

Oklee Precipitation
By Einar Kvasager

	Rain	Snow
Nov. 26		Trace
Nov. 19		1.50
Nov. 30	Trace	Trace
Total in.	0.00	1.50

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...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

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Wednesday, December 5, 2018



Santa checked his lists at Brooks & Oklee

Many children in the area went to Oklee and Brooks this past weekend to visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus over the weekend. Santa and Mrs. Claus first came to Oklee on Saturday morning when they heard the children who had gathered singing at the Hall. At Oklee, the Salem Ladies held their annual Christmas Cookie sale, and there were crafts for the children to do.

The next day, in the evening, a light supper meal was served to the folks waiting for Santa and Mrs. Claus to stop by. There were many children there also going from door to door looking for the delayed Santa & Mrs. Claus, but Santa & the Misses didn't disappoint, they came in late, and the children were delighted to visit with them.



The Mostrom children with Santa in Oklee.



Miss Halverson with Santa in Oklee.



The Olson children with Santa and Mrs. Claus in Brooks.



Miss Parsley with Santa in Brooks.

Calendar of Events

- Wed, Dec. 5:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
- Thu, Dec. 6:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
- Fri, Dec. 7:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
- Sat, Dec. 8:**
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!
- Sun, Dec. 9:**
-Worship at the church of your choice.
- Mon, Dec. 10:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
- Tue, Dec. 11:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards
-Senior Potluck at Café – 5:00 p.m.
- Wed, Dec. 12:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
- Thu, Dec. 13:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
-Holiday Train in Plummer - Activities starting at 4:00 p.m. with train expected at 6:00 p.m.
- Fri, Dec. 14:**
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
- Sat, Dec. 15:**
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!
- Sun, Dec. 16:**
-Worship at the church of your choice.
- Mon, Dec. 17:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
- Tue, Dec. 18:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards.

Senator Mark Johnson Applauds Continued Support of Enbridge Line 3

Last Monday, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission met at the Minnesota Senate Building in Saint Paul to continue the September meeting that had been postponed following protests. The commissioners reaffirmed their previous 5-0 vote to grant the certificate of need for the Enbridge Line 3 replacement project and rejected a motion brought by pipeline opponents to reconsider the certificate of need, allowing the project to continue through Minnesota's regulatory process.

Senator Mark Johnson (R-East Grand Forks), issued the following statement regarding Monday's PUC meeting: "I fully agree with the PUC's decision yesterday to uphold its previous decision to grant Enbridge's replacement project a certificate of need. The residents of Greater Minnesota have waited for years for the project to get underway. We are finally clearing some of the last hurdles facing the replacement. The many benefits of this project will fall directly on Northern Minnesota where it will provide a significant boost to the regional economy, sustain many good-paying jobs, and significantly increase property tax revenue."

The proposed project will replace the current 1,031 miles of pipeline with the newest, safest, and most advanced pipeline technology while bringing jobs and significant investments to northern Minnesota. As it stands, the original pipeline only operates at half capacity due to concern over the integrity and safety of the aging line. Upon completion, the international project will increase North American oil production helping to meet the domestic demand and lowering energy costs across the continent.

A study by the University of Minnesota Duluth determined the project would bring over \$2 billion in direct and related spending. Additionally, the project would create an estimated 8,600 jobs, amounting to a payroll of \$344 million over two years and an additional \$19.5 million in property tax revenue annually.

Holiday Train December 13th

December 13th is the day for fun with the Holiday Train coming to Plummer with musical show featuring The Trews and Willy Porter.

The schedule for that day starts in Glenwood, MN at 10:00 a.m. and the last stop is in Thief River Falls at 7:30 p.m. Cities in between are Alexandria, Detroit Lakes, Mahanomen and Plummer.

The entertainers will be: **Willy Porter** has been turning first time listeners into die-hard fans for more than two decades and has shared world stages with music icons Jeff Beck, Tori Amos, and Paul Simon, carving out a successful solo career as an artist who makes music that resonates long after the last guitar chord fades. Whether in the studio or on stage, Willy Porter gifts listeners with an unforgettable ride, embodying the very best of what live music has to offer.

"I am both grateful and excited to be a part of the CP Holiday Train's 20th Anniversary Band as we roll across North America! Each whistle stop combines humanitarian effort with the musical spirit of the holidays making the CP Holiday Train one of the greatest projects I have had the honour to be a part of!"

The Trews

With multiple radio hits drawn from six scorching studio albums plus several EPs, a pair of live records, and a retrospective, The Trews are among the most prolific, electrifying, and innovative rock bands on the



planet. The Nova Scotia-bred, Hamilton, ON-based combo of singer/guitarist Colin MacDonald, guitarist John-Angus MacDonald, bassist Jack Syperek, and drummer Chris Gormley — songwriters all — has won universal acclaim for both their dazzling live performances and wildly accessible songs.

"This will be our first time touring by train, which is something we've always wanted to do. To do it while being able to raise some money to put food on local shelves at this most important time of year makes it extra special for us. We can't wait!"

At the Plummer stop, things begin at 4:00 p.m. with the Tri Rivers Museum opening and has open tours.

Between 4-6:00 p.m. a light lunch, coffee, hot chocolate & cookies is at Plummer Community Hall (Free will offering to food shelf)

Other activities include a Photo Booth & Activities for kids -upstairs of hall at 4:00 p.m. Santa arrives at Hall about that time also.

Christmas carols at Hall by Eric Mickelson starts at 5:00 p.m. with Eric Mickelson sings at Tri Rivers Pioneer Museum at 5:15 p.m.

Santa arrives at 5:45 p.m. at Tri Rivers Pioneer Museum for more fun for the kids. and approximately at 6:00 pm. the CP Holiday Train arrives on the Main Crossing in Plummer.

Please follow all the signs for parking and do not interfere with the Holiday Train. Safety is important with this size of crowd and a large moving object as it comes into town and once again when it leaves.

Come, be safe & warm and enjoy the great entertainers.

Peterson Derides Abrupt U.S. Customs Decision to Lock Gates at Ports

Congressman Collin C. Peterson (D-Minn.) has called on the Administration to provide the resources needed to adequately staff the Ports of Entry along the U.S.-Canada border. Travelers heading into Canada were surprised Tuesday night when they discovered U.S. ports at Roseau and Lancaster were locked at 8 P.M., forcing vehicles to divert more than an hour and reroute through Pembina, ND or Warroad, MN Ports of Entry.

