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By Einar Kvasager

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# Oklee Herald

...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

OKLEE (RED LAKE COUNTY) MINN. 56742

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## CP Holiday Train presents a check for \$4,500 for food shelves



CP Railroad personnel presented a check for \$4500 to Catherine Johnson from Inter-County Community Council for local food shelves in the area. Also on stage was Plummer Mayor Jim DuChamp.



Waiting for the the train to stop and the stage to come down at Plummer on Dec. 13th



The Holiday Train was a huge turnout in town, 800-1000 people. The music was nice and lively. The people enjoyed eating at the Hall. Also many toured the Tri River Pioneer Museum. Eric Mickelson sang Christmas Carols and played the guitar. The many cars on the train were so pretty. It was a night to remember.

By Alice Jobe - Plummer News Correspondent



### NOTICE

Newspaper will be delayed the week of New Years.  
Available in stores on Wednesday afternoon & your mailbox on January 3rd.

### Calendar of Events

**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.  
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.

**Fri, Dec. 28:**  
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.  
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.

**Sat, Dec. 29:**  
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!

**Sun, Dec. 30:**  
-Worship at the church of your choice.

**Mon, Dec. 31:**  
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.

**Tue, Jan. 1:**  
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.  
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards

**Wed, Jan. 2:**  
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.  
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.  
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.

**Thu, Jan. 3:**  
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.  
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.

**Fri, Jan. 4:**  
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.  
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.

**Sat, Jan. 5:**  
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!

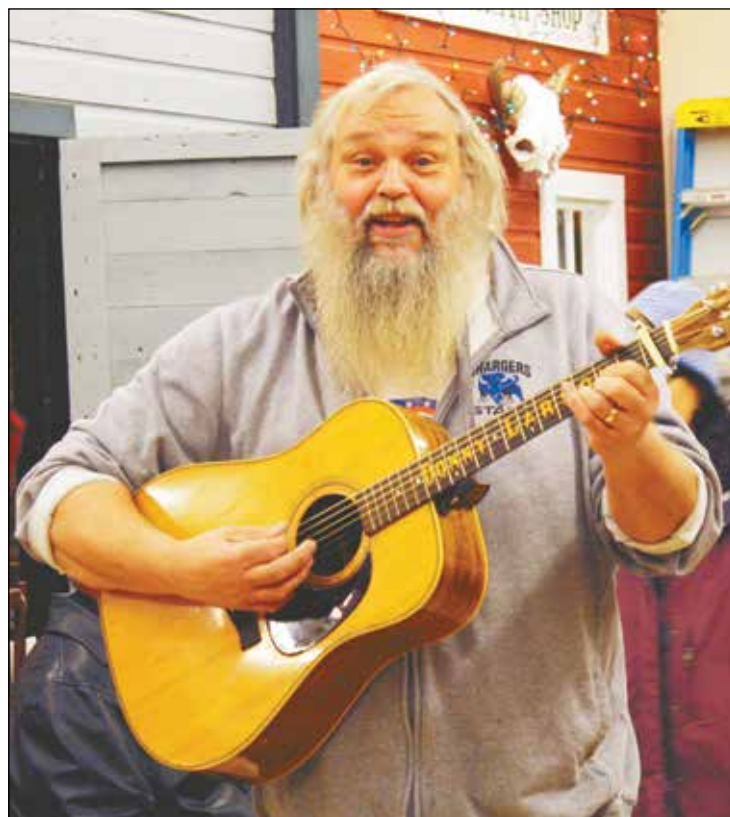
**Sun, Jan. 6:**  
-Worship at the church of your choice.

**Mon, Jan. 7:**  
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.

**Tue, Jan. 8:**  
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.  
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards  
-Senior Potluck at Café – 5:00 p.m.

**Wed, Jan. 9:**  
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.  
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.  
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.

**Thu, Jan. 10:**  
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.  
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.



Eric Mickelson played guitar and sang Carols at the Plummer Hall and at the Tri River Museum as part of the entertainment on Dec. 13th.

The Oklee Herald would love to have group photos of the Children who participated in local Christmas Programs for the next edition.

If you have a photo you would like to share, please send to the Oklee Herald at okleeherald@gmail.com.



Sisters Tracy Hack and Catherine Johnson.

