

Oklee Precipitation
By Einar Kvasager

	Rain	Snow
Jan. 12	trace	
Jan. 14	trace	trace
Jan. 15		trace
Jan. 17		trace
Total in.	0.00	0.00

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...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

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Year in Review....

March 7: The Northwest Minnesota Arts Council (NW-MAC) was excited to exhibit Midwest Grain, a collection of watercolor paintings by Debbie Aune, which feature familiar landmarks to all of us living in northwest Minnesota: grain elevators. A longtime artist of Gatzke, Minnesota, Debbie grew up on a small farm in northern Minnesota, and recalls her early fascination with these historical structures. One of the paintings featured the Gully Elevator.

The Riverwatch team placed fifth in the Riverwatch Forum Competition. The students had to create a service project and a video explaining what they accomplished. RLCC members of Riverwatch: (Front) Erin Jones, Advisor Ms. Shelley Steva, Sidney Olson; (Back) Britain Arlt, Tanisha Srnsky, Brandie DeHate, Kaitlyn Morris, Courtney Rude, and Garrett Qualley.

The Red Lake County's Rebels Boys' Basketball won 66 to 48 against the Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears February 23, 2018 in Clearbrook. The Rebels put up 37 percent and the Bears shot 28 percent throughout the game. On the free throw line, RLC shot 62 percent and Clearbrook-Gonvick shot 25 percent.

Four Mustang wrestlers placed at the Section 8A Wrestling Tournament: Nick Pahlen-3rd, George Duden-5th, Tristyn Ferguson-6th, and Damon Ferguson-4th.

Today began with the sun shining, but it didn't last. The prediction is for rain followed by snow.

March 14: The Red Lake County Central Student Senate gathered at the Spring Summit Tuesday, February 28th at Lincoln High School. Participating were Cari Bachand, Aurimy Olson, Taya Morinville, Jayden Fore, Kara Longtin, Gerald Melin, Lily Guillemette, Erin Jones, Karena Melby, Jade Person, Kia Bachand, Julia Bernstein, Dawson Rystad, Sydney Melby, Britain Arlt, Jenna Pahlen, and Calyssa Eskeli. Their advisor was Mr. Randy Huie.

At the Red Lake County Central High School Gymnasium on March 3, 2018, there was a presentation about healthy and unhealthy relationships. Kelly, Michelle, and Stacy from the Violence Intervention Project spoke to the RLCC students and staff about abusive relationships and consent. February was Teen Dating Violence Awareness month.

March 21: RLCC High School Theater will be presenting its first musical in over 35 years next month named, SOMETHING'S AFOOT by James McDonald, David Vos and Robert Gerlach and by special arrangement by Samuel French Inc. This musical comedy is loosely based on Agatha Christie's TEN LITTLE INDIANS. It is a great who dun it.

In an emergency, dialing 911 is a call for help. But people with

hearing loss or those who must remain quiet in a dangerous situation aren't able to place a call safely or at all. That's why the Department of Public Safety Emergency Communication Networks (DPS-ECN) has worked with stakeholders around Minnesota to develop Text-to-911 on Minnesota's Next Generation 911 (NG911) network. DPSECN announced today that Minnesotans are now able to use the service throughout the state.

Slow melting has been the word of the week. There is much ice out on the landscape, and the slow melting is keeping the ice around longer than we wish for. But spring is coming this week. On Wednesday we can say spring is here but the other shoe can still drop and hammer us hard.

March 28: Gretchen Revering, a 2015 Alexandria Area High School graduate, Frankie & Shirley Cyr's granddaughter was the featured story because she recently got hired to work as a federal agent. She will officially be a U.S. Capitol Police officer.

The RLC 5th grade boys took first in the Goodridge elementary basketball tournament. The boys defeated Roseau and BGMR scoring a total of 75 points and giving up only 8! Participating were Ryan Tvedt, Ethan Majeres, Gavin Thomas, Kane Nelson, Owen Chervestad, Guy Bergeson, Luke Peterson, Hunter Dudycha, Hayz Hanson. Their coach was Angel Bergeson.

Watch for more Year in Review next week...

New City of Oklee Council took Oath of Office on January 14th



New City of Oklee Council members are Kelly Brekke and Larry (Snook) Olson. They attended their first official meeting on January 14th.

On January 14th, the new Oklee Council met at the Oklee Cafe for their first meeting of the year.

Present for the meeting were Matthew Genova, Paul Cyr, new members Kelly Brekke and Larry Olson. Mayor George Burthwick called the meeting to order. Minutes were looked at and there were no corrections were Genova made a motion to accept the minutes, Cyr seconded. Carried.

Genova took a photos of the new members and re-elected Mayor for the Oklee Herald. The oath of office was given to the new and re-elected members.

The financial report was given by Clerk Derek Cross. Accountant Gayle Schmitz was unable to attend. Cross went through page by page explaining the details as needed. A motion was made by Cyr, Olson seconded, carried.

Checks were looked over and approved by a motion to pay the bills by Genova, seconded by Cyr. Carried.

