

Oklee Precipitation

By Einar Kvasager

	Rain	Snow
Dec. 4		Trace
Dec. 6		0.25
Dec. 7		Trace
Total in.	0.00	0.25

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...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

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Field Trip to Peatland Red Potatoes



Plummer and Oklee School Readiness students pictured with Isaac Magnell during their field trip to Peatland Reds.

By: Phillip Sorenson

Red Lake County Central School Readiness classes from both Oklee and Plummer took a field trip to the Peatland Red Potato Company. It is a potato farm and wash plant located north of Gully. There was a lot to see and learn about potatoes. Each child brought home a “HUGE” potato from Peatland Reds.

Holiday Train Thursday, Dec. 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.

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.

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.

This sounds very dangerous, so please only try this out with some adult supervision!!

The ashes of Yule logs were meant to be very good for plants. This is true, because the ash from burnt wood contains a lot

of 'potash', which helps plant flowers. But if you throw the ashes out on Christmas day it was supposedly very unlucky! <https://www.whychristmas.com/customs/yulelog.shtml>

The Tradition of Mistletoe at Christmas

Mistletoe is a plant that grows on range of trees including willow, apple and oak trees. The tradition of hanging it in the house goes back to the times of the ancient Druids. It is supposed to possess mystical powers which bring good luck to the household and wards off evil spirits. It was also used as a sign of love and friendship in Norse mythology and that's where the custom of kissing under Mistletoe comes from.

When the first Christians came to Western Europe, some tried to ban the use of Mistletoe as a decoration in Churches, but many still continued to use it! York Minster Church in the UK used to hold a special Mistletoe Service in the winter, where wrong doers in the city of York could come and be pardoned. The custom of kissing under Mistletoe comes from England. The original custom was that a berry was picked from the sprig of Mistletoe before the person could be kissed and when all

the berries had gone, there could be no more kissing!

The name mistletoe comes from two Anglo Saxon words 'Mistel' (which means dung) and 'tan' (which means) twig or stick! So you could translate Mistletoe as 'poo on a stick'!!! Not exactly romantic is it! Mistletoe was also hung on the old English decoration the Kissing Bough.

Some info about Mistletoe: Mistletoe is normally spread on trees through bird droppings and is actually a parasite! The plant attaches itself to the host tissue (a tree) and grows out of the branch.

Mistletoe promotes wildlife by providing a great source of food for many animals. Birds rely on the plant and butterflies lay their eggs on it and use the nectar. Bees also get pollen from mistletoe.

<https://www.whychristmas.com/customs/mistletoe.shtml>



The History of the Yule Log

The custom of burning the Yule Log goes back to, and before, medieval times. It was originally a Nordic tradition. Yule is the name of the old Winter Solstice festivals in Scandinavia and other parts of northern Europe, such as Germany.

The Yule Log was originally an entire tree, that was carefully chosen and brought into the house with great ceremony. The largest end of the log would be placed into the fire hearth while the rest of the tree stuck out into the room! The log would be lit from the remains of the previous year's log which had been carefully stored away and slowly fed into the fire through the Twelve Days of Christmas. It was considered important that the re-lighting process was carried out by someone with clean hands. Nowadays, of course, most people have central heating so it is very difficult to burn a tree!

In Provence (in France), it is traditional that the whole family helps to cut the log down and that a little bit is burnt each night. If any of the log is left after Twelfth Night, it is kept safe in the house until the next Christmas to protect against lightning! In some parts of Holland, this was also done, but the log had to be stored under a bed! In some eastern European countries, the log was cut down on Christmas Eve morning and lit that evening.

In Cornwall (in the UK), the log is called 'The Mock'. The log is dried out and then

the bark is taken off it before it comes into the house to be burnt. Also in the UK, barrel makers (or Coopers as barrel makers were traditionally called) gave their customers old logs that they could not use for making barrels for Yule logs. (My surname is Cooper, but I don't make barrels! My Great Grandfather did own a walking stick factory though!)

The custom of the Yule Log spread all over Europe and different kinds of wood are used in different countries. In England, Oak is traditional; in Scotland, it is Birch; while in France, it's Cherry. Also, in France, the log is sprinkled with wine, before it is burnt, so that it smells nice when it is lit.

In Devon and Somerset in the UK, some people have a very large bunch of Ash twigs instead of the log. This comes from a local legend that Joseph, Mary and Jesus were very cold when the shepherds found them on Christmas Night. So the shepherds got some bunches of twigs to burn to keep them warm.

In some parts of Ireland, people have a large candle instead of a log and this is only lit on New Year's Eve and Twelfth Night.

Different chemicals can be sprinkled on the log like wine to make the log burn with different colored flames!

Potassium Nitrate = Violet
Barium Nitrate = Apple Green
Borax = Vivid Green
Copper Sulphate = Blue
Table Salt = Bright Yellow



Christmas or Xmas?

Christmas is also sometimes known as Xmas. Some people don't think it's correct to call Christmas 'Xmas' as that takes the 'Christ' (Jesus) out of Christmas. (As Christmas comes from Christ-Mass, the Church service that celebrated the birth of Jesus.)

But that is not quite right! In the Greek language and alphabet, the letter that looks like an X is the Greek letter chi / X (pronounced 'kye' - it rhymes with 'eye') which is the first letter of the Greek word for Christ, Christos.

The early church used the first two letters of Christos in the Greek alphabet 'chi' and 'rho' to create a monogram (symbol) to represent the name of Jesus. This looks like an X with a small p on the top:

The symbol of a fish is sometimes used by Christians (you might see a fish sticker on a car or someone wearing a little fish

badge). This comes from the time when the first Christians had to meet in secret, as the Romans wanted to kill them (before Emperor Constantine became a Christian). Jesus had said that he wanted to make his followers 'Fishers of Men', so people started to use that symbol.

