

Oklee Precipitation

By Einar Kvasager

	Rain	Snow
Dec. 22		1.00
Dec. 23		1.00
Dec. 24		0.25
Dec. 25		Trace
Dec. 27		4.00
Dec. 28		2.00
Total in.	0.00	8.25

Oklee Herald

...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

OKLEE (RED LAKE COUNTY) MINN. 56742



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Wednesday, January 2, 2019

County Commissioners Lerohl Sorensen retired and levy approved

On December 24th, the Red Lake County Commissioners met at 10:00 a.m. for the final meeting of the year.

The meeting was called to order by Dave Sorensen and there were no additions or changes to the agenda.

Treasurer Nick Knott was the first one on the agenda to discuss the Mutual Fund that the County purchased 22 years ago. Laws have changed over the years and the statutes now state that government entities should not have funds in mutual funds. This has been mentioned in a number of audits to get this changed. It was decided to get into compliance on this issue. A motion was made to sell off 1/2 of the mutual fund this year and the other half next year, to reinvest and it should be all done in a couple of weeks. The motion was made by Commissioner Chuck Simpson and seconded by Commissioner Ron Weiss, carried.

The minutes were read and approved with no changes by a motion by Commissioner John Lerohl, seconded by Weiss, carried.

The County Attorney, Mike Lacoursiere came before the board with a request to add additional funds to his budget due to the shaken baby case coming before the courts soon. Funds will be needed to cover the costs of hotel stays, mileage and expert testimony specials for this case. The money may or may not be depending if it goes to trial or if a plea agreement is reached. If the money is not needed it will be put back in the general fund. The commissioners agreed to add \$15,000 to the Attorney's budget if needed due to the case with a motion by Lerohl, seconded by Simpson, carried.

Before LaCoursiere left the table, Weiss had a question for him about how to change the amount of people on a board (going from a 7 to 5 member board), and how to legally change the number. LaCoursiere's opinion was that a motion should be made and after it is approved, a quorum could be 3 to conduct business.

Angie Lundeen, the Human Resources person, had a couple of questions for the Commissioners on the advertising for the County Engineer's position. Ads have been placed in the local papers and there hasn't been any response. This position's requirements are quite specific and needs a larger area for potential candidates.

Lundeen had researched a number of different ways to get the job posting to a wider audience. She has searched out a number of no cost sites, such as JobsHQ and state job services offices. INDEED was also one of the free listings and they had called to see if the county was interested in using their headhunter services. The offer was that if their headhunter found a person and that person was hired, the fee would be 10% of the new hire's salary. The Commissioners said to keep doing the free listings and INDEED offer with a motion by Commissioner Al Remick with the second by Weiss, carried.

Judy Schmitz from Social Services was recognized for her 45th years of service. (see picture).

The bills were looked at and approved by a motion from Weiss, seconded by Simpson, carried.

Nursing Service appointments were approved with a motion by Lerohl, seconded by Remick, carried.

Committee reports were given by Weiss who had attended a



Red Lake County employee, Judy Schmitz - Social Services, was recognized at the December 24th board meeting, for her 45 years of service award and received this beautiful clock.

public hearing on the Black River impoundment.

Simpson and Remick had no meetings to report on.

Lerohl had attended a NW Regional Development meeting where they talked about the many revolving loans they had out and only one had failed, siting the labor costs were too high and the company couldn't make it.

Lerohl also mentioned that Gayle Flateland at Inter-County Community Council will be retiring in two weeks.

Auditor Bob Schmitz had a number of items to bring before the Commissioners. First was the annual bill for the Park Board which they receive yearly. A motion was made to pay with a motion by Weiss and seconded by Siimpson, carried.

A release of mortgage due to satisfaction of a loan needs to be addressed with a motion by Lerohl, seconded by Weiss, carried.

The Year end Budget adjustments from the Attorney's request (funds will come out of the reserve) was looked over. Motion was made to set salary grades by Lerohl, seconded by Simpson, carried.

Also the salaries of elected officials with a motion by Lerohl, seconded by Weiss, carried.

Motions were made for the following:

Approve the following county levies be adopted and ordered certified to the County Auditor for collection in 2019 as follows:

Revenues	\$2,383,344.00
Road and Bridge	625,000.00
Welfare	412,030.00
Total	3,420,364.00
Less State Tax Aids:	419,698.00
Net Certified Levy	\$3,000,666.00

Motion made by Lerohl, seconded by Simpson, carried.

Approve the 2019 county budget as follows:

Revenue	\$3,523,384.00
Road and Bridge	3,730,350.00
Social Services	1,638,107.00
Total	\$8,891,841.00

Motion made by Lerohl, seconded by Weiss, carried.

