

Oklee Precipitation
By Einar Kvasager

	Rain	Snow
Feb. 4		5.00
Feb. 5		1.00
Feb. 6		1.50
Feb. 7		4.00
Feb. 8		Trace
Total in.	0.00	11.50

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Strategic Farming: Return on Investment program – February 26 - McIntosh

With many crop budgets either in the red or only just in the black there is a real need to re-evaluate each crop input for the likelihood of its providing a return on investment (ROI). ROI is the theme of this year's Strategic Farming program to be held from 9 AM to 12:30 PM on February 26 at the Community Center in McIntosh.

This program sponsored by the Minnesota Soybean Research & Promotion Council will focus on topics related to soybean production including: How Best to Evaluate Your Crop Budget, Integrated Weed Management: Which Traits Do I Need, ROI for Foliar Fungicides, Managing Soybean Aphid With Limited Tools.

Producers with current licenses that need to re-certify before their private pesticide applicator's license expires on March 1, 2019 can do so by arriving at 9 AM and staying until the program's conclusion at 2:30 PM.

To guarantee a lunch will be provided to you pre-registration is strongly encouraged. Either register online (<https://extension.umn.edu/event/strategic-farming-maximizing-return-investment-mcintosh>) or call (218) 281-8692 by February 19, 2019.

What: Strategic Farming: Return on Investment

When: February 26, 9 AM to 12:30 for Strategic Farming program, 9 AM to 2:30 for Strategic Farming/pesticide applicator re-certification program

Where: 240 Cleveland Ave. SW, McIntosh, MN

Register: Register by February 19: <https://extension.umn.edu/event/strategic-farming-maximizing-return-investment-mcintosh>

Snowfall Comparison

	2017-18	2018-19
Oct.	3.00	7.00
Nov.	9.25	7.625
Dec.	8.75	3.25
Jan.	6.375	9.30
Feb.	16.25	11.50
Mar.	5.75	
Apr.	2.5	
Total	51.88	35.675

Calendar of Events

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.

Thu, Feb. 14:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.

Fri, Feb. 15:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.

Sat, Feb. 16:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!

Sun, Feb 17:
-Worship at the church of your choice.

Mon, Feb. 18:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.

Tue, Feb. 19:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards.

Wed, Feb. 20:
-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. 21:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.

Fri, Feb. 22:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.

Sat, Feb. 23:
-Firemen's Blizzard Bonanza.
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!

Sun, Feb. 24:
-Worship at the church of your choice.

Mon. Feb. 25:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.

Tue, Feb. 26:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards

Wed, Feb. 27:
-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. 28:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.

Fri, Mar. 1:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.



Donna Drangstveit on Wednesday, February 6th, was honored with an open house on her retirement from Security State Bank in Oklee.

Donna Drangstveit is looking forward to her retirement. She will enjoy her time at home, do some traveling, spend more time with her grandchildren and attend more of their sports and other activities. She has many things that she enjoys. Her time will be filled with quilting, her flower gardens and mowing, which she said she really enjoys. And sitting on her garden shed porch reading a book. She also will be ice fishing during the winter months. Her husband Mike thinks he is going to have her chisel plow in the spring and fall. She is a farm girl at heart, but the tractors are so much bigger than they used to be.

Before she started at Security State Bank, she was working as a bus driver for RLCC Schools and Machinewell, Inc. for 10 years in Oklee. Machinewell, first temporarily closed the Oklee location and then it became permanent.

Donna started working at Security State Bank in September of 2008, and continued to drive bus for many years, putting in 25 years as a driver.

She has enjoyed working at Security State Bank, the people have been great to work with and she will miss them. The laughter shared with employees and the open house's and celebrations were always fun events at the bank.

Donna is married to Mike Drangstveit, a farmer in the Goodridge area and she has two children, Jonathan Sundrud and Lesley Harmoning. They both live in Red Lake Falls. She will be able to also spend more time with her mother who lives in Thief River Falls.

She is ready for the next step in her life, retirement, which brings more time to enjoy all the important things in her life which include her hobbies and family.

Happy Retirement, Donna!



Former Security State Bank employees, Norman Nelson and Larry Skallet came to help celebrate Donna's retirement on Wednesday. Norman was already enjoying retirement when Donna came to SSB, Larry retired while she worked there.



Rose Skallet, Donna Drangstveit, Anne Hammer (former employee of SSB), and Jeanie O'Neill came and helped Donna celebrate her retirement. Donna says, Oklee is a big part of her life and she will still hanging around with her friends in the future.

Year in Review....

May 30: Red Lake County Central Graduation was held on Friday, May 25th at the High School in Oklee. The ceremony began at 5:30 p.m. Twenty-five seniors received their diplomas during the graduation ceremony.

Speakers were the top three students of the Class of 2018. They were Hannah Kolstoe, Katie Olson, and Matthew Vettleson.

The new temporary County Highway Engineer, Jerilyn Swenson was introduced to the board and reported that she started last Monday and will be here 2 days a week.

Kurt Casavan, Environmental Engineer, who was requesting a resolution from the County Commissioner board on the 10-year solid waste plan. Public comments were requested and none were received. The board made a motion of resolution to accept the 10 year plan

A retirement party will be held for Essentia Health Dr. Winjum in Fosston on June 4th.