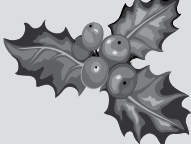
When two Christians met, one person drew half a basic fish shape (often using their foot in the dust on the ground) and the other person drew the other half of the fish. The Greek word for fish is 'Ikthus' or 'Ichthys'. There are five Greek letters in the word. It can also make up a sentence of Christian beliefs 'Ie-sous Christos Theou Huios So-te-r' which in English means "Jesus Christ, Son of God, Saviour". The second letter of these five letters is X or Christos!

So Xmas can also mean Christmas; but it should also be pronounced 'Christmas' rather than 'ex-mas'!

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Santa and Mrs. Claus visited in Brooks on December 2nd.



Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Wed, Dec. 12: 6:30 p.m.
Chime Choir. 7:00 p.m. Confirmation.
Sun, Dec. 16: 9:00 a.m.
SS Practice at Zion. 9:00 a.m.
SS Practice at Salem. 10:30 a.m.
Zion Christmas Program. 4:00 p.m.
Salem Christmas Program.
Tue, Dec. 18: 7:00 p.m. Mutual Ministry meeting at Zion.
Wed, Dec. 19: 6:30 p.m.
Chime Choir. No Confirmation.

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OKLEE, GRYGLA & GOODRIDGE
Fr. Adam Hamness
Sun, Dec. 16: 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. 15: 5:30 p.m. RLF
Sun, Dec. 16: 8:00 a.m.
Brooks. 10:00 a.m. RLF.

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun, Dec. 16: 9:00 a.m.
Worship at Immanuel. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Wed, Dec. 12: 6:00 p.m.
Bethany Council. 7:00 p.m.
Advent Services at Bethany.
Sun, Dec. 16: 8:30 a.m.
Ekelund, 9:45 p.m. SS; 9:45 a.m. Faith, 11:00 a.m. SS; 11:00 a.m. Bethany's Sunday School program & Lasagna dinner. 9:30 a.m. Prog. Practice.
Wed, Dec. 19: 7:00 p.m.
Advent Service at Ekelund.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

December 17 - 21
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: Grilled chicken breast, tossed salad, cottage cheese, and dessert.
Tuesday: BBQ on bun, tator tots, green beans, and dessert.
Wednesday: 1 pc. French toast, sausage patty, 1 egg, and dessert.
Thursday: Cheeseburger, potato soup, and dessert.
Friday: Baked ham, baked potato, carrots, and dessert.

NOTICE OF FILING FOR GARNES TOWNSHIP ELECTION

Notice is hereby given to qualified voters of Garnes Township, Red Lake County, State of Minnesota, that filing for town office will be held for a two week period beginning January 1, 2019.
Affidavits of Candidacy shall be filed with the Town Clerk at Clerk's home at any reasonable hour from January 1, 2019, to January 15, 2019.
Filing will close on January 15, 2019, at 5:00p.m.
Filing fee-\$2.00
Offices to be filled at the March Annual Election are:

- 1- Supervisor for a Three Year term
- 1- Treasurer for a Two Year Term

Diane Kolstoe
Clerk, Town of Garnes

O38-39C

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth
Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Wed, Dec. 12: 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday School. 5:15 p.m.
LYS Caroling.
Sat, Dec. 15: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.
Sun, Dec. 16: 8:00 a.m.
St. Petri, 9:15 a.m. SS; 8:30 a.m. SS Oak Park, 9:45 a.m. Oak Park. 10:00 a.m. SS at Nazareth, 11:00 a.m. Nazareth.
Wed, Dec. 19: 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday School.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Dec. 12: 6:30 p.m.
Youth Group. 6:30 p.m. AWA-NA.
Thu, Dec. 13: 1:00 p.m.
Staff meeting.
Fri, Dec. 14: 8:30 a.m.
Friday School.
Sun, Dec. 16: 9:30 a.m.
Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.

Tue, Dec. 18: 9:30 a.m.
Ladies Devotions. 10:00 a.m.
Quilting. 6:30 p.m. Bible Study.
Wed, Dec. 19: 6:30 p.m.
Youth Group. 6:30 p.m. AWA-NA. Christmas Caroling.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Wed, Dec. 12: 2:00 p.m.
Lund WELCA. 7:00 p.m. Advent Service - Lund.
Thu, Dec. 13: 6:30 p.m.
Bethany WELCA at church.
Sat, Dec. 15: 9:00 to 11:00
Sand Valley Bake Sale.
Sun, Dec. 16: 9:00 p.m.
Lund. 10:30 a.m. Bethany. 2:00 p.m. 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation at Lund.
Wed, Dec. 19: 2:00 p.m.
Sand Valley WELCA. 7:00 p.m.
Advent Service - Sand Valley.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY
Fosston
Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor
Sun, Dec. 16: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School. 10:30 a.m.
Worship.

In Memory of Doris Hanson

Dec. 21, 1937 - Dec. 12, 2013

Little did we know that morning God was going to call you name.

In life we loved you dearly, in death we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone.

For part of us went with you, the day God called you home.

You left us peaceful memories, your love is still our guide.

And though we cannot see you, you are always by our side.

Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same.

But as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again.

Missed by
Elmer Hanson and family



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CALL FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received by Robert Schmitz, Red Lake County Auditor, 124 Langevin Ave., Red Lake Falls, Minnesota, on behalf of the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners, until 10:00 a.m. on January 8, 2019, for the following publication:

FIRST PUBLICATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTES 375.17 IN 2019.