Sheriff Mitch Bernstein reported to the Council that a few cars owners were talked to about moving them. A person was reported to be moving to

Oklee with a dangerous dog, but they found a place in the country. Genova asked about the Bishop property, we got some money from him, county attorney will put pressure on the person, needs to finish cleaning up yard. It has been quite around Oklee.

Genova asked Bernstein about the apartment building in Oklee. A party is interested in buying the building is the rumor, and Red Lake County in Oklee really doesn't have services to offer person's being rehabilitated. Questions need to be asked and should the city call their attorney and find out that their options are. Genova also wanted to know if the property is commercial and residential. More information is needed.

A presentation was made by an engineering firm Morris Engineering looking to offer their services to the City of Oklee. Papers were handed out with information on their firm. Morris Engineering started in 1960. Some of their customers are City of Moorhead, and Casselton. Small towns are an important part of our business. We are all about saving small towns money - we don't charge



George Burthwick was re-elected to his third term as City of Oklee's Mayor.

for phone calls or council meetings, we want you to call with questions.

Darrell Tougas, Oklee Maintenance gave his report. Tougas has been busy getting equipment ready for spring and moving snow. Tougas is also trying to get information out to the public about phosphorous. Education to the public is needed on this issue. Brochure needs to be redone and mailed out. Council said go ahead. New pond permit has been issued.

Burthwick requested that
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Calendar of Events

Wed, Jan. 23:

-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. 24:

-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity:
12:30 p.m. – Bingo.

Fri, Jan 25:

-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.

Sat, Jan. 26:

-Support your local business – Shop Locally!

Sun, Jan. 27:

-Worship at the church of your choice.

Mon. Jan. 28:

-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.

Tue, Jan. 29:

-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity:

1:30 p.m. – Cards

Wed, Jan. 30:

-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. 31:

-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity:

12:30 p.m. – Bingo.

Fri, Feb. 1:

-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.

Sat, Feb. 2:

-Support your local business – Shop Locally!

Sun, Feb. 3:

-Worship at the church of your choice.

Mon, Feb. 4:

-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.

Tue, Feb. 5:

-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity:

1:30 p.m. – Cards

Wed, Feb. 6:

-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity:

1:30 p.m. – Bridge.

-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.

Thu, Feb. 7:

-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity:

12:30 p.m. – Bingo.

Fri, Feb. 8:

-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.

-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.

Sat, Feb. 9:

-Support your local business – Shop Locally!

Sun, Feb. 10:

-Worship at the church of your choice.

Mon, Feb. 11:

-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.

Tue, Feb. 12:

-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity:

1:30 p.m. – Cards

Wed, Feb. 13:

-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity:

1:30 p.m. – Bridge.

-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.

Mark Your Calendars!

News just released to the Oklee Herald office. The 2019 Oklee Volunteer Fireman's Blizzard Bonanza is going to happen!

When: February 23rd.

Where: The Oklee Community Hall.

Time: 5:00 p.m. is when the social hour begins, which is followed by the Deep Fried Walleye dinner, and then an evening of door prizes, meat raffles, gun raffles, games and entertainment.

Tim Eggebraaten will be back along with "Just Imagine" (magician).

Raffle Prizes for the main raffle are:

1st prize: Weatherby .243 rifle

2nd prize: Red Lake County Co-op \$500 gas card.

3rd prize: \$150 in Cash

4th prize: \$100 Visa Gift Card.

Only 350 tickets will be sold for this event. Tickets can be purchased from an Oklee Fireman and some local businesses. Cost for a ticket \$20.

This is a fun night with great food, lots of great entertainment and fun games and it is a great way to break the cabin fever brought on by winter weather by having a great night out!

Oath of office given for County offices on January 8th



Receiving the Oath of Office were elected officials from left to right: Al Remick, County Commissioner, Mike LaCoursiere, County Attorney, Joyce Paquin, County Recorder, Mitch Bernstein, County Sheriff, Nick Knott, County Treasurer, Anthony Flage, County Commissioner, Delane "Johne" Dudycha, County Commissioners and Bob Schmitz, County Auditor.

The Red Lake County Commissioners reorganization meeting was held on January 8, 2019 and was called to order by County Auditor Bob Schmitz. All members that were re-elected were sworn in by the Court Administration Deputy before any further business could be held.

First order of business was nominations for County Commissioner Chairperson. Commissioner Ron Weiss was nominated for Chairperson by Chuck Simpson. Nominations were called for three times, a motion was made by Chuck Flage and seconded by Al Remick, All were in favor. Carried.

Commissioner Ron Weiss, Chairperson of Board took

over the meeting. Nominations were called for Vice Chairperson. Simpson nominated Remick for Vice Chairperson, nominations were called for three times, Dudycha made a motion to accept Remick as Vice Chairperson, seconded by Flage, carried.

Bids for the official newspaper was next on the agenda.

Remick asked the County Attorney the newspapers had to be the legal paper, if the mintues and other things could be on the County website. LaCoursiere said that it is a state statute that the county have an official newspaper, but the items still could be also on the website.