A gun safety class was held on May 5th with instructors and students spending a field day at Plummer range. 23 kids were on hand to go the 7 hr course, after doing an online class. There were 9 Department of Natural Resources Certified instructors from the Red Lake Falls and Plummer area to put on the class plus another 8 volunteers helping.

Harold Sweno, a postal mail carrier out of the Gonvick Post office, was selected to represent the USPS at the Civil Servant of the Year Public Service Recognition Program. Jeremy Bergerson, another postal carrier out of the Gonvick Post Office nominated him for the honor. Harold's award read, "While performing his route, Harold came to the aid of one of his elderly customers while making a package delivery to her door stop in November 2017. Where he had found that she had slipped and fallen next

to her car. He voice was weak and couldn't recall how long she had been there in the below freezing temps. He dialed 911, covered her with a blanket and comforted her until the ambulance arrived.

A new display has been delivered to the Oklee Historical Society this past week from the Minnesota Historic Northwest group. A grant was applied for a number of displays to be at MN Historic NW member museums. They will be rotated three times a year.

June 6: Mr. Mike Swenson is retiring from Red Lake County Central this year. He has been teaching at Oklee Public School which became RLCC for 44 years beginning in 1974. He attended Northland Community College in Thief River Falls and Bemidji State University a Bachelor's of Science degree in English and Mass Communications along with a variety of other courses from various colleges. He did his student teaching in Thief River Falls where his mentor Everett Marshall "made teaching so much fun."

Gunner Sandeen and Noah Hanson played echo Taps at the Memorial Day Program. Noah played the initial notes and Gunner followed with the echo making it sound respectively solemn for the ending of the program. The two boys did a fine job as this is their first year and hope to see them in the following years to come.

Allison Aakhus sang a patriotic song at the American Legion Memorial Day Program held on May 28 at RLCC.

The Plummer Memorial Day program was held in the Park at 10:30 a.m. Commander Roy Holmes gave the short talk and that was followed by Girl Stater Sydney Melby and Jayden Fore. They gave a talk on the highlights of going to the capitol last year and learning about government.

We are in the summer season, though yesterday it was rather chilly. For sure you needed a jacket in the morning but the afternoon was very nice. Today it promises to be in the 80's.

June 13: Ms. Shelley Steva retired from Red Lake County Central at the end of the 2018 season. She has been one of the science teachers at the high school in Oklee. Ms. Steva attended the University of Iowa from 1970-1973, the University of Minnesota from 1973 to 1975 for her Bachelor of Science in Zoology, then to Bemidji State University from 1997-1998 for her Bachelor of Science degree in Science. She chose to teach because of her love for science and students.

A Retirement Open house was being planned for Vincent Lunden after 40 years with the Oklee Elevator/CHS Northland Grain.

Fourteen athletes and one manager received letter awards and twenty five athletes and three managers were recognized with participation certificates. The following were the letter winners Madison Derosier, Megan LaCrosse, Shayla Lallier, Julia Bernstein, Zoe Russillo, MaKenzie Williams, Connor Lambert, AJ Jones, Chris Longtin, Clara Girdler, Hollie Knott, Brock Tvedt, Carter Williams, Kjerstin Nelson, and Trent Goulet (Manager).

RLCC Oklee hosted a blood drive with United Blood Services on Tuesday, May 22 at the Oklee Community Hall which helped collect a total of 35 units of blood for patients in need. Twenty-eight individuals volunteered to donate blood and 27 individuals were able to donate at the United Blood Services blood drive. A total of nine donors also came forward to donate Power Red Cells (2RBC), which collects two units of red blood cells while returning platelets, plasma and saline solution back to the donor. Eleven people volunteered for the first time.

It's a beautiful day with the sun shining. Thursday night we had lots of weather reports coming over the TV. Oklee did get almost an inch of rain with thundering and some wind. We needed rain as it was getting quite dry.

Watch for more Year in Review next week...



Winter has been a tough one for the past few weeks with the polar vortex and the substantial amounts of snow the area has been receiving. This was the morning of February 6th on my way into Oklee. More snow fell the following day adding another 4 inches on top of the 6.5 inches we already had since Monday.

Firemen's Blizzard Bonanza set for February 23rd

The winter cold has set in and everyone has been in hibernation since Christmas and New Years. But on February 23rd at the Oklee Community Hall will be the event we all wait for to break the hibernation season. It's the Oklee Firemen's Blizzard Bonanza party.

It means a night of fun and good food along with the chance to win prizes all night long with raffles for meat and other items.

Tim Eggebraaten will be back for the evening serving as the emcee and also the entertainment along with "Just Imagnick" (magician).

Three years ago, it was the Newly Wed Game, Two years ago it was a version of Family Fued. This year it should be an interesting night with a magician on the stage.

TJ's Tavern will be bartending on site.

The dinner will be a deep

fried walleye supper with all the fixings and at the end of the evening, a drawing to be held at 10:00 p.m. for some really great prizes:

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.

