

Oklee Precipitation
By Einar Kvasager

	Rain	Snow
Dec. 12		2.00
Dec. 13		1.00
Total in.	0.00	3.00

Oklee Herald

...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

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Two Commissioners retire and employees recognized for their years of service



A retirement party for Red Lake County Commissioner's David Sorensen and John Lerohl was held December 11th. Both Commissioners served Red Lake County from 2007-2018.



Red Lake County Board Chairman, Dave Sorensen, recognizing employees at the December 11th board meeting for their years of service with Red Lake County. Pictured in the back row: Mike LaCoursiere- 5 years, County Attorney; Kevin Brevik- 25 years, Deputy; Dave Sorensen and Angie Lundeen-5 years, Human Resources; front row: Teddi-Ann Pray- 10 years, Social Worker; Penny Grove-25 years, Social Services; and Holly Crandall-5 years, Chief Deputy Auditor.

Employees that were recognized at the board meeting but not pictured are Kristi Nelson- 5 years, Social Services Director; Ben Largis- 10 years, Dispatch Leader; Kelly Brekke- 10 years, Deputy; and Mary Jo Schmitz- 15 years, Social Worker.

Annual Christmas Lighting Contest

Annual Christmas light decorating recognition for Oklee and rural Oklee residents. Sponsored by the Oklee Activity Club, Ottertail Power Company and Red Lake Electric Co-operative. The club members will try to find and look at everyone's lights.

Calendar of Events

Wed, Dec. 19:
-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. 20:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
Fri, Dec. 21:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
Sat, Dec. 22:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!
Sun, Dec. 23:
-Worship at the church of your choice.
Mon, Dec. 24:
-No LSS meal - Christmas Eve.
Tue, Dec. 25:
No LSS meal -Christmas Day!
Wed, Dec. 26:
-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. 27:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.

**Next Week
Photos from
the Plummer
Holiday
Train**

The best gift this year? A safe holiday season

The holiday season brings fun and festivities with family and friends, but it also means an increased risk of injury.

"At this time of the year, we're all rushing around, adding events and to-do items to our busy days, and changing our routines," says Paul Aasen, president of the Minnesota Safety Council. "It's easy to get distracted and that puts us at greater risk on the road, in our homes and in the homes of those we visit."

"Slowing down a bit, taking a second look, and remembering everyone is in a rush goes a long way to keeping ourselves, our loved ones and those around us safe this holiday season."

Children can be especially vulnerable during this season when they're out of their normal environment and schedules vary, says Erin Petersen, coordinator of Safe Kids Minnesota, which is led by the safety council. Common risks for kids include poisoning, falls and choking.

Unintentional injuries, such as falls, traffic crashes and poisonings, are a leading cause of death in Minnesota. To make this season safe, the Minnesota Safety Council and Safe Kids Minnesota recommend:

- Behind the wheel:**
- Buckle up and plan ahead for a designated driver when you're out celebrating.
 - Avoid distracted driving. Put down that phone, food and other items that require your attention. Keep your eyes on the road, your hands on the wheel and your mind on driving.
 - Be extra cautious in

packed parking lots full of holiday-focused drivers.

- Slow down and increase your following distance, especially when roads are slick or icy.

At home:

- Make sure you have working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.
- Keep candles away from anything that can burn. Don't leave the kitchen while cooking on the stovetop.
- Be extra careful on ladders; keep both indoor and outdoor steps and walkways clear and clutter-free.

For kids:

- Safeguard all medications (including those belonging to guests), vitamins, cleaning solutions and laundry packets out of reach and sight of children.
- Follow recommended age levels when selecting toys; keep small parts and choking hazards away from children.
- Giving a bike, scooter or other riding toy? Include a helmet.

The Minnesota Safety Council is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to preventing injuries on the road, at work, at home and in the community. For more information, visit www.minnesotasafetycouncil.org.



NOTICE

Newspaper will be delayed the week of Christmas & New Years. Available in stores & our shop on Wednesday afternoon & your mailbox on Dec. 27th & Jan 3rd



These ladies went on the Tri Valley Bus in the morning to Digi Key open house Christmas party and the Bus driver dropped them off at the Bank just in time to enjoy our Open house also. Pictured is Bonnie Jensen, Carol Bachand, Jeannette Carriere, Irene Rosten and Jeanie O'Neill.

Photo below: Shirley Dessellier and some of the bus ladies visiting with Wyatt Vettleson at the Bank.



Many people came to Security State Bank's Annual Christmas Open House. Pictured are Pat and Pam Asselin, Joyce Hardecopf, Phyllis Melby and Barb Melby.