Bids were as given:	
Gazette	Oklee Herald
1st Printing of Financials	
\$4.25	\$3.00
2nd Printing of Financials	
\$4.00	\$3.00
Printing of Commissioners minutes	
\$4.25	\$3.00
Printing of the Delinquent Tax List	
\$4.00	\$3.00

A motion was made by Simpson to accept the bid by the Oklee Herald for the 1st printing of the Financial, Board minutes and Delinquent Tax List, Dudycha seconded, motion carried.

A motion was made by Remick for the Gazette to

print the 2nd printing of the Financials, Dudycha seconded, carried.

The agenda was approved as listed and meeting dates and times were set as the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. as the official date and times of County Commissioner meetings at the Red Lake County Courthouse.

Tanya Hanson from the Red Lake County Soil, Water Conservation District reported on grant for NW Minnesota that is available yearly and there is a 25% match from Enbridge and will be matched up to \$30,000 by the state if the County gives \$30,000. Motion by Remick, seconded by Simpson for the County to give \$30,000 for the

match of this grant.

County Attorney LaCoursiere had an update on the question on how to change the number of board members on a board to a smaller number. After doing some research, a motion to dissolve a board must be made and then replace the board with a motion to the different number of members. This was too make it easier to have a quorum for meetings and the board they were discussion was the Human Services board.

A motion was made by Simpson, seconded by Dudycha to dissolve the board of 7 members and replace it with a board of Commissioners which has five members. Carried.

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Wed, Jan. 23: 7:00 p.m. Confirmation.
Sun, Jan. 27: 9:00 a.m. Salem. 9:00 a.m. Zion SS. 10:15 a.m. Salem SS. 10:30 a.m. Zion - Annual meeting at Zion after service. Potluck to follow.
Tue, Jan. 29: 9:00 a.m. Quilting at Zion.
Wed, Jan. 30: 7:00 p.m. Confirmation.

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OKLEE, GRYGLA & GOODRIDGE
Fr. Adam Hamness
Sun, Jan. 27: 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. 26: 5:30 p.m. RLF
Sun, Jan. 27: 8:00 a.m. Brooks, 10:00 a.m. RLF.

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun, Jan. 27: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer. 9:15 a.m. SS at Immanuel. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Immanuel. Immanuel Annual meeting after service.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Wed, Jan. 23: Wednesday School at 12:30 p.m.
Sun, Jan. 27: Ekelund: 8:30 a.m. Worship. No SS. 9:30 a.m. Annual meeting. Faith: 9:45 a.m. Worship. 11:00 a.m. SS. Bethany: 11:00 a.m. Worship. 9:45 a.m. SS. 12:00 p.m. Annual meeting & potluck.
Mon, Jan. 28: 9:00 a.m. Faith Quilting.
Wed, Jan. 30: No Wednesday School.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

January 28 - February 1
Call 796-5666 to order a meal.

If you are over the age of 60 and would like to eat with other seniors at the Senior Site, please call the Café at 796-5666 to reserve your meal. A \$4.00 per meal donation is suggested.

Monday: Fish, baked potato, carrots, and dessert.
Tuesday: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, green beans, garlic toast, and dessert.

Wednesday: Hamburger patty, tossed salad, cottage cheese, toast, and dessert.
Thursday: BBQ chicken, hash browns, mixed vegetables, and dessert.

Friday: Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, corn, and dessert.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Wed, Jan. 23: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School.
Sat, Jan. 26: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.

Sun, Jan. 27: 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. 30: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Jan. 23: 6:30 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Fri, Jan. 25: 8:30 a.m. Friday School.
Sun, Jan. 27: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School. 5:30 p.m. Family VBS Night.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH Bethany * Lund Sand Valley Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Wed, Jan. 23: 6:15 p.m. 7&8 grade confirmation at Lund.
Sun, Jan. 27: 10:30 a.m. Sand Valley. Annual meeting with potluck.
Wed, Jan. 30: 6:15 p.m. 7&8 grade confirmation at Lund.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor
Sun, Jan. 27: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship.

Tri-Valley Public Transportation

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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.

Local News

Corlan's 2018 Christmas
December 22nd Corlan went with son Wes and Deb to Harwood and had Christmas with them and grandkids Jonathan, Holly, Aaron, & Owen; Charles, Naomi & Maci; Mikel, Jill, Harper, Carson and Skarlet; Wesley Jr., Jessica, Malea, Beckett & Presleigh. Jacob Magnell, Daniel Svalen, Ben & Carly Theis, Cloie, Audrey, Macy and Millie.

December 23rd Corlan went to Pat Glick's house and had Christmas with her & Toni Magnell and grandkids, Krista, Mike, Kyler, Logan, Tiana, Brooke and friend Ian.

Monday, December 24th, Corlan went with son Dennis & Danielle to Bemidji and had Christmas with grandchildren Jessica, Vivian, Jillian, and family. Konner, James, Amerah, Jet, and Judd.

On December 25th, Corlan went to Orlene & Ginny Sto-

neouse's and had Christmas with son Dennis & Danielle and grandkids Nathan, Miranda and Nolan.