Approve the designated cash flow for 2019 in the following amounts:

Revenue	\$1,409,354.00
Road and Bridge	1,492,140.00
Social Services	655,242.00
Total	\$3,556,736.00

Motion made by Remick, seconded by Simpson, carried.

Next meeting will be scheduled for January 8, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the County Courthouse Commissioner's room.

Schmitz mentioned that the system is not fair and it has caused his wages to not increase as it should and he would like the commissioners to look at this issue. He stated some comparisons and wanted it on record. The commissioners and HR said that maybe the Compensation Study will make a difference.

Schmitz also personally thanked John Lerohl and Dave Sorensen for their years of service. There has been some tough decisions to be made. Lerohl and Sorensen both said that the 12 years have gone by very fast.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Calendar of Events

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.

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

Sat, Jan. 12:
-Support your local business - Shop Locally!

Sun, Jan. 13:
-Worship at the church of your choice.

Mon, Jan. 14:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.

Tue, Jan. 15:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. - Cards.

Wed, Jan. 16:
-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. 17:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. - Bingo.

Fri, Jan. 18:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.

Sat, Jan. 19:
-Support your local business - Shop Locally!

Sun, Jan. 20:
-Worship at the church of your choice.

Plummer Lions give candy bags to RLCC Elementary students



On Thursday, December 20, the Plummer Lions Club delivered candy bags to the children at Red Lake County Elementary School. Plummer Lions Too member Debbie DuChamp also helped out with the candy bags. The Lions gave out 270 bags of candy. The children were pretty excited to get the candy bags. Pictured below right is (l to r): Mike Greenwald, Wade Westlake, Steve Rosten, Don Fox and Jim DuChamp.



Oklee Moonlighters 52nd Annual Safari Ride/Family Day

On January 19, 2019, the Oklee Moonlighters Snowmobile Club will be hosting their 52nd annual Safari Ride and Family Day.

This is an annual event that promises to be lots of fun for snowmobile enthusiasts and a great way to spend time with your family and friends.

The fun starts at noon when all interested riders gather at TJ's Tavern in Oklee. The ride starts at 1:00 p.m. and has plans for a family fun ride with Hot Dogs & S'mores at their

Warming Shed west of Oklee.

Later after the ride, the snowmobilers will return to Oklee and once again gather at TJ's Tavern in Oklee about 6:00 p.m.

There will be door prizes and music to follow the day's ride.

This is a fun day for all and many things have been planned.

Photo right: Getting ready to hit the trails at last years 51st Annual Sno Safari.



Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Wed, Jan. 2: 7:00 p.m. Confirmation.
Sun, Jan. 6: 9:00 a.m. Zion. 9:00 a.m. Salem SS. 10:15 a.m. Zion SS. 10:30 a.m. Salem.
Tue, Jan. 8: 9:00 a.m. Quilting at Zion. 7:00 p.m. Parish Board meeting.
Wed, Jan. 9: No Confirmation.

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OKLEE, GRYGLA & GOODRIDGE
Fr. Adam Hamness
Sun, Jan. 6: 7:30 a.m. Confessions 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Francis Xavier, Oklee; 10:15 a.m. St. Clement Parish, Grygla; 12:00 p.m. St. Ann Parish, Goodridge.

BROOKS - RED LAKE FALLS CATHOLIC PARISH
Fr. Bob Schreiner
Sat, Jan. 5: 5:30 p.m. RLF
Sun, Jan. 6: 8:00 a.m. Brooks. 10:00 a.m. RLF.

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun, Jan. 6: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Immanuel. 10:15 a.m. SS at Immanuel. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Sun, Jan. 6: 8:30 a.m. Ekelund. 9:30 a.m. SS; 9:45 a.m. Faith, 11:00 a.m. SS; 11:00 a.m. Bethany, 9:45 a.m. SS.
Mon, Jan. 7: 9:00 a.m. Faith Quilting. 9:30 a.m. Rachel Circle.
Tue, Jan. 8: 6:00 p.m. Shalom Circle.
Wed, Jan. 9: Wednesday School at 12:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. Faith WELCA.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

January 7 - 11
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: ½ cold meatloaf sandwich, hash browns, corn, and dessert.

Tuesday: Hamburger patty, stuffed baked potato (broccoli & cheese), toast, and dessert.

Wednesday: Beef roast, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, and dessert.

Thursday: Ham & Swiss melt on bun, potato soup, and dessert.

Friday: 6 pc. Shrimp, hash browns, peas, and dessert.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Sat, Jan. 5: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.

