleslaw, bread, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Pancake & sausage on stick, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Turkey, ham, cheese subs, tater tots, green beans, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Egg omelet, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken fajita or soft shell taco with fixings, cottage cheese, pineapple, fortune cookie, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls with Mom, cereal, yogurt, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Pizza, salad, tomatoes, cheese, croutons, fruit, cinnamon churro, and milk.

Friday: No School.



ECFE Update for RLCC

By: Hannah Riendeau

Early Childhood Family Education is a program where children from ages 0-5 can come and have fun with family and learning activities.

Thursday, March 22nd will be ECFE "Memory Making Night" at the Oklee site at 6:00-7:00pm. They will be designing a plate to keep. The cost will be \$10.00. There may be time for some gym time or outside playtime on the playground. Soup and bread will be served.

Monday, March 26th the Plummer Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held from 4-8:00 pm. Tuesday, March 27th Oklee will be having Parent/Teacher Conferences from 4-8:00 pm.

Changes in RLCC

School Calendar

By: Grace Gieseke

Red Lake County Central dates for the school calendar are changing due to storm days. Wednesday, May 23rd and Thursday, May 24th are student full days due to weather on January 11th, 2018 and March 5th, 2018. The student half day was moved to Friday, May 25th, 2018 due to the previously listed weather. Graduation will still be held May 25th at 5:30 pm.

RLCC

Conference Dates

By David Clifton

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held at the Red Lake County Central Elementary School on Monday, March 26th from 4:00 pm-8:00 pm. Preschool conferences will be held at the same time.

Conferences will take place at the RLCC High School on Tuesday, March 27th from 4:00 pm-8:00 pm. Preschool conferences will be held from 4:00-6:30 pm. Beth Hagen, the School Social Worker, will be in Oklee from 4:00-8:00 pm.

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



These students from RLCC attended the Young Author's Conference: (Front) David May, Sydney Fougner, Kya Morinville, Ethan Majeres, Nick Whalen, Ciara Mitzner, Payton Lancto, Aaron Benoit, and Maddie Nelson. (Back) Thomas Benson, Bailey Sherman, Natalie Vettleson, Payton Rystad, Aurora Mitzner, Aurimy Olson, Maddie Inda-Valdez, Shyla Styles, Isabelle Morinville, Bryn Vettleson, and Noah Hanson.

Detroit Lakes

Speech Results

By: Sophia Linder

The Red Lake County Speech Team did well at the Detroit Lake Speech Meet Saturday, March 10th.

Lily Guillemette received a fourth place medal in Poetry. Receiving green ribbons from RLCC in Poetry were Danny Guillemette and Jayden Iverson. Adrianne Jones and Danny Guillemette from RLCC received green ribbons in Prose. From RLCC Jayden Fore got a green ribbon in Creative Expression. Mariah Peterson from Red Lake Falls received a green ribbon in Humor.



Mary Casanova speaks to the students at the Young Author's Conference about her experiences as a writer. Casanova is the author of over thirty books and taught the session, "Flash Fiction!"

Young Author's Conference

By Erin Jones

Twenty students from Red Lake County Central traveled to Thief River Falls to attend the Young Author's Conference at Northland Community and Technical College. These students' grades ranged from fifth to eighth grade and they were accompanied by Mrs. Andrea Eskeli and Mrs. Roberta Aakhus.

The students' day began with an opening session featuring the keynote speaker, Mary Casanova. Casanova talked about her dream of becoming an author ever since

she was a young girl. She also showed the students how she creates her books and the changes that she must make to each page. Casanova then talked to the students about her achievements as an author, which included writing over 30 books such as "Grace Stirs It Up" in the *American Girl Series*, "Riot", a historical fiction and YA Novels such as "Ice Out".