And what will all this fun cost? For the simple cost of a \$20 ticket you get a great meal and a chance at the big drawing at 10:00 p.m. Can't beat this.

If you haven't purchased your tickets yet for this fun night, find a fireman from Oklee and ask to purchase your chance at one of those wonderful prizes.

Tickets are also on sale at the Oklee Cenex C-Store. Food – Fun – Entertainment – Prizes. What more could you ask for?

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Wed, Feb. 13: No Confirmation.
Sun, Feb. 17: 9:00 a.m. Zion. 9:00 a.m. Salem SS. 10:15 a.m. Zion SS. 10:30 a.m. Salem.
Tue, Feb. 19: 9:00 a.m. Quilting at Zion.
Wed, Feb. 20: 7:00 p.m. Confirmation.

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OKLEE, GRYGLA & GOODRIDGE
Fr. Adam Hamness
Sun, Feb. 17: 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, Feb. 16: 5:30 p.m. RLF
Sun, Feb. 17: 8:00 a.m. Brooks. 10:00 a.m. RLF.

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun, Feb. 17: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Immanuel. No SS at Immanuel. 6:00 p.m. Ebenezer Church Council. 7:00 p.m. Worship at Ebenezer.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Sun, Feb. 17: 8:30am Bethany Worship, 9:45 SS; 9:45am Ekelund Worship, 10:30 a.m. SS; No SS at Faith, 11:00am Faith Worship. Pancake Breakfast at Faith 9-11 & 12-1.
Mon, Feb. 11: 9:00 a.m. Faith Quilting.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive – Nazareth Oak Park – St. Petri Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Wed, Feb. 13: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 7:00 p.m. LYS meeting.
Sat, Feb. 16: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.
Sun, Feb. 17: 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. LYS – Lock-In at Lutheran Island Camp, Leave OP at 1:00 p.m.
Wed, Feb. 20: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 7:00 p.m. OP Ladies Aid.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH Josiah Hoagland, Pastor Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Feb. 13: 6:30 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Thu, Feb. 14: 12:00 p.m. Rotary meeting.
Fri, Feb. 15: 8:30 a.m. Friday School.
Sun, Feb. 17: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.
Tue, Feb. 19: 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer meeting. 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions. 6:30 p.m. Bible Study.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH Bethany * Lund Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Wed, Feb. 13: 6:15 p.m. 7th & 8th Confirmation.
Sun, Feb. 17: 9:00 a.m. Lund. 10:30 a.m. Bethany.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor
Sun, Feb. 17: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship.

February 2019 Health Points

Random Acts of

Kindness DAY
(RAK Day) is February 17, 2019. www.randomactsofkindness.org/rak-day
February is Heart Month

Heart disease doesn't happen just to older adults. It is happening to younger adults more and more often. This is partly because the conditions that lead to heart disease are happening at younger ages. February, Heart Month, is the perfect time to learn about your risk for heart disease and the steps you need to take now to help your heart.

High rates of obesity and high blood pressure among younger people (ages 35-64) are putting them at risk for heart disease earlier in life. Half of all Americans have at least one of the top three risk factors for heart disease:

High blood pressure. Millions of Americans of all ages have high blood pressure, including millions of people in their 40s and 50s. About half of people with high blood pressure don't have it under control. Having uncontrolled high blood pressure is one of the biggest risks for heart disease and other harmful conditions, such as stroke.

High blood cholesterol. High cholesterol can increase the risk for heart disease. Having diabetes and obesity, smoking, eating unhealthy foods, and not getting enough physical activity can all contribute to unhealthy cholesterol levels.

Smoking. More than 37 million U.S. adults are current smokers, and thousands of young people start smoking each day. Smoking damages the blood vessels and can cause heart disease.

Other conditions and behaviors that affect your risk for heart disease include:

Obesity. Carrying extra weight puts stress on the heart. More than 1 in 3 Americans—and nearly 1 in 6 children ages 2 to 19—has obesity.

Diabetes. Diabetes causes sugar to build up in the blood. This can damage blood vessels and nerves that help control the heart muscle.

Nearly 1 in 10 people in the US has diabetes.

Physical inactivity. Staying physically active helps keep the heart and blood vessels healthy. Only 1 in 5 adults meets the physical activity guidelines of getting 150 minutes a week of moderate-intensity activity.

Unhealthy eating patterns. Most Americans, including children, eat too much sodium (salt), which increases blood pressure. Replacing foods high in sodium with fresh fruits

and vegetables can help lower blood pressure. But only 1 in 10 adults is getting enough fruits and vegetables each day. Diet high in trans-fat, saturated fat, and added sugar increases the risk factor for heart disease.

Four Ways to Take Control of Your Heart Health

You're in the driver's seat when it comes to your heart.

Don't smoke. Smoking is the leading cause of preventable death in the United States. If you don't smoke, don't start.

Manage conditions. Work with your health care team to manage conditions such as high blood pressure and high cholesterol. This includes taking any medicines you have been prescribed.

Make heart-healthy eating changes. Eat food low in trans-fat, saturated fat, added sugar and sodium. Try to fill at least half your plate with vegetables and fruits, and aim for low sodium options.

Stay active. Get moving for at least 150 minutes per week. You can even break up the 30 minutes into 10-minute blocks.