## A gift from the Heart to the Community

The Sharon Rosten family (Tracy, Catherine and Aaron along with their father Byron) donated their mother's children's books at the Holiday Train celebration. The sign they are holding says "Mrs. Sharon Rosten, was a First Grade Teacher for many years at Plummer and she loved books. We have held on to her collection of children's books for several years and now we wish to share them with you. Please take a book or two to enjoy, then pass them to a friend when you're through. Merry Christmas from Sharon Rosten's family."

Catherine Johnson said there were some books left and they will be donating them to other organizations in the future.

What a great way to share the beauty and magic of Christmas with others!!



Looking for that special book from Mrs. Rosten.



# Church news

**OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH**  
Zion and Salem  
Pastor Linda Molitor  
**Wed, Dec. 26:** No Chime Choir. No Confirmation.  
**Sun, Dec. 30:** 9:00 a.m. Zion. 10:30 a.m. Salem. No Sunday Schools.  
**Wed, Jan. 2:** 7:00 p.m. Confirmation.

**CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OKLEE, GRYGLA & GOODRIDGE**  
Fr. Adam Hamness  
**Sun, Dec. 30:** 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. 29:** 5:30 p.m. RLF  
**Sun, Dec. 30:** 8:00 a.m. Brooks. 10:00 a.m. RLF.

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

**GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA**  
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith  
Pastor Kristen Ostercamp  
**Sun, Dec. 30:** 10:00 a.m. Joint Services at Faith. Hymn Sing & Cookie Potluck. No Sunday School.

## Oklee Senior Site Dining

**Dec. 31 - January 4**  
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:** Cold ham sandwich, broccoli cheese soup, and dessert.

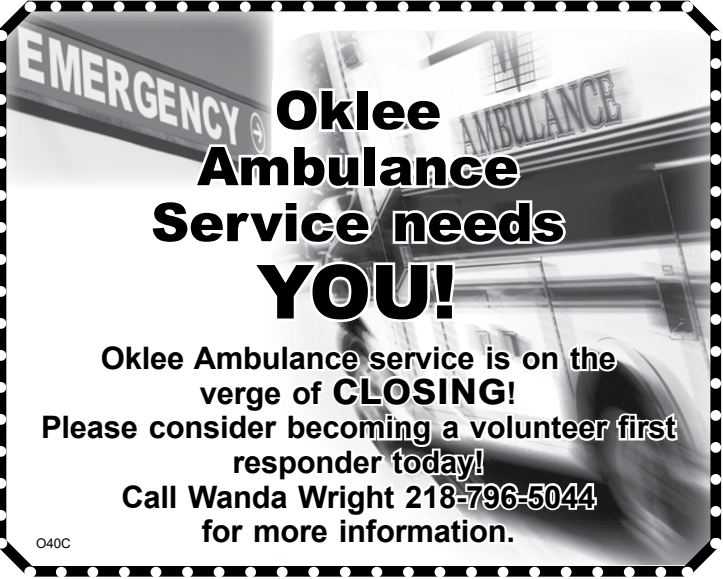
**Tuesday:** Closed - New Year's Day

**Wednesday:** Pancake, 1/2 pc. Ham, 1 egg, and dessert.

**Thursday:** Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, cream gravy, corn, and dessert.

**Friday:** Tator Tot hotdish, tossed salad, bread, and dessert.





**Oklee Ambulance Service needs YOU!**

Oklee Ambulance service is on the verge of **CLOSING!**  
Please consider becoming a volunteer first responder today!  
Call Wanda Wright 218-796-5044 for more information.



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The holiday season is a time for family, friends, and special events. In the spirit of the season, we thank you for banking with us this past year.  
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# Red Lake County Commissioners Minutes

## RED LAKE COUNTY Regular Meeting Held November 27, 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 27, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. Commissioners present: Lerohl, Simpson and Remick. Absent: Commissioners Sorensen and Weiss. Acting Chairperson Lerohl called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Remick to close the regular board meeting at 10:03 a.m. to conduct the Public Hearing for the County Shoreland Ordinance Amendment. No members of the public were present. SWCD Administrator Tanya Hanson was present to explain the changes and answer any questions of the board members. The present Shoreland Ordinance in effect is being amended so that changes due to the requirements of the Buffer Strip Law can be incorporated into the current County Shoreland Ordinance. Hanson informed that the county must conduct a Public Hearing before adopting the ordinance changes. The regular meeting re-opened at 10:10 a.m.