Afterwards the students attended three sessions out of 15 sessions with other notable authors such as Debbie Hoven, William Durbin, and Sheryl

Peterson. A few of these classes taught the students about how to create fictional characters in "Flash Fiction!" with Mary Casanova, write scripts for movies in "Writing a Movie Scene" with Bly and Rowan Pope, and learning how to draw inspiration from nature in "Writing about Nature through the Eyes of a Wildlife Photographer" with Steve Maanum. Later, the students had an opportunity to buy several different books from a small book fair. Upon returning to school from the trip, students said that they had enjoyed going to the event.

North Tri-County Boys' Basketball Senior Showcase Game, March 26

By Holly Johnsrud

North Tri-County Boys Basketball Senior Showcase Game will be on Monday, March 26 at the Red Lake Fall High School. The sixth grade Future Stars begins at 4:15 pm and runs until 7:15 pm. The North Tri-County Senior Boys Game starts around 7:30 pm. Cost will be \$4 for adults and \$2 for students, and all proceeds will go to conference expenses.

The Senior Showcase Game features North Tri-County senior athletes from Clearbrook-Gonvick, Goodridge-Grygla, Red Lake County, and Sacred Heart. They will play against the North Tri-County coaches.

Other attractions that evening will include 3-Point Shootout, Buzzer Beater, Conference Champion's Presentation, All-Conference and Honorable Mention Teams Announced, 50/50 Drawing, and ½ Court Shot between quarters.

Each 6th grade Future Stars challenge game will last 15 minutes with five minutes breaks between. The start times for these games follow.

4:15 Climax-Fisher, Red Lake County
4:35 Fertile, Goodridge-Grygla
4:55 Clearbrook-Gonvick, Sacred Heart
5:15 Red Lake County, Fertile
5:35 Climax-Fisher, Clearbrook-Gonvick
5:55 Sacred Heart, Goodridge-Grygla
6:15 Clearbrook-Gonvick, Fertile
6:35 Climax-Fisher, Sacred Heart
6:55 Goodridge-Grygla, Red Lake County

STORY TO SHARE!

If you have a story or photos you want to share, please send to: okleeherald@gmail.com



AJ Jones, Jayden Iverson, Jayden Fore, Lily Guillemette, Danny Guillemette, and Mariah Peterson (missing from photo) all won ribbons or medals at the Speech Meet on March 10th in Detroit Lakes.

Speech Presentation Night is March 26

By Adrianne Jones

Red Lake County's Speech Presentation Night will be Monday, March 26 in Oklee at the Red Lake County High School in the Multi-Purpose Room at 7 pm. Speech participants will be presenting their speeches, and everyone within the community can watch. The speech categories are poetry, prose, humorous, duo, great speeches, original oratory, and informative speaking.

There are 17 students on the speech team roster, and each will perform once during the public presentation night. Some students do compete in more than one event but will be performing their speech for subsections.

Everyone is invited to watch the performances and see all of the hard work the speech members have put into their pieces.

North Tri-County Boys' Basketball All- Conference 2018

By Jenna Pahlen

The North Tri-County Boys' Basketball Conference champion team was Sacred Heart. The players of the Sacred Heart team selected All-Conference were Jordan Tomkinson, Jack Gerber, Evan Szczepanski, and Brenden Bethke. Other members are Ethan Vettleson from Red Lake County, Ethan Dorman from Clearbrook-Gonvick, and Ben Groven from Goodridge-Grygla.

Honorable Mentions were Derek Peterson from Red Lake County, Johnny Hammes and Ben Engbretson from Clearbrook-Gonvick, Oscar Ortiz from Sacred Heart, and Brandon Stanley and Dylan Manderud from Goodridge-Grygla.



Rebels' Ethan Vettleson dribbling through two players from Sacred Heart High School during March 8 Sub-Section Play-In game.



Derek Peterson from RLC passes the ball to his teammate during the March 8 boys Sub-Section Play-In game at Northland Community and Technical College.