Learn more about each of these ways at: www.cdc.gov/features/heartmonth/index.html

2019 the Year of Cessation

The New Year is an important time for people who smoke and are interested in starting a healthier lifestyle by resolving to quit. With this in mind, the CDC designated 2019 the Year of Cessation.

For the first quarter of 2019, their focus is to encourage quit attempts among people who smoke. Quitting can be challenging, but you can find support for your quit journey where and when you need it, to raise your chances of quitting for good. So many people have quit that there are now more former smokers than current smokers in the United States.

To build your own quit plan and be ready for what to expect along the way, go to CDC link to a website: <https://smokefree.gov/build-your-quit-plan>

Parenting Tips

Here are some of the top 10 Parenting tips from other parents. We all grew just a little different. Find what works best for your family. There needs to be love and respect on both sides. Cuddle them a little more and tell them you love them often.

- Be your best
- Shower them with real love
- Be present for them
- Be adaptable
- Create guidelines and see them through
- Encourage independence
- Consistency is key
- Discipline with kindness
- Talk about expectations
- Respect your child

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Oklee Senior Site Dining

February 18 - 22
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: Goulash hotdish, corn, toast, and dessert.
Tuesday: 6 pc. Shrimp, hash browns, mixed vegetables, and dessert.
Wednesday: Hamburger on bun, broccoli cheese soup, and dessert.
Thursday: Grilled chicken breast, hash browns, peas, and dessert.
Friday: Tator Tot hotdish, tossed salad, toast, and dessert.

Red Lake Falls Library News

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

Winter Reading Program "Book Blizzard" winners last week were Jana Dodds and Carmen Harmoning.

The Book Blizzard coffee mugs have arrived, so winners are invited to stop in and pick out their choice of prizes: polar fleece hat or scarf embroidered with WRP theme & NWRL

Tri-Valley Public Transportation

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

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

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

The new schedule started December 2016.

For Polk, Red Lake and Clearwater county stops:
Every Monday – Grand Forks.

Every 2nd Tuesday – Mahanomen.

Every 4th Tuesday – Thief River Falls

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

Every 2nd & 4th Friday – Bemidji.



Legal Notice

The following is a summary of the operating budget for the 2019 fiscal year for Red Lake County. This summary is published in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 375.169. The detail of the county budget is on file in the County Auditor's office at Red Lake County Courthouse, 124 Langevin Avenue, Red Lake Falls, Minnesota, and may be reviewed during normal business hours..

	2018 Adopted Budget	2019 Adopted Budget
REVENUES:		
County Portion of Tax Levy.....	\$2,909,437	\$3,000,666
State Paid Portion of Tax Levy	418,427	419,698
Other Taxes	59,085	50,800
Total Tax Levy	<u>3,386,949</u>	<u>3,471,164</u>
Licenses and Permits.....	0	0
Intergovernmental Revenues:		
Federal.....	547,801	567,655
State.....	1,899,616	2,492,978
Other.....	122,619	99,268
Charges for Services	559,287	532,217
Fines and Forfeitures	5,500	5,500
Investment Earnings	150,000	97,500
Rent and Miscellaneous.....	<u>661,340</u>	<u>646,709</u>
Total Revenues.....	<u>3,946,163</u>	<u>4,441,827</u>
OTHER SOURCES:		
Bonds and Other Debt Issued.....	0	0
Budgeted Use of Available Fund Balances	0	993,850
Transfers In	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Other Sources.....	<u>0</u>	<u>993,850</u>
Total Revenues and Other Sources.....	<u>\$7,333,112</u>	<u>\$8,906,841</u>
EXPENDITURES:		
General Government.....	\$1,269,390	\$1,316,939
Public Safety	1,404,064	1,378,853
Highway and Streets.....	1,551,700	3,210,350
Sanitation.....	295,024	307,120
Human Services/Welfare.....	1,570,799	1,638,107
Health	21,388	22,457
Culture and Recreation.....	90,567	90,567
Conservation of Natural Resources.....	197,885	199,648
Miscellaneous Expenditures	177,796	189,800
Economic Development	0	0
Capital Outlay.....	<u>734,000</u>	<u>553,000</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>7,312,613</u>	<u>8,906,841</u>
OTHER USES:		
Budgeted Increase of Fund Balances	0	0
Transfers Out	0	0
Other Financing Uses	<u>20,499</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Other Uses	<u>20,499</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Expenditures and Other Uses.....	<u>\$7,333,112</u>	<u>\$8,906,841</u>

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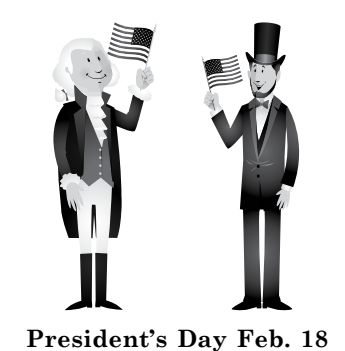
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Annual 4-H Fruit/Chocolate Fundraiser

The Red Lake County 4-H Families are holding their annual fruit sales (Apples, oranges, pears, grapefruit, and pineapple). The fruit can be purchased as a half box, full box, or a mixed box. Also, included in this fundraiser are the smokey snack sticks, beef sticks, string cheese, boxed chocolates, and individual candy bars.