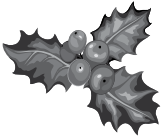
Sun, Jan. 6: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri, 9:15 a.m. SS; 8:30 a.m. SS Oak Park, 9:45 a.m. Oak Park. 10:00 a.m. SS at Nazareth, 11:00 a.m. Nazareth.
Wed, Jan. 9: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 7:00 p.m. LYS.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Jan. 2: 3:30 p.m. Youth Group leaving for Soup Kitchen in Bemidji.
Fri, Jan. 4: 8:30 a.m. Friday School.

Sun, Jan. 6: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.
Tue, Jan. 8: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotion. 10:00 a.m. Quilting. 6:30 Bible Study.
Wed, Jan. 9: 6:30 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, Jsn. 6: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Lund. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Sand Valley.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY
Fosston
Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor
Sun, Jan. 6: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship.



Oklee Historical Society needs your pop cans!

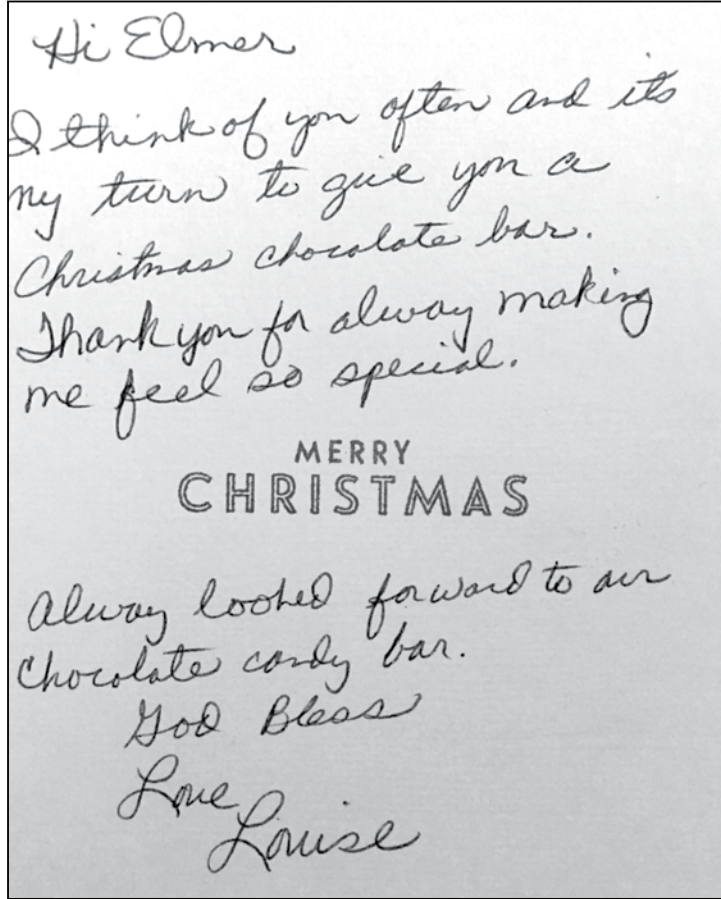
The Oklee Historical Society is raising funds by collecting aluminum cans. Please bring them to the recycling bin set up near the ice skating rink and fair buildings in Oklee. The money raised will be used for supplies needed to build displays not only on the main floor of City Hall, but to expand the museum area to the upstairs so that full room displays can be set up.

Carpeting is now needed to finish the transformation of a museum area upstairs. All the laminate flooring has been installed and it is beautiful. Thank you to all who donate their pop cans.

10 percent off all money raised by the Historical Society is being set aside in the hopes of raising enough funds for an elevator to be installed so that everyone will have access to the museum.

Your continued support in the aluminum can drive is greatly appreciated by the Oklee Historical Society.

The Christmas Candy Bar



Elmer Hanson drove bus for Oklee Public School from 1954 to 1976. During these 22 years, each student on his bus felt extra special when they received the gift of a Hershey's Candy Bar at Christmas time. These bars of chocolate were not the regular sized bar, they were the HUGE Hershey's Chocolate Candy Bar!

This Christmas season, Elmer received a package from a former passenger who now resides in Arizona. In the package, was a giant Hershey's, snowquised as a snowman.

Louise, an Alumni from OHS, wanted Elmer to know that even after 40 plus years, she still had fond memories of the chocolate candy bar.

When Elmer was giving you the candy bars all of those years, he never imagined that this small gift given during the holiday season, would become a fond childhood memory.