"There are solutions available to keep our northern ports open longer, but the Administration's decision to divert significant resources from our northern border to accommodate a massive presence at our southern border is hurting our rural communities," said Congressman Peterson. "I understand the need to keep our borders secure, but it shouldn't come at the expense of rural Minnesota communities. Local businesses in Roseau and Lancaster depend on Canadian traffic to spend money in their towns, and further border access restrictions only makes the problem worse."

Roseau Mayor Jeff Pelowski said, "The Canadian authorities delayed their decision to reduce hours after hearing from the local community, yet our border enforcement agency is completely ignoring our needs and moving forward with one of the most ridiculous government decisions I have seen in my 20 years as an elected public official."

Border agencies on both sides are causing confusion to American and Canadian travelers. The Canadian Border Services Agency (CBSA) announced a reversal in their decision to match U.S. Custom and Border Protection's (CBP) reduction in hours, and instead will keep their corresponding ports open until midnight. In the last year alone, CBP reduced hours of service and staff at the Lancaster and Roseau Ports of Entry due to the reallocation of personnel and budgeting priorities for the southern border. As the nation's overall border protection policies are being debated, Congressman Peterson urges CBP and CBSA to work out a written agreement to rectify

border access problems in Roseau and Lancaster.

Update: Northbound Gates No Longer Locked Early

Following calls from the office of Congressman Collin C. Peterson (D-Minn.) and Roseau Mayor Jeff Pelowski, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) announced that northbound gates will remain open at Roseau and Pinecreek during Canada Border Security Agency service hours.

"I'm glad this situation was worked out, but we still have the underlying issue of reducing U.S. service hours in Lancaster and Roseau. I will continue efforts to keep these ports open longer so U.S. and Canadian travelers won't have to rush and beat the clock each and every night," Peterson said.

The announcement followed a few nights of confusion where travelers discovered locked gates for northbound traffic heading into Canada, even though CBSA was open and ready to process incoming vehicles.



The American Legion Auxiliary met on November 27 at the Oklee Hall for their annual Christmas Potluck Luncheon and to bag candy for Santa Day. Shirley Dessellier made four nice lap robes and Oklee Quilting did the stitching. They will be presented to the Fargo VA hospital to be given to veterans who are patients there. Pictured is: Ione Nelson, Bonnie Jensen, Sheryl Fore, Shirley Dessellier, JoAnn Lerohl, Virginia Larson, Ginny Stoneouse, Laverne Brown, Janell Walstad, Carol Bachand, and Shirley Cyr.

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Wed, Dec. 5: 4:00 p.m. First Communion. 6:30 p.m. Chime Choir. 7:00 p.m. Confirmation. 7:00 p.m. Salem WELCA. 7:00 p.m. Zion WELCA.
Sun, Dec. 9: 9:00 a.m. Zion. 9:00 a.m. SS at Salem. 10:15 a.m. SS at Zion. 10:30 a.m. Salem.
Tue, Dec. 11: 6:30 p.m. Salem Council meeting.
Wed, Dec. 12: 6:30 p.m. Chime Choir. 7:00 p.m. Confirmation.

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OKLEE, GRYGLA & GOODRIDGE
Fr. Adam Hanness
Sun, Dec. 9: 7:30 a.m. Confessions 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Francis Xavier, Oklee; 10:00 a.m. St. Ann Parish, Goodridge; 11:45 a.m. St. Clement Parish, Grygla.

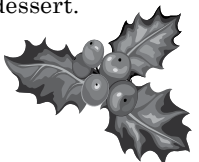
BROOKS - RED LAKE FALLS CATHOLIC PARISH
Fr. Bob Schreiner
Sat, Dec. 8: 5:30 p.m. RLF
Sun, Dec. 9: 8:00 a.m. Brooks. 10:00 a.m. RLF.

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun, Dec. 9: 10:30 a.m. Joint Worship at Immanuel - Christmas Program.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Wed, Dec. 5: 12:30 p.m. Release Time. 6:00 p.m. Faith WELCA. 7:00 p.m. Advent Service at Faith.
Sun, Dec. 9: 8:30 a.m. Ekelund, 9:30 p.m. SS; 9:45 a.m. Faith, 11:00 a.m. SS; 11:00 a.m. Bethany, 9:45 a.m. SS. 4:00 p.m. Faith SS Program & Supper. 5:00 p.m. Ekelund SS Program & supper.
Mon, Dec. 10: 9:30 a.m. Rachel Circle.
Tue, Dec. 11: 6:00 p.m. Shalom Circle.
Wed, Dec. 12: 6:00 p.m. Bethany Council. 7:00 p.m. Advent Services at Bethany.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

December 10 - 14
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: Fish, baked potato, mixed vegetables, bread, and dessert.
Tuesday: Grilled ham & cheese sandwich, chicken noodle soup, and dessert.
Wednesday: Cold beef & Swiss on bun, American fries, corn, and dessert.
Thursday: Meat loaf, parsley buttered potatoes, carrots, bread, and dessert.
Friday: Chicken drummies (3), hash browns, peas, toast, and dessert.



Sealed Bids for Street Cleaner



The City of Oklee is accepting sealed bids for a 1970's Elgin Pelican Model S Street Cleaner. For more details or to see the machine, contact the City of Oklee Clerk, Derek Cross at 218-796-5183.
City of Oklee has the right to refuse any and all bids.

Deadline:
Friday's at noon!

PLUMMER HOLIDAY TRAIN

4:00 Tri Rivers Museum opens - tours given
4-6:00 Light lunch, coffee, hot chocolate & cookies at Plummer Community Hall (Free will offering to food shelf)
4:00 Photo Booth & Activities for kids -upstairs of hall
4-4:30 Santa arrives at Hall
5:00 Christmas carols at Hall by Eric Mickelson
5:30 Eric Mickelson sings at Tri Rivers Pioneer Museum
5:45 Santa arrives at Tri Rivers Pioneer Museum
6:00 Train Arrives

Food Shelf donations will be accepted at the Tri Rivers Museum and at the Plummer Community Hall

SPONSORS

City of Plummer	Eric Mickelson	Garden Valley Technologies
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Plummer Lions	Plummer Lions Too	
Inter-County Community Council	Plummer Fire Dept.	
	CP Rail	

Thursday,
Dec. 13,
2018

Legals

Red Lake County Shoreland Ordinance 2018 Amendment

The Red Lake County Board of Commissioners adopted amendments to the Shoreland Ordinance to be consistent with the Red Lake County Buffer Law Ordinance and current MN Shoreland Statutes Chapter 103F on November 27th, 2018 at their regular board meeting. Amendments made to the existing Red Lake County Shoreland Ordinance consisted of: restructuring the format to reflect MN DNR's shoreland ordinance template, some definitions were replaced with new terminology, and the addition of Buffers to the Shoreland Ordinance to be consistent with the Red Lake County Buffer Law Ordinance. Copies of the "Red Lake County Shoreland Ordinance 2018 Amendment" is available at the Red Lake County SWCD Office or on their website at: www.redlakecounty-swcd.org.