Oklee Herald Early Files

Sixty Years Ago
March 13 & 20, 1958
Elizabeth Bachand, a student at St. Joseph's Academy in Crookston was winner of the Catechetical Contest held last Thursday evening at the Cathedral High School auditorium.

Dwight Howard of Plummer was shown in the paper with is 875 pound Chester White sow exhibited at the 1958 Red River Valley Winter shows.

Pfc. Russell M. Norberg was named "Engineer of the Month" for Feb. in the 160th Engineer Group, Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Roy Gunderson, formerly of Oklee, has been named "Disc Jockey of the Month" in a national magazine, "Country Song Round Up." Roy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gunnie Gunderson.

Fifty Years Ago
March 7 & 14, 1968

A \$150,000 bond issue to rebuild the burned Plummer school was almost unanimously approved in a special election Monday.

Mrs. Martin Walker of Oklee, who has been writing poetry since she was a child, and who had her first poem published when she was 17 years old, has won second place in a nation-wide poetry writing contest.

A federal grant to underwrite Headstart, a pre-kindergarten education program was announced this week.

The Farmers Union Oil Station in Brooks and Oklee are holding open house this weekend.

Forty Years Ago
March 9 & 16, 1978

The largest Easter Egg Hunt in the history of northern Minnesota will be held at Peppermint Square in Red

Lake Falls on March 18th. The Easter Bunny will hide over 1000 eggs filled with hundreds of dollars in cash and prizes.

The Lester Vad family has been fortunate enough the last two months to have an exchange student from Brazil, Alice Anderson. Her common last name is because her grandfather is Swedish.

Gov Rudy Perpich signed the EFTT bill into law on March 2nd, to be used at terminals throughout the state to obtain cash, transfer money or pay for purchases from their bank accounts.

Thirty Years Ago
March 9 & 16, 1988

The Orlando and Korydon Chervestad families were recognized at the Red River Valley Dairymen's Ass'n as Pennington Counties Dairy Family.

About 50-75 concerned area farmers met last week in Oklee in response to the proposed connecting channel between Red Lake and Clearwater rivers.

Leonard and Veronica Boucher of rural Brooks were honored as Red Lake County Valley Farmer and Homemaker.

RSVP Spotlight (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) honored Marie Plante and Frances Anderson for their volunteering at the Oklee Senior Site.

Twenty Years Ago
March 11 & 18, 1998

Tim Hagl is the Agronomy Manager at the Oklee Farmer's Co-op Elevator Ass'n and started his duties on February 2nd.

Eleven classmates from Oklee High School Class of 1948 held their 50th reunion in Arizona.

Little Hunter Lloyd, son of Greg & Donna Parenteau was baptized Saturday evening at St. Joseph's in Brooks.

Tom Whalen, 9th grade Oklee student competed in the Special Olympics and has always come home with ribbons – this year was no exception. This year he earned three ribbons this year.

Ross Hegge was the lucky winner of the Mustang Booster half-time Hoop Shot winning \$200.

Ten Years Ago
March 12 & 19, 2008

RLCC Girls Basketball team placed 2nd in Sub Section 8A East. Kyle Willet takes 4th at State. Tournaments.

March is colorectal cancer month and Mark Berberich found out in a routine colonoscopy he had early stages of colorectal cancer. He was treated and cured.

The American Legion Auxiliary ladies made and donated 30 lap robes to the Fargo Veteran's Hospital.

The Oklee Lutheran Parish Youth held their annual auction sale on Sunday with Eric Mickelson as auctioneer.

Maureen Munt, a senior at Concordia College in Moorhead, will be studying in France this spring as part of the International business program.

Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

It is a gloomy day with the sun hiding behind the clouds. There is a few sprinkles of rain coming down. This past week did furnish nicer temperatures and last Sunday's snow. Will spring never come.

We had a nice turnout for our St. Patrick's party at the Site. Gloria did a great job of providing entertainment. The Cafe had closed early so many of the usual patrons came for coffee and treats at the Senior Site.

