

Oklee Precipitation
By Einar Kvasager

	Rain	Snow
Oct. 12	0.07	2.00
Oct. 13	0.17	1.00
Oct. 14	Trace	Trace
Oct. 15	0.06	
Oct. 16	0.04	
Oct. 17	Trace	
Total in.	0.34	3.00

Oklee Herald

...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

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New Minnesota Honors Society Members. Front row (l to r): Tanisha Srnsky, Cari Bachand, Taya Morinville, Katelyn Suchy, Bailey Sherman. Back row (l to r): Tristyn Ferguson, Brock Tvedt, Adriel Bakken, and Leah Peterson. See story on page 3.

“Trick or treat!”



Calendar of Events

Wed, Oct. 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, Oct. 24:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
Fri, Oct. 25:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
Sat, Oct. 26:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!
Sun, Oct. 27:
-Worship at the church of your choice.
Mon, Oct. 28:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
Tue, Oct. 29:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards.
Wed, Oct. 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, Oct. 31:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
-Halloween – Watch for Ghouls & Witches.
Fri, Nov. 1:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
Sat, Nov. 2:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!
Sun, Nov. 3:
-Worship at the church of your choice.
Mon, Nov. 4:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
Tue, Nov. 5:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.

That’s the phrase shouted with glee by many a youngster across the country every Halloween night. But before your ghosts and goblins trick or treat this year, parents should keep in mind these trick or treating safety tips to make sure the only howls are those of fun.

Trick-or-Treaters Tips
Buy costumes and wigs labeled “flame resistant.”
Never walk near lit candles or luminaries while wearing costumes.
Fasten reflective tape to costumes and bags to help drivers see you.
Carry a flashlight.
Walk, don’t run.
Don’t go into a stranger’s house.
Stay on Sidewalks.
Don’t cut across yards or

driveways.
Make sure costumes don’t drag on the ground.
Shoes should fit
Avoid wearing masks while walking from house to house.
Trick or Treat Safety
Carry only flexible knives, Trick or Treat Safety swords or other props.
“No sidewalk?” Then walk on the left side of the road facing traffic.
Wear clothing with reflective markings or tape.
Approach only houses that are lit.
Never accept rides from strangers.
Avoid trick-or-treating alone. Walk in groups or with a trusted adult.
Parent Safety Tips
Ideally, an adult should

accompany young children of any age.

If you buy a costume, look for one made of flame-retardant material.

Older children should know where to reach you and when to be home.

You should know where they’re going.

Although tampering is rare, tell children to bring the candy home to be inspected – before consuming anything.

Look at the wrapping carefully and toss out anything that looks suspect.

Home owner Safety Tips

Make sure your yard is clear of such things as ladders, hoses, dog leashes and flowerpots that can trip the young ones.

Battery powered jack o’lantern candles are preferable to a real flame.

If you do use candles, place the pumpkin well away from where trick-or-treaters will be walking or standing.

Make sure paper or cloth yard decorations won’t be blown into a flaming candle.

Driver Safety Tips

Go slow, slow, slow all evening.

Adult Halloween party goers should have a designated driver.

Don’t Drink & Drive
Have a safe and a Happy Halloween!

New Staff at RLCC

By Emily Kolstoe
Kimberly, or Kim Olson was hired as the new financial bookkeeper at RLCC high school.

Olson grew up outside of Thief River Falls and now lives right outside of Oklee.

Olson attended school in Thief River Falls and UMC in Crookston. Before working at RLCC, Kim worked at Townsend Pricing for over 20 years most of which as a Customer Service Representative.

Olson has been married to Conway Olson for 21 years and they have two daughters, Sidney and Paige.

In her free time you can find Kim reading, practicing her photography skills, spending time with friends and family, and fishing.



New RLCC Staff Member Kim Olson

Kim enjoys traveling anywhere with her family, and is excited to take part in all of the school activities and getting to know the students and the staff.



School Bus Safety Week October 21 - 24

School bus transportation plays a critical role in the education of our nation’s students, and is the direct link between a neighborhood and the classroom. More than 25 million children ride the yellow bus every school day, and National School Bus Safety Week serves as a reminder for students, parents, teachers, and the community to keep school bus safety in the forefront. Here are tips to keep our children safe at the bus stop.

Getting Ready for School

• Have your children put everything they carry in a backpack or school bag so that they won’t drop things along the way.

• Encourage them to wear bright, contrasting colors so they will be more easily seen by drivers.

• Make sure children leave home on time so they can arrive at the bus stop before it is due, ideally at least five minutes early. Running after or in front of a bus is dangerous.

Walking to the Bus Stop

• Walk young children to the bus stop or encourage children to walk in groups. There is safety in numbers; groups are easier for drivers to see.

• Practice good pedestrian behavior: walk on the sidewalk, and if there is no sidewalk stay out of the street. If you must walk in the street, walk single file, face traffic and stay as close to the edge of the road as you can.