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Wed, Dec. 19: 6:30 p.m. Chime Choir. No Confirmation.
Sun, Dec. 23: 9:00 a.m. Zion. 10:30 a.m. Salem. No Sunday Schools.
Mon, Dec. 24: Candle Light Services: 4:00 p.m. Salem. 10:00 p.m. Zion.
Tue, Dec. 25: 10:00 a.m. Joint Service at Salem.
Wed, Dec. 26: No Chime Choir. No Confirmation.

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OKLEE, GRYGLA & GOODRIDGE
Fr. Adam Hamness
Sun, Dec. 23: 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.
Mon, Dec. 24: Christmas Eve - 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Ann - Goodridge, 9:00 p.m. Mass at St. Francis - Oklee.
Tue, Dec. 25: Christmas Day - Midnight Mass at St. Francis - Oklee, 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Clements - Grygla.

BROOKS - RED LAKE FALLS CATHOLIC PARISH
Fr. Bob Schreiner
Sat, Dec. 22: 5:30 p.m. RLF
Sun, Dec. 23: 8:00 a.m. Brooks. 10:00 a.m. RLF.
Tue, Dec. 25: Christmas Day - 8:00 a.m. Brooks. 10:00 a.m. RLF.

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun, Dec. 23: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Immanuel. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer.
Mon, Dec. 24: Christmas Eve - 7:00 p.m. at Immanuel.
Tue, Dec. 25: Christmas Day - 9:00 a.m. at Ebenezer.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

December 24 - 28
Call 796-5666 to order a meal.

If you are over the age of 60 and would like to eat with other seniors at the Senior Site, please call the Café at 796-5666 to reserve your meal. A \$4.00 per meal donation is suggested.
Monday: Closed for Christmas Eve.
Tuesday: Closed for Christmas Day.
Wednesday: Chicken Strip, hash browns, peas, toast, and dessert.
Thursday: ½ Hot pork, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, and dessert.
Friday: Grilled cheese w/ tomato, chili, tossed salad, and dessert.

NOTICE OF FILING FOR POPLAR RIVER TOWNSHIP ELECTION

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Poplar River township, Red Lake County, that filing for town office will be held from January 2, 2019 through January 16, 2019.

Affidavits of Candidacy can be filed with the Town Clerk at the clerks home. Filing will close on January 15, 2019 at 5:00pm. Filing Fee is \$2.00.

Offices to be filled include one supervisor for a three year term and Treasurer for a two year term.

Pam Gieseke, Clerk
 Poplar River Township

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Wed, Dec. 19: 7:00 p.m. Advent Service at Ekelund
Sun, Dec. 23: 8:30 a.m. Ekelund; 9:45 a.m. Faith; 11:00 a.m. Bethany. No Sunday Schools.
Mon, Dec. 24: Christmas Eve: 3:00 p.m. Faith, 4:30 p.m. Bethany, 10:00 p.m. Ekelund.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Wed, Dec. 19: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School.
Sat, Dec. 22: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.
Sun, Dec. 23: 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.
Mon, Dec. 24: Christmas Eve - 5:00 p.m. Mt. Olive. 7:00 p.m. Oak Park.
Tue, Dec. 25: Christmas Day - 8:00 a.m. St. Petri. 9:30 a.m. Nazareth.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Dec. 19: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group. 6:30 p.m. AWA-NA. Christmas Caroling.
Thu, Dec. 20: 12:00 p.m. Rotary meeting.
Fri, Dec. 21: 8:30 a.m. Friday School.
Sun, Dec. 23: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.
Mon, Dec. 24: Christmas Eve - 5:00 p.m. Service.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH Bethany * Lund Sand Valley Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Wed, Dec. 19: 2:00 p.m. Sand Valley WELCA. 7:00 p.m. Advent Service - Sand Valley.
Sun, Dec. 23: 9:00 p.m. Lund. 10:30 a.m. Sand Valley.
Mon, Dec. 24: 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight service - Lund.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston
Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor
Sun, Dec. 23: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship.

Concordia Christmas Concert televised December 24th

The Concordia College Christmas Concert "Gather Us In, O Child of Peace" will be broadcast this holiday season at 10 p.m. Monday, Dec. 24, on TPT2 and 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 25, on TPT MN.

During this hour-long event, more than 400 student musicians in five choirs and a full orchestra perform in front of a panoramic mural. The themes of worship service in song explore the virtues of community, tolerance, compassion, and unity, all made possible by the incarnation of Jesus, the true Child of Peace.

The concert was videotaped by Twin Cities Public Television during the performances at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn., in 2016. The Concordia Christmas Concert draws more than 20,000 people annually to the concert in Moorhead and in Minneapolis.

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Red Lake Falls Library News

The Red Lake Falls and all branches of Northwest Regional Library will be closed on Tuesday, December 25, with regular hours resuming Wednesday and for the remainder of the week. The RLF Library will also be closed the following week on Tuesday, January 1, with regular hours resuming January 2.