The 4-H Youth Development Program helps kids see their potential through: Learning by doing; practicing leadership projects on gardening, animals, photography, and much more; positive out-of-school time, science and arts enrichment, service to communities...and LOTS OF FUN!

Support your local 4-H Program by contacting a 4-H Family or the Red Lake County Extension Office at 218-253-2897 or 1-800-770-1244. All orders for the fundraiser must be placed by Friday, February 22, 2019.



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February WIC Schedule

The Women, Infants and Children's Supplemental Nutrition Education Program (WIC) is being held the month of February 2019

Infants, children up to the age of 5, and women who are pregnant or breastfeeding may be eligible for the program. We are very interested in enrolling pregnant women in the program. We feel that the prenatal nutrition is a vital part of producing a healthy baby. Therefore, it is important to apply for WIC early in your pregnancy. We need no proof of pregnancy.

All potential clients must contact the WIC Program to schedule an appointment.

The following is the schedule of WIC Clinics for the month of February.

Feb. 13 to Feb. 15: Thief River Falls Redeemer Lutheran Church

Tue, Feb. 26 Grygla Grace Lutheran Church

For further information concerning the WIC program, call or write WIC Queen, PO Box 248, Newfolden, MN 56738, phone 874-7845 (Newfolden, Viking, Middle River, Holt or Thief River Falls residents) or 1-800-223-1591, or e-mail at quinchs@wiktel.com.

Sudoku Solution

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

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RLCC Menus

February 18 - 22

Oklee

Monday: No School
Tuesday: Breakfast: Smore's, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Cheesy bread w/pizza sauce, lettuce salad, cottage cheese, carrots & celery sticks, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken strips, cheesy potatoes, vegetables, Cheez Its, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Apple turnover, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Rib patty, oven browns, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Chili, corn chips, corn muffin, fresh vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Plummer

Monday: No School
Tuesday: Breakfast: Scrambled eggs & ham, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Hot ham patty w/bun, Sun Chips, cucumber or carrots w/ ranch, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Pancake sausage wrap, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken noodle soup, Ritz Bitz, salad, ham sandwich, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Waffles, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Meat balls, potatoes, gravy, green beans, dinner roll, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Personal pan pizza, salad, broccoli cup, cookies, fruit, and milk.



The Red Lake County Speech team participated February 2 at Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton. Mariah Peterson received an Excellent Ribbon in Humor and Danny Guillemette got 5th place in Poetry.

First RLC Speech Meet

By: Isaiah Aquino

The Red Lake County Speech team had their first competition of the year in Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton on Saturday, February 2. RLC has approximately 20 speech participants from both Red Lake Falls and Red Lake County Central and they are coached

by Ms. Jessie Hamrum and Mrs. Bobbi Aakhus.

At the first meet Danny Guillemette of RLCC earned fifth place in the Poetry Category. Mariah Peterson of Red Lake Falls received an Excellent Ribbon in the Humor Category.

RLCC Broadcasting

By: Phillip Sorenson

Red Lake County Central Broadcasting is a program funded by Garden Valley Telephone Company. We broadcast Girls Basketball, Boys basketball, Volleyball, and Wrestling. The games are aired on channel 35 on Garden Valley Cable. The program is hooked up to both Oklee and Plummer schools.

The whole thing is done by both sides of the camera. The people behind get the titles for the games, get the starters up for line ups, check if the camera is running right and make sure the sound is good on their side. The front has to make sure the sound is working on their side

and if the microphones work before the game.

Those on the camera make sure that the connection on the camera works to and from the sound room before the game. They also will get the banners up that appear on the screen. While this is happening, the people who do the play by play are setting up the soundboard that is on their side of the camera. The people on the floor will test the sound on the mics, and if something comes up they try to find out the problem.

During the game the camera is controlled in the sound room by whoever is running it that night. That person uses a

control that moves the camera back and forth and zooms it in and out.

Play by Play is down by the court using microphones that are hooked up to a soundboard. That sound board has an auxiliary cord which hooks up to the camera. The soundboard also has a switch that turns on the power if needed. There are other bells and whistles that deal with the sound and how loud it can be brought in.

RLCC students who are involved in broadcasting games are Phillip Sorenson: Play by Play; Jed Duden: Play by Play/Camera; Remi Rathsack: Camera; Daniel Guillemette: Camera; and Steven Solga: Camera along with Mrs. Bobbi Aakhus: Supervisor.



Red Lake County Central High School students that broadcast sporting events for RLCC are: (left to right) Steven Solga, Jed Duden, Phillip Sorenson, Danny Guillemette, and Remi Rathsack.



President's Day Break at RLCC

By: Danny Guillemette

There will be no school Friday, February 15 and Monday, February 18 at the Red Lake County Central Elementary and High Schools due to President's Day break. School resumes Tuesday, February 19.