• Stop and look left, right and then left again if you must cross the street. Do the same thing at drive -ways and alleys. Exaggerate your head turns

and narrate your actions so your child knows you are looking left, right and left.

At the Bus Stop

• Have children wait in a location where the driver can see them while driving down the street. Try to avoid waiting in a house or car.

• Do not let children play in the street. Playing with balls or other toys that could roll into the street is also dangerous.

Getting On and Off the Bus

• Warn children that if they drop something getting on and off the bus, they should never pick it up. Instead, they should tell the driver and follow the driver’s instructions.

• Remind children to look to the right before they step off the bus.

• If you meet your child at the bus stop after school, wait on the side where the child will be dropped off, not across the street. Children can be so excited to see you after school that they dash across the street and forget the safety rules.

Mobile Devices

Cell phones and other electronic devices are often permitted on the school bus as long as:

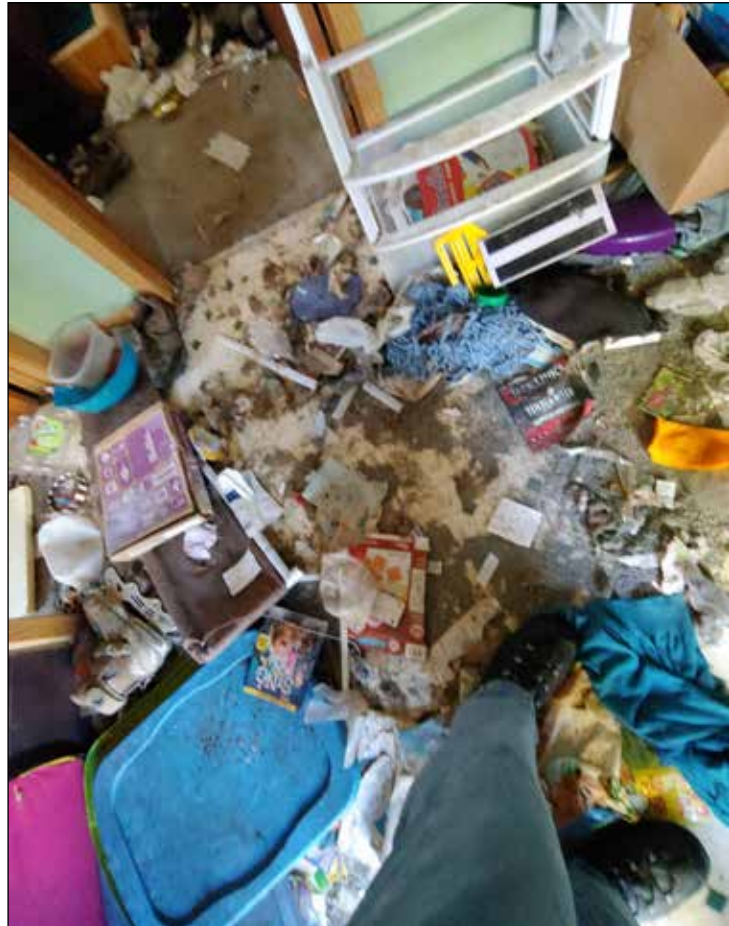
• They are in backpacks or other holders, keeping hands free to use handrails while boarding and departing the bus.

• Sound is muted or headphones, ear buds or similar devices are used.

• Content does not violate the law or school district policy and procedures.

• Use does not create a distraction for the driver.

Resources: <https://www.napt.org/nsbws>



Pictures of the outside and inside of the property in Oklee that is in the process of being condemned.

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH

Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Wed, Oct 23: 4:00 p.m. 1st Comm Class. 6:30 p.m. 8th Grade Conf.; 7:30 p.m. 9th Grade Conf.

Sun, Oct. 27: 9:00 a.m. Zion. 9:00 a.m. SS at Salem. 10:00 a.m. SS at Zion. 10:30 a.m. Salem.

Wed, Oct 30: 4:00 p.m. 1st Comm Class. 6:30 p.m. 8th Grade Conf.; 7:30 p.m. 9th Grade Conf.

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OKLEE, GRYGLA & GOODRIDGE

Fr. Adam Hamness
Sun, Oct. 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, Oct. 26: 5:30 p.m. RLF
Sun, Oct. 27: 8:00 a.m. Brooks. 10:00 a.m. RLF.

IMMANUEL–EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA

Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun, Oct. 27: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer. 9:15 a.m. Sunday School at Immanuel. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Immanuel.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA

Bethany-Ekelund-Faith Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Wed, Oct. 23: Release Time. 7:00 p.m. Bethany Confirmation Class.

Sun, Oct. 27: 10 a.m. Joint Worship Service at Faith.
Mon, Oct. 28: 9:00 a.m. WELCA Mission at Faith.
Wed, Oct. 30: Release Time.

Sons of Norway

Snorre Lodge - TRF
On Mon, Oct. 28, the Snorre Lodge welcomes Rve. Aamen Gjovik who will talk about "Life in Nazi-Occupied Norway. The meeting and program start at 7 pm at the Eagle Club in Thief River Falls.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH

Mt. Olive – Nazareth Oak Park – St. Petri Pastor Jeff Merseth
Wed, Oct. 23: 5:00 p.m. Wed. School. 7:00 p.m. Oak Park Ladies.