Commissioner Remick moved and seconded by Simpson to adopt the 2018 amendments to the Red Lake County Shoreland Ordinance. The motion carried by unanimous vote of the board members present. Auditor Schmitz informed that a summary of the ordinance must also be published in the official county newspaper before it becomes effective. The summary will be published December 5, 2018.

Hanson provided a review of the Aquatic Invasive Species Plan (AIS) for 2019. The county must approve the plan annually as required by the DNR. The county will receive \$6,800.00 in program funding that is submitted to the local SWCD for administering the program on behalf of the county. Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Remick and carried by unanimous vote to approve the 2019 AIS Plan as presented.

Hanson provided a review of 2018 SWCD projects noting that work on County Ditch 62 will continue into the winter as the Enbridge Grant funding received to complete the project must be used by the December 31, 2018 deadline or the unspent amount returned.

Hanson mentioned that the SWCD has about 12 to 15 various projects on a waiting list for construction in 2019. Hanson explained that the Engineer used by the SWCD districts covers 17 counties. The SWCD Engineer must approve and/or design the several projects being submitted before any construction can begin. Completion of projects is being delayed throughout the many districts due to time constraints of the SWCD Engineer. Hanson would like to utilize the local County Highway Engineer for such services. The SWCD will then reimburse the county for County Engineer services using the Local Capacity Matching Grant dollars. The board members mentioned that the topic will be discussed once a new County Engineer is hired.

Commissioner Remick moved, seconded by Simpson and carried by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held on November 13, 2018.

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

| Vendor                       | Amount     |
|------------------------------|------------|
| Elections Systems & Software | \$7,040.34 |
| Garden Valley Telephone      | 3,048.88   |
| Ryan's Backhoe Service       | 35,145.87  |

20 Vendors less than \$2,000 6,916.78  
FINAL TOTAL \$52,151.87  
The motion includes the following additional bills: \$406.26 to Dacotah Paper; \$24.00 to Lafayette High School; \$69.00 to Quill; \$6.70 to Bob Schmitz, and \$210.00 per diem to Al Remick.  
The following Commissioner/Committee reports were shared:  
Commissioner Meeting/Report Simpson: None.  
Remick:  
County Extension. County Comp Study meeting.

Lerohl: County Extension. Inter County CC-heard programs update; Jim Duchamp elected Chairperson. NW HRA-a new Director has been hired, current Director Lee Meier is retiring effective January 1, 2019. The CP Holiday Train will be in Plummer on December 13th.

Penny Grove, Social Services Fiscal Supervisor met with the board regarding approval of a County Resolution to develop a Local County Merit System. Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Remick and carried by unanimous vote to approve Resolution No. 11-01-18 "Develop Local County Merit System" as follows:

Whereas Subpart F of Title 5 of the Code of Federal Regulations sets forth the standards for a merit system of personnel administration which is required of state or local governments which are participants in receipt of certain Federal assistance, and

Whereas Subd 2(b) of Section 256.012 of Minnesota Statutes requires that a county intending to withdraw from the merit system must notify the commissioner of its intent to develop its own personnel system, in writing, no later than December 31 of the year preceding the year of final participation in the merit system, and

Whereas Red Lake County intends to develop its own compliance with the Federal merit requirements, separate from the Minnesota Merit System.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that Red Lake County is making this resolution to set in motion the process of converting from the Minnesota Merit System to a local personnel system as of January 1, 2020.

The Board Chairperson was authorized to sign the document. A complete copy is available at County Social Services or the County Auditor's Office.

County Attorney Lacoursiere mentioned that he received an another quote for replacement of the Jury Room chairs, however, that quote was higher than the one discussed at the last meeting. Commissioner Remick moved, seconded by Simpson and carried unanimously to approve the low quote from Zerbe Business Products in the amount of \$5,174.85 for (14) low back Task Chairs and (20) stackable Guest Chairs.

Auditor Schmitz informed that Marjorie Lacoursiere's term on the NW Regional Library Board expires at the end of 2018. Lacoursiere is eligible for another 3-year appointment. Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Remick and carried by unanimous vote to re-appoint Marjorie Lacoursiere to a 3-year term on the NWRL Board commencing January 1, 2019.

Auditor Schmitz reminded members of the Truth-In-Taxation Hearing scheduled for December 6, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the County Board meeting room.

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 o40c



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## Tri-Valley Public Transportation

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday - Mahanomen.

Every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday - Thief River Falls

Every 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday - Fargo/Moorhead.