Mustang Sports Schedule

Girls Basketball

Varsity – Jr

Varsity

Fri, Feb. 15: Goodridge/Grygla-Gatzke at Goodridge 6:00PM

Tue, Feb. 19: Mahnomen at Plummer 6:00PM

Wrestling

Tue, Feb. 12: BGMR at Fosston 5 p.m.

Rebel Sports Schedule

Boys Varsity – JV

Basketball

Thu, Feb. 14: Northern Freese at RLC 6:00 p.m.

Fri, Feb. 15: Sacred Heart at Red Lake Falls 6:00PM

Tue, Feb. 19: Fertile-Beltrami at Fertile-Beltrami 6:00PM

Fri, Feb. 22: Clearbrook-Gonvick at Clearbrook 6:00PM

Mon, Feb. 25: Win-E-Mac at Win-E-Mac 6:00PM

Basketball Boys

Junior High

Thu, Feb. 14: Win-E-Mac at Win-E-Mac 4:30PM

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Red Lake County Rebels vs. Warren-Alvarado-Oslo Ponies

By Madison Carlson

Red Lake County Rebels won against the Warren-Alvarado-Oslo Ponies 57 – 33 in Plummer on February 1. On the Rebels team Derek Peterson had two steals and 19 points, Isaiah Olson had eight rebounds and 12 points, Ben Cardinal had seven rebounds and five points, Bailey Hince had five points, Brandon Wis-kow had two steals and three points, Hayden Cardinal had three points, Eric Gieseke had six rebounds and two points, Adrian Verbout had two points, Brady Leuthner had two points, Zachary Benson had two points and Tyler Hanson had two points.

On the Ponies team Brandon Miller had seven rebounds, two steals, two blocks and 12 points. Dawson Moehrle had five points, Hunter Steer had four points, Gavin Gullikson had three points, Isaiah Brach had three points, Gunnar Jorgenson had two points, Connor Narlock had two points and Dylan Bergh had two points.

RLC against Fosston

By: Jeremy Kruchowski

Red Lake County Rebels lost 42-51 against Fosston Tuesday, February 5 at Oklee. The first half the Rebels were behind 16-27. The Rebels outscored the Greyhounds 26-24 in the second half. The teams were close in rebounds with the Rebels at 28 and Fosston with 34. The Rebels had seven steals and Fosston had six.

The leading scorer for the Rebels was Isaiah Olson who had a double-double with 12 points and 10 rebounds, and he had three steals. Eric Gieseke scored 11 points, Derek Peterson eight points, Zach Benson eight points, and Ben Cardinal had three points.

The lead scorer for the Greyhounds was Treydon Bushee who had 15 points and two steals. Austin Schmidt had two steals and 12 points, Lance Balstad 10 rebounds and nine points, Treydan Carlson nine points, Tristan Gustafson three points, Isaac Dryburgh two points, and Kyle Jacobson had one point.

RLCC defeats Lake of the Woods

By Eric Gieseke

The Red Lake County Central Mustangs girls' basketball team played Lake of the Woods in Baudette on February 1st and came out on top with a final score of 60-36.

Three Mustangs scored in double digits. Jenna Pahlen had 19 points along with nine rebounds, five blocks and seven assists. Cari Bachand finished with 17 points and seven rebounds, and Kia Bachand had 16 points with three blocks.



Ben Cardinal shoots a three in the Rebels-Greyhounds game.



Rebels Eric Gieseke puts up a three pointer against the Fosston Greyhounds.

Oklee Herald Early Files

Seventy Years Ago February 10, 1949

The Bobcats at last came through with another victory. It was over the Erskine Comets in a hard fought battle. The final score was 30 – 28.

The Star Theatre in Plummer changed hands recently when Lawrence Gagner bought it from Frank Mack.

Increase in the state gasoline tax from four cents to six cents a gallon was proposed in a bill introduced in the state House of Representatives.

The Valley Vagabonds will motor to Florian Wednesday where they will play for a big Polish Wedding.

Mrs. Axel Burman of Equality Township returned home Tuesday from Thief River Falls where she was a patient in a hospital for about a week.

Sixty Years Ago February 12, 1959

Coya Knutson of Oklee, former ninth district congresswomen, was named "Congressman of the Year," by the Mississippi Council for Christian Social Action, according to a letter received by the Herald from Charles Hamilton, exec. Secretary of the council.

Emile Nadeau has been named chairman of the 1959 Heart Fund drive in Oklee.

Winners of a Farmers Union sponsored talent contest held in Oklee Saturday night were Carols Sorenson of Plummer, Nancy Stucy of Oklee and Gloria Ekwall of Goodridge.

Earl Swenson, owner of Swenson Sales Co. here, this week announced that he has been licensed by the state of Minnesota as distributor for petroleum products. The new firm will operate as the Swenson Oil Company.

In a move to discourage use of tobacco by high school students, Principal Marvin Broken sent letters to parents of all junior and senior high school pupils. Letters also went to Oklee merchants asking cooperation by refusing to sell tobacco to person under 21 years of age.

Fifty Years Ago February 13, 1969

A two day snow-cat derby to be held at Plummer on February 22 & 23 was announced this week. Saturday feature will be cross-country racing starting at 1 p.m.

Michael Radniecki directed a concert and Moorhead State College. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Radniecki of Oklee.