Sat, Oct. 26: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.

Sun, Oct. 27: 9:45 A.M. Joint Service at Oak Park for Reformation Sunday. Dinner to follow.

Wed, Oct. 30: 5:00 p.m. Wed. School.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH

Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Oct. 23: 9:30 a.m. Christian Women's Club. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group. 6:30 a.m. AWANA.

Thu, Oct. 24: 1 p.m. Staff meeting.

Fri, Oct. 25: 8:30 a.m. Friday School.

Sun, Oct. 27: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.

Tue, Oct. 29: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions. 10:00 a.m. Quilting. 6:30 p.m. Bible Study.

Wed, Oct. 30: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group. 6:30 a.m. AWANA.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH

Bethany * Lund Sand Valley Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Wed, Oct. 23: No Confirmation.

Sun, Oct. 27: 9:00 a.m. Lund. 10:30 a.m. Sand Valley. 9:00 a.m. SS at Sand Valley & Bethany.

Wed, Oct. 30: 6:15 p.m. Confirmation all grades at Lund.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY

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

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WIC Support Aide and SHIP Staff Needed

Quin County Community Health Services is seeking a part-time WIC Support Aide and a part-time SHIP Staff. Looking for self-motivated individuals who are confident and outgoing in public settings.

WIC Support Aide (PT) Position will include greeting participants, scheduling, answering phones and various clinic duties. Looking for a kind and caring individual with good communication and computer skills, must have the ability to lift up to 50 lbs., travel to clinic locations in Kittson, Marshall, Pennington, Red Lake and Roseau Counties, and work varied hours. Experience working with pregnant and breastfeeding women and young children preferred.

SHIP Staff (PT) works with the SHIP Coordinator in health promotion in schools, workplace, healthcare and other community settings. This position requires strong computer, organizational, communication and public speaking skills. This position is based in Newfolden. Prefer experience working with community-based initiatives and/or collaboration with multiple groups and stakeholders in the area of health prevention/promotion.

Send resume to PO Box 248, Newfolden, MN, 56738 or e-mail quinchs@wiktel.com. Phone (218) 874-7845 for more information. Positions open until filled.

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Oklee Senior Site Dining

October 28 – Nov. 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: 6 pc. Shrimp, hash browns, corn, toast, and dessert.

Tuesday: Spaghetti, meat sauce, green beans, garlic toast, and dessert.

Wednesday: Ham & Swiss melt, broccoli cheese soup, and dessert.

Thursday: Chicken noodle hotdish, coleslaw, toast, and dessert.

Friday: Liver & onions, boiled potatoes w/gravy, peas, and dessert.

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

"There is no value in life except what you choose to place upon it and no happiness in any place except what you bring to it yourself."

- Henry David Thoreau

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Red Lake County Commissioners Minutes

RED LAKE COUNTY Regular Meeting Held September 24, 2019

Pursuant to adjournment of its regular meeting the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners duly met in regular session at the courthouse in Red Lake Falls, MN on September 24, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. Chairman Weiss called the meeting to order. All Commissioners were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Commissioner Remick and carried unanimously to approve the agenda with the addition of the Red Lake Watershed District.

Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried by unanimous vote to approve the IUOE Local 49 Union Contract for a 3-year period commencing January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022.

Myron Jesme and Al Page representing the Red Lake Watershed met with the board members to present the 2018 annual district report. Jesme reported on the several district projects in-process or completed during 2019. Jesme provided a detail report on repairs needed to the RLWD #10 outlet structure and on repairs completed during the summer on the Schirrick Dam in Wylie Township. Jesme informed that the One Watershed-One Plan (1W1P) document has now been completed and having a completed plan allows the 1W1P Committee to receive state funding to use towards projects in all the Watershed and SWCD Districts participating in the 1W1P. Jesme commented that the working relationship with the County Highway Department and County Environmental Office is excellent.

Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on September 10, 2019 as presented.

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

Vendor	Amount
AAA Stripping Service Co.	\$27,414.43
Waste-Not-Recycling, LLC	3,000.00
36 Vendors less than \$2,000.	8,877.04
TOTAL	\$39,414.43

The motion also includes the following added expenditures: \$125.96 to Quill Office Products; \$3,210.00 to ReadITech; \$73.08 expenses and \$200.00 per diem to Chuck Flage; \$37.12 expenses and \$290.00 per diem to Allen Remick.

Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Flage to approve payment of \$826.88 to Ken's Electric, Inc. Voting aye: Commissioners Simpson, Flage, Dudycha and Weiss. Abstain: Commissioner Remick. The motion carried.