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

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

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

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

Dated at Red Lake Falls, Minnesota, this 4th day of December, 2018.

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NOTICE TO RESIDENTS OF TOWNSHIPS HAVING MARCH ELECTIONS

The dates of filing affidavits of candidacy for township offices are Wednesday, January 2, 2019 through Wednesday, January 16, 2019.

Offices open are supervisor for a three year term and a treasurer or clerk for a two year term. The filings may be done at the Clerk's office at any reasonable time.

Filings close at 5:00 PM on January 16, 2019. Filing fee is \$2.00.

Red Lake County
Township Officers Assn.
Marie Chaput, Secretary
O38-39C

Be who you are and say what you feel because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind.
-- Dr. Seuss

ATTENTION

RED LAKE COUNTY SMALL BUSINESS AND POTENTIAL STARTUP ENTERPRISES

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

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

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

Red Lake County Commissioners Minutes

RED LAKE COUNTY Regular Meeting Held November 13, 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 November 13, 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 Simpson moved, seconded by Lerohl to approve the agenda with the addition of the County Engineer.

Troy Schroeder, Transportation Director for the Regional Development Commission met with the board to request that a County Commissioner be appointed to the NW RTCC (NW Regional Transportation Coordination Council). The RTCC consists of stakeholders interested in improving mobility for transportation of disadvantaged older adults, individuals with disabilities, low income individuals and military veterans. Schroeder informed that the group will be diverse and as comprehensive as possible from selections throughout the region's area. The Regional Development Commission feel that a county Commissioner from each county should be part of the RTCC as commissioners make the decisions on getting services to our rural Minnesota counties and how tax dollars are spent. Chairman Sorensen asked if the appointment could be made in January when committee assignments are determined. Schroeder commented that a January appointment would be sufficient.

Sherrie Thompson representing the Red Lake Falls Civic & Commerce was in attendance to provide information on the Pine to Prairie International Birding Trail and request that the county support inclusion of the Huot Park as a new site along the route. The Pine to Prairie trail, a cooperative effort between Canada and Minnesota, runs from Winnipeg to Fergus Falls. Thompson commented that studies have shown that the birding trail will create tourism and revenue for sites along the route. The DNR will provide signage to install at the park and there is no cost to the county. The City of Red Lake Falls recently approved such a site just west of the city. Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Lerohl and carried by unanimous vote to approve a Letter of Support for the Huot site. The County Auditor will draft the support letter.

Interim County Engineer Jerilyn Swenson was present to provide an update on department activities. Swenson is concerned about mud on CR #13 west of Red Lake Falls and that there should be a Mud & Debris Policy. Swenson also mentioned that the county should have a road damage policy as damage to county roads is now more severe due to beet harvesting being prevalent in the area. Auditor Schmitz mentioned that the county currently has a Road Damage Policy in effect that was approved at the request of the former County Engineer. Swenson will review whether the policy is sufficient to meet county needs.

Swenson reported that O'Day Equipment completed corrosion testing on the underground fuel storage tanks and the tanks passed inspection.

Swenson informed that Norman County approved a 90 day extension to the current agreement for shared County Engineer services until February 15, 2019.

County Attorney Lacoursiere informed that fabric on the Jury Room chairs is deteriorated and pulling apart and is in need of replacement. A quote in amount of \$5,174.85 was provided for 14 low back office chairs and 20 stackable guest chairs. Lacoursiere mentioned that he has \$5,000.00 in his 2018 Furniture-Equipment budget that

won't be spent to apply towards the purchase. The board asked that Lacoursiere get another quote to review at the next meeting before making any decisions.

Lacoursiere provided an update on the MnDak Asphalt litigation against the county. The MnDak attorney requested a Summary Judgement Motion Hearing and the judge has to make a decision within 90 days.

Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Weiss and carried by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held on October 23, 2018.

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

Vendor	Amount
EVCO Petroleum Products	\$ 3,752.55
H&L Mesabi	15,951.90
Lakehead Trucking, Inc.	7,832.73
Norman County A/T	12,629.50
Polk County	
Environmental Service	2,156.06
Seachange Printing & Marketing Service	3,253.10
55 Vendors less than \$2,000.	19,087.40

Final Total \$64,663.24

The motion includes the following additional bills: \$2,191.00 to Computer Providing Technology; \$705.00 to DS Solutions; \$246.50 to Fitzgerald & Reynolds Attorneys at Law; \$3,513.00 to Insight Technology; \$573.00 to Kens Electric; \$900.00 to MN IT Services; \$185.00 to Relix Inc; \$16.35 expenses and \$70.00 per diem to Allen Remick.

The following Commissioner/Committee reports were shared:

Commissioner	Meeting/Report
Simpson:	None.
Weiss:	Township Officer meeting in Plummer.

Remick: Attended an EMS meeting with discussion on handling possible issues with protesters against the pipeline.

Lerohl: Attended an AMC District III meeting in Viking, MN discussing the Enbridge Energy litigation and other county issues among counties. Township Officers meeting.

Sorensen: Township Officers meeting.

Commissioner Simpson presented a request from the Plummer Fire Department asking for a Letter of Support for a Rural Development Community Facilities Application with the USDA for financial assistance to purchase a Fire Truck. A requirement of the application is to provide evidence to Rural Development of significant community support for the project. Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Lerohl and carried unanimously to provide a "Letter of Support" to the Plummer Fire Department.

Commissioner Lerohl mentioned that additional support for the Line 3 Replacement Project is being requested at this time. Lerohl asked that he be allowed to draft a Letter to the Editor on behalf of Red Lake County Commissioners in support of the project. Board members concurred.