December 29th, Corlan went to son Randy & Nancy Mag-nell's and had Christmas with them and grandkids, Craig, Michelle, Tanner, Ian, Brock and Carter. Troy, Amber and Easton. Isaac, Emily, Cloie, Eli, Liam, Jenny, Derrick and Jackson.

December 31st Corlan went to daughter Annette and Galen Phelps and had Christmas with them and grandkids Derik, friend Amanda, Kaiza, Shevy, Ericka, Krimzen, Brooklyn, Regan & Crew. Mitch, Lindsay, Brody & Sophia. Kick & Keadon.

Corlan got to see 22 of the 24 grandchildren and got to see 39 of the 41 great grandkids. The four she didn't see live in Michigan. So phone calls were had. It was a great Christmas for her.

Red Lake Falls Library News

The library is open on Tuesday from Noon until 7:00 pm, Wednesday from Noon until 7:00 pm, Thursday from Noon until 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.

New this week in young adult: "The Cursed Sea" by Lauren DeStefano, sequel to "The Glass Spare," and "Five Feet Apart" by Rachael Lippincott, soon to be a major motion picture - coming to theaters everywhere in 2019; and in

adult fiction: "Freefall" by Jessica Barry, "Fulfillment" by Barbara Delinsky, and "Death Comes to Bath" by Catherine Lloyd. New large print adult fiction: "Button Man" by Andrew Gross, "Gunfire Mountain" by Ed La Vanway, and "Chasing Fireflies" by Charles Martin. New adult nonfiction: "The Bloated Belly Whisperer" by Tamara Duker Freuman, MS, RD, CDN. And new dvd: "What They Had" with Hilary Swank and Blythe Danner.

Professional drummer Mike Arturi will perform a concert at the RLF branch on Tuesday, February 5 starting at 6:00 pm. This event is free of charge and open to the public.

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Official City of Oklee Minutes

City of Oklee Regular Council
December 10th 2018,
Oklee Café 6.00PM

Meeting Called to order at 6.00 PM.

Roll Call: Mayor Burthwick, Paul Cyr, Matthew Genova, Lori Melby. Also present, Cross

November Minutes
Motion to accept by Melby and seconded by Genova, motion carried.

November Bills
Motion to accept by Melby and seconded by Genova, motion carried.

Transfer the due to and due from other funds
Motion by Cyr and seconded by Genova, motion carried

November Financials
Motion to accept September Financial Report by Genova and seconded by Cyr, motion carried.
Question asked about workman's comp expenses, this to be looked into.

Maintenance
Cross gave an overview of recent activity, regarding pumps, electronics and the fact the water tower is now monitored for temperature and power.
Recent pump problems located

to a broken wire underground at the water tower.

Due to the poor condition of the brown chairs in the Hall, Brown chairs to be replaced and store them and only allow the brown chairs out for functions, grey chairs to replace them so all the hall chairs are the same.

Invite Moore's Engineers to the next meeting, hold off on signing the WSN contract.

Mowing Ordinance final reading
Motion by Cyr and seconded by Melby, motion carried.

The new Ordinance is now in effect.

Sealed bids for street sweeper.
One bid received, for \$201.69 from Jeff Spearing.

Motion to accept by Cyr and seconded by Melby, motion carried.

Delinquent Utilities

Cross provided a list of delinquent accounts.

Motion to send delinquent accounts to the County by Genova and seconded by Cyr, motion carried.

Motion to close the meeting by Melby and seconded by Cyr, motion carried.

Meeting closed at 7.20 PM.

Derek Cross/City Clerk

Mayor Burthwick
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the ceiling tile get replace in the building and the City of Oklee needs to be updated with paint and ceiling tiles. Christmas decorations also need to be taken down also.

Genova has a issue with property line with a neighbor and asked Darrel & Derek to go measure. It was pointed out that the measurement would be only an approximate measurement.

Commissions of the City were discussed. This is the list of the prices the City of Oklee charges for rentals of the hall, equipment rentals, licenses, and per diems, meeting rates, etc.

Genova brought up that

Sheriff's Department deputy having to be at the meetings, can we make a change in the future where it is not a requirement. It is up to the board and it will be brought up at the next meeting.

Burthwick told the two new members that a good place to ask questions, the League of Minnesota Cities is a good place to get information about City policies and rules.

Discussion about the Engineer firms was brought up. How does the one we work with charge and do they require a contract? Does this one require a contract? It is important to decide which one the City wants to use in the future.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

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These two Brooks kids enjoyed seeing Santa.

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RLCC Menus

Jan. 28 – Feb. 1

Oklee

Monday: Breakfast: Egg, sausage & cheese biscuit, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Subs, fresh vegetables, chips, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken burger, scalloped potatoes, vegetable, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Pancake on a stick, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Pizza hotdish, vegetables, bread stick, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Quesadilla, lettuce salad, fresh vegetables, cottage cheese, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Pulled pork or BBQ chicken w/whole wheat bun, baked beans, chips, fruit, and milk.

Plummer

Monday: Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Hot ham patty on bun, hash browns, corn, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Cook's Choice, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, baked beans, dinner roll, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Egg omelet, toast, PB, jelly, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Toastie dog, macaroni & cheese, seasoned carrots, apple crisp w/whipped topping, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Muffins, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Pizza, salad bar, garlic bread sticks, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Spaghetti, garlic toast, green beans, fruit, and milk.