Auditor Schmitz informed that the NW Regional Development Commission is seeking nominations from counties in its service area for two Minority and six Public Interest At-Large Representatives for 2-year terms to the Commission. Counties nominate individuals but the RDC makes the actual appointment from the list of names that are submitted. County Commissioner Ron Weiss is the current member on the RDC representing the Watershed Districts. Commissioner Remick moved and seconded by Commissioner Flage to nominate Ron Weiss for appointment to the Watershed District Public Interest position. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Auditor Schmitz informed that no damage estimate has been received yet from MCIT nor Hartford regarding the July storm damages to the Court-house roof and computer system.

The following Commissioner/Committee reports were shared:

Commissioner	Meeting/Report
Simpson:	None.
Flage:	Attended an

Inter County Nursing meeting discussing 2020 salaries and hiring of staff to fill positions.

Dudycha: Tri County Corrections discussing facility usage, budget, and personnel issues.

Remick: NW Regional Development meeting discussing the budget and heard program reports. Also attended meetings of County Extension, County Safety, NW Mental Health and the NW Regional Communications Board.

Weiss: None.

Environment a Officer Kurt Casavan presented a Petition for Repair of County Ditch 57, Branch 16 located on the north end of Section 11 in Emardville Township. A buildup of cattails and silt is restricting drainage. The petition is filed by Earl & Neil Pederson. In addition, Casavan informed that the west side of the main ditch system in Section 13 of Emardville will also have some areas cleaned. Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried unanimously to approve the petition for maintenance of County Ditch 57 as presented.

There was discussion of a drainage issue in Terrebonne Township on County Road 120. A tile pump has been running steady due to the excessive rainfall and is causing water to back-up on adjacent lands because of the sediment buildup in a couple of the culverts. Casavan mentioned he will look into the issue.

Chair Weiss mentioned that a citizen questioned why implement tires are not accepted during the free tire collection. Casavan commented that implement tires are not accepted free because of the significant cost to the county to dispose of at a recycle facility.

Casavan and County Engineer Hove then discussed the need for a GPS Survey System to be used jointly by both Environmental and the Highway Department. Casavan commented that he can use the GPS to complete survey work on the buffer strips along ditch systems in addition to Highway Department projects. Hove commented that the GPS will

save manpower hours and reduce project costs. Casavan stated that it would qualify to use the State Riparian Aid (Buffer Strip) dollars to purchase the equipment. Commissioner Remick moved, seconded by Flage and carried by unanimous vote to approve the purchase of a Trimble R10-2 GPS Receiver and Controller in amount of \$36,919.56 from Frontier Precision Inc.

The board discussed a request from the city of Red Lake Falls to waive late penalty costs of \$181.65 on (2) two city owned parcels as the May 2019 first half property taxes were not paid until September. Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Dudycha to deny the City of Red Lake Falls request and not waive the \$181.65 in penalties on the (2) two city owned parcels. Voting aye: Commissioners Simpson, Flage and Dudycha. Voting nay: Commissioners Remick and Weiss. Motion passed.

HR Director Lundeen mentioned that some employees had concerns on the Compensation Study going into effect January 1, 2020 regarding their placement on the new step chart. Board members asked that Lundeen research more detail.

County Engineer Hove presented the proposed Highway Department budget for the 2020 year. Hove reviewed in detail the revenues and expenses comprising his departmental budget. Hove requested a levy of \$575,100 or an increase of \$50,100 from year 2019. Chair Weiss commented that the board will take his request under consideration when setting the proposed tax levy and budget later in the meeting.

The County Board then proceeded to review the proposed 2020 county budget. Auditor Schmitz presented detail information for the County Revenue Fund and provided a summary of the overall proposed county tax levy and budget. There was discussion on state mandated services; including the state funding available to provide some services, and ways to reduce the overall budget costs. The board made adjustments in several departments. Board members also discussed the benefit, amount of usage, and the cost of services provided by the University of Minnesota Extension. Members felt that the 20% FTE Ag Educator position was not beneficial to the county and cost-effective as most farmers use local Agronomy Services. There was discussion that the county has the option of changing terms of the current Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) by providing 90-day notice to the U of M. Commissioner Dudycha moved, seconded by Simpson and carried by unanimous vote to inform the University of Minnesota Extension Service of the County's desire to amend the current Memorandum of Agreement, and to thereby eliminate the 0.20 FTE Extension Educator position currently held by Heather Dufault, effective as of December 31, 2019 and, in addition, that the County Auditor provide the required 90-day written notice to U of M Extension Services in St. Paul, MN.

The board also discussed the Highway Department and Social Services proposed budgets. Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried unanimously to adopt the proposed tax levy at \$3,510,278.00 less \$464,602.00 State County Program Aid, resulting in \$3,045,676.00 certified tax levy (1.5% increase) for payable year 2020.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m. until October 8, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Attest:
Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

Ron Weiss, Chair,
Board of Commissioners 031C

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RLCC Menus

October 28 – Nov. 1
Oklee

Monday: Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Variety of soups, ham sandwiches, fresh vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Country fried steak, cheesy hash browns, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Corn dogs, macaroni & cheese, vegetable, fruit, and milk.