Auditor Schmitz mentioned that the MN Counties Computer Cooperative (MnCCC) has updated the JPA and Bylaws and is requesting approval by all member counties. Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Remick and carried by unanimous vote to approve the updated MnCCC JPA and Bylaws as presented.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned to December 11, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Attest:
Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

Dave Sorensen, Chair,
Board of Commissioners O38C

(U.S.P.S. 407-240)

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Christmas open house

Stop in for
CHRISTMAS TREATS

Coffee, Homemade
Goodies, Hot Cider



Security STATE BANK

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MUSTANG STAMPED

RLCC Menus

December 17 - 21
Oklee

Monday: Breakfast: Egg, cheese & sausage biscuit, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Taco in a bag or soft shell taco, refried beans, Spanish rice, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Meatballs w/ mashed potatoes, gravy, coleslaw, cranberries, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Hamburger patty w/ bun, oven browns, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Muffins, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Hotdog or polish w/ bun, baked beans, chips, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Cheesy bread, pizza sauce, lettuce, carrots & celery sticks, fruit, and milk.

Plummer

Monday: Breakfast: Banana bread, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, BBQ or ranch sauce, au gratin potatoes, seasoned carrots, buttered bread, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Apple turnover, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Spaghetti, salad, w/cROUTONS, garlic toast, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Cook's Choice – variety, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Hotdogs w/bun, hash browns, baked beans, holiday cookie, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Egg patty, sausage, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, dinner roll, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Pizza, salad w/tomatoes, garlic breadsticks, fruit, and milk.

Mustang Sports Schedule

Girls Basketball

Varsity – Jr Varsity

Fri, Dec. 14: TRF – TBA at Northland Comm. College TBD

Sat, Dec. 15: TRF = TBA at Northland Comm. College TBD

Mon, Dec. 17: Fosston at Fosston 6:00PM

Thu, Dec. 20: Laporte at Laporte 7:00PM

Girls Junior High Basketball

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

Wrestling

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

Thu, Jan. 3: Meet – Fertile-Beltrami at Oklee 7:30 p.m.

Fri, Jan. 4: Tournament – Mahnomen 4:00 p.m.

Rebel Sports Schedule

Boys Varsity – JV Basketball

Fri, Dec. 14: Stephen-Argyle Central at Stephen-Argyle 6:00PM

Tue, Dec. 18: Tournament: TRF, TBA Northland Community College TBD

Thu, Dec. 20: Tournament: TRF, TBA Northland Community College TBD

Fri, Dec. 21: Tournament: TRF, TBA Northland Community College TBD

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



RLCC Mustang Zach Howard taking down opponent on Saturday, December 1st in Fosston.



George Duden from Red Lake County Central wrestling at the Alfred Olson Memorial Invitational in Fosston.

Mustangs Varsity Team Starts off Season with Two wins

By Madison Carlson

Thursday, November 9th the Red Lake County Central Mustang varsity team played their first game of the season in Plummer against the Climax – Fisher Knights. The Mustangs beat the Knights 74 to 59. Jenna Pahlen had 24 points, 15 rebounds and six steals. Kia Bachand had 23 points. According to Coach Mark Bagaason, "Calyssa Eskeli and Brandie DeHate played good defense."

Friday, November 30th the RLCC Mustangs played in Blackduck against the Blackduck Drakes. The Mustangs beat Blackduck 52 to 32. Pahlen

had 19 points and 22 rebounds.

Tuesday, December 4th the Mustangs lost to the Mahnomen – Waubun Thunderbirds 44 – 73. Pahlen had 14 points, Eskeli had 13 points, and Bachand had 11 points.

Open Gym starts December 22 in Oklee

By Jeremy Kruchowski

There will be open gym starting Saturday, December 22nd at the Red Lake County Central High School gym in Oklee on Saturdays from 1 pm - 3 pm. Seventh grade to adult are welcome to come, and sixth grade and below have to be with an adult or guardian.

If you have any questions call Kurt Halvorson (612-247-0812).

Red Lake Falls Library News

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

Many new holiday titles have arrived for readers of all ages; beautiful easy picture books include "My Family Celebrates Christmas" by Lisa Bullard, "Christmas Carols: 12 Holiday Songs," a reprint of a classic Little Golden Book from 1946, "Silent Night" by Laura Hawthorne, "Oliver Elephant" by Lou Peacock, and "Lots of Christmas Jokes for Kids" by Whee Winn. Colorful board

books for little ones include "The Twelve Pets of Christmas" by Taylor Garland, "Christmas Cookie Day" by Tara Knudson, "I Am Max" by Astrid Holm, and "I Am Cindy-Lou Who" by Tish Rabe.

New adult holiday-themed fiction includes "Lark! The Herald Angels Sing" by Donna Andrews, "Evergreen Tidings from the Baumgartners" by Gretchen Anthony, "A Very Special Christmas" by Mary Balough, "Christmas at the Cat Cafe" by Melissa Daley, "Sugar Cookie Murder" by Joanne Fluke, "Death of a Neighborhood Scrooge" by Laura Levine; and in nonfiction, "Homer and the Holiday Miracle" by Gwen Cooper and "Holiday and Celebration Bread in Five Minutes a Day: Sweet and Decadent Baking for Every Occasion" by Zoe Francois and Jeff Hertzberg, M.D.

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Mustang Wrestling at Alfred Olson Memorial Invitational

By Lily Guillemette

Saturday, December 1, Mustang wrestlers attended the Alfred Olson Memorial Invitational in Fosston. The Mustangs had four placing varsity wrestlers, each wrestling in four different classes.