On Wednesday, January 2, Alex Conwell will present a fiddle concert beginning at 6:00 pm. Hailing from Red Lake Falls (parents Rob & Alice Conwell) and graduating from Oberlin College, Alex brings a mixture of folk songs and original pieces to life through the use of a looping pedal and violin. This concert is provided free of charge to the public with Legacy funding.

New adult nonfiction includes "The Book of Beautiful Questions" by Warren Berger, which poses "the powerful

questions that will help you decide, create, connect, and lead;" "Did You Just Eat That?" by Paul Dawson & Brian Sheldon, wherein "two scientists explore double-dipping, the five-second rule, and other food myths in the lab;" and "To Shake the Sleeping Self" by Jedidiah Jenkins, about "a journey from Oregon to Patagonia, and a quest for a life with no regret."

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



Some of the staff at Security State Bank/Agency welcoming their customers on December 12th at the Open House held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Pictured is Donna Drangstveit, Anne Hammer, Jenna Schommer and Robyn Morinville.

There's **SNOW PLACE** like home for the holidays!
 THANKS FOR SHOPPING YOUR HOMETOWN!

Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial Update

Donations to the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial have been received recently in memory of Orville Hanson, brother of Elmer Hanson who has been involved in the development of the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial. Contributions in Orville's name were given by Bonnie Jensen, Oklee, Einar and Carol Kvasager, Oklee and Elmer Hanson, Brooks. Orville attended high school in Oklee and entered the Army in 1951. He served as a Cpl in the Army and that included 1 year spent in Korea.

Additional donations were given in memory of David Dessellier who was born and raised in Oklee. Those contributions were received from Dwight and Loretta Huer, Mike and Grace Dessellier, Ernest Dessellier, Vincent and Shirley Dessellier, Joyce Tougas, Sis Christianson and Gary Moran. David en-

listed in the Army in 1966 and served for 3 years, including 1 year in Viet Nam as a combat medic. He rejoined the Army in 1974 and served in Italy.

Donations to the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial may be sent to Security State Bank, Box 69, Oklee, MN 56742, Attn: Lori Melby. Please direct any questions to Mary Lynn Bachand at marylbachand@gmail.com.



RLCC High School Office Hours During Winter Break

The office at the Red Lake County High School will not be open during holiday break, due to holidays and time off.

Plan to do your school business before the break or when we return. Some custodial workers may be working a limited amount of time. Administration will be on a limited basis.

Tri-Valley Public Transportation

T.H.E. Bus is available for anyone. There are no age or income guidelines. However, children under the age of four must be accompanied by an adult and children under the age of one must be secured in an infant seat.

Curb-to-curb services is available, allowing those with special needs with more convenient method of transportation. All buses are handicapped accessible and lift-equipped and drivers certified.

To reserve a seat, please call one business day prior to the scheduled trip - 1-800-201-3432.

The new schedule started December 2016.
For Polk, Red Lake and Clearwater county stops:
 Every Monday - Grand Forks.
 Every 2nd Tuesday - Mahanomen.
 Every 4th Tuesday - Thief River Falls.
 Every 1st, 3rd, & 5th Wednesday - Fargo/Moorhead.
 Every 2nd & 4th Friday - Bemidji.

Legals

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.

SEAL

Robert Schmitz
 Red Lake County Auditor

O38-39C

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TWO PUBLICATIONS OF THE LIST OF DELINQUENT TAXES PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTES 279.05, 279.06, 279.07, 279.08 AND 279.09 IN 2019.

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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

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

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PUBLICATION OF THE COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTES 375.12, AND THE PUBLICATION OF ALL LEGAL NOTICES OF THE COUNTY, INCLUDING BID NOTICES, SAMPLE BALLOTS, AND ALL OTHER PUBLISHING REQUESTS OR NEEDS OR REQUIREMENTS OF THE COUNTY, KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, DURING 2019.

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Sudoku Solution

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

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Christmas ~ Celebrating The Birth Of The Savior

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."
John 3:16

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ in Bethlehem over 2000 years ago, we wish you and your family a Merry Christmas.

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MUSTANG STAMPED

Open Gym, Saturdays in Oklee

By: Phillip Sorenson
The Red Lake County Central High School will open up the gym in Oklee starting December 22nd 2018. The gym will be open on Saturdays between 1-3 pm. It's open to seventh grade-adults. Sixth grade and below must have an adult or guardian with them. Any questions call Kurt Halvorson (612-247-0812).

RLCC Menus

No School from December 24 – January 1st.