Bob Schmitz
Red Lake County Auditor 037C

Red Lake River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan Draft Amendment

NOTICE is hereby given that the Red Lake River 1W1P Policy Committee, on behalf of the Pennington County and Pennington SWCD, Red Lake County and Red Lake County SWCD, Polk County and West Polk SWCD and Red Lake Watershed District will hold a Public Hearing on the draft Plan Amendment to the Red Lake River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan. The hearing will be held on Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the Red Lake Watershed District Office, 1000 Pennington Avenue South, Thief River Falls, MN

A copy of the Plan Amendment can be found on the West Polk Soil & Water Conservation District website: <http://westpolkswcd.com/1w1p.html> Written copies of the plan amendment can be seen at the Red Lake Watershed District or Pennington SWCD offices.

The purpose of this hearing is to present the comments received during the 60-day comment period. All persons are invited to attend the hearing and submit comments, written or verbal, that will become part of the official public hearing record. These comments will be considered when making final revisions to amended Plan.

To submit written comments or for more information, please contact:

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MEETING OF THE MEMBERS CHS NORTHLAND GRAIN ANNUAL MEETING

TUESDAY, DEC. 11TH 10:30 A.M.

IMPERIAL ROOM
RALPH ENGLESTAD ARENA
5250 Brooks Ave N.
Thief River Falls, MN 56701

Reports of board and management to the members

Member election of three directors.

Sudoku Solution

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



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Red Lake County Commissioners Minutes

RED LAKE COUNTY Regular Meeting Held October 23, 2018

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 October 23, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. Chair Sorensen called the meeting to order. Commissioners present: Sorensen, Simpson, Remick, Lerohl and Weiss. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Lerohl and carried unanimously to accept the agenda with the addition of Environmental Officer Kurt Casavan.

Environmental Officer Kurt Casavan was present to report on the Public Hearing conducted earlier that day at 9:00 a.m. Casavan explained that the hearing was held to accept comments regarding the petition of Pat Wichterman and Ron Coffin to use County Ditch #62 as an outlet to drain water from parts of Section 7 located in Emardville Township. There were no comments against the petition. Casavan recommended no outlet fee and to establish the benefit amount at \$1,856.50 per 40 acre tract for the affected drainage area. Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Lerohl and carried by unanimous vote to accept the affected acreage into the CD #62 legal drainage system and to establish the benefited amount at \$1,856.50 for each 40 acre tract being requested by Wichterman to utilize CD #62 as a drainage outlet.

Enbridge Energy representative Jenn Maleitzke and Dave Hodek were present a status report to board members on the Line 3 Replacement Project. Maleitzke explained that the regulatory paperwork first began in 2014 to replace Line 3, and expressed thanks to Red Lake County for its past and ongoing support for the project; for resolutions of support, attending meetings, etc. A number of outstanding permits need to be secured before construction can begin, including the final route permit from the Public Utilities Commission and including other permits from the DNR, MPCA, MnDOT as well as some federal permits. Hodek reported that Enbridge will begin mobilization and construction in spring 2019. There will be 5 different segments or spreads being worked on at the same time and each segment will employ from 500 to 600 construction workers who will need places to stay, such as campgrounds and housing. Red Lake County is segment 1 which is from Pembina County, ND to Gully, MN. Hodek also informed that a new pumping station will be built at Plummer next to the existing Line 3 station on the south side of County Road 1.

Maleitzke also reported that the Minnesota Supreme Court is currently reviewing the tax court decision on the Enbridge valuation appeals for years 2012 thru 2014. A tax valuation case for 2015-2016 is going to trial for later this year, and Enbridge is also appealing the MN Department of Revenue valuations for year 2017. Maleitzke updated on working with Law Enforcement in the affected counties along the construction route and with dealing with protesters, and provided information on pending legal cases against activists that tampered with pipelines in a four state area.

Interim County Engineer Jerilyn Swenson met with the board update on staffing and construction projects. Swenson reported that current employee Tom Braaten accepted the vacant grader operator position in Plummer and employee Ross Bruggeman accepted the Red Lake Falls grader operator position due to the transfer of Braaten to Plummer. The vacant Mower Operator position will be advertised. Swenson informed that construction on CR #10 is nearly completed and that Wright Construction has begun to install rip-rap along the river bank at Huot along CR #17. Plow equipment is ready for winter.

Board members questioned whether Swenson is willing to extend the current agreement with Norman until Red Lake County has a full-time Engineer in place. The current agreement which expires on November 15, 2018 allows Red Lake County to request anywhere from a 30 to 90 day extension with the agreement of Norman County. Swenson was agreeable for up to an additional 90 days. Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Simpson and carried by unanimous vote to request up to a 90-day extension for the shared County Engineer services. HR Director Lundeen was instructed to contact Norman County.

HR Director Lundeen discussed the salary range to incorporate into the advertisement for the full-time County Engineer position. Commissioner Remick moved, seconded by Lerohl and carried unanimously to set the salary range from \$85,000.00 to \$100,000.00 depending on qualifications.

Lundeen provided an update on the employee compensation study. The cost estimate from the Galarly Company is from \$36,000.00 to \$48,500.00 and the Bjorklund

Consulting proposal is \$15,450.00 for comparable plan options. Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Weiss and carried by unanimous vote to approve the wage study proposal from Bjorklund Consulting as presented, and to authorize HR Director Lundeen to sign the contract agreement on behalf of Red Lake County.

Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Simpson and carried by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held on October 9, 2018.

Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Simpson and carried unanimously to approve the following expenditures for the period:

Vendor	Amount
Government Management Group	\$ 2,875.00
Hoffman, Philipp, & Knutson, PLLC.	9,835.00
Knife River Materials, Inc.	48,616.00
Vathauer Farm Supply	10,806.69

22 Vendors Less than \$2,000. 7,868.05

TOTAL \$80,000.74

The motion includes the following additional bills: \$171.67 expenses and \$280.00 per diem to John Lerohl, and \$70.00 per diem to Al Remick.

The following Commissioner/Committee reports were shared:

Commissioner Meeting/Report
Simpson: Economic Development meeting discussing new loan applications.

Weiss: Area Agency on Aging and discussed program reports. Met with Norman County regarding new Social Services contract for services.

Remick: Attended a SWCD meeting discussing Buffer Strip requirements and erosion control projects.