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Friday - Bemidji.

## Red Lake County Truth-In-Taxation Meeting Held

**December 6, 2018**

Pursuant to M.S. 275.065 the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners met in special session at the Red Lake County Courthouse Commissioners Room on December 6, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct the county Truth-In-Taxation hearing for taxes payable in year 2019. Present were County Commissioners Lerohl, Remick, Simpson and Sorensen. Also present was County Auditor Robert Schmitz. No citizens were present. Commissioner Weiss was absent.

Chairman Sorensen called the meeting to order. Auditor Schmitz explained the requirements of the budget and levy hearing process. Schmitz also commented on the School Building Bond Ag Credit and

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Penny Grove, Social Services Fiscal Officer met with the board to present the shared services contracts with Norman County. A committee of two Commissioners each from Norman County and from Red Lake County reviewed the proposal and pre-approved the agreement. Lerohl moved, seconded by Weiss and carried by unanimous vote to approve the shared contracts as presented.

Kurt Casavan, Environmental Officer met with the board regarding the renewal of the 2018 Annual SW Haulers License for Sanitary Services.

County Attorney Lacoursiere met with the board to review the County and Federal Award Procurement Policy for adoption. The current policy in effect is not sufficient to address all statutory requirements according to the Office of State Auditor. The county must adopt a more comprehensive Procurement Policy according to Lacoursiere. Commis-

## Sudoku Solution

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## 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 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.

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its effect on some of the proposed tax amounts on the TNT notices.

Auditor Schmitz provided a review of the proposed County Social Services, County Highway Department, and County Revenue Fund budgets, and an overall summary of the proposed county budget and levy for 2019. Additional information was provided comparing 2019 proposed levies and percentage increases from the surrounding counties.

Auditor Schmitz mentioned that the County Board would be adopting the tax levy and budget at the regular board meeting scheduled for December 24, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

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

Attest:  
Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

Dave Sorensen, Chairman,  
Board of Commissioners o40c

sioner Simpson moved, seconded by Weiss and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the Red Lake County Procurement and Federal Award Procurement Policy as presented.

Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Weiss and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held on November 27, 2018. Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Remick and carried unanimously to approve minutes for the TNT meeting held on December 6, 2018.

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

| Vendor                                 | Amount     |
|----------------------------------------|------------|
| Counties Providing Technology          | \$2,191.00 |
| Insight Technologies                   | 4,252.70   |
| Knife River Materials Inc.             | 155,466.95 |
| Les's Sanitation                       | 19,750.00  |
| Ottertail Power Company                | 3,669.50   |
| Red Lake County Co-op                  | 21,402.55  |
| Ryan's Backhoe Service                 | 5,820.00   |
| Seachange Printing & Marketing Service | 3,946.19   |
| Wright Construction                    | 28,752.00  |
| 53 Vendors less than \$2,000           | 20,000.67  |
| FINAL TOTAL                            | 265,251.56 |

The motion includes the following additional bills: \$185.00 to Lexis Nexis; \$100.00 to MnCCC; \$250.00 to NW Mental Health; \$756.00 expenses and \$420.00 per diem to John Lerohl; \$70.00 per diem to Allen Remick; \$49.05 expenses and \$70.00 to Dave Sorensen.

The following Commissioner/Committee reports were shared:  
Commissioner Meeting/Report Simpson: None.  
Weiss: Tri County Corrections discussing the In-Service Job Fair, budget, jail usage and bed space rental to other counties.

Attended a meeting of the NW Regional Development in Warren. Remick: A meeting of the SWCD reviewing completed cost share projects. New SWCD board member Kevin Reich replaces Orville Knott.

Lerohl: Attended a NW Regional Development meeting; Ron Weiss will replace Lerohl on the Executive Board. Attended AMC Policy Committee, Health & Human Services, and MCIT Insurance meetings, and met with Enbridge representatives at the AMC Annual Conference in St. Paul.

Sorensen: Attended a NW Regional Development TAC meeting in Warren discussing the various MN DOT projects being proposed for the northwest area.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned to December 24, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Attest:  
Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

Dave Sorensen, Chair,  
Board of Commissioners o40c

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# MUSTANG STAMPED

## RLCC Menus

Dec. 31 – Jan. 4

### Oklee

**Monday:** No School.  
**Tuesday:** No School – New Year's Day.

**Wednesday: Breakfast:** Bakery roll, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Pizza, lettuce salad, cottage cheese, carrots & celery, fruit, and milk.