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

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Hot dog or polish w/ bun, baked beans, chips, fruit, and milk.

Plummer

Monday: Breakfast: French toast, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Creamy tomato soup, cracker, salad, grilled cheese or PB sandwich, cookie, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Breakfast scramble pizza, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Meatballs, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable medley, dinner roll, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Pancake & sausage on stick, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Hot dog w/bun, baked beans, hash browns, dixie cup, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Bosco sticks, marinara sauce, salad w/toppings, corn, rice crispie bar, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Cooks Choice, potatoes, vegetables, fruit, and milk.



RLCC Sports Schedules

RLC Rebel Football Mustang Volleyball

Thu, Oct. 24: Section Play-in Round 7:00PM Away vs. TBA, TBA

Fri, Oct. 25: Section Quarters TBD Away vs. TBA, TBA

Tue, Oct. 29: Section Semi TBD Away vs. TBA, TBA

Fri, Nov. 1: Section Finals 7:30PM Away vs. TBA, TBA



RLCC School Legal

**ISD 2906 RED LAKE
COUNTY CENTRAL
Minutes
September 2019**

The ISD 2906 Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Wednesday September 11th at the RLCC High School in Oklee, MN. Duden, Hamrum, Majeres, Paradis, Vetteson were present, Kols-toe absent.

Motions were carried to approve August Minutes, Financials, Preliminary 2019-2020 Levy Limitation & Certification, Kristina Nelson, Tracy Lee and Teresa Cook as Paraprofessionals, Wrestling Head Coach Cameron Lundeen, Assistant Nick Cervantes, Bus route pay, and Date change November meeting to November 20th at 7pm.

(Complete minutes may be seen in the district office at 201 Governor Street, Oklee, MN or on our school website at www.rlcc2906.org)

Jody Duden
ISD 2906 School Board Clerk
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Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Minnesota Association of Honor Societies Ceremony



All RLCC Minnesota Honors Society Members. From left to right, front row: Tanisha Srnsky, Cari Bachand, Taya Morinville, Katelyn Suchy, Bailey Sherman. Middle Row: Tristyn Ferguson, Sidney Olson, Adriel Bakken, Leah Peterson, Adrienne Jones, Brock Tvedt. Back Row: Jayden Iverson, Calyssa Eskeli, Kia Bachand, Karena Melby, Emily Kolstoe.



RLCC Minnesota Honors Society Officers, from left to right: Sidney Olson- Secretary, Adrienne Jones- Vice President, Calyssa Eskeli- President, Sophia Linder-Treasurer.



Members of the MHS faculty, from left to right: Randy Huie, Kate Moll, Steve Strutz.



September Student of the Month: Marin Peterson (left) and Tanisha Srnsky (right).

Junior High Student of the Month

By: Zach Benson

Mr. Steven Strutz nominated Marin Peterson for September student of the month. Marin is a 9th grader at Red Lake County Central.

The reasons Strutz said that Marin deserved this honor were her: "respect for others, perseverance to finish a project, citizenship to obey the rules, compassion towards others, and is responsible to do what is right and work at doing their best."

Senior High Student of the Month

By: Danny Guillemette

On Thursday, Oct. 10, the Senior High Student of the Month award was given to Tanisha Srnsky. Srnsky is a Senior at Red Lake County Central, and is involved in Volleyball, Basketball, Student Senate, and Envirothon. Becky Eskeli nominated her on her ability to take four online classes with an A- average, her hard work both in and out of the classroom, and ability to balance a part time job at the Long Term Care Center in Thief River Falls, Minnesota.

By: Karena Melby

The MHS Induction Ceremony was held at Red Lake County Central High School on Friday, Oct. 11.

New Inductees were Tanisha Srnsky, Adriel Bakken, Tristyn Ferguson, Katelyn Suchy, Brock Tvedt, Cari Bachand, Taya Morinville, Leah Peterson, and Bailey Sherman.

Standing members are: Jayden Iverson, Lily Guillemette, Derek Peterson, Kia Bachand, Daniel Guillemette, Emily Kolstoe, Karena Melby, and Janae Olson.

Officers Calyssa Eskeli/ President, Adrienne Jones/ Vice President, Sidney Olson/ Secretary spoke about the MHS Pillars.

The guest speaker was Michael Swenson who spoke of the importance of education, hard work, and leadership.



Sophie Linder speaking about character.



Brian Paskavan, MHS advisor, introducing members.



Sidney Olson speaking about leadership.



Adrienne Jones discussing the importance of service.



Calyssa Eskeli talked about scholarship, one of the four pillars.



Guest Speaker Mike Swenson addresses the crowd on the importance of hard work and education.

Athlete Interview

By: Trent Goulet

Zach Benson is an 18 year old senior at RLCC. He's played baseball and football since fifth grade. His favorite sport to play is baseball. One piece of advice a coach has given him that he follows is "Impress me, and you will play". He was a Northwest Conference Honorable Mention for football and most improved in baseball 2018. He hopes to play catcher at a small college.