Richard Bluemke of Oklee left for duty in Vietnam on February 1st. He is stationed at Phu Bai, a base 40 miles from the DMZ.

Many Sunday dinner guests came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Skjerven to help John celebrate his birthday.

Mrs. Ida Mostrom celebrated her 80th birthday at her home in Thief River Falls on Saturday.

Bruce Bjerklie celebrated his 16th birthday on Friday evening.

Debbie Cote was a Thursday over night guest of her grandmother, Mrs. Laura Cote.

Forty Years Ago February 8, 1979

A Kitchen Bridal Shower was planned for Mary Bergeron, bride to be of Paul Lasha of Thief River Falls.

1st Annual "Ride For Those Who Can't" sponsored by the Ruff Riders Recreation Club of Oklee was advertised so raise funds for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

A birthday party was held in honor of Mrs. Rose Waldal on Friday evening at Third Base in Brooks.

Joel Stolaas' pin at Hwt. capped another victory for the Bobcats, they defeated a tough Crookston team 32-25.

The carpenters are busy doing some work in the kitchen at the Nazareth Dining Hall. A group of members met there on Monday to decide on what work was to be done.

Thirty Years Ago February 8, 1989

Norman Nelson donated his 29th pint of blood during the Blood Drive held in Oklee on Monday.

Winners of the Oklee 5-8 grade spelling bee held in the Oklee School on February 3, were Jessica Chervestad, 1st place; Angie Camp, 2nd place; and Aaron Chervestad, 3rd place.

Meet the Kindergarten featured Cole Mickelson and Tom Whalen.

Kurt and Janet Halvorson of Trail are proud to announce the arrival of their new daughter, Courtney Marie born January 22nd at Riverview Hospital in Crookston. Grandparents are

Dennis and Marilyn Halvorson of Trail and Annette Klasen of Brooks.

Selmer Hofstad was rushed to the hospital by Verner Arveson last week in serious condition but after a week is doing pretty good now.

Twenty Years Ago February 10, 1999

Ray and Barb Swenson of Brooks will be representing Red Lake County at the 61st Annual Honor Banquet sponsored by the MN Red River Valley Development Association.

Ethel Johnson attended "The People's Celebration" held at the Target Center in Minneapolis on January 16th. There were about 14,00 people there so it was unlikely you would meet anyone you knew. It was hosted by Governor Jesse Ventura and she said "It was fun – It was an experience – I had a great time."

Featured in the Meet the Oklee Kindergarten this week were twins Lisa and Skyler Bergeson.

Grace McManus celebrated her 90th birthday with a reception at Zion Lutheran Church on January 10, 1999. The same day that Katie Jo Pendelton was baptized – the oldest and youngest members shared the day.

Ten Years Ago February 11, 2009

A benefit for Tiffanie (Malwitz) Dugstad will be held this coming weekend in Plummer to help raise funds for her medical expenses.

The staff held an open house on Friday, to officially welcome Anthony Holthusen as their new Executive Vice President at Security State Bank.

The Oklee Lutheran Parish Youth Group prepared and served the evening meal on Sunday, February 8th at the Mission in Grand Forks. There were 25 kids and 6 adults in the group.

On Tuesday, the RLCC Girls Basketball - Mustangs went to Erskine to play the Win-E-Mac Patriots. The Mustangs beat WEM 64-28.

Benjamin Lee would like to announce the birth of his new baby brother, Ethan Paul, born on January 28th. Grandparents are Gary and Sandy Lee of Oklee and David and Diane Morken of Fisher.

Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

The past week has been one to remember for a long time. It reminds me of when I was still walking to Country School and plowing through snow on foot. My driveway was plugged up when the snow plow went by. One day I had to shovel to get over the bank of snow. I had to work at the Senior Site and walked as none of the roads were plowed. Later in the day, the plow did come by.

In the Grand Forks Herald, I saw one of my classmates from Fosston School had passed away (Don Reirson). He had been on our float last summer at the reunion at Fosston. He had only seven members of our class who took part in the parade.

This week the Senior Site is having a Valentine Party. There will be ice cream, cookies, and cup cakes to enjoy. It will take place on the 14th (Valentine's Day). All Seniors are invited. Come for Bingo at 12:30 and it will begin after Bingo.

Dates to Remember

Feb. 14: Valentines Day - Party at the Site.

Feb. 15: Birthday Meal.

Feb. 22: Senior Site Council meets at 10:00 a.m. at the Site.

Feb. 22: Washington's birthday.

Feb. 23: Oklee's Firemen's Blizzard Bonanza.

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

More winter fell on us this past week, and the snow is piling up. Brooks seems to have been forgotten by the plow. Some people got stuck at church when they parked. Only one pass went through the street and the parking areas were heavy with snow. Maybe this week they will get plowed out and cleaned up.

The sundogs have been showing their stuff almost everyday. I think we are in for a cold spring again. It seems to me, if I remember right, that sundogs portend two weeks of cold weather. In any case they have been showing their stuff.