Mustang Sports Schedule

Girls Basketball

Varsity – Jr Varsity

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

Sat, Jan. 5: Stephen-Argyle at Plummer 1:00PM

Tue, Jan. 8: Red Lake Falls at Plummer 6:00PM

Thu, Jan. 10: Warren/Alvarado/Oslo at Oklee 6:00PM

Tue, Jan. 15: Bagley at Oklee 6:00PM

Girls Junior

High Basketball

Fri, Jan. 4: Badger/Greenbush/Middle River at Plummer 4:30PM

Tue, Jan. 8: Red Lake Falls at Plummer 3:45PM

Thu, Jan. 10: Fosston Magelssen Elementary in Fosston 4:30PM

Mon, Jan. 14: Goodridge/Grygla-Gatzke at Oklee 4:30PM

Mustang Wrestling

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

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

Tue, Jan. 8: Match – at Walker-Hackensack-Akeley 6:00 p.m.

Tue, Jan. 15: Triangular – at Lake Park-Audubon High School – TBD.

Fri, Jan. 18: Triangular – Bertha-Hewitt-Park Rapids at Oklee 2:00 p.m.

Sat, Jan. 19: Tournament – at Ralph Engelstad Area – TRF 10:00 a.m.

Tue, Jan. 29: Triangular – BGMR, Fosston at Oklee 5:00 p.m.

Sat, Feb. 2: Fertile-Beltrami at Fertile-Beltrami 9:00 a.m.

Rebel Sports Schedule

Boys Varsity – JV Basketball

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

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

Thu, Jan. 3: Goodridge/Grygla-Gatzke at Goodridge 6:00PM

Mon, Jan. 7: Sacred Heart High School at Sacred Heart High School 6:00PM

Tue, Jan. 8: Win-E-Mac at Oklee 6:00PM

Fri, Jan. 11: Warren/Alvarado/Oslo at WAO High School 6:00PM

Basketball Boys

Junior High

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

Mon, Jan. 7: Sacred Heart at Red Lake Falls Community Hall 5:00PM

Tue, Jan. 8: Win-E-Mac at Plummer 4:30PM

Fri, Jan. 11: Warren/Alvarado/Oslo at WAO High School 5:00PM

Tue, Jan. 15: Climax Shelly at Red Lake Falls Community Hall 4:30PM

Fri, Jan. 18: Fertile-Beltrami at Fertile-Beltrami 4:30PM



The Jr. High Choir from RLCC performed a few songs for the Oklee Preschool class.

RLCC Sport and Activity Schedule now available on mobile devices

By Eric Gieseke
Red Lake County Central has two ways to access the sports and activities schedule. One is online and one is on your mobile device.

On your mobile device, under View Schedules is an option to get the mobile app. Once you get the app, choose our state and our school, which schedules you want, and the most updated schedule is available. This can be updated and changed with the seasons.

To access the schedules online, go to the Activities Calendar/Schedule at www.rlcc2906.org. Go to View Schedules and check the box in the dropdown menu for the schedule you would like to view. Click View, then email, print or download your document.

Call Suzie Gunderson in the RLCC High School office if you have any questions.

Mustang Varsity Girls Basketball Games

By Abigail Walton
Thursday, December 6th the Red Lake County Central Mustangs played in Plummer against the Marshall County Central Northern Freeze. The Mustangs lost 58-66.

Jenna Pahlen got a double-double with 29 points and 10 rebounds, Kia Bachand had nine points, six rebounds, and six assists, and Cari Bachand got seven points and 11 rebounds.

The following night Friday, December 7th, the Mustangs won against the Win-E-Mac Patriots with a score of 56-43. Jenna Pahlen got a double-double with 21 points and 16 rebounds and Kia Bachand had a double-double with 13

points and 10 rebounds. Cari Bachand scored 10 points, Sarah Christensen got eight points and eight rebounds, and Calyssa Eskeli grabbed six rebounds.

RLCC

Christmas Break

By Lily Guillemette
Red Lake County Central schools will have a winter break for holiday celebrations. Students will be out of school from Monday, December 24 to New Year's Day and will start up again on Wednesday, January 2.

RLC boys' basketball lose to BGMR Gators

By Madison Carlson
The Red Lake County Rebels played against the Badger/Greenbush/Middle River Gators on December 7th in Greenbush and lost 44 to 79. The Rebels made 23% of their shots and the Gators made 47% of their shots. The Rebels out rebounded the Gators 42 to 37.

For the Rebels, Isiah Olson had a double-double with 14 rebounds and 12 points. He also had two blocks. Derek Peterson scored 12 points. Ben Cardinal had two steals and scored seven points. Dawson Rystad scored four points. Jake Duden scored three points. Eric Gieseke had three steals, two blocks and scored three points. Bailey Hince scored three points.