Oklee Centennial Cookbook Recipe Corner - From page 512

Peanut Banana Muffins Deb (Champagne) Olson

1-1/2 cups flour
1/2 cup sugar
1 tsp baking powder
1/2 tsp baking soda
1/2 tsp salt
1 egg
1/2 cup butter, melted
1-1/2 cups ripe bananas, mashed (about 3 medium)
3/4 cup peanut butter chips



In a bowl combine the flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt. In another bowl, combine the egg, butter and bananas. Stir into dry ingredients just until moistened. Fold in chips. Fill greased or paper lined muffin cups about 3/4 full. Bake at 375 degrees for 18 - 22 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean. Cool for 5 minutes before removing from pan to a wire rack.

Oklee Herald Office Hours

This weeks hours:

Wed, Jan. 2 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Thu, Jan. 3 In Gonvick all day.
Fri, Jan. 4 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Oklee Office Phone: 796-5181

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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.

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Sudoku Solution

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

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 - Mahnomen.

Every 4th Tuesday - Thief River Falls

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

Every 2nd & 4th Friday - Bemidji.



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).

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MUSTANG STAMPEDE

RLCC Menus

January 7 - 11

Oklee

Monday: Breakfast: Biscuit & gravy, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Chili w/ corn muffins, corn chips, fresh vegetables, cracker, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Muffins, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetables, dinner roll, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Omelet, toast, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, fried rice, vegetables, dipping sauce, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: French toast, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Corn dog, macaroni & cheese, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Soup, meat sandwiches, fresh vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Plummer

Monday: Breakfast: Pancakes, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Cheeseburger hotdish, salad w/croutons, Go-Gurt, buttered bread, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Apple turnover, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Hot dogs, baked beans, Sun Chips, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Pork fritter, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli, dinner roll, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, cereal or hot oatmeal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Shredded pork w/bun, hash browns, peas & carrots, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Taco bar (lettuce, cheese, tomato, olives, taco sauce, sour cream), refried beans, veggies, baked potatoes, 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

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.

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

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: 8: Win-E-Mac at Plummer 4:30PM

Youth Snowmobile Training on Jan. 12th

By Madison Carlson

Youth Snowmobile Training will be Saturday, January 12th at 1:00 p.m. in the library in the Oklee High School. Registration and completing the online class must be done by January 12th. Children 11 years and older are able to take the class.

Visit snowmobilecourse.com to complete the online course (\$24.95). Bring your certificate of completion of the course along when class starts. Registration can be done at the RLCC school office or contact Shelly Flatgard at 218-686-8627.



Santa and Mrs. Claus visited Oklee on December 1st with about 50 kids lining up to tell him what was on their lists.



The Patrick & Jenny O'Neill boys filled Santa's lap and his ears with everything they wanted for Christmas.

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 218-796-5181 or okleeherald@gmail.com. 4 x 6 prints cost \$1.00 each.



On December 11, 2018 Retiring Sheriff Barb Erdman received a service award from the Minnesota Sheriff's Association for her 31 years of service to Polk County. Barb's last day with the Polk County Sheriff's Office will be January 2, 2019.

Celebration for Sheriff Erdman as she retires from dept. on January 2nd

Polk County Sheriff Barb Erdman will retire from the helm of the Sheriff's Department after serving the residents of Polk County for 31 years.

There will be a celebration of Barb's retirement held on Friday, January 4th from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Polk County Sheriff's Office Community Room, 400 Bruce Street in Crookston.

Everyone is welcome to join the celebration and wish Barb well.

The new Sheriff of Polk County is Jim Tadman, and he will assume his duties as Sheriff following the retirement of Erdman.

In Winger, the mayor seat will remain with Darrel Olson and the Council seats will remain the same, as Dan Kindal and Deb Matson were re-elected to their positions.

McIntosh will also keep Mayor Toby Strom who will continue to serve the City for the next two years.

Bernie Marshall was re-elected to his City Council position that he was appointed to a year ago to fill a vacancy left when Steve Urness moved from town.

The open seat on the Council will be filled by Jordan Gunafson who was a write in candidate winner.

The first Council meeting in McIntosh for the 2019 year will be held on Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 5:30 pm at the McIntosh Community Center.



Mrs. Claus was just as interested and Santa in what the children were telling them about their lists.



This little gal in Brooks was a bravely sitting in Santa's lap. She wasn't too sure of this fellow dressed in read.

Who's Dat?



Who's Dat

This group photo is of a large group of ladies.

Last week's photo is a fellow graduate, Steve Paquin, who is deceased. He was part of the wrestling team in 1967.

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.

If you email a photo,

please scan at 300 dpi (high quality) if you can. You can email to okleeherald@gmail.com.

If you mail a photo to the Oklee Herald office, please enclose a self-addressed

stamped envelope so the photos can be returned. Mail them to: Oklee Herald, PO Box 9, Oklee MN 56742

Or stop by the office and I will scan your photo while you wait.