Damon Ferguson, wrestling in class 138, placed sixth. He was pinned after nearly five minutes (4:54) in the quarterfinal by Blake Weber of Detroit Lakes. He received a bye in the first consolation round and lost by 0-8 major decision to Matt Hendricks of Otter Tail County in the consolation semifinal. Damon then lost by a close decision (7-8) in the fifth place match to Race Knochenmus of Roseau.

Tristyn Ferguson, wrestling at 170 pounds, placed third. He was pinned in the quarterfinal in just under three minutes (2:51) by Isaiah Thompson of Detroit Lakes. Tristyn pinned Micah Tollefson of Fertile-Beltrami in 2:11 in the first consolation round. He then won by injury default over Zane Swanson of Otter Tail Central. He won his final match by decision (12-9) against Henry

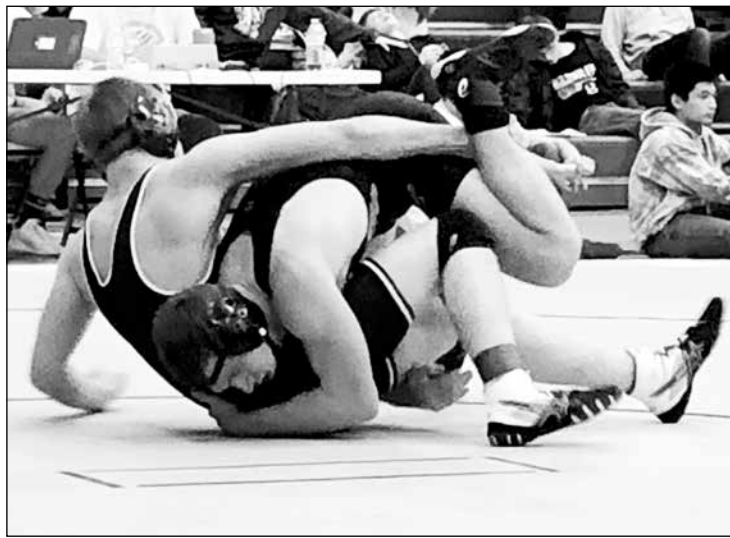
Burrack of Fosston-Bagley.

Zachary Howard, wrestling in class 220, placed fourth. Howard won by fall in 1:26 over Noah Roach of Otter Tail Central in the quarterfinal. He then lost by fall in 1:02 to Bryce Smith of Nashwauk-Keewatin in the semifinal. In the consolation semifinal, Howard won by pinning Tyreese Goodman of Blackduck-Cass Lake-Bena in 3:42. Howard was then pinned (0:15) in the third place match by Wyatt Thorson of Otter Tail County.

George Duden, wrestling at 285 pounds, placed fourth. Duden received a bye in the quarterfinal. In the semifinal, he fell in 1:07 to Axel Munter of Fosston-Bagley. He then won by a 5-1 decision over Allen Masten of Blackduck-Cass Lake-Bena in the consolation semifinal. In the third place match, Duden lost by fall (1:53) to Andreas Barnett of Detroit Lakes.

Four junior varsity members also placed. Oscar Duden got first, Zoey Russillo placed second, Bobby Aakhus placed second, and Gunnar Sandeen placed third.

The team is coached by Nick Cervantes and Cameron Lundeen.



Tristyn Ferguson taking down an opponent at the Fosston tournament on December 1st. He placed 3rd overall.



RLCC students who attended the Team-Up Leadership Conference at the Ralph Engelstad Arena in Thief River Falls were the following (left to right): Katelyn Suchy, Adriel Bakken, Karena Melby, Tristyn Ferguson, Emily Kolstoe, Danny Guillemette, Kia Bachand, Brock Tvedt, and Isaiah Aquino.

RLCC students travel to Thief River Falls for Team-Up

By: Isaiah Aquino

Red Lake County Central sent nine sophomores including Isaiah Aquino, Kia Bachand, Karena Melby, Adriel Bakken, Emily Kolstoe, Tristyn Ferguson, Danny Guillemette, Brock Tvedt, and Katelyn Suchy to Thief River Falls for the Team-Up Student Leadership Seminar at the Engelstad Arena on December 4. Mr. Kory Baril accompanied the group. The event was hosted by

Craig Hillier. Hillier travels around the nation teaching Positive Student Leadership, and he also helped the kids work with students from other area schools. He did several activities with the kids to teach them that they can reach their goals while also helping others on the way! For example during one of the activities he had the kids keep their legs straight and chase their partner in tag. Your partner was

your goal. The other students in the game were obstacles in your way of achieving your goal which was catching your partner. So the life lesson was to keep chasing your goal even if there are obstacles.

The students enjoyed Hillier's activities throughout the day and learned many lessons.

For more information about Hillier go to: www.craighillier.com



RLCC students attended Team-Up Leadership Conference on December 4 where they participated in many hands on critical thinking activities and got to hear speaker Craig Hillier talk about how important leadership skills are throughout your life.

RLC Rebels defeat Fisher-Climax

By: Eric Gieseke

The Red Lake County Rebels beat the Fisher-Climax Knights 74-64 in their first game of the year. In the first half the Rebels outscored the Knights 34-27, and in the second half the Rebels again outscored the Knights 40-37.

Leading the Rebels in scoring was Derek Peterson with

41 followed by Isaiah Olson with 12, Eric Gieseke with nine, Hayden Cardinal with four, Ben Cardinal with three, Dawson Rystad and Alex Peterson each scored two points and Adrien Verbout had one point. Peterson added 10 rebounds and was 12-16 from the free throw line. Olson had 16 rebounds and two steals,

Gieseke had three steals, and B. Cardinal had two steals. The Rebels also outrebounded the Knights 57-37.