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

**Friday: Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken fajita, Spanish rice, refried beans, potato ole's fruit, and milk.

### Plummer

**Monday:** No School  
**Tuesday:** No School–New Year's Day

**Wednesday: Breakfast:** Egg Wrap, cereal or hot oatmeal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Pepperoni Hot Pockets, corn, yogurt, apple crisp w/whipped topping, and milk.

**Thursday: Breakfast:** Coffee cake, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch: K-2:** Hamburger w/bun / **3-6:** Subs, Everyone: Potato wedges, baked beans, fruit, and milk.

**Friday: Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Quesadilla, salad w/cucumbers & ranch, Go-Gurt, fruit, and milk.

## Mustang Sports Schedule

### Girls Basketball

**Varsity – Jr Varsity**  
**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

### 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.

### Rebel

## Sports Schedule

### Boys Varsity – JV Basketball

**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

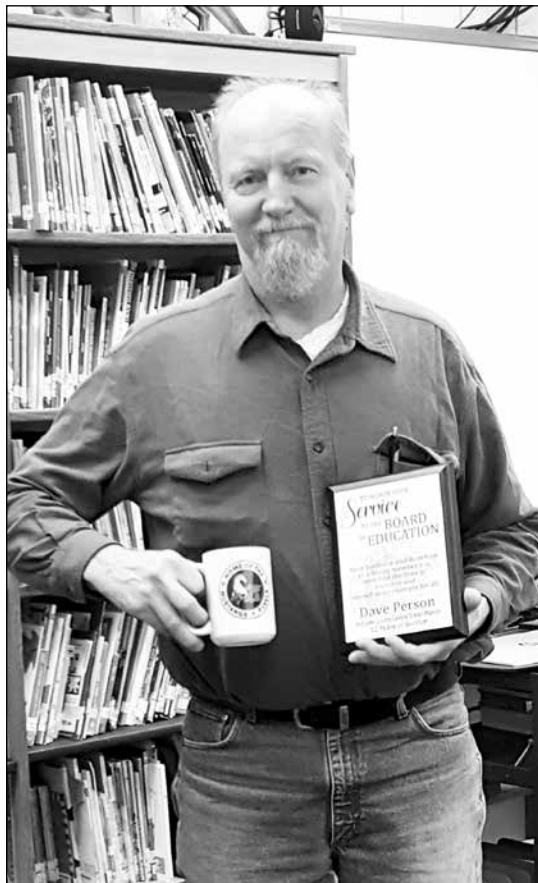
#### Junior High

**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



Dave Person received a plaque for his 12 years of service to the Red Lake County Central Board of Education.

### Jody Duden receives Leadership Development Certificate

By: Tanisha Srsnsky

Mrs. Jody Duden, a member of the Red Lake County Central School Board, received a Leadership Development Certificate of Accomplishment from the Minnesota School Board Association for completing Phase I, II, and III of trainings. The three phases are Learning to Lead - School Board Basics, Leadership Foundations - School Finance and Management, and Building a High-Performance School Board Team.

Phase I is for new members who need to be informed of their new role as a school board member, and the role of all the other people who form the team such as the superintendent. Phase II is to cover topics such as budgeting, school finances, local levies, policies, and significant school board laws, so new members know the board guidelines. Phase III focuses on decision making, board development, board dynamics, group interaction, and MSBA School Board Self-Evaluation.



Jody Duden was recognized by the Minnesota School Board Association with a Leadership Development Certificate of Accomplishment for completing Phase I, II and III trainings.



Junior High Band performing for the RLCC 5th and 6th grade band before Christmas break.



RLCC junior high and senior high bands played some pep songs for the 5th and 6th graders on December 20th.



One of the band songs featured Red Lake County Central drummers. (Jed Duden, Kya Morinville, Gerald Melin, Tom Nelson, Clancy Hanson, and Maverick Nelson).



RLCC 5th and 6th grade band members really enjoyed the combined bands playing "We're Not Gonna Take It!"

### Stephen-Argyle Central defeats RLC

By Eric Gieseke

The Red Lake County Rebels faced off against the Stephen-Argyle Storm on Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup> in Stephen. The Storm outscored the Rebels 43-37 in the first half, but the Rebels outscored the Storm 29-28 in the second half. The Storm came out on top 71-66. The Rebels had 33 rebounds and the Storm had 32.