Meet the Newspaper Staff

By: Bella Russillo

Adriel Bakken is a new newspaper staff. She is 16 years old and in 11th grade. She has two brothers, Noah and Kaleb. She plans to be in Knowledge Bowl this school year. Some of her hobbies are playing guitar, doing puzzles and reading books. Her favorite food is her grandma's chicken wild rice soup, and two TV shows she loves are Gossip Girl and I Dream of Jeannie. An activity she enjoys doing is playing Papa's Bakeria. She has two pet cats named Fluffy and Booty, and she prefers to write about interviews.

Cross Country Meet

By: Adriel Bakken

The Red Lake County cross country team competed in a meet at the Greenwood Golf course in Bemidji on Tuesday, Oct. 15th. RLC competed against 15 other teams. Out of

the whole RLC team there were four new personal best times. The next meet they compete in is sections at Bagely Golf Course on Friday, Oct. 25th.

Red Lake County Central Volleyball

By: Kia Bachand

The RLCC Mustangs volleyball team lost to the Fertile-Beltrami Falcons on Monday, October 14th, in Fertile. The Mustangs won the first

set, and lost the next three in close games. Highlights for the Mustangs were Jenna Pahlen with 16 kills, 13 blocks, and 6 digs; Kia Bachand with 14 kills, 3 blocks, and 9 digs; Cari Bachand with 6 kills, 1 ace, 3 blocks, and 6 digs; Sidney Olson with 6 kills, 3 assists, 4 blocks, and 6 digs; Calyssa Eskeli with 1 kill and 24 assists; Leah Peterson with 1 kill and 1 assist; and Tanisha Srnsky with 3 assists and 2 digs.

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New adult non-fiction recently recommended by patrons include "The Call of the Wild & Free: Reclaiming Wonder in Your Child's Education" by Ainsley Arment: "the homeschool approach of past generations is gone—including the stigma of socially awkward kids, conservative clothes, and a classroom setting replicated in the home. The Wild + Free movement is focused on a love of nature, reading great books, pursuing interests and hobbies, making the entire world a classroom, and prolonging the wonder of childhood, an appealing philosophy that is unpacked in the pages of this book;" and "The Whole-Brain Child Workbook" by Daniel J Siegel, M. D. and Tina Payne Bryson, PhD: "The Whole-Brain Child Workbook' has a unique, interactive approach that allows readers not only

to think more deeply about how the ideas fit their own parenting approach, but also develop specific and practical ways to implement the concepts -- and bring them to life for themselves and for their children."

Mark your calendars for these upcoming programs, all free of charge and open to the public:

The Teddy Bear Band (children's music), Thursday, October 24 at 9:30 am, RLF City Hall

Ticket to Brasil (Brazilian music), Thursday, November 7 at 5:00 pm, RLF Library

Windblown (brass quartet), Tuesday, December 3 at 6:00 pm, RLF Library

Mary Byron (book/author presentation), Thursday, December 5 at 5:00 pm, RLF Library

Oklee Herald Early Files

Eighty Years Ago October 19, 1939

Triplets, two boys and a girl, were born on Thursday, October 12th to Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Bergerson, town of Johnson. One boy was born dead. The remaining boy and girl and mother are doing nicely.

The first heavy snowfall of the year fell over this territory last Thursday night. Most of the ground was white Friday morning but the snow soon disappeared.

Seventy Years Ago October 20, 1949

Paul J. Dessellier, airman apprentice, USN, of Oklee, is serving as a crew member aboard the escort aircraft carrier USS Bairoko, which is participating in "Operation Miki," a large-scape amphibious exercise in the Pacific.

Elevation is too much for Skunk! Over at the Barzen elevator the manager Ole Sordahl saw a furry object riding upward on the grain elevator. His nose convinced him that he was not being deceived by his eyes. Ole game the elevator full throttle upward to dump the skunk, still somewhat alive, into an upper bin. Then he hired a young boy (name not disclosed) with an eye for an easy (?) buck to go above and throw the skunk out through an upper window. When the boy reached him in the upper bin, the little stinker was dead.

The Oklee Bobcats won their first game this season as they met the Erskine Comets. The score was 39-13.

Sixty Years Ago October 22, 1959

The third grade in the Oklee Elementary school has three sets of twins. They are Becky and Bobby Melby, John and Jerome Bachand and Bernadette and Bernard Asselin. Miss Grace McManus is the teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Nels Vigstol, patrons of the Plummer Cooperative Creamery represented the Plummer Creamery at the Red River Valley Dairymen's meeting at Fergus Falls, Oct. 21. Each year this honor is awarded for outstanding work in the production, quality and improvements in the dairy field.

A committee met at the Fred Lundeen home to make plans for the pancake supper to be served by the men of Oak Park Church on Sunday, October 25th.

A double ring ceremony on October 15th untied Laverne Lorraine Trudeau, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Trudeau of Crookston and Willmer Joseph Sevigny, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Sevigny of Erskine.