Mustang Sports Schedule

Girls Basketball

Varsity – Jr

Varsity

Thu, Jan. 24: Cass Lake-Bena at Oklee 6:00PM

Tue, Jan. 29: Fosston at Plummer 6:00PM

Thu, Jan. 31: Red Lake Falls at RLF 6:00PM

Fri, Feb. 1: Lake of the Woods at Lake of the Woods 6:00PM

Girls Junior

High Basketball

Mon, Jan. 28: Climax Shelly at Plummer 4:30PM

Thu, Jan. 31: Red Lake Falls at Red Lake Falls 3:45PM

Fri, Feb. 1: Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears at Oklee School 4:30PM

Mustang

Wrestling

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, Jan. 24: Roseau at Red Lake Falls 6:00PM

Tue, Jan. 29: Northern Freeze at Red Lake Falls 6:00PM

Thu, Jan. 31: Clearbrook-Gonvick at Oklee 6:00PM

Fri, Feb. 1: Warren/Alvarado/Oslo at Plummer 6:00PM

Basketball Boys

Junior High

Tue, Jan. 29: Northern Freeze at Red Lake Falls Comm. Hall 5:00PM

Fri, Feb. 1: Warren/Alvarado/Oslo at Red Lake Falls Community Hall 5:00PM

RLCC's Play

“The Complaint Department and Lemonade” Set to Compete in Bagley

This year's Red Lake County Central 1-Act play is called “The Complaint Department and Lemonade” by Kamron Klitgaard. In this play the students each go into the complaint department with a problem/complaint ranging from not being able to hear, to having a song stuck in their head. After going to the complaint department they somehow find themselves behind the desk receiving and solving another person's complaint! It is very fast paced and full of variety in the roles.

The students in the play this year are seniors: Tom Nelson, juniors: Jayden Iverson, Abigail Walton, sophomores: Danny Guillemette, Emily Kolstoe, Karena Melby, freshmen: Lilly Hanson, Jonathan Roue, Remi Rathsack, and eighth graders: Luci Svendsen. This play is directed by Tyrell Hamrum. Hamrum commented, “The cast has been working extremely hard since after Thanksgiving break to prepare for competition.”

The competition will be held Thursday, January 24th in the Bagley High School Auditorium beginning at 4:30 p.m.

RLCC Girls' Varsity Basketball

By Madison Carlson

Red Lake County Central Mustangs girls' basketball varsity team played against the Bagley Flyers in Oklee on Tuesday, January 15th. The Mustangs won 65-30. For the Mustangs, Jenna Pahlen had 31 points, ten rebounds and 8 steals; Kia Bachand had 15 points, nine rebounds, five assists and five steals; and Calyssa Eskeli had nine points and six rebounds.

RLC Basketball beats Fisher-Climax

By: Phillip Sorenson

The Red Lake County Rebels traveled to Fisher-Climax on January 15th. The Rebels would come out on top by outscoring the Knights 62-52. The top scorers for the Rebels were Isiah Olson with 21 points and seven rebounds; Derek Peterson with 18 points, Eric Gieseke with eight points, and Ben Cardinal with five points and five steals. The top scores for Fisher-Climax were Brady Klein with 18 points, Dylan Evitts with 12 points, and Trea Byklum with nine points.

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RLCC One Act Play will compete Thursday, January 24th in the Bagley Auditorium. (Back row) Danny Guillemette, Tom Nelson, Jayden Iverson, Abby Walton, (Middle row) Luci Svendsen, Karena Melby, Remi Rathsack, Lilly Hanson, (Front row) Jonathan Roue, and Emily Kolstoe.



Watercolor painter, Jim Mondloch, showing painting techniques to RLCC art students. Mondloch came as an artist in residence.



Seventh grader Kya Morinville finishing the last touches on her watercolor project.



RLCC 7th grade students working on their own watercolor painting.

RLC Rebels Basketball

By Kia Bachand

On February 11th, the Red Lake County Rebels boys' varsity defeated the Warren-Alvarado-Oslo Ponies 56-37 in Warren. The score at halftime was 29-19, Rebels leading.

Rebel highlights for the game were Derek Peterson with 18 points, eight assists, and three steals; Isiah Olson with 12 points, 10 rebounds, and three steals; Eric Gieseke with 10 points and seven rebounds; Brandon Wiskow with eight points; Adrien Verbout with five points; Zach Benson with three points; and Ben Cardinal with seven rebounds, four steals, and two blocks.

Highlights for the Ponies were Brandon Miller with 14 points, Hunter Steer with nine points, Dylan Bergh with eight points and 11 rebounds, Gavin Gullickson with three points, and Isaiah Branch with three points.