Lerohl: Meetings of County Extension and the NW MN Council of Collaboratives. An open house is scheduled for the Head Start Program. A County Fair Board representative informed that members are requesting the County Fair stay in Oklee.

Sorensen: None.

Auditor Schmitz presented the agreement with the State of Minnesota for the operation and the maintenance of the designated Grant-In-Aid snowmobile trails to receive funding for the 2018/2019 season on behalf of the Pathfinders and the Oklee Moonlighters Snowmobile Clubs. Red Lake County acts as the fiscal agent for the two local clubs. Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Weiss and carried unanimously to approve the agreement as presented. The Board Chairperson and County Auditor were authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the county. A complete document is available at the County Auditor's office.

Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Weiss and carried unanimously to renew the current agreement between the county and the Cost Management Group to prepare Red Lake County's central services cost allocation plans for fiscal years 2018, 2019, and 2020 in the amount of \$2,975.00 for each plan year. Auditor Schmitz was authorized to sign the agreement on the county's behalf. A complete document is available at the County Auditor's office.

Information was provided that Marshall County is hosting the AMC District III meeting at the Viking Café scheduled for October 25, 2018 at 8:00 a.m.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned to November 13, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Attest:
Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

Dave Sorensen, Chair,
Board of Commissioners 037C

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RLCC Menus

**December 10 - 14
Oklee**

Monday: Breakfast: Ham & cheese croissant, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Chili, corn chips, corn muffins, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken burger, scalloped potatoes, vegetables, W/G bun, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Waffle w/syrup, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Spaghetti w/meat sauce, bread sticks, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken strips, rice pilaf, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Cold subs, chips, celery & carrots sticks, fruit, and milk.

Plummer

Monday: Breakfast: Pop Tart, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken quesadilla (salsa, sour cream), salad (tomatoes, croutons), fruit, cinnamon churro, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Scrambled eggs & ham, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Hot ham patty w/bun, curly fries, veggies with ranch, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Waffles, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Salisbury steak patty, mashed potatoes, gravy, beets, tea roll, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: French toast sticks, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Fajitas with toppings, coleslaw, refried beans, potato wedges, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chili, cheese & crackers, salad w/croutons, PB or egg salad sandwich, fruit, and milk.

Mustang Sports Schedule

Girls Basketball

Varsity – Jr Varsity
Thu, Dec. 6: Northern Freeze at Plummer 6:00PM

Fri, Dec. 7: Win-E-Mac at Win-E-Mac 6:15PM

Tue, Dec. 11: TRF – TBA at Northland Comm. College TBD

Girls Junior High Basketball

Thu, Dec. 6: Fertile-Beltrami at Oklee 4:30PM

Tue, Dec. 11: Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears at Clearbrook 4:30PM

Fri, Dec. 14: Bagley at Bagley High School 4:30PM

Wrestling

Sat, Dec. 8: Tournament – Crookston at 11:30 a.m.

Tue, Dec. 11: Match – Blackduck at Oklee 6:00 p.m.

Mon, Dec. 17: Scrimmage – Crookston at Crookston 5:30 p.m.

Rebel

Sports Schedule

Boys Varsity – JV Basketball

Thu, Dec. 6: Climax Shelly at Red Lake Falls 6:00PM

Fri, Dec. 7: BGMR at Greenbush-Middle River High 6:00PM

Tue, Dec. 11: East Grand Forks at Red Lake Falls 6:00PM

Fri, Dec. 14: Stephen-Argyle Central at Stephen-Argyle Central High 4:30PM

Basketball Boys

Junior High

Fri, Dec. 7: Goodridge/Grygla-Gatzke at Plummer 4:30PM

Thu, Dec. 13: Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears at Oklee School 4:30PM

Fri, Dec. 14: Stephen-Argyle Central at Stephen-Argyle Central High 4:30PM

Tue, Jan. 3: Fosston at Magelssen Elementary in Fosston 4:30PM

Wednesday, December 5, 2018

RLCC Hosts Student Council Summit



RLCC Student Council hosted the Northwest Division Fall Summit because Calyssa Eskeli is the Northwest Division President. Pictured are: (Back) Mr. Randy Huie, Natalie Vettleson, Allison Aakhus, Jenna Pahlen, Tom Nelson, Adrien Verbout, Isaiah Aquino, Kia Bachand, Dawson Rystad, (Middle) Cari Bachand, Adrienne Jones, Sophie Linder, Daphney Koralewski, Karena Melby, Lily Guillemette, Calyssa Eskeli, Janae Olson, (Front) Shawna Majeres, Sydney Fougner, Molly Smith, Taya Morinville, Ella Moen, Bailey Sherman, and Maverick Nelson.



The Northwest Division Student Council Fall Summit held in Oklee included 283 students from 16 different schools.



At the Northwest Division Fall Summit at the RLCC High School the guest speaker was Tim Denney who spoke on importance of leadership.



At the Fall Summit, students met in small groups for discussion topics.

Red Lake Falls Library News

Library Hours: Tuesday & Wednesday: Noon to 7:00 pm, Thursday & Friday: Noon to 5:00 p.m.; and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. On-line patrons are reminded that they can visit www.nwrlib.org/rlf.htm at any time from their home computers.

On Saturday, December 5 beginning at 11 am, the RLF Library will hold a Christmas craft "make & take."

Participants will be able to make beverage coasters and/or refrigerator magnets using ceramic tiles and glossy sealer to create a holiday-themed (or other decor) piece to keep, or give as a gift! This program is free and open to the public.

As the holidays draw near and many head out shopping, think about adding the library to your list: donating such items as tissues & disinfecting

wipes, coffee pods & supplies and treats for the Keurig coffee station, markers & craft supplies for storytime, kids' prizes, etc. is a welcome gesture and much appreciated.

New adult nonfiction: "All About Cake" by Christina Tosi; Christina Tosi is the two-time James Beard Award-winning chef and owner of Milk Bar. Known for baking outside of the lines and turning dessert on its head, Christina founded Milk Bar in 2008, with locations now in New York City, Toronto, Washington DC, and

By Kia Bachand

On Wednesday, November 14, the Red Lake County Central Student Council hosted the 2018 Northwest Division Fall Summit. This year 16 schools took part in the summit, consisting of 283 students and 23 advisors. Students took part in group discussions on the topics of fundraising, interacting with younger students, communication, homecoming, helping the community, returning to school from the summer, and suicide prevention in the roundtables. They also discussed "hot topics" on guilt by association, gun control, the death penalty, and confederate statues.

The guest speaker was Tim Denney from the Northwest Mental Health Center. Denney spoke on the importance of leadership. Doug Erickson, the Minnesota Association of Student Councils, was also present for the summit and the advisor training/workshop.