It was sad to hear Daryl Grimm had passed away. Sympathy to the family. Since the beginning of 2018, we have had so many funerals locally.

At the Craft Shop we have a new supply of sympathy cards

and also some craft items. Come in and look over our new items. We could use some new items so if you are making some items for sale, bring them in.

On March 24th the Craft Shop will be open from 10 to 2. There will be Activity in the Community Center that day. I don't have to all they information but I understand there will be lots of people taking part at the event. I also was informed the Quilting Shop will be open that day also.

Dates to Remember
March 24: Community Center Activities.
March 20: First Day of Spring.
March 30: Good Friday.

April 1: Easter Sunday.

Words of Wisdom

A question to ask yourself; who is benefiting from my success.

Today look for someone who needs encouragement, offer it.

Joke Time

Employee: "The stress my boss puts me under is killing me. I have migraine, my blood pressure is going through the roof, I can't sleep at night, I just found out I have an ulcer, and as long as I stay in this job, the only question is whether I'll have a stroke or a heart attack."

Friend: So why don't you quit?

Employee: I have a great health plan.

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

Slow melting has been the word of the week. There is much ice out on the landscape, and the slow melting is keeping the ice around longer than we wish for. But spring is coming this week. On Wednesday we can say spring is here but the other shoe can still drop and hammer us hard. We will see in this continuing saga of the weather. Good luck to all of us.

St. Patty's day was kind of quiet this year maybe the weather had something to do with it. But I have to wish a belated Happy St. Patty's day to my favorite leprechauns, Joyce Morinville and Mary Schindler.

The Red Hats met at Carol's Cozy Bar on Wednesday and 11 ladies came to visit and eat. It was a laid back group we had this time and we sat and visited for a while after we ate. It is fun to trade old stories of kids and family growing up and the memories of those times. Karen Tvedt, Bunny DuChamp, Alice Jobe, Anne Traxler, Anna De Hate, Wilma Arlt, Mary Schindler, Elinor

Olson, Barb Novak and Letty Haire and Mickey Duden. all enjoyed the day. Elinor Olson won the quarter pot. The next Red Hats will be on April 11, but the place has not been set yet so stay tuned.

Carol Chaput of Brooks is retiring and she will celebrate that on April 6th. From 3 to 6 pm and at Cozy after 6. Carol has worked at Cenex for 40 years. Come and help Carol celebrate her retirement. Everyone welcome.

It is with sadness that we announce the death of our neighbor and friend Jeannette St. Marie who has succumbed to cancer. She fought a long fight with the disease. Jeannette was a daily walker and was very fit always. She could be seen on the road everyday rain or shine walking for her health. She always had a smile and was friends to everyone. Our prayers to her husband Al, and the children and family of Jeanette. She will be missed by all of us.

Happy birthday to my neighbor and friend Mary

Schindler who celebrated her birthday on Sunday. She is still kicking and enjoying life at 80 something.

A slight update on the project the youth of St. Joseph church are engaging in. They made over \$1500 at their fund raiser for the well they are trying to build in Haiti. They are trying to raise \$2500 for the Batey Water Relief Alliance, a project through Cross Catholic Outreach. The well will cost \$49,500 and will give clean water to over 2000 people. This is a correction from last week's news the numbers were incorrect last week. There will be another fundraiser in April on the 22nd. The youth will then have a pancake eggs, and sausage breakfast that day starting at 9 am at St. Joseph's in Brooks. Congratulations to these hard working parents and youth for their commitment to this project.

We hope your week was good and that this week is even better. Keep your powder dry, and enjoy the day wherever you are.

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe
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On Friday, March 9th, Anne Traxler spent the night in Walker, MN at her sister's, Gloria and Bill Niswonger, along with brother, Harold and Elaine Skreland of Inver Grove Heights, MN and sister, Marian and Don Schiller of Grand Forks, ND. Their mom, Alice Skreland would have been 100 that day. They had such a nice time with all their different memories of their mother.