For the Gators, Gage Creekmore had six rebounds and scored 18 points. Dylan Heggedal had seven rebounds, two steals and scored 17 points. Adam Benke scored 13 points. Kobey Dallager scored 12 points. Kaden Opdahl scored 12 points. Kamrin Weets had eight rebounds and scored six points. Kasen Swenson scored one point.

Scholarship Winners of the RLCC Class Of 2018

Those scholarship winners in the Red Lake County Central Class of 2018 are reminded that the school does hold some of the scholarship money awarded at Awards Day last year. The scholarships include: Red Lake Central Community Service Scholarships, Red Lake Electric Scholarships, Tim and Donna Swenson Scholarships, Vincent and Shirley Dessellier Scholarships.

In order to be eligible to receive your scholarship money you must bring to the school or mail to the school a copy of your first semester grades (must be passing with a "C" or above for most scholarships) and proof you are enrolled for second semester at an institution and an 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. The high school office will be closed over the holidays, December 24 – January 1 but you could bring the needed items to the school ahead of those days or after. Checks will be mailed to you.

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.

Red Lake County Rebels take on East Grand Forks

By: Tanisha Srnsky
East Grand Forks Greenwave traveled the Red Lake Falls on Tuesday, December 11 to take on the Red Lake County Rebels. The Rebels fell short by one at half-time with a score of



The Oklee preschoolers went to the music room to listen to the RLCC High School junior high choir.



Eighth graders Molly Smith and Marissa Thomas serving snacks and orange juice to the preschoolers when the Junior High Choir performed for them.

35-36, Greenwave widening the lead in the second half to win the game with a score of 61-75.

A few highlights for the Rebels were Isiah Olson with a double-double including 10 rebounds and 24 points, Derek Peterson with three steals and 17 points, Adrien Verbout with four assists and 11 points, Brandon Wiskow with seven rebounds and five points, Ben Cardinal with two points and seven rebounds, and Eric Gieseke with two points.

Highlights for Greenwave were Nathan Willet going 5-for-8 from the three point line, Sam Votana 5-for-6 from the free throw line, Tanner Campos with four steals and 13 points, Tyler Aamodt with eight points, Julian Benson with five points, Colton Dauksavage with three points, Jacob Anderson with three points, Maguire Stanislawski with three points, and Bryson Stansby with two points.



RLC football players Derek Peterson, Connor Lambert, Zach Howard, and Isiah Olson were named All-District Team for the Northwest Football District.



Honorable Mention All-District went to Zach Benson, Austin Jensen, and Adrien Verbout from the Rebel's football team.



Junior varsity wrestlers from RLCC that placed in the Memorial Tournament were Zoey Russillo, Gunnar Sandeen, Bobby Aakhus, and Oscar Duden.



Red Lake County Central varsity wrestlers placing in the Alfred Olson Memorial Tournament in Fosston were Damon Ferguson, George Duden, Tristyn Ferguson, and Zach Howard.



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Huot Hustlers 4-H Club

The Huot Hustlers 4-H club held their annual Christmas party with the residents of Sunview Center in Red Lake Falls on December 9th at 1:00 pm. There were five members, five guests, and five adults present. The residents and 4-H members decorated felt wreaths, stars, and Christmas stockings with various decorations including pom-poms, buttons, stickers, and bells. They also made pom-pom penguins. The residents told stories and joked around with the 4-H members while enjoying refreshments and treats provided by the Huot Hustler members. The party concluded with carols sung by all. Sunview resident Betty, won a jar of candy by having the closest guess of how many pieces of candy were in the jar.



The residents and 4-H Members decorating felt wreaths, stars, and Christmas stockings.



4-H Members and residents singing Christmas songs.

More Santa Photos from Oklee & Brooks



Developing a More Effective Flu Vaccine

By Senator Amy Klobuchar

Earlier this year, Shane McAllister grew worried when his 9-month-old son, Andrew, developed a 102 degree fever. Shane is a Minnesota doctor, but even with his medical training, he was surprised to see his son quickly lose his cheerful energy and spirit. It scared him, so he rushed Andrew to the emergency room. It didn't take doctors long to diagnose Andrew with a severe case of the flu. Thankfully, treatment returned the little boy to his normal self within a few days.

As a parent, I know that

there's no greater feeling of helplessness than having your child sick and hospitalized. No parent should ever have to go through a health scare with their child, and certainly not for the flu.

But too many do. Last year's flu was the worst we've seen in years. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), about 80,000 Americans died of the flu last season—including 180 kids. Annually, the flu also costs the nation \$10.4 billion in direct medical costs and \$87 billion in total economic burden.

And in Minnesota, nearly

6,500 patients were hospitalized for influenza, including 699 outbreaks in schools and 211 in long-term care facilities.