EARLY reminder to RLCC scholarship winners, Class of 2018

Those scholarship winners in Red Lake County Central's Class of 2018 are reminded that the school does hold some of the scholarship money awarded at Awards Day last year.

In order to be eligible to receive your scholarship money you must bring or mail to the school, a copy of your first semester grades (must be passing with a "C" or above for most scholarships). Also needed is proof you are enrolled for second semester at an institution. Include your address for the check to be sent to.

If mailing these, do so to: RLCC High School, ATTN: Bonnie Cote, PO Box 100, Oklee, MN 56742 or drop these off at the high school office. Checks will be mailed to you.

The scholarships include: Red Lake Central Community Service Scholarships, Red Lake Electric Scholarships, Tim and Donna Swenson Scholarships, and Vincent and Shirley Des-seller Scholarships.

Check the information you received for the other local scholarships and get the above credentials to them after grades are issued and you have registered for second semester.

RLCC High School Students of the Month



For Red Lake County Central October Students of the Month, Mr. Kory Baril nominated Cael Nelson and Connor Lambert.

By Abby Walton and
Madison Carlson

Senior Connor Lambert and eighth grader Cael Nelson were named the Students of the Month for October at Red Lake County Central High School.

The student who received the October Senior High Student of the Month at RLCC was Connor Lambert. Lambert is a senior and is 17 years old. His parents are Scott and Shannon Lambert. Lambert has five siblings: Devin, Carson, Reese, Alden, and Ben. Lambert participates in football and track & field. He also enjoys snowmobiling.

Lambert was nominated by Mr. Kory Baril who commented, "I nominated Connor Lambert for Senior High Student of the Month for his leadership characteristics he displays on and off the field. Connor is

always willing to volunteer to help his coaches, teachers, and fellow students/athletes."

The Junior High Student of the Month for October was Cael Nelson who is 14 and is in eighth grade. His parents are Aaron Nelson and Noel Nelson. He has four siblings and their names are: Kane Nelson, Charlie Nelson, Brett Anderson and Brooklyn Anderson. He enjoys playing video games during his free time.

Mr. Baril was the nominating teacher. Baril stated, "I nominated Cael Nelson for Junior High Student of the Month of October for his hard work in the classroom and his positive attitude. Cael gets his work turned in on time and it is always well done."

Congratulations to Connor and Cael.

Las Vegas. Also "Math with Bad Drawings" by Ben Orlin - Illuminating the Ideas that Shape our Reality; "a hilarious reeducation in mathematics -full of joy, jokes, and stick figures that sheds light on the countless practical and wonderful ways that math

structures and shapes our world. The author reveals to us what math actually is; its myriad uses, its strange symbols, and the wild leaps of logic and faith that define the usually impenetrable work of the mathematician."



10th Grade Biology Class Creates Biome Projects

By Kia Bachand
The 10th grade students of Red Lake County Central High School made biome projects for their biology class. Students in groups of three picked a biome and made a resort/amusement park/destination place based on those biomes. Some examples are the savannah, rainforest, desert, everglades,

marine, etc.

Students researched information for their projects including the plants and animals found in their biome, as well as the weather that takes place there. Students were graded on their creativity, teamwork, and overall project.

The seventh and eighth graders were asked to view

the projects and vote on which biome destination they would most like to visit. The most voted for biome was tied between the Rainforest Biome and the Savannah Biome. Isaiah Aquino, Kia Bachand, and Karena Melby created the Rainforest Biome. Janae Olson, Gavin Galkowski, and Emily Kolstoe created the Savannah Biome.



News Worthy Items

Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown at Half-Staff in Honor of President George H. W. Bush

ST. PAUL, MN – In honor and remembrance of President George H. W. Bush, and in accordance with an order issued by President Donald Trump, Governor Mark Dayton has ordered all United States flags and Minnesota flags to be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota, beginning immediately, for a period of 30 days from the day of his death.

The 41st President of the United States of America, George H.W. Bush, dedicated four decades of his life to public

service. In addition to serving as President of the United States, he also served as the 43rd Vice President of the United States with President Ronald Reagan, as a Congressman in the United States House of Representatives, as US Ambassador to the United Nations, Envoy to China, and Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

President George H. W. Bush passed away at the age of 94 in Houston, Texas on Friday, November 30, 2018. He had been diagnosed with a form of Parkinson's disease, leaving him unable to walk, and intermittently battling health issues following the death of his wife, Barbara Bush, in May 2018.

A decorated navy pilot, Pres-

ident George H. W. Bush enlisted in the United States Navy on his 18th birthday, following the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. At the time, he was the youngest aviator in the United States Navy. Bush served in the Navy until September 1945, then attended Yale University, and entered the oil business following graduation. He became involved in politics years later, serving the 7th District of Texas in the House of Representatives in 1966.

President George H.W. Bush is survived by his six children, including former United States President George W. Bush, and grandchildren. President Trump has designated Wednesday, December 5, 2018, as a National Day of Mourning.

Creativity Festival inspires RLCC students

By: Tanisha Srnsky
Many students from area schools in grades fifth through eighth were chosen to attend the annual Creativity Festival at Bemidji State University in Bemidji, MN on Wednesday, November 21, 2018. The seventh and eighth grade students from RLCC who were able to attend this trip were Julia Lopez, Paul Malwitz, Ella Moen, Kya Morinville, Damon

Ferguson, Kaleb Fougner, and Aurimy Olson. Fifth and sixth grade students who attended were Ava Arlt, Anne Dolan, Will Gieseke, Brady Lowell, Kearstin Heard, Ethan Majeres, Kalina Needham, and Luke Peterson.

About Science, How to Spot a Owl, Fun with Photography, Circle Weaving, and Make a Masterpiece. The classes were to introduce students to different ways of engineering, encourage self-expression, and push for critical thinking. The students also listened to guest speaker Jamie Lee talk about "Your Big Beautiful Brain." Lee is an award winning author and very good public presenter.



Writers & Writing

by Michael Tidemann



Tidemann started his journalism career at the Bismarck Tribune in 1978 and began college teaching career as a graduate teaching assistant at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion in 1977. He has worked at newspapers in Iowa and the Dakotas and his work has appeared in Overdrive, Writer's Journal, the San Diego Union-Tribune and Snoumobile.

Dead Man Running a nail-biter

Every once in a while, a detective novel comes along that breaks all the barriers of genre and is destined to become a literary classic.

That's the best way to describe *Dead Man Running* by author Steve Hamilton, formerly from Upper Peninsula Michigan and now living in Cottekill, N.Y.