Glenyce Eskeli attended the birthday party for Fern Eskeli at Oakland Park Nursing Home on Thursday the 8th. She is 89 now. Judy Kelley and Jean Carpenter also attended the party. Cake, ice cream and coffee were served.

Tri River Pioneers met on Monday at the museum at 7:00 p.m. President Eric Mickelson said he will have the tractor coloring contest again for the kids. There was a discussion about where we can store the threshing machine. And also

discussion about renting out the museum for occasions, cost and liability, etc.

The Red Hats met on Wednesday at the Cozy in Brooks. There were eleven. Eleanor Olsen won the Quarter Pot. Italian spaghetti with salad and egg salad sandwich with chili were the specials. Angel food cake with whipped topping and strawberries for dessert. It was an enjoyable day.

Alice Jobe visited Jean Carpenter on Friday and had coffee and doughnuts.

Bev Aakus' last day at Ultima Bank was Monday. There was cake, coffee and juice for the public. She will be employed in Thief River at Border State Bank.

The weather has been beautiful, a lot of thawing and freezing again at night. Fortunately, the snow is about gone from the roof of my house, better than some I see in town,

where the sun can't get at it so well. But a lot of ice around and that's not good.

Country singer, Tim McGraw was in Dublin, Ireland this past weekend when he collapsed on stage. He said later he was dehydrated and has decided he needs to cut back on his touring. His wife, Faith Hill was with him.

On the radio this morning, I heard that the Scrabble game began in 1955. I was surprised it was that old. There are words used that are weird, strange but acceptable, that many people have no idea what they mean. Words that have no vowels in them, if you can imagine. You'd need a 2018 dictionary to prove it was a word.

The poor people on the East Coast with their 3rd Nor'Easter – back to back storms. We can be thankful we don't live there. Have a good week.

Hope you had a good St. Patrick's Day!

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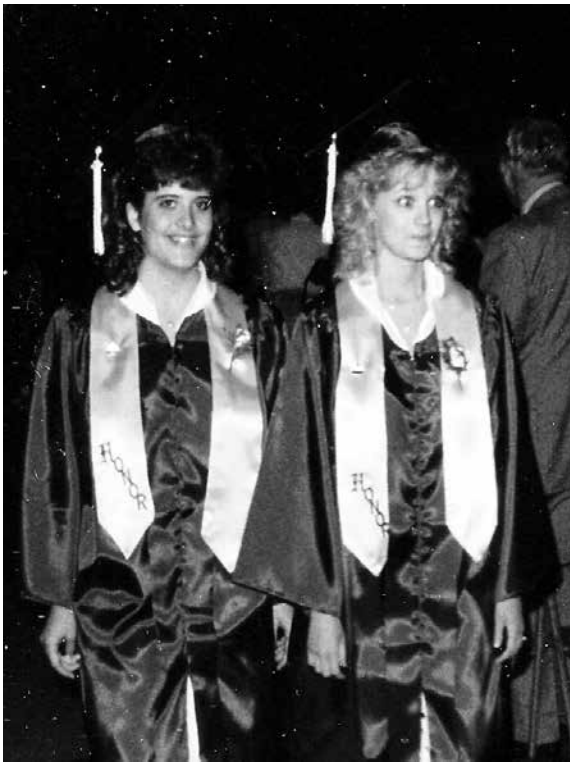
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This weeks photo is of a graduation which is just around the corner.

Below is the Salem Sunday School class of 1949 the 7th grade! Front row (l to r): Bergit Hegland, Katherine Larson, Erna Flatgard, Annie Kvasager, Esther Spong. Back row (l to r): Paul Hofstad, Robert Torkelson, Arnold Larson, and teacher Mrs. Jas. R. Baker.

Everyone has a photo or 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.

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