Leading the Rebels in scoring was Derek Peterson with 26 points, Eric Gieseke with 20 points, Isiah Olson with 13, Brandon Wiskow with four points, and Zach Benson with three points. Olson added 13 rebounds to obtain a double-double. Peterson led the team with five steals, and Gieseke went 4-4 from the free throw line.

Leading the Storm in scoring was Hunter Yutrzenka with 32, Isaac Durand with 14, Jesse Clark with eight, Jason Lindgren with five, Collin Neuschwander with five and Brandon Kroll with five. Yutrzenka had three steals, nine rebounds and was also 9-11 from the free throw line. Durand also had two steals and nine rebounds.



RLCC Mustang, Kia Bachand, was named to the all-tournament team after the NCTC Girls' Basketball Tournament the week of December 10-15.

### RLCC plays in Northland Girls Basketball Tourney

By Jeremy Kruchowski

On Tuesday, December 11 at the Northland Community Technical College in Thief River Falls in the first round of the tournament the Red Lake County Central Mustang girls basketball team defeated Cass Lake 71- 60. Highlights for the RLCC Mustangs included Jenna Pahlen with 18 points, Cari Bachand 16 points, Calyssa Eskeli 16 points, and Kia Bachand 11 points. Brandie DeHate had 9 rebounds.

Round two of this tournament was Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Sacred Heart defeated RLCC 48-41. Jenna Pahlen had 23 points and eight rebounds.

Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> round three of the tournament took place and Red Lake beat the Mustangs 81-59. K. Bachand had 25 points. Pahlen 11 points and 10 rebounds. Eskeli had 10 points, 12 rebounds, and five assists.

Congratulations to Kia Bachand who was named to the all-tournament team.

### Mustangs over the Greyhounds

By: Phillip Sorenson

The Red Lake County Mustangs played the Fosston Greyhounds at Fosston on Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. The Mustangs won by a score of 52-44. The top scorer for the Mustangs was Jenna Pahlen with 21 points, 15 rebounds, and seven blocked shots. Calyssa Eskeli had 11 points and 11 rebounds. Kia Bachand scored 11 points.

### Gym Nights for RLCC Preschoolers

By Abigail Walton

The Red Lake County Central Early Childhood Family Education programs will have Gym Nights for preschoolers from 6:00-7:00 PM on Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at the Oklee site and Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at the Plummer site.

Get some exercise and fun! There will be lots of large motor activities for some movement fun. Soup and crackers will be served before our fun in the gym.

ECFE Family Fun Nights are for children birth to five years old and their parents and/or other special adult.





Oklee Herald Early Files

Fifty Years Ago  
December 26, 1968

St. Hilaire man, missing a week, is found dead – Russell Bothman, 42, rural St. Hilaire, missing for about a week was found dead in his garage – death was ruled accidental.

Ken Bjerknes, operator of the Red Owl store in Gonvick looked down the barrel of a gun in the hand of a burglar recently for the second time in six years. He was robbed of approximately \$68 which was left as change in the tills.

Barring unfavorable weather, it is expected that snowmobiles by the hundreds will be in Oklee Saturday and Sunday for the first annual Snowmobile Derby.

Last Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. Orlando Solberg were feted at a wedding shower at the Ebenezer Lutheran Church.

Forty Years Ago  
December 28, 1978

The Oklee Bobcats walked off with most of the honors in the 4-team Dual Wrestling Tournament held at Mahomenen last Saturday. Oklee finished 3-0 in team rank by beating three foes – Plummer, East Grand Forks – Sacred Heart.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Morinville are the parents of a new little son, Christopher James, born December 14 at the Thief River Falls hospital.

The annual Luteefisk get together was held at the Richard Radniecki home on Christmas Eve.

The Girl Scout Troop under the direction of Alice Jobe went caroling to the senior citizens and shut-in homes on

Monday afternoon with was much enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Arden Lundeen are the proud parents of a baby girl, Vanessa Rae. She was born December 17<sup>th</sup> at Riverview Hospital in Crookston.

Thirty Years Ago  
December 28, 1988

For the second time in an annual event, an Oklee High School senior has been awarded an IBM PC Junior which has been donated to the school by Dulkatech. The first recipient was Tammy Skallet.

Winners in the annual Christmas Light contest were: Duane Asselin in the town category and Mark Berberich's in the country category.