Bounty hunter and former Detroit police officer Alex McKnight is comfortably ensconced in a warm, comfortable bar on a cold UP night when he gets a call from his ex-wife Jeannie – the last person he had ever expected to call. It seems that her grandmother had left the two of them a house on the lake, despite McKnight and Jeannie's divorce years before.

Not long after, just as McKnight is about to apprehend a miscreant, FBI agents blow his collar. They put him on a flight to Arizona where his presence has been requested by a very special person – a serial killer named Martin Livermore.

McKnight's meeting with Livermore seems like something from *Silence of the Lambs*. Livermore says to him:

room together?" He seemed to pick each word carefully, as if lifting it from a case lined with black velvet.

Livemore, a brilliant but depraved robotics engineer, knows every detail of McKnight's life, right down to his semiprofessional baseball career batting average. And still Livemore doesn't reveal their connection.

McKnight and a team of law enforcement officers fol-

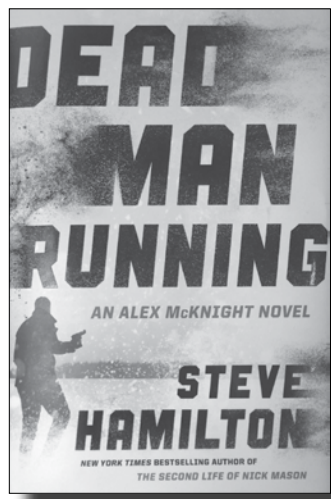
low Livermore's directions to a remote canyon where the suspect said he had left another victim still alive. Just as the agents and deputies think they're about to rescue Livermore's seventh victim, an explosion rakes through the lawmen, leaving McKnight the only one alive.

While the Bureau wants to keep McKnight close at hand, he follows his instincts and sets off on his own across the country to find Livermore who leaves a trail of female victims. Then, as McKnight finds Livermore's boyhood home, he makes a frightening discovery that tells how his former wife and he are intricately involved in Livermore's past.

Hamilton skillfully uses the shifting perspectives of McKnight, Livermore and Jeannie to build story tension. We're able to see through the eyes of not just McKnight and his former wife, but, frighteningly, Livermore as well.

This is a great read and one that all fans of crime fiction should get.

Michael Tidemann writes from Estherville, Iowa. His author page is amazon.com/author/michaeltidemann



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More Santa Photos from Oklee & Brooks



December 2018 Public Health Points

NIVW 2018 will be Observed Dec. 2-8

It's that time of year again — flu season. As family and friends are gathering for the holidays, flu activity is increasing. Get a flu vaccine now if you have not gotten vaccinated yet this season.

There are many reasons to get a flu vaccine.

- Flu vaccination can reduce your risk of flu illness, doctors' visits, and missed work and school due to flu.

- Even if you are vaccinated and still get sick, flu vaccine can reduce the severity of your illness.

- Flu vaccination also can help protect women during and after pregnancy and protect the baby born to a vaccinated mom for several months after birth.

- Flu vaccine also has been shown to save children's lives, prevent serious events associated with chronic lung disease, diabetes and heart disease, and prevent flu-related hospitalization among working age adults and older adults.

- Getting vaccinated isn't just about keeping you healthy; it's also about helping to protect others around you who may be vulnerable to becoming very sick, such as babies, older adults, and pregnant women.

- It's not too late to get a flu vaccine to protect yourself and your loved ones this flu season!

www.cdc.gov/flu/resource-center/nivw/nivw-news-letter-messages.htm

Physical Activity Guidelines —Move Your Way

Despite the overwhelming evidence of the health benefits of physical activity, only about 1 in 5 adults and adolescents meet the recommendations in the Physical Activity Guidelines. Everyone needs physical activity to stay healthy, but it can be hard to find the time in your busy routine.

Move Your Way is the promotional campaign for the new second edition of the Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans.

The goal is to help people live healthier lives through increased physical activity. No matter who you are, you can find safe, fun ways to get active — to move your way. When you're young, your body wants to move — naturally! (Adults, not so much.)

Adults
Physical activity can make daily life better. So get more active — and start feeling better right away!

- Boost your mood
- Sharpen your focus
- Reduce your stress
- Improve your sleep

Adults need a mix of physical activity to stay healthy.

Aerobic Activity- At least 150 minutes/week of moderate-intensity aerobic activity. Anything that gets your heart beating faster.

Muscle Strengthening- Do activities that make your muscles work harder than usual at least two days/week for muscle strengthening.

If that's more than you can do, do what you can. Even 5 minutes has real health benefits.

Kids and Teens
You know kids need physical activity to grow up strong and healthy.

But did you know it can help them feel better right away?

- Better sleep
- Better mood
- Better grades

Kids and Teens ages 6-17 need: 60 minutes of activity every day.

Most of their 60 minutes can be moderate-intensity aerobic activity — anything that gets their heart beating faster counts.

As part of their daily 60 minutes, kids and teens also need:

- Vigorous-intensity aerobic activity at least 3 days a week. Encourage them to step it up too, so they're breathing fast and their heart is pounding.

- Muscle-strengthening activity at least 3 days a week. Anything that makes their muscles work harder counts — like climbing or swinging

on the monkey bars.

Bone-strengthening activity at least 3 days a week. Bones need pressure to get stronger. Running, jumping, and other weight-bearing activities all count.

Preschool-Aged Children
• Preschool-aged children (ages 3 through 5 years) should be physically active throughout the day to enhance growth and development.

- Adult caregivers of preschool-aged children should encourage active play that includes a variety of activity types.

<https://health.gov/mov-eyourway>

<https://health.gov/paguide-lines/second-edition/>

Parenting Tips

Dear Santa, did you get my tweet of presents I would think are sweet? And what about my Facebook post of toys and stuff I want the most?

Dear Santa, did you read my blog? That's where I keep a running log of all the times that I've been good and doing things I know I should.

I hope you saw my Instagram, my email wasn't flagged as spam, you've seen my YouTube channel too and all my texts have made it through.

Wait, does the North Pole even get computers and the Internet? I hope it does. I mean, it better, or I might have to write a letter.

FOR SALE ON SEALED BIDS

1985 Dodge D50 pickup, 4-cylinder, automatic, 61,756 miles. Good to fair condition.

The pickup will be sold as-is with no guarantees and may be seen by contacting the Red Lake County Auditor Office at 218-253-2598. Red Lake County reserves the right to reject any bids.

Bids will be opened at 10:00 am on Dec. 24th, 2018 by the County Board of Commissioners in the Courthouse Board Room. Send bids to: Red Lake County Auditor, P.O. Box 367, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750

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Oklee Herald Early Files

Seventy Years Ago December 2, 1948

Bobcats defeat Goodridge 41-23 in cage opener. Bobcats will meet Mentor in another home game.