People rely on the flu vaccine to keep themselves and their loved ones safe from the flu, yet the flu vaccine isn't always as effective as it should be.

Some years the flu vaccine is more effective than other years depending upon what strain of the flu is spreading. Overall, the CDC has found that getting vaccinated for the flu reduces your chance of getting the flu by forty to sixty percent.

Too much is on the line, so we must redouble our efforts to improve the flu vaccine. And one of the best steps we can take is getting the FLU Vaccine Act signed into law.

Earlier this year, I joined several of my Senate colleagues to introduce this bill to help support critical research at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and finally develop a vaccine that would be effective across multiple strains of the flu. The bill's objective is simple—to better protect Minnesotans and Americans everywhere from all variations of the flu.

In September, the Senate secured additional funding for the creation of a universal flu vaccine that I pushed hard for, but it's not nearly enough to get a vaccine over the finish line. We must pass the FLU Vaccine Act to further support this critical research.

But even without a universal vaccine it's still important to get a flu shot. While it might not be 100 percent effective, a simple shot that reduces your risk of serious illness or even

death is well worth it. Simply put, the flu shot saves lives.

So let's both take the time to get a flu shot and take action to support the next breakthrough vaccine. Because families, friends, and kids like Andrew are counting on us—in Minnesota and across the country.

For more information on the flu, including where to get a flu shot, visit Flu.gov.

Letter to The Editor

As Christmas approaches I would like to wish all the citizens of Oklee a Blessed, Merry and safe Christmas and Happy New Year.

I would like to say congratulations to our two new City Council members, Mr. Olson and Mr. Brekke. I look forward to working together with the council members.

As you are aware, Kaye Munt and Lori Melby choose not to run for re-election. Both of these council members worked to make the City of Oklee a better, safe and affordable city for the residents of Oklee. Their opinions, suggestions and their knowledge will be missed.

I hope the Citizens of Oklee, when you see either Kaye Munt for Lori Melby, thank them both for their years of service to our City of Oklee. I am sure all council members feel as I do.

Merry Christmas
Happy New Year
Matthew Genova



If you see your child's photo in this weeks paper or in the past two papers and would like a full color print made, contact the Oklee Herald office at 218-796-5851 or okleeherald@gmail.com. 4 x 6 prints cost \$1.00 each.

Oklee Herald Early Files

Seventy Years Ago December 16, 1948

Miss Dore Boucher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Armidas Boucher of Brooks, became the bride of Peter Mrozek, son of Mrs. Mrozek of South Milwaukee, WI at a double ring ceremony.

Last Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 5th, the Bobcats definitely played their best game of the season thus far. They almost upset the Bagley Flyers in a closely contested game which ended 36 to 29 in favor of the Flyers.

Miss Bernadine Nesland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ole Nesland of Oklee, is practice teaching in the English department in Climax, MN. She is a senior at Concordia and majoring in English and history.

Sixty Years Ago December 18, 1958

Pvt. Vincent J. Dessellier, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew O. Dessellier of Oklee recently completed the ten-week power equipment maintenance course at the Army's Southeastern Signal School at Fort Gordon, GA.

The Plummer Cardinals squeezed out a one-point victory over the Oslo Bobcats in a basketball game played on the Oslo court Friday. Final score was 37-36.

The cat gets special treatment during the Christmas season in the French sections of Canada. Tabby is well fed, because it's supposed to be bad luck if a cat meows in the house on Christmas Eve.

The Terrebonne Homemakers club met at the Don Gagner home.

Fifty Years Ago December 19, 1968

A hidden lead in an Oklee village waterline was discovered after causing a heavy drain on the system for several weeks. A search of the town, a clue was the sound of gushing water was faintly audible, across the street east of the American Legion hall.

Army Private First Class Lavern L. Gagner, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Gagner of Brooks, completed air traffic control operator course recently at Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi.

Many came to help Mrs. Della Riel's 84th birthday anniversary on Sunday. Mrs. Riel

received many gifts and lunch was served.

Sales of guns and ammunition will be controlled under the new Federal gun law which takes effect December 16.

Oklee's wrestling squad has lengthened its all-time winning streak to three matches after defeating Clearbrook 41 to 10.

Forty Years Ago December 21, 1978

Over 250 people from the area of Roseau to Fertile and East Grand Forks to Bemidji attended Swenson Equipment's open house last Saturday.

Pershing High School in Plummer will be hosting a Christmas Holiday Basketball Tourney on Dec. 22 & 23rd. Participating in the tourney will be Oklee, Erskine, Red Lake Falls and Plummer.

The Merald Halvorsens had the misfortune with their furnace blowing up and creating smoke damage to their home. They have been staying at the Dennis Moen home.

The Oklee Girls basketball team traveled to Gouville Thursday, December 14th where they defeated the Bulldogs by a score of 36-26.