Mr. and Mrs. Delton Sebnaler of Oklee announce the engagement and upcoming wedding of their daughter, Kari Ann Marie to Larry LaMonte Shannon. A February 4<sup>th</sup> wedding will be held at St. Frances Xavier Catholic Church in Oklee.

The County Board received the first waste site report from Dames & Moore and concluded it contained nothing really negative, but it was extremely vague about the results. Instead of using "Safe" or "Unsafe" terms, the "adequate" being the most used and most-specific word in the description.

Twenty Years Ago  
December 30, 1998

Bernice Torkelson, Mavis Brekke and Margaret Johnson had a good time at the Open House at Security State bank enjoying the treats and visiting.

Karen Swenson Carlson and her husband, Doug, have been in Oklee visiting her parents, Earl & Bergit Swenson.

Sheriff Morken informed the commissioners that Deputy Randy Brekke had resigned effective December 31 and was on vacation until that time.

On December 22, Plummer Pershing High School had their Holiday Concert directed by Mrs. Nancy Pearson.

On December 20<sup>th</sup>, there was a wonderful birthday celebration at the Hillcrest Nursing home – the Birthday Girl was Myrtle Patnode, formerly of Plummer who celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Ten Years Ago  
December 24 & 31, 2008

Kayla Pelletier received an award for saving her grandfather's life by the Oklee Ambulance crew. He had returned from surgery and was working in his garage when the vein in his neck ruptured. He managed to call Kayla and she called 911 and put pressure on the artery saving his life.

Bernice Torkelson was the winner of the free meal at the Senior Site Birthday meal.

Dean Lambert is home from his work in Africa. He will be here for a while and is staying in Dorothy Lamberts home.

The Holiday Train came to Plummer around 7:45 p.m. and had about 10 cars decorated in red, green, blue & white lights.

RLCC Elementary had been awarded a United States Dept. of AG grant of just over \$14,000 for the implementation of "Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program."

David Thomas Douglas was born on October 5, 2008 to James and Kimberly Douglas of Lacey Washington. Great Grandmother is Gloria Rustan and Grandparents are Ronald and Judy Rustan.

From the  
Know-It-All  
Calendar

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.  
Dec. 30: Rudyard Kipling b. 1865  
Dec. 31: New Year's Eve



Thank you to everyone who came to my retirement party, the cards, gifts and all the good wishes. I greatly appreciate everything. I've been honored to serve as your County Commissioner for the past 12 years.  
John Lerohl O40C

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Who's Dat?



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This week's photo is a fellow Oklee High School graduate.

Last weeks photo was of a 2002 Christmas Program.

Front Ashley Bierman. L to R. Dallas Stein, Jay Bruski, Jason Kruchowski, Matthew Anderson (as Santa), Conway Hamm, Lisa Bergeson, Brianna Spong, Kali Borene, Mcalli Burns. Back James Wright, ? may-



Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

Yesterday was the first day of winter and the shortest day of the year. We are fortunate to have such nice weather lately. It will make the winter go faster. Today we woke up to snow falling down. Maybe the snow is welcome for the snowmobilers.

Yesterday was the funeral for Anne Peterson. She had suffered with cancer for a short time. It is always sad when a young person dies. She was only 72.

I hope everyone has all their Christmas gifts wrapped. I had to finish yesterday. I always mail the gifts early to avoid the last minute at the Post Office. It's always the local ones I delay until the last minute.

I have received many Christ-

mas cards with pictures of their family. Children seem to change after a year, they seem so much older. Keep up sending the pictures, I save all of them.

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Dates to Remember  
Site Meals:

December 26, 27 & 28.  
January 2, 3, & 4.

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Words of Wisdom

If you want your boss's job, dress the part.

Remember, a great fortune awaits the person who can solve but one problem a day.

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Joke Time

Two guys, Jimmy and Johnny, were standing at heaven's gate, waiting to be interviewed

by St. Peter.

Jimmy: How did you get here?

Johnny: Hypothermia. You? Jimmy: You won't believe it. I was sure my wife was cheating on me, so I came home early one day hoping to find the guy. I accused my wife of unfaithfulness and searched the whole house without any luck. Then I felt so bad about the whole thing I had a massive heart attack.

Johnny: Oh, man, if you had checked the walk-in freezer, we'd both be alive.

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They say when you die you see bright light at the end of a tunnel. I think my father will see the light, then flip it off to save electricity.