The United State Postal department has sent reminders to post masters throughout the nation that postal rates are going up January 1st.

George Allen, former employee of the Norther State Bank of Gonvick, and for the past two years cashier of the Plummer State Bank, resigned his position.

Fred Bernier returned home last week after being confined to a hospital in Thief River Falls since September 20 when he was injured in the derailment of a section car near here.

Sixty Years Ago December 4, 1958

Private funeral services were held on November 29th at the Gulbranson Funeral Chapel in TRF for Johnny Omlid, 5, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Omlid of Goodridge who died of the effects of diphtheria at Northwestern Hospital on Wednesday.

The Soo Lines' petition to discontinue trains Numbers 64 & 65, the passenger and mail service to many towns between Thief River Falls and Duluth, was suspended by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Bobcat Football Champions and Coach Hokkanen will appear on a Grand Forks television program tomorrow evening (Friday) on Channel 10 (KNOX-TV).

Inoculations for Diphtheria were given to students from first grade on up to high school. Diphtheria is a contagious disease and has been hitting pretty close to home.

Fifty Years Ago December 5, 1968

Roy Hokkenen, Oklee High School Athletic Director, became a new member of the Oklee Village council in the annual election held Tuesday.

Army Private Gary Berget, son of Mr. and Mrs. Levrune Berget of Oklee, completed a communications equipment repair course on November 15th at the Army Security Agency Training Center, Ft. Devens, Mass.

A family of five from the Mentor community drowned Sunday when their snowmobile broke through the ice on Maple

Lake and plunged into the water. Carl & Donna Emanuelson, Jr. and three children, Jul Rae, 8, Perry, 7, and Kay, 3, were recovered from the lake.

Two former Oklee men have been promoted to new positions in the Northern State Bank of Gonvick. They are Ordean Birkland and his brother Arlen.

Forty Years Ago December 7, 1978

Recount granted in District Court – At a special session of District Court, Dist. Judge Robert Peterson has granted a recount in the election contest between State Representative John Corbid and Terry Eckstein. As the election stands Corbid was re-elected over Eckstein by 109 votes. A recount is mandatory if the vote difference is less than 100 votes. Eckstein petitioned the court asking for the recount.

Oklee Wrestler capture first when participating in the Bagley Invitational with 173 points.

7th District Rep. Arlan Stangeland, urged that all possible methods be pursued to recover the People's Temple funds to insure that the U.S. be reimbursed for the cost of transporting the more than 900 victims of the mass suicide and murders from Guyana to the United States.

Thirty Years Ago December 7, 1988

Northern State Bank of Gonvick was robbed at gunpoint last Friday night, Dec. 2nd. The bank, which is open every Friday night was busy at the time. A lone gunman entered the lobby, fired one shot from a sawed off shotgun into the ceiling and ordered everyone on the floor. Seventeen customers and nine bank employees were in the bank at the time.

Leona Brekke of Oklee volunteers with the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) for 10 hours a month. She volunteers at the Senior Meal and sews for the Veteran's Hospital.

Twenty Years Ago December 9, 1998

Lowell Enerson resigned his position as Administrator of the Red Lake Watershed District at an emergency meeting held November 30th. His resignation was effective December 26th. He has served in this capacity for almost 15 years. Enerson has been hired by the

City of Arlington as city administrator/clerk/treasurer and is located 60 miles southwest of the Twin Cities.

Red Lake County Central Football Coach Gary Brantl – North Tri County Coach of the Year, 1998 and named Mustang Coach of the Year, 1998 by his players.

The Fan of the Year Award was presented to Lynn & Roger Gallant by Coach Brantl during the RLCC Fall Sports Banquet held on Monday, November 30th.

Ten Years Ago December 3, 2008

Harlen Lundeen, son of Perry and Sally Lundeen of Trail and Jarren Magnell, son of Dennis & Danielle Magnell of Gully were awarded the Torchbearer Award at the Minnesota Farmers Union 67th Annual State Convention on November 22nd.

Members of the Oklee Lutheran Youth Group attended the "Soul2Soul" Gathering in Grand Forks on November 22 & 23.

The RLCC Elementary program theme revolved around a snow storm causing the children to be kept in school. A janitor dressed as Santa tried to keep the students spirits up and then the real Santa

Bonny's Bits...

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The weeks go by faster and faster when the Holiday comes. At least that is the way it seems. Most likely caused by too many things to attend in the community and the urgency of getting everything done in time for Christmas. I know I'm not the only one that feels the time slipping by as I hear comments from all over the community voicing the same.

Oklee's Santa Day on Saturday was well attended as usual and the kids had lots of fun. Many adults also attend to enjoy some visiting time with friends and neighbors while enjoying some holiday treats provided by the Oklee Community Club.

Brooks on Sunday also had a nice crowd attending their annual Santa Day and many from the community attended for a light supper, visiting and drawings. Watching all the kids light up when Santa walks in is the highlight of the evening. The kids get in line just as fast as the kids in Oklee, to see Santa in person. Though there are always a few that are not too sure of that bearded man in the red suit.

My family had a very nice Thanksgiving with only a few family members not able to attend either celebration. On Friday the Cotes got together at our home and enjoyed a full Thanksgiving meal. Then on Saturday, the Bergerson side of the family gather at my nieces home outside of Thief River Falls for another delicious Thanksgiving meal.

Sunday was a day to relax after all the activities over the Thanksgiving weekend which was great. I used that day to get our Christmas tree up and the house decorated for the season.

Hope your Holiday Season is Merry, not too much stress and full of fun for all!

Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

We are already in December and it is time to send greetings to your friends and relatives. I have already received a few cards. I always like to receive a little note to tell what is happening in your family the past year.

I have had a busy fall so I can plan to stay home and keep warm for the winter. It seems like spring is a long way away. I did more traveling the past Fall and I will enjoy keeping warm in the house now.

At the Site we have decided to not have Bingo until after the New Year. Everyone is so busy with their preparations for Christmas. I will let you know when we start in 2019.

Santa Claus Day was a success. There were more children visiting Santa and Mrs. Santa than usual. It is fun to see the eager faces when they sit on Santa's lap. The coffee

and cookies were a treat for the adults.

Many homes are decorated in Oklee. It really looks cheerful driving through the streets.

On December 12th, Digi-Key bus will pick up in Oklee at 9:45 a.m. The Cost is \$5.00 and you will be home by 1:00 p.m. Sign up at the Senior Site or call Jeanie O'Neill if you would like to go to Digi-Key's Annual Holiday Open House for hot cider, coffee, cookies and entertainment by the Digi-Key Choir and Ensemble!

