

Oklee Precipitation
By Einar Kvasager

	Rain	Snow
Nov. 19	0.15	
Nov. 20	0.01	Trace
Nov. 21	0.07	2.50
Nov. 22		Trace
Total in.	0.23	2.50

Oklee Herald

...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

OKLEE (RED LAKE COUNTY) MINN. 56742

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Commissioners met Nov. 12th

On November 12th, the Commissioners met at 10 a.m. All board members were present. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ron Weiss. A motion was made to add two items to the agenda. Commissioner Chuck Simpson made the motion, Commissioner John Dudycha seconded, carried.

Tanya Hanson came before the board and needed a Feedlot Delegation Agreement approved and signed. Hanson said there were 49 feedlots registered by requirements, but there are small operations that do not require registration. Hanson also briefly said that the SWCD had completed 7 sidwater inlets on ditch #60. A motion was made by Simpson, seconded by Dudycha to approve the Feedlot Delegation

Agreement, carried.

Expenditures were looked at and a question about equipment purchased by the Sheriff Department was questioned. When Sheriff Mitch Bernstein came in later, he was asked and he reported that it was in preparation for potential events where a launcher for tear gas or rubber bullets. He hoped he didn't need to use it. The Sheriff's Department had a modified rifle. This will be safer and more reliable if needed.

Commissioner Anthony Flage made a motion to approve the expenditures, seconded by Commissioner Al Remick, roll call vote, all Aye, carried.

Travel Policy for out of state travel by elected officials was updated. This is a requirement by the State Auditor. Motion to approve the changes made to the Out of State Travel Policy was made with a motion by Flage, seconded by Dudycha, carried.

Sheriff Bernstein was requesting authorization from the commissioners for credit cards for the deputies. These cards are used when transporting prisoners, training expenses, etc. The Sheriff's department has had cards for many years, but the State Auditors office requires that the Commissioner approve the policy. There has been no problems in the past, reported Bernstein. The policy was approved with a motion by Simpson, seconded by Dudycha, carried.

Bernstein was asked if there were any problems in the county and he replied it's been pretty quiet.

Next on the agenda, was the annual approval of the GIA Agreement. This is for the two snowmobile clubs that use the county as their fiscal agent for grants received. A motion was made by Simpson, seconded by Remick, carried.

Committee Reports from

Flage attended a AMC meeting in Fosston. Weiss also attended. Funding was talked about.

Dudycha asked about the NW Development meeting in Grand Forks, it will be held on December 14th. It is the annual meeting and he said he will attend.

Remick had not attended any meetings, but also had a question about the grant for the Huot Park. The grant was not applied for at this time because the time frame was too close to get all the information together. It will be applied for in January.

Weiss attended the AMC meeting, and the Township board meeting earlier, and reported on the NW Regional Development meeting. The budget was discussed and approximately 2% raise increase overall, a few got more based on performance.

Dudycha was wondering what the county stood on the vaping issue. Should the legal