Thirty Years Ago December 21, 1988

There will be a baby shower on December 29th for Scott Phillip Hilgeman, infant son of Greg and Gayle Hilgeman at Oak Park Church.

A new addition to the feed department at the Oklee Elevator was added recently. The new storage and office store will be in operation by the end of the year.

Tammy Skallet, daughter of Larry and Beth Skallet, has received the Elizabeth Larimore and Sadie Mathews Scholarship to attend UND in Grand Forks.

Moonlighter's Snowmobile Club president, Roger Asselin, announces that January 15-1989 is the date set for the 22nd annual Sno Safari.

Twenty Years Ago December 23, 1998

Rene Hofstad has been an Oklee City Council member for more than 14 years. He served on the council with four mayors: Shirley Cyr, Roy Rystad, Iona Berry and Isaac Melby.

Haven Lundeen, a member of the fourth grade, portrayed the "Kwanzaa Child" during the Elementary Christmas

program held on Monday, December 7th.

Willard Bergeron was appointed to the Oklee City Council to replace Emily Bernier who won the write-in Mayor's position. Willard will serve a two year term and then will have to run for re-election.

The RLCC Boys Basketball team played the Climax/Fisher Knights in Climax on Dec. 15th. The game ended with the Mustangs the winner - 58 to 55.

Ten Years Ago December 17, 2008

Greg Hilgeman was honored at the RLCC School Board for his many years of service as a board member.

Jacob Magnell, 12 year son of Toni & the late Jason Magnell, got a 10 point buck. It weighed 190 lbs and Jacob shot it with a single shot 410.

A new storage cabinet in the Oklee Community Hall locks the larger items up such as roasters and coffee makers to help stop the loss of these expensive items.

Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

Today was a beautiful day, but yesterday was even better. I was able to clean my garage and even did a small job of washing my car in the garage.

On Wednesday I traveled to Fargo to pick up Don. The television had said it would be difficult driving on Wednesday. I decided to take my time traveling. I had to be there by 1 p.m. so I left home at 9:30 a.m. I went by way of Hwy 59 so I would be sure to have a road that was plowed. Much to my surprise I had no trouble with the entire trip. I took my time and arrived in Fargo by 11:30 a.m. All the roads were plowed.

Several people from Oklee took the bus to Thief River Falls and toured Digi-Key for their open house. I really would have liked to go there too but my plans stopped me. I toured it quite a few years ago so I knew a little of what it is like. Of course, it is much larger now.

It was nice to see the Vikings win today. They started

out great then fell down. They won after doing great the last few minutes.

Dates to Remember

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

Dec. 21: Birthday meal.

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve - No meals.

Dec. 25: Christmas Day - No meals.

Words of Wisdom

Don't delay an apology. Few lessons are learned from an easy victory.

Joke Time

A man called his doctor's office for an appointment. "I'm sorry," said the receptionist, "We can't fit you in for at least two weeks."

"But I could be dead by then!"

"No problem. If your wife lets us know, we'll cancel the appointment."

"A lot of people complain about their dumb boss," says Joey Adams. "What they don't realize is that they'd be out of a job if their dumb boss were any smarter."

From the Know-It-All Calendar

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 and Boxer Day.

Dec. 27: National Fruitcake Day

Dec. 28: Maggie Smith b. 1934

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

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

Can you believe this weather? Keep it up Mother Nature. It has shortened the winter considerably. Yes we had some snow last week and also has melted a good share of it too.

I guess with the warmer temps though I would be very hesitant to go ice fishing right now. The ice is very iffy as to its strength and ability to hold up under foot. Yes there are pockets of thick ice, but a lot of pockets of thin ice as well. Careful thought should go into going ice fishing. Caution is called for. Don't be stupid and just assume it is strong enough to hold you up. We don't need headlines this week, or next.

Bentleyville is an area in Duluth that is decorated for the tourist to see. It hides in canal park near the lift bridge. Everyone who goes to see it raves about its beauty. On their way back from Dixon, Illinois, Clarence and Dianne Gagner went to see Bentleyville. They said that it was just beautiful. Lots of work went into making it a sight to see. It runs until after Christmas and is then taken down. If you can get there this week it is worth the trip. It has been honored as the most highly decorated display in the nation.

Correction, Clare and Dianne Gagner visited with Clare's Aunt Madeline Thibert last week. She is not his sister as I mistakenly reported last week, she is his Aunt.

Clarence and Dianne were a part of a Progressive dinner on Saturday. They went to Jim and Carol Chaput's home for the salad, and then on to Karen and Dick Delage's for the main meal which was meat balls

and then on to Clarence and Dianne Gagner's for dessert. After that they played games for entertainment. What a fun Christmas time activity.