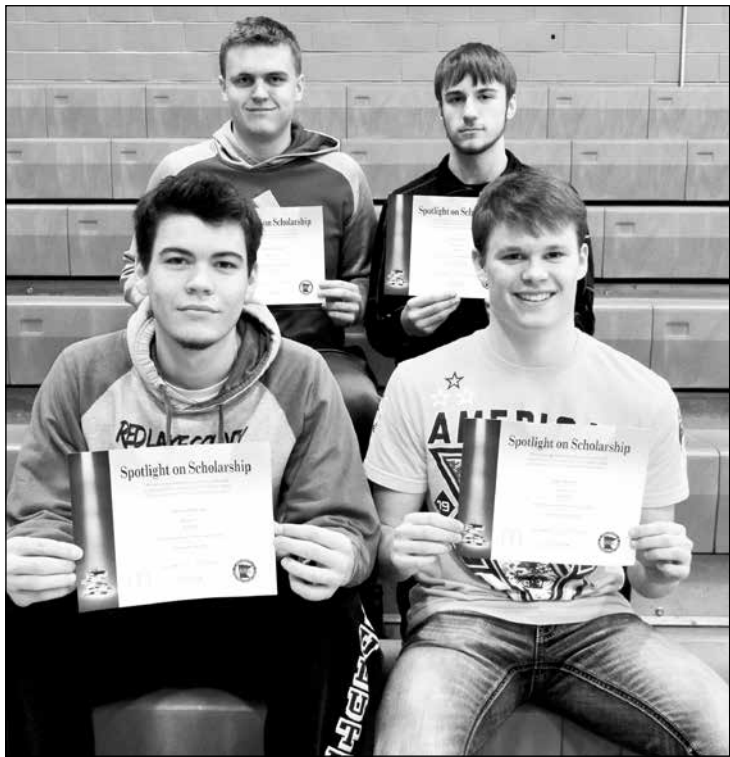
Leading in scoring for the Knights were Brady Klein with 20, Myles Smith with 17, and Trea Byklum with 15. Byklum had 10 rebounds and six steals, and Smith added four steals.

Spotlight on Scholarship recipients at Red Lake County Central

By: Phillip Sorenson
The Minnesota State High School League recently awarded 63 Spotlight on Scholarship certificates to Red Lake County Central High School students in grades 9-12 for their achievements in the classroom and their participation in fine arts and athletics during the 2018 spring sports and fine arts.

Spotlight on Scholarship is awarded to students that have a GPA of "B" or higher and competed in the varsity or junior varsity level.

There was a total of five certificates given to Vocal Soloists, eight were given Vocal Ensembles, eight were given to the Trap team members, nine were given to Speech team members, five were given to Baseball teammates, seven were given to members of the Girls Track Team, five were given to the members of the Boys Track Team, and nine given to the Softball teammates. The recipients of these certificates are pictured in the paper.



Five members of the Red Lake County Baseball team were awarded a Spotlight on Scholarship certificate. They were: (Back) Dawson Rystad, Andrew Fish, (Front) Derek Peterson, and Zach Benson. Not Pictured: Christian Baker.



Spotlight on Scholarship was awarded to nine members of the speech team including: (Back) Remi Rathack, Danny Guillemette, Luci Svendsen, (Front) Grace Gieseke, Adrienne Jones, and Jonathan Roue. Not Pictured: Lily Guillemette, Jayden Iverson, and Halie Thompson.



Trap team members who received Spotlight on Scholarship certificates were: (Back) Jed Duden, Gunnar Sandeen, (Front) Tristyn Ferguson, Sarah Christensen, and Gunnar Thompson. Not Pictured: Adam Cater, Damon Ferguson and Kaleb Fougner.



The 2018 Spotlight on Scholarship certificates for the varsity girls' Track and Field were presented to: (Back row) Marissa Schiebe, Julia Bernstein, Abby Walton, and Arielle Rude, (Front row) Zoe Russillo, AJ Jones, and Kjerstin Nelson.



Girls on the softball team who received a 2018 Spotlight on Scholarship certificates: (Back row) Jenna Pahlen, Sydnie Gunderson, Karena Melby, and Sidney Olson, (Front row) Sarah Christensen, Calyssa Eskeli, and Bailey Sherman. Not pictured: Jayden Iverson, and Lily Guillemette.



Instrument Soloists Katelyn Suchy and Karena Melby received their Spring Spotlight on Scholarship Certificates.

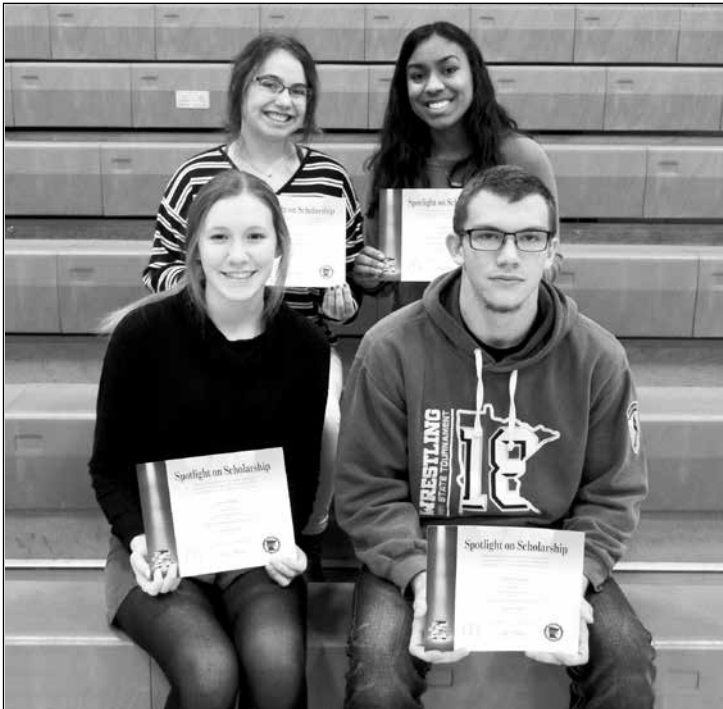
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Spring Vocal Ensemble members who earned Spotlight on Scholarship Certificates: (Back Row) Adriel Bakken, Kia Bachand, Brandie DeHate, Bella Russillo, Katelyn Suchy, and Karena Melby. (Front Row) Emily Kolstoe, Sidney Olson, Allison Aakhus, Adrienne Jones, Bailey Culkins and Janae Olson.