Fifty Years Ago October 23, 1969

Oklee High School Royalty: Crowned Queen of the Oklee High School Homecoming Fri-

day was Lorna Mercil. Junior Attendant was Debbie Champagne and Renee Nadeau was the Sophomore attendant.

Larry Dufault, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dufault of Oklee, has been appointed a graduate assistant in the College of Agriculture, North Dakota State University. Dufault is majoring in bacteriology at NDSU.

Airman Richard A. Mathson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Mathson of Oklee has completed basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Arlt entertained at their home on Sunday in honor of the 15th birthday of their twin sons, Lowell and Leslie.

The Roman Radniecki family and Mrs. Jack Radniecki and Marcia were among those who attended the Goodridge Bit & Bridle camp out at Bemis Hill Saturday.

Forty Years Ago October 18, 1979

Oklee to have first Community Halloween Party - plans are being made and volunteers and donations are being sought to put on the party.

Ruth's Realty Office has a very successful Grand Opening Saturday with about 130 people stopping by to see the newly remodeled office and to visit with Carla and George Johnson.

Approximately 700 people enjoyed the free pancake and sausage supper served the City of Oklee to celebrate the dedication of their new Municipal Center.

Bobcats throw Middle River Skippers the anchor Tuesday night winning the game with a score of 26-6.

Shauna Margaret Knutson, daughter of Sherman and Margaret Knutson, was baptized on Sunday at St. Francis Xavier Church in Oklee.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Flatland of Trail were honored on their 25th wedding anniversary. Their children hosted the event for them.

Thirty Years Ago October 18, 1989

After waiting ten years to get his moose hunting license, Randy Brekke and his party had a successful hunt on opening day getting a bull moose with a 44" rack. Its field dressed weight was 840 pounds and was judged to be between 3 and 6 years old.

RLCC Mustang football team took on the Red Lake Warriors and had a tough 1st quarter but by half time, went ahead 28-6. The 2nd half went very well, winning 41 to 14.

Twenty Years Ago October 21, 1999

As a project for "Make A Difference Day" the Oklee High School Student Council, together with area church youth, are sponsoring a Free Breakfast for All Residents of the Oklee School District with Farmers in the District to be special guests

for the work that they don to provide food for our country in spite of the hardships that they have endured due to the weather and low farm prices.

Red Lake County Commissioners were told at their last meeting that the county had received the largest grant in the state for affordable housing - \$500,000.

On Friday, October 15th the Red Lake County Sheriffs Department received a call of a house fire in Oklee. The Smith family trailer home was destroyed by fire caused by their furnace blowing up. Daniel Smith was working on the furnace at the time and received burns on both arms, face, chest, and back. His son was sitting on a chair and was blown off it by the explosion. Jennifer was home but was not injured in the explosion.

The Red Lake County Central Mustang Football team had a disappointing night when they lost to the Fisher-Climax Knights by one point.

Five generations gathered for Porch family reunion. They gathered at the Lyle & Linda (Porch) Nelson home, Grygla and the Wallace & Vernie Porch home of Oklee.

On Friday, October 8th, a birthday party for Magan Malwitz, daughter of Gloria and Devin Malwitz, who turned 9, was treated to Pizza Hut in TRF with her friends.

Ten Years Ago October 21, 2009

At the Red Lake County Commissioner meeting it was decided that address signs will be installed throughout the county.

Installation of Enbridge's Alberta Clipper and Southern Lights pipeline program has been going full speed ahead and should be complete by March 2010.

Mentor Farmer's Market held their Fall Festival on October 17th with many people attending and purchasing items from the vendors.

Kali Borene, Red Lake County Central Mustang, was chosen as the Gazette Athlete of the Week for volleyball. She had 13 assists, five aces and 17 service point in the October 5th game against the Bagley Flyers.

Andrea Eskeli, is a new third grade teacher at Red Lake County Elementary in Plummer.

Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

It looks like we will have a nice Sunday with the sun shining. Of course it might change. The wind is blowing the leaves off the trees. I have been raking, but it is a loosing job. This morning looks like I have never raked.

Thanksgiving is soon here. Many people have no one to have a meal with. We have a sign up that the Red Lake County Parishes will be having a Thanksgiving meal at St. Francis Xavier Church. If you want a great free meal, sign up by calling 796-5459. If you want a meal delivered, there will be volunteers who will deliver it

Remember, the Oklee Senior

Craft Shop is open Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. They have lots of great gift items for sale made by local artists. There are some unique things there. Looking for a unusual potato chip bowl, they have some made out of old records. Need a scarf or hat, there are some really nice fleece ones there for sale also. Stop by and take a peak, you may find a unique handmade item for a gift or for yourself.

Dates to Remember
Oct. 23: 1:30 p.m. Bridge.
Oct. 24: 12:30 p.m. Bingo
Oct. 31: HALLOWEEN

Words of Wisdom

The job well done, is to have done it.

What you get by achieving your goals is not as important as what you become by achieving your goals

Joke Time

A plumber fixes a leak in a doctor's house then bills him for \$1000.