On Saturday Jerome and Barb Novak went to Oklee to the speech meet to watch their granddaughter do her speech. A very kindly judge permitted Daphne to do her speech one more time so the Novak's could see her perform. This was her very first time in speech, and she told us that she loved it. She said, "Grandma this is so fun. I am glad I came." New experiences and new friends and getting to meet new people.

We have to thank all the maintenance workers plow drivers, custodians, and plain old shovelers out there keeping walking paths and sidewalks clean so we can walk more eas-

ily. If we had to wade through knee deep snow, many of us couldn't make it so we thank those who are doing a valiant effort to keep us shoveled out.

Many good neighbors are doing what they can for their neighbors to keep them shoveled out too. In some cases they have gone beyond the call of duty to help out their neighbor. One such neighbor came with his tractor to make sure a delivery was brought unfrozen to our house. This was a Godsend, Thank you

to all of those who care about their neighbor.

The breakfast at St. Joseph's Church in Brooks was a very nice success. Many people from Oklee, and from Red Lake Falls came to eat pancakes eggs and sausage. We wish to thank all those who came and supported our youth in their efforts to raise money for building a house for the poor in Peru. Many good friends from Oklee and Red Lake Falls were thinking of the kids project. Thank you again.

Oklee Centennial Cookbook Recipe Corner - From page 32

Hot Buttered Rum Mary Ann (Radniecki) Lambert

1 lb brown sugar
1 lb butter
2 quarts ice cream (softened) vanilla

Melt butter and sugar on low heat until completely dissolved.

Beat ice cream into sugar mixture and freeze. Makes about 40 drinks.

Put large "blob" in cup, add 1 jigger of rum and 2/3 cup boiling water. Serve

NOTE: margarine does not work in this recipe.



Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

This last weekend Super Bowl in Atlanta was certainly not exciting. The New England Patriots beat the LA Rams thirteen to three. The half time entertainment was interesting and the commercials were good. The game was not exciting. No touchdown for three quarters. This is rather old news. I was doing word puzzles while the game was on!

Charlie Halvorson's returned home after being in south Texas for two months.

Jerry Skjerven hosted a Super Bowl party Sunday evening at the "Barn." It was for family and friends, Tim Bakkens's and others. They had lots of good food. The kids and others rode on hover boards for entertainment. Sounds like a fun evening.

There was no school in Plummer Monday and also Thursday. The weather brought about six inches Sunday and Monday morning. Then, Wednesday into Thursday morning another five inch-

es with poor visibility and bad wind chills. More is coming.

Tuesday, Anna DeHate, Bernie & Jill DeHate and daughter Kat from Devil's Lake, ND went to Fargo to the National Guard Armory for the swearing in ceremony of their daughter Brandie. She is a junior at RLCC in Oklee. Congratulations, Brandie!

Wednesday night was a pretty good turnout for Bingo at the Legion despite the weather. Quite a few ordered supper from "The Bite Me" grill. It was good to get out. So many of us have "cabin fever."

The snow removal is getting a little old. I'm mostly concerned about snow on the roof of the house. It's a lot to get rid of. I wonder what our spring will be like? The fields and ditches will be full.

Puxatawny did not see his shadow on Feb. 2nd. So Spring

will be early! Ha! Ha! Maybe out east it will come early.

Did you know Dale Evans horse was named Buttermilk? She was a buckskin horse and could be feistier than Trigger, Roy Rogers horse.

Some interesting facts: China has 175 million sheep. They're top producers with Australia second at 75 million. The U.S. has a few million but don't know the amount.

A farm report this week said that temps in Australia have been in the 120's in N. Australia. It had done water damage to wheat crops from the rains.

Another interesting item I heard lately on the radio was Buck Owen's real name was Alvis Owens. No wonder he didn't go with his real name to confuse with Elvis Presley.

Stay warm and safe everyone!



The City of Oklee crew have been very busy the past couple of weeks with all the snow the area has gotten in addition to the cold temperatures. School has been closed a number of days in Oklee & Plummer also.

Who's Dat?



Who's Dat

This week's photo is of a lady that lived in town and had a large family.

Last weeks photo was of Ron Peterson. Some of his children Brian, Jamie, Tracy, & Mike live in town or nearby. Don't know where the others live: Doug & Troy.

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 col-

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MEET THE KINDERGARTEN OF RED LAKE COUNTY CENTRAL



Name: Axel Breh
Parent(s): Tricia Breh, Corey Lancto

What do your parent(s) do for a living? Mom: Stays home. Dad: Work

Sibling(s): Ivan, Olivia, Aiydin, Alexander, Ashton, Payton.

Pet(s): Puppy
Favorite movie: Bee Movie
Favorite food: Hot dogs
Favorite school activity: Play

Favorite school lunch: Hot dogs

Favorite color: Blue
Favorite toy: Minecraft



Name: Cambrie Russell
Parent(s): Kristina Dahle, Chris

What do your parent(s) do for a living? Mom: works in a hospital. Dad: Works at Arctic Cat.

Sibling(s): Dylan
Pet(s): Nico & Elisa (dogs)
Favorite movie: Frozen & Moana

Favorite food: Chocolate
Favorite school activity: Play house

Favorite school lunch: Apple sauce & tacos

Favorite color: Purple & pink

Favorite toy: Doctor stuff

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