Knowledge Bowl Results from January 9th

By Abigail Walton

Wednesday, January 9th the Red Lake County Central Knowledge Bowl Team, advised by Mr. Bryan Paskvan, competed in the Knowledge Bowl meet in Thief River Falls. The RLCC Silver Team with Phillip Sorenson, Andrew Fish, Marie Johnson, Conner Lambert, Julia Bernstein, and Daphney Koralewski placed 12th with a total of 62 points. The RLCC Black Team with Dawson Rystad, Sydnie Gunderson, Sophia Linder, Derek Peterson, Lily Guillemette, and Calyssa Eskeli finished in 23rd place with a total of 50 points. Finishing in 24th place with a total of 48 points was the RLCC Red Team with Jayden Iverson, Tristyn Ferguson, Brody Moen, Danny Guillemette, Elijah Rathsack, and Sidney Olson. In 29th place with a total of 38 points was the RLCC Blue Team with Karena Melby, Zach Benson, Chis Longtin, Emily Kolstoe, Kia Bachand, and Janae Olson.

The top three teams were the Roseau Green Team in third place, the Thief River Falls White Team in second place, and the Kittson Central Gold Team in first place.



Kathryn Tran leads RLCC's Riverwatch team including Sidney Olson, Tanisha Srnsky, and Kaitlyn Morris. They are striving to do better than previous years while competing with their service project at the Forum in February.

Red Lake County Central River Watch

By: Tanisha Srnsky

Kaitlyn Morris, Sidney Olson, and Tanisha Srnsky participate in Red Lake County Central's River Watch team. The girls along with their advisor Mrs. Katie Tran get together once a month to meet with Ashley Hitt, an employee at the Red Lake County Watershed. During this meeting the girls get to do various things such as test water quality, sample for invertebrates, kayak down local rivers, but most importantly come together to form an idea for a service project.

This project must fit into the Watershed's guidelines and fix a current environmental issue, or attract people to local sites, or even inform people of how to better the environmental waterways and wildlife. Last year these girls, and a few more students came together to build an informational kiosk near People's Park near Plummer. This year Morris, Olson, and Srnsky are studying a discharge that is entering the Hill River in Brooks, and studying ways to prevent the discharge.



RLCC High School welcomes new 8th grade student, Caitlyn Smith.

New Student at

RLCC High School

By Jeremy Kruchowski

A new student has joined the eighth grade class at the Red Lake County Central High School in Oklee. Caitlyn Smith is 13 years old, lives in Oklee and previously went to Warroad High School. Her parents are Rodney Smith and Pamela Sather, and she has three brothers and one sister who are Chance, Colten, Cody, and Cortney.

She has been involved in volleyball and softball and she likes to hang out with friends in her free time. She also played football in fifth grade at Warroad. Smith's favorite activity is sleeping, and she likes to wrestle with her cousin. Her family pets include cats named Dude, Snot, Glimmer, and Skittles, and a dog named Pepper.

Oklee Herald Early Files

Seventy Years Ago Jan. 20, 1949

Paul Oliver Torkelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Torkelson, of Trail, died of a heart attack while attending school in Faribault, January 12th. He was born in Trail and at the time of his death he was 12 years, four months and 15 days old.

On Friday afternoon, January 14th, two basketball teams took to the McIntosh High School gym both intent on having the victory. Odds were against the Oklee Bobcats but they played hard, losing to McIntosh 32 - 15.

Brief announcement was received this week of the marriage of Ellen Swenson of Chinook, Montana to Alfred Austad, formerly of this community. The ceremony took place on December 30th in Shelby, Montana.

Arnold Stenberg of Oklee was re-elected president of the Red Lake county Farm Bureau Association at the annual meeting held in Red Lake Falls Wednesday.

Sixty Years Ago Jan. 22, 1959

Road Funds to counties are announced: Red Lake - total apportionment \$168,019 of which \$8,502 is municipal and \$159,517 regular.

About 60 farmers attended a dairy meeting held at the Brooks school basement January 16th. The meeting was presided over by Sam Genereux, acting chairman of the Farmers Union Local.

Ten Oklee men boarded the Soo passenger trail Wednesday morning enroute to Bemidji where they attended a hearing in the matter of the Soo's proposal to discontinue passenger service on the Thief River Falls to Duluth line.

The Oak Theatre management this week announced it has booked "The Ten Commandments" for a four-day run Feb. 27-28 and March 1-2.

A birthday party was held Saturday at the Joe Fallon home for their son David's 9th birthday.

Miss Beulah Jane Stolaas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Stolaas of Oklee, became the bride of Lester James Vad, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Vad, of Goodridge, Saturday, December 27th.

A birthday party was held Thursday evening at the Otto Johnson home in honor of their daughter, Marlene. Games were played and lunch was served.

Fifty Years Ago Jan. 23, 1969

A new champion reigns over the Oklee Community Center for achieving the highest score ever bowled on the local lanes

in league play. She is Mrs. Marc (Connie) Parenteau of Brooks who scored 277 Thursday night, just 23 pins short of a perfect game.

Pfc. Reinold D. Lambert left for Fort Hood, Texas after spending three weeks at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Lambert of Oklee.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Martini (nee Cheryl Ulrich) are the parents of a baby boy born January 18th at Northwestern Hospital in Thief River Falls. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ulrich of Red Lake Falls.