"This is ridiculous," the doctor says. "I don't even charge that much."

The plumber says, "Neither did I when I was a doctor."

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

Kat DeHate, of St. Michael, ND came Saturday evening to visit her parents, Bernie & Jill DeHate and family. She said they had a gotten 2 feet of snow from the snow storm before she left.

Red Lake County Central's Day of Caring was postponed on Wednesday cause of water issues in the ditches and yards. They do raking leaves and washing windows and gutters.

Monday evening, Anne Traxler and Alice Jobe attended the concert at Lincoln High School an saw the Hall Sisters. Mike and Sandy Greenwald also went. The girls originally from North Carolina are the daughters of a dentist. They were multi-talented playing

several instruments. They played violins, the viola, guitar, keyboard and banjo. Some of the songs they sang were *Bugle Boy from Company B* and *River of Life*. Also *Lollipop, Smile, Zippedeedoodah, Sounds of Silence* and *Sincerely*.

Next on their schedule after Thief River, they were going to Hibing and Alexandria. Then on to Indiana. It was very enjoyable and they had a good crowd.

Plummer Senior Citizens met on Thursday, the 17th. Wellness sheets were passed out by Glenyce Eskeli for the last three months and they enjoyed lunch and visiting.

Here's something I heard on the radio recently. Country

Singer Conway Twitty got his name from Conway, Texas. I never had heard that. He was a good singer and performed sometimes with Loretta Lynn. She's about 86 and still singing. He's been gone a few years, I believe.

The sun was sure nice Thursday. Not warm but better than what we had. And things are drying up, slowly but surely.

Wish I had more news. But anyway, enjoy the sunshine. Maybe we can get some yard work done. And some farmers may get some crops harvested. Pray for them!

Be good and enjoy the weather.

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

Hey, we were given a couple of days of nice weather last week. Thank You for that. Now it is raining again. It is never ending this year. I hope it gets the falling out of the sky out of its system, so we are not hit with a snowstorm every week this winter. I'd like to see an open winter once again.

We celebrated a birthday at church yesterday in Brooks. After Mass, we all sang "Happy Birthday" to Aubrey Determan who has turned 4 years old. Matt Proulx played the piano to accompany us while

we sang. Aubrey was wearing her princess crown and taking in all the good wishes. Happy Birthday Aubrey.

Brad Determan took on Aubrey's birthday with hosting a party for her at his house. Colton and Jaime and Caydence, and Camden, along with Brianna and Kyle Wanner, James Andrew, Felicity and Jacinta all joining in the festivities. Cindy and Del Determan were very proud grandparents and parents who joined in for this festive party.

Brianna and Kyle Wanner

of Bismarck came to visit with Cindy and Del Determan over the weekend. They brought their children Andrew James Jacinta and Felicity to visit with Grandpa and Grandma and enjoy their cousins.

Dianne and Clare Gagner were visited by their children Tim and Brenda Gagner of Fergus Falls. They arrived on Friday evening and went home on Sunday.

Rebecca Novak, of Mankato, came to visit with Jerome and Barb Novak over the weekend. They went to the dinner at the St. Bernard's Church in Thief River Falls on Sunday. She left on Sunday afternoon to return to Mankato.

Happy Birthday to the Tvedt Family. Saturday, Kevin had his birthday, and on Monday Tiffany is celebrating her birthday. Happy birthday to this special couple. Please save some cake for me.

Congratulations to Arnie and Barb Schmitz. It seems that a new little boy has wormed his way into their lives and he is a cute fella. His name is Beckon. I hope I have the spelling correct, Congratulations to the Schmitz Family, and especially to Grandpa and Grandma.

I hope that you all are going to enjoy this week. They seem to be shorter the older you get so enjoy them at the moment.



Bonny's Bits...

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get off the crop without too much ruts in the field. Makes it very hard and much slower work for the farmers.

Since then I have seen many other farmers getting their soybeans off. Lots of mud on the roads, but nothing like beet country.

Here is a poem that was printed in the Oklee Herald front page when their held their first Community Halloween Party in 1970 - 40 years ago:

Witches, goblins, ghosts and things;

This year our Halloween will bring.

Scary costumes, games and treats

Lots of things for you to eat. Come and play and have

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This week's photo is of a group of children who were photographed and put in the Oklee Herald. Every week there was a new group of six photos. I thought it would be fun to put a few of these in the paper and see how many you can guess. I'm not is this group, but I was one of them a few weeks back.

Last week's photo was of the crew at Security State Bank in Oklee for a Halloween Hysteria event in Oklee. Pictured - back row: Dorothy Lee, Norman Champagne, Larry Skallet, and George Lee. Front row: Anne Hammer, Debbie Whalen, and Lori Melby.

Note: George Lee was voted the funniest and most original costume.

****I am in need of more photos - please send or bring some more of your great old photos. School days, church events, sports, etc.



Everyone has a photo or two that would be great for this column. Please share them with our readers as it is one of most popular columns of the Oklee Herald.

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