The Instrument Ensemble members from spring 2018 who earned their Spotlight on Scholarship Certificates: (Back Row) Emily Kolstoe and Janae Olson. (Front Row) Karena Melby and Tristyn Ferguson. Missing from photo: Jayden Iverson



The 2018 spring Vocal Soloists who received Spotlight on Scholarship Awards: Sidney Olson, Allison Aakhus, Adrienne Jones, and Abby Walton. Not Pictured: Jayden Iverson.



Photo left:
The 2018 Spotlight on Scholarship certificates for the varsity boys' Track and Field was presented to: (Back row) Chris Longtin and Connor Lambert, (Front row) Carson Lambert and Oscar Duden. Not pictured: Damon Ferguson and Gerald Melin.

More Santa Photos from Oklee & Brooks



Miss Hamm was the winner of the Candy Jar with a correct guess. She is the daughter of Ron & Tracy Hamm.



These gals are having fun making a Christmas Craft at the Oklee Santa Day. Pictured is Amy Cote with her two daughters.



Letters to The Editor

Letter to the Editor

On Friday, December 7, 2018, there was an article in the Bemidji Pioneer and the Twin Cities Pioneer Press on Governor Dayton inheriting his office with a deficit, but now leaving the office with a surplus of millions of dollars. It made his administration appear to be white knights that rode in to the save the State of Minnesota. I think I can tell you where those millions came from. His administration transferred the debt, at this point, to thirteen counties. It may be even more counties. The way this was done was through the Department of Revenue (DOR), who sets the tax rate on utilities. They raised Enbridge's taxes, and then Enbridge sues, so the case goes to court and a judge decides if it's too high or too low. Since this is where the surplus

The judge decided it was too high, so the DOR appealed all the way to the Supreme Court. The first few years have been decided by the Supreme Court in Enbridge's favor. The other years are still to be decided by the courts. Now the counties that received income from Enbridge's taxes have to pay the overcharge back to Enbridge with interest. In the case of Red Lake County, the total overcharge we are responsible to pay back could be 4 million or more. This is a county of approximately 4,000 citizens. When it was decided to raise the taxes, the county had no input into it. It was all decided by DOR. If Enbridge's taxes would not have been raised, the counties would still have gotten the same monies, but from other sources, such as state aid. Now other utilities are suing being overcharged by DOR, such as other pipe lines and power lines. Therefore, this will affect many other counties. Since this is where the surplus

came from this is where it should go, to pay off the utilities lawsuits. I think they are not the white knights in this story but the villains, especially to the thirteen counties who are paying off this debt. I would hope that the next Governor's Administration and the Legislators would do something to fix this loop hole. The Legislators tried this year with a bill that was sent to the Governor, but he vetoed it.

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Oklee Herald Early Files

Seventy Years Ago December 9, 1948

All candidates whose names appeared on the ballot were elected with a total of 45 votes cast in the village election here Tuesday.

On Friday evening, Nov. 30 the Oklee Bobcats lost to the fast, sharp-shooting Mentor Trojans by a decisive score of 49 - 20. The Oklee team was somewhat handicapped by the absence of several players due to sickness or other reason.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bergeron at Crookston hospital on Dec. 1 and a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Groom of Plummer on November 30th.

Sixty Years Ago December 11, 1958

A new post office building at Brooks was put into use recently. The modernistic frame structure was built by Postmaster Ralph Laniel and is leased to the government. It is 24 x 20 in dimensions and has automatic gas heat, a rest room, and attractive decorating.

Construction of a low water control dam and dikes on the Red Lake River was completed in November under the supervision of the U.S. Army's Corps Engineers in St. Paul.

Sp/4 Lloyd R Wallace, former member of the Oklee school faculty, will direct a presenta-

tion of the Christmas portion of "Handel's Messiah" at Wiley Barracks Chapel, New Ulm/Do., Germany, on December 21.

Fifty Years Ago December 12, 1968

Santa Claus, well know North Pole philanthropist, will make a personal appearance in Oklee on Saturday. This year forsaking the eight reindeer, Santa will come by airplane to the landing strip north of the village, thence into the village by snowmobile.

Matt Hardware in Plummer will have an open house in their new store building Saturday. Construction of the new 30 x 70 steel building was recently completed and the stock had been moved from the old building to the new structure.

Snowmobiles here to stay, problems will have to go, says the Oklee Village council. As a starter, the Oklee police are directed to allow no snowmobiles to operate after 10 p.m. in the village, street are not to be used as operating areas but may be used only for traveling from the driver's home out to acceptable areas. A little common sense would go a long way.

Forty Years Ago December 14, 1978

A recount in the election for District 1-B representative in the state legislature resulted in incumbent Rep. John Corbid of Oklee increasing his lead

by 12 votes over challenger Terry Eckstein who initiated the recount.

At Monday night's Oklee City Council meeting, Jackie Carriere was hired as Oklee's City Clerk-Treasurer. The position was open due to the resignation of Phyllis Melby, who has been the City Clerk.