Joyce Morinville had a wonderful time in New York with the golf sisters. She reported that she saw the Rockettes, Rockefeller Plaza, and many great things. Her remark was that she saw lots of people. Lots and lots of people. We are fortunate here to be able to walk without crowds, but the excitement of all the people is catchy. We are glad that you are back Joyce. She also reported that she saw the Carol King show, ate some yummy cheesecake, went to an Irish Pub, saw Times Square, the Statue of Liberty, and many other sights. Her companions were Judie Fallon, of Florida who met them in New York, Dana Berberich, Carley Kvasager, and Deb Champagne.

Deb Champagne was at the Digi-Key Christmas Party on Wednesday and it was so

great to see her, she was really excited when she talked about New York. She had just arrived back from her New York trip and she was happy to be back and enjoying the Christmas party at Digi-Key. It was good to see her there.

Jerome and Barb Novak went to the Digi-Key party and enjoyed the music, and Jerome took the tour. It is interesting that there are so many people who are our neighbors that work there and so many people who are interested in the business. I particularly enjoyed the music under the auspices of Bruce Piersol and Digi-Key. Bruce has been the music teacher in Red Lake Falls and has retired. You can't take the music out of the old music teacher because they never get old, music keeps you young. He did a beautiful job with many serious music lovers singing their hearts out. It was a very beautiful Christmas show. Hats off the Digi-Key for this wonderful Christmas pro-

gram and Thank You for this break in the holiday season for the beauty of the season.

Update on Cindy Determan, she is home and recovering from surgery, and appreciates all the good wishes and prayers that she has gotten. She is doing well and is ambulatory so was at church yesterday.

The Holiday Train was in Plummer on Thursday evening, and reports are that there were even more people at this event than in other years. The support for this event is phenomenal. Christmas shows are always loved by the kids. What a wonderful time of year.

That is all for this week. We hope you are almost ready for Christmas as of this Monday morning we are one week away. By the time you get this it will be only a half a week away. Butt kicking time to get everything done. I know I have some on my own to do. I've been lax lately. Have a great week and take time to sing a carol.

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

gee and haw!

On Saturday, Chuck Simpson rode his motorcycle into town. It was 26 degrees and sunny.

Anna DeHate and Alice Job visited Fern Eskeli and Oakland Park Nursing Home. This was December 7th, a Friday.

Kristie Hesse and her daughter recently returned from Arizona after being at her parents for a few weeks recovering from back surgery.

On Tuesday, we got about two and a half inches snow, some places had freezing rain, like Thief River Falls.

On Wednesday, thirty-five people from Plummer, Brooks, Oklee and Red Lake Falls rode the B.U.S. to Digi-Key for their Open House Christmas tour. Christmas cookies, apple cider, and coffee were served in the auditorium. Also the Digi-Key Choir sang carols and there was a craft display with a

coastal theme. Anchors, star fish, life preservers, light houses, etc. You could vote for the best one if you wanted. Some from Plummer that went were Sandy and Mike Greenwald, Alice and Les Hofstad, Glenyce Eskeli, Clayton Larson, Karen Tvedt, Alice Jobe, Anna DeHate, Wilma Arlt. Wavell Sorenson and Jim & Debbie DuChamp. I hope I didn't miss anyone. Some ate lunch in the cafeteria after the tours.

Anna DeHate and Alice Jobe attended the Christmas Tea at Greenleaf Apartments in TRF on Thursday for Jean Carpenter. Jean's family was there: Judy & Jim Kelley, Jeff Kelly, and Russ K. and Mike Fossum. It was very good and there were a lot of people. The weather was sunny, clear and thirty four degrees.

Hi to Myrtle Hamrun and her daughter in Alaska!

Merry Christmas!

Oklee Centennial Cookbook

Recipe Corner - From page 190

Pam's Chicken (Easy Fancy Chicken) Steve Cyr

8 chicken breasts
8 slices Swiss or American cheese
1 can cream of chicken soup (may want to add a 2nd can)
1/4 cup white wine (optional)
2 cups Pepperidge Farm stuffing
1/3 cup butter (melted)



Place breasts in greased pan. Top with cheese slices. Thin soup with wine and pour over chicken (or thin soup with 1/2 can of water). Sprinkle stuffing and mushrooms over chicken. Melt butter and pour over stuffing. Bake uncovered 1 to 1-1/2 hours at 325 degrees. (Or bake covered if dries out too much).



Who's Dat?



Who's Dat

This week's photo is a group of kids dressed up for a Christmas program. I have most of the names, but there are a few I don't have. Sorry I couldn't make this larger, the resolution wasn't high enough.

Last week's photo was of a favorite bus driver from what I hear, Wallace Nelson.

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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