Dates to Remember

Dec. 11: Senior Potluck at Cafe 5:00 p.m.

Dec. 12: Digi-Key Open House - bus will pick up at 9:45 a.m. in Oklee.

Dec. 20: 10:00 a.m. Senior Site Council meeting.

Dec. 21: Birthday Meal.

Words of Wisdom

When someone offers you a donut, a compliment, or a breath mint, take it.

In social situations, a warm, genuine smile is a good ice-breaker.

Joke Time

A man playing golf every Saturday and always got home around 2:00 p.m. in the afternoon. One Saturday, however, he rushed in at 7:30 p.m. and blurted to his wife, "I left the course at the normal time, but on the way home I stopped to change a flat tire for a young woman. She offered to buy me a drink, one thing led to another, and we spent the entire afternoon in a motel. I'm sorry I'll never do it again."

"Don't hand me that malarkey," the angry wife shouted.. "you played 36 holes, didn't you?"

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

It is colder than usual this year but the snow isn't that bad right now. Who knows what could happen yet before the holidays. Are you all geared up for the big season? I am looking forward to seeing friends and events that will happen between now and the 25th.

There will be a bus to go to Digi-Key to the Christmas show and it will be at Plummer on the 12th. You must be there at the Gazebo at 9:45. For \$5 they will take you to Digi-Key for a tour of the building and to see the Christmas show and party. Everyone welcome. So the Gazebo is the place to be at 9:45 on Dec 12, with five dollars for the ride. Take in the Digi-Key Christmas party.

Happy birthday to Kelsey Paradis who celebrated her birthday on Sunday. She still looks like a high school girl. I think she is over 21 though. Happy birthday Kelsey.

Happy Birthday too to Mike Riendeau. He also celebrated on Sunday. He is 39 again. Mike are you ever going to get to 40? He still has his girlish figure too.

Our prayers go out to Cindy Determan who is under-

going surgery this Monday morning. May God guide the surgeons hands and healing come quickly.

President George Herbert Walker Bush died this past week and the funeral events are on television today. He was a moral man and was a good President. It is sad to see him go. Losing his wife earlier this year had to be hard on him, and now he joins her. God rest their souls.

The Brooks Christmas Santa Day was on Sunday. Many young children came to enjoy the supper, the treats and of course Santa. Santa was late, but the kids were happy that he finally made it. It is such fun to see the kids when Santa comes. Many of them get really shy around the big guy. Others cry, others are brave. Everyone is different. That is life.

We hope you have a great week and get some more of that

From the Know-It-All Calendar

Dec. 1: Dr. Pepper first served, 1885
Dec. 2: Chanukah begins at sundown
Dec. 3: First human heart transplant 1967
Dec. 4: Santa's List Day
Dec. 5: Prohibition repealed, 1933
Dec. 6: Roy Orbiston d. 1988
Dec. 7: Pearl Harbor attack, 1941
Dec. 8: Gingerbread Decorating Day
Dec. 9: John Milton b. 1608
Dec. 10: First Nobel Prize awarded, 1901

Dec. 11: Food Drive for Needy Animals Day
Dec. 12: Frank Sinatra b. 1915
Dec. 13: Operation Red Dawn, 2003
Dec. 14: Monkey Day
Dec. 15: 1791 - In the U.S., the first ten amendments to the Constitution, known as the Bill of Rights, went into effect following ratification by the state of Virginia.
Dec. 16: Boston Tea Party, 1773
Dec. 17: National Maple Syrup Day
Dec. 18: Nutcracker Suite premieres 1892

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

Nancy Jo and Karl Mattison and sons of West Virginia, came for Ivan Hesse's funeral. There sons went back home and Karl & Nancy for a week.

Bernie and Jill DeHate, Blake, Brandie and Paul went to Duluth Friday after Thanksgiving. They took in the Christmas light spectacular on Lake Superior's water front.

Anne Traxler went to her daughter Nancy's and Al Olson for Thanksgiving by Goodridge. Also Bob Traxler and Haley, Brielle and Brody and Darren and Jennifer Arveson and boys.

On Tuesday, the 27th, Anne Traxler and Alice Jobe went to the concert at Lincoln High at 7:30 p.m. Leon Williams was the star singer with his piano accompanist Carlos Avila. It was their pre-Christmas

concert. Some of the songs Leon say were, "Mary Did You Know?", "Do You Hear What I Here", selections from Handel's "Messiah", "Deck the Halls", "The Little Drummer Boy", and "We Wish You A Merry Christmas." Sandy and Mike Greenwald also went. The pianist was excellent also and they played most songs without music to look at. Leon lives in Hawaii. They tour the U.S. and some countries overseas.

Scott Larson, city maintenance man and his helper put up the Christmas lights day after Thanksgiving around Plummer. They look nice. Some of the neighbors also decorated their homes.

On Thanksgiving, I went to Warroad to my sisters. There were about twelve of us. Lots of food and visiting. On the way up I saw two eagles close

up and a ruffed grouse in the ditch. Thankfully the roads and weather were good.

On Thursday, Wilma Arlt, Anna DeHate, Anne Traxler, Alice Jobe, and Jane (Bregier), Princeton, MN went to Carol's Cozy in Brooks for Klub (potato dumplings). It was Jane's first time eating them. I guess she liked it. They had bread pudding for dessert. They had a good crowd for it. Some ate other choices.

Starting on Sunday, I went skiing four days in a row. A couple of days it was only ten above. The snow is pretty good south of me in the field - about three inches deep. I saw a deer and a rabbit tracks. It's good exercise even if I'm out for only twenty minutes.

Have a good week and stay in good health!

Oklee Centennial Cookbook

Recipe Corner - From page 524

Sunday Morning Brunch

Dorothy Lambert

16 slices of bread, crust removed
8 slices cheddar cheese
8 slices precooked ham
6 eggs
3 cups milk
1/2 tsp salt
1/2 tsp dry mustard
corn flakes, crushed
1/2 cup butter, melted
10 slices bacon, fried crisp and crumbled

Grease a 9 x 13 pan. Lay 8 slices of bread on the bottom layer, then ham and cheese. Top with remaining bread. Beat eggs, milk, salt and dry mustard. Pour over bread, ham and cheese. Sprinkle with crushed corn flakes. Pour melted butter over crumbs. Top with bacon crumbles. Make the evening before. Bake 1 hour at 350 degrees.



Who's Dat?



Who's Dat

This week's photo is of two young ladies on a special church day.

Last week was of Allen Blumke with Coach Robert Frick.

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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☐ 6 mo. in-county ☐ 6 mo. out-of-county ☐ Snowbirds

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