Miss Elaine Marlys Koskela and Edward Lowell Arntson, both of Plummer, were united in marriage in a double ring candlelight ceremony at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Thief River Falls with approximately 200 guests present.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Asselin of Milwaukee, Wisconsin on January 21st, which is the birthday of the child's grandmother, Mrs. Eugene Asselin of Brooks. The baby will be named Julie Ann.

Forty Years Ago Jan. 18, 1979

There's a new face at the Oklee Co-op Association and it belongs to Max Griffith. Max and his family moved to Oklee in December when he took over the management of the Oklee Cooperative.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Johnson (nee Karen Eskeli) who have made their home in Gonvick where she has been teaching at the Gonvick School and Lowell had been employed at the Northern State bank, moved this week to New York Mills where Lowell is employed at the bank there.

Joe Cyr of Oklee, is a member of the North Dakota State School of Science Wrestling team for the 1978-79 year under Coach Larry McDaniel. Joe is a first-year student in Pre-Education at NDSSS. He wrestled in the 118-126 pound weight classification.

Zach Fore and Jeff Stenberg combined for 41 points, as the Bobcats rolled over the Cardinals by a 71-43 score last Saturday night.

Thirty Years Ago Jan. 18, 1989

Among the entertainers for the Oklee Meal Site during the Christmas holiday were Orlien Rindahl playing the accordion, K.B. Knutson playing the violin and piano, Ruth Olson playing the piano and singing, Norman Anderson playing the guitar and Arnold Amberson playing violin.

In the last few years, more farmers have purchased computers to help make business management decision. Only three include financial man-

agement, record keeping herd management and ration balancing. Check for good farm business software programs before deciding which computer you'll buy.

Ample snow cover and the mild temperatures made the 22nd annual Moonlighters Sno Safari the best in years. The official sled count was 152.

Featured in Meet the Oklee Kindergarten were Sonia Kolstoe and Jessica Spong.

Twenty Years Ago Jan. 20, 1999

The Red Lake County Commissioners met on Tuesday, January 12th for the organizational meeting. Kurt Casavan, Environmental Engineer, was present to discuss the Oklee Landfill site. He reported there was still unlawful dumping occurring at the site.

The Oklee Moonlighters 32nd annual Sno Safari was considered a success event though the number were down this year as far as sleds. But there were three factors causing the decrease, only 43 sleds: the Vikings/Falcons football game, the Ironman 250 Snowmobile race and the weather-heaving and wet with snow and rain.

Steven Morinville of Brooks was the youngest snowmobiler riding in the 32nd Oklee Moonlighters Sno Safari on Sunday, Jan. 17th.

Angie Chervestad, a nine-year member of the Garnes Go-Getters 4-H Club, is the first recipient of the Red Lake County 4-H Scholarship.

Ten Years Ago Jan. 21, 2009

The first ever members of the RLCC local chapter of the National Elementary Honor Society (NEHS) were inducted in a ceremony at the school. Students were required to have a 3.25 GPA going into their 5th or 6th grade year. Over 30 students were eligible. Next an application must be filled out noting their accomplishments, indicating their responsibility and other criteria. Then the Faculty Council votes to decide on membership. Thirteen students were inducted: Marquelle Dahl, Cody Gagner, Brady Grove, Cameron Lundeen, Brian Roue, Morgan Bushelle, Shelby Haugen, Seth Johnson, Miranda Magnell, Alan Nemece, Samantha Smith, Holly Vettleson and Austin Waliser.

Bone chilling cold temperatures finally leaves the area after a few days of sub-zero temperatures.

The members of the Clearwater Lutheran Parish has a parsonage mortgage burning ceremony on Reformation Sunday, October 27th after church services. The parsonage was built in 1997.

Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

Winter has taken over the last few days. Today my gauge showed 22 degrees below and yesterday it was even colder. January is soon over so hope February will be milder.

This morning about 7:30 a.m. I looked out the window northwest of the house and saw the moon. It was bright yellow and looked as large as five moons together. It was very beautiful. It pays to look at the sky once in awhile.

Just a short time ago I saw the sun with "sun dogs" brightly surrounding it. I had Don take pictures of that.

Don and Julian left for California last week. They had some snow on the roads, but nothing that stopped them. The warmer weather was welcome to them. They missed the really cold weather after they left here.

There was a meeting at the Site last week. We decided to have a Valentine's Day party on Valentine's Day. There will be ice cream and treats. All seniors are invited. More on this later.

Bingo will begin on Febru-

ary 7th, Thursday. It will be Thursdays starting at 12:30 p.m. Come and enjoy the fun. Everyone welcome.

Dates to Remember

Feb. 7th: Bingo resumes.
Feb. 14th: Valentine's Day Party at the Site.

Feb. 15: Birthday Meal.

Feb. 21: Senior Site Council meeting at 10 a.m.

Words of Wisdom

Remember, no one gets points for good intentions.

Contentment is the ultimate luxury.

Joke Time

A muscular young man working on a construction site kept bragging that he was the strongest member of the gang. After a while this boasting began to irritate the elder workers to the point that one issued him with a challenge.