With the sponsorship of Security State Bank, Oklee's High School Choir will be appearing on KTHI-TV, Channel 11, on December 23rd.

Airman Lonnie J. Eskeli, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Eskeli of Plummer has completed air force basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas.

Thirty Years Ago December 14, 1988

The Oklee Community Club hired a magician for Santa Day. Magician Steve Hamilton performed many tricks that amazed all ages.

Oklee Kindergarteners featured this week were Jenny Hanks and Ashely Gunderson.

The ladies of the Plummer Presbyterian Church enjoyed a Christmas Party at the home of Edna Hyde on Wednesday.

Red Lake County Central Mustangs girls' team played the Badger Rockets in Plummer on Monday. The Mustangs won 59-50.

The Northwestern Stockmen's Association proudly announced that Ralph (Bud) Wishard of Trail, MN was the recipient of the 1988 "Cattlemen of the Year" award at the State Cattlemen's Association Convention December 3, 1988.

Twenty Years Ago December 16, 1998

John Lerohl attended his last school board meeting as a board member on Wednesday, December 9, 1998. In the 9.5 years that he has served he has been the Clerk, Vice President and lastly, the Chairman for the past 3.5 years.

Sailing out on the lonely sea does not daunt Bob Shetterly who recently sailed single-handedly from Mexico to Gladstone, Australia. At 72 years of age the sailing enthusiast has daringly completed a feat that not many of his young counterparts would consider trying. Bob Shetterly grew up on a farm north of Oklee and is a 1943 Oklee High School graduate and is Milly Melby's brother. He sailed more than 6000 nautical miles from Mexico to Gladstone.

Ten Years Ago December 10, 2008

RLCC Elementary School in Plummer has taken on the restoration and care of the skating rink. The janitorial staff (Mike Greenwald and Barry Rewertz) built the frame and the Plummer Fire Department is spraying the water on in layers until the rink is done.

Tanner, Ian, and Brock would like to announce the arrival of their new little brother. Carter Craig Magnell was born October 23rd. Grandparents are Randy and Nancy Magnell and John & Mona Lessard and the late Larry Trontvedt.

RLCC came away with a 75-21 win over Grygla-Goodridge in the first round of the NCTC Tourney held at Northland on December 1st.

From Thibert Chevorlet ad: 2009 Chevy Impala LS Supplier price: \$23,990 - Rebates = \$19,240.

Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

Words of Wisdom

Men must know this: Whether the relationship last for twenty minutes or twenty years, the woman involved will remember every word you say.

Thank the driver when stepping off the bus.

Joke Time

"If he starts to cry, you'll have to leave the theater," a movie usher warned a young couple with an infant, "but you can ask for your money back."

Thirty minutes into the film, the husband whispered to his

wife, "What do you think?"

"This film is a waste of time." "I agree, Why not wake the baby up?"

At a Washington cocktail party, two strangers struck up a conversation. After a few minutes of small talk, one said, "Have you heard the latest White House joke?"

The second fellow held up his hand, "Wait, before you begin, I should tell you that I work in the White House."

"Oh, don't worry," the first man replied. "I'll tell it very slowly."

From the Know-It-All Calendar

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

Dec. 19: Edith Piaf, b. 1915

Dec. 20: International Human Solidarity Day

Dec. 21: Winter Begins

Dec. 22: 1906 - The International Radio Telegraphic Convention in Berlin adopted the SOS distress signal.

Dec. 23: Festivus

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve

Dec. 25: Christmas Day

Dec. 26: Kwanzaa begins

Dec. 27: National Fruitcake Day

Dec. 28: Maggie Smith b. 1934

Dec. 29: 1986- Actor Cary Grant died at the age of 82.

Dec. 30: Rudyard Kipling b. 1865

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Oklee Centennial Cookbook

Recipe Corner - From page 291

Old Fashioned Rice Pudding Grace Dessellier

3-1/2 cups milk
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1/3 cup sugar
1/2 tsp salt
1/2 cup raisins
1 tsp vanilla extract
ground cinnamon



In a saucepan, combine milk, rice, sugar and salt; bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring constantly. Pour into a greased 1-1/2 quart baking dish. Cover and bake at 325 degrees for 45 minutes, stirring every 15 minutes. Add raisins and vanilla; cover and bake for 15 minutes. Sprinkle with cinnamon. Serve warm or chilled.

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Who's Dat?



Who's Dat

This week's photo is of a familiar face if you rode the school bus years ago.

Last weeks photo was of Judy Brandt and Eleanor Dufault.

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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of Lorna Huotari Jesme and Russell. Neil lives in Eagan, MN. Karen is the daughter of the late Jerry & Emilie Skjerven and lives in Rural Thief River Falls. Happy Birthday to both of them!

Alice Jobe and Anna DeHate attended the Christmas party at Brooks Community Center Sunday night. They served hot dogs, chips, beans, choice of toppings, and cookies & coffee or punch. There were presents you could pick from under the tree for kids and adults. Santa came about 6:30. Pictures could be taken of kids with Santa. It was a good crowd.

On Monday evening, Tri River members met at the museum at 7:00 p.m. They discussed the evening of the

13th when the museum will be open and having people help with touring, also on Dec. 14th, 17th, & 18th and 19th, Challenger 1st graders will come to the museum. Members will be available to help with tours.

On Thursday, Wilma Arlt, Anna DeHate, Karen Tvedt, Anne Traxler, and Alice Jobe went to the Depot Cafe for lunch. They had an excellent salad bar and choice of ham sandwich or hamburger on a bun. It was a cold day but the sun was out and the company was good. We definitely got very full.

The Holiday Train events are on the front page and hope to see a large crowd again for the Holiday Train.

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