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

The hustle and bustle of the Christmas Holy Day has passed. We are in the relaxing mode right now. It calls one to stop and reflect on what has just occurred.

It was in a small town much like our small towns that Mary and Joseph lived. Bethlehem was like a suburb of the bigger towns around it. Mary and Joseph went to the census to be counted along with many other people. They ended up in a stable where their son was born. He was one tiny spark of life. He was announced by a star. And was visited by shepherds and kings. Just a tiny spark of light. The light followed him and dispersed to many other people. He taught what God wanted the people to do: Feed the hungry, visit the sick, help the poor, take in the wayfaring stranger, in other words to do good to others and help them on their journey. The light of one small child, has now become light all over the world. We are a part of that light. After all is done for the excitement of Christmas, we need some down time to reflect

what just occurred. Did we go overboard to buy lots of great gifts for the kids? Did we eat too much? Or this year did we moderate the spending and the hoopla to make Christmas special spiritually?

The choirs and the school programs do a great deal to make Christmas special for everyone. By going to these functions, we not only support the children who do the entertaining, but also make our own perspective of Christmas a bit more down to earth. Concerts by choirs and bands are really a high form of entertainment. These budding young musicians, singers and band members alike all enjoy the support you give them.

With the craze of cell phones, many times it is assumed that everyone else does it. They forget that not everyone else is at a computer or has a cell phone. Over the weekend one family almost had no dinner because the family that was traveling "messaged" that they were coming to eat dinner with the family. Only the family wasn't on the computer because they

were doing last minute preparations with decorating etc. One of the family got curious and called the travelers to ask if for sure they were coming or if they were to stay home with their sick daughter. The answer "Yeah we are about 30 minutes from your house." Quickly a ham was thrown into the oven and potatoes were baked and salad was produced, and buns were baked. The dinner was very late, but the fun of family was not lost. So don't assume that the message got through. Call them and make sure you talk to the hostess and let them know for sure. Besides, they want to hear your voice. Call them if the message is important.

The angels that sang on that Christmas night heralded the new born king. They were praising the birth of a savior. The light of the world who shines for us all. May we be an extension of that light that brings good things to everyone we meet. We hope you had a Merry Christmas and that the New Year brings you good fortune and health.

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

Charles and Connie Bishop of Lake George came Thursday evening for the Holiday Train. Two of Connie's sisters from Bemidji came with. It was great to see them. Charlie is doing very well.

On Monday Bunny DuChamp, Jim & Debbie DuChamp went to Biff's for lunch and met with seven nieces and nephews of Bunny's. They went later to visit Shirley Vetteleson.

The RLCC Elementary Christmas Concert was last Friday afternoon with a huge turnout. It was 1st to 3rd grades.

Friday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday Challenger's 1st graders came to tour the Tri River Museum. Members helped with showing them around. They were a lively bunch. The kids are very curious and it's fun for them. Following the tour, they made butter in the baby food jars and then put it on crackers to eat. They had juice to drink. There

were 35 – 40 kids each day.

On Wednesday, Elizabeth Quick's class had special music. Her son Daniel played the viola and his friend Brigham Drevlow played Bass. Elizabeth played on the piano "Yankee Doodle Dandy" with the boys playing their instruments. They played two more with piano accompaniment. Some of the songs the boys played were "Hark the Herald Angels Sing", "Green Sleeves", "What Child Is This", "Jolly Old Saint Nicklaus", "Good King Wenceslas", "Up on the House Top" and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas." They did a very good job performing.

Then they played "Hide the Thimble." One boy and one girl was chosen to look for the thimble, when they were close to it the kids would clap faster and it was fun for them. I remember playing the game when I was a kid.

Plummer Senior Citizens met on Thursday and had a potluck lunch. There are look-

ing for new people to join. We'll have new activities.

The Lions and Lions Too passed out Christmas bags at the school to the K – 6th grade on Thursday morning.

I went skiing on Saturday. It was thirty degrees in late afternoon and the snow was nice. Sunday I saw a robin in my yard.

Wednesday Valley City, ND had rain then a rainbow when the sun broke through, strange for December.

In 1843, the British started the custom of sending Christmas cards. They were very expensive and few could afford them until they were massed produced.

This year is the 200th anniversary of "Silent Night."

This was from a contestant on Wheel of Fortune. "What do you call Santa when he ends up bankrupt? Answer: Nickel-Less!

Hope you all had a Happy and Blessed Christmas with family and friends.

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