"It's time you put your money where your mouth is," said the older worker. "I'll bet you a week's wages that I can haul something in a wheel barrow

over to that outbuilding that you won't be able to wheel back."

"You're on," said the young man, already mentally counting his winnings.

So the older worker grabbed a wheelbarrow by the handles and said to the young man, "Ok, get in..."



Einar Kvasager had no competition for the Birthday meal drawing in January and was the winner of the meal. February Birthdays, come sign up. You may be a winner next month!

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

Cold weather has infiltrated our area now and with deep cold comes wind chill. This above all is what is so dangerous to those who are from other areas. They don't know that wind is more chilling than the actual cold. So frostbite and hypothermia can create life threatening scenarios. Be careful out there. Bundle up with plenty of layers.

The Red Hats met on Wednesday of last week and there were 10 who were able to make it. Karen Tvedt, Mickey Duden came from Thief River Falls, Arlene Froiland, Anna De Hate, Alice Jobe, Bunny DuChamp, Wilma Arlt, Anne Traxler, Mary Schindler, and Barb Novak. Mary Schindler won the quarter pot and put it back in so that next month's pot would be larger. The food was wonderful and we decided that we would meet again in February on the 20th, due to Valentine's Day getting in the way. There are no restrictions on anyone who wants to come

to Red Hats. All it costs is a quarter for the pot. You don't even have to wear a Red Hat. If you have one wear it if you want. We are an informal group who like to get together and have lunch. Join us in February at the Cozy at 11:30 am for lunch.

Cindy and Del Determan were hosts for the 7th birthday party of Kaydance Determan daughter of Jamie and Colton Determan. Two 8 year olds, three 6 year olds, and three 3 year olds then had a sleepover at Grandmas house. A video was played but that lasted only a short time, so the girls played games. All in all it was a great birthday party for Kaydance.

Many of our readers knew Sister Lucille Schaefer when she ministered in the Red Lake Falls area and in the Terrebonne area. She was a compassionate person and always was very reverent. She died last week and her funeral is on Tuesday of this week. She served the Lord with her

whole heart and we will miss her. God bless her memory.

Deacon John Bruggeman has had some heart problems and has had hospital treatment in the past week. Some prayers for his recovery would be appreciated. He is Deacon for Brooks and for Red Lake Falls at this time.

St. Joseph's, Brooks is going to have a Pancake Breakfast fundraiser for a service project. Fellows, you can jump the gun and take your sweetie out for breakfast at St. Joseph's Church before Valentine's Day. She will love you for it. The youth group is working on a service project for building houses for the Friends of Chim-bote in Peru. The breakfast will be Sunday February 10th after Mass in Brooks. We would love to see you there supporting our youth.

We hope you have a great week and stay warm with the cold snap that we are experiencing right now. Bundle up.

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

Kenny Fisher spent the previous weekend at Ray and Marilyn Fisher's. He helped with carpentry work in the house. He lives in the Cities.

Lorna Jesme of Thief River Falls, visited Bunny DuChamp on Tuesday afternoon.

On Wednesday ten ladies went to Carol's Cozy in Brooks dressed in their Red Hats. The specials were hot pork sandwiches and BBQ rib dinner. Choice of salad, for dessert: angel food cake with strawberries and whipping cream or a brownie with whipped cream. It wasn't too cold and was a nice day to get out and socialize. Mary Schindler won the Quarter Pot. It was also good to have Arlene Froiland come.

Wednesday night, they had the grand opening of the Bite Me Grill at the Legion Kristie Hesse cooking. Cindy Arlt waited tables. There was a good turnout and some stayed on to play bingo.

Happy Birthday to Bunny DuChamp on her 97th on January 23rd. To my dear neighbor and friend, it has been a blessing and a joy to have known you all these years. Hope you have a wonderful day!

Also 110 years ago, poet and author Edgar Allan Poe was born. January 19th was his birthday. He was only 40 years old when he died in Baltimore, MD. He had been missing for a week and was incoherent when he was found. Whether it was from drinking, not eating and general weakness, I don't know. However, I never knew

that he was that young when he died. The poem he created named "The Raven" was about the raven that Charles Dickens owned. Isn't that something.

Since I wrote the news last week, I've been skiing twice. Fortunately, the snow and weather have been pretty nice. Unless the temps go up some, I may not ski for a few days. The snowmobilers go by yet from time to time.

I think I should start doing puzzles again this winter. I haven't done any so far. Either that or try cleaning out stuff in the house I don't use or need any more. There's plenty of that.

Hopefully, next week I will have more news with a report on a trip taken. I'm looking forward to that.

Have a good week. Stay warm!

Who's Dat?



Who's Dat

At first glance you would think this is a Halloween photo and someone is being TP'd. But actually this weeks photo is of three children raised in the area having lots of fun wrapping up a good looking fellow for his birthday!

Last week's photo the Bill & Norma Champagne family. Pictured is: Linda Whalen (Oklee), Danny (Bemidji), Norma & Bill (deceased) holding Cindy Stonehouse (Oklee), Debbie Olson (Oklee) and Renae Radniecki (Twin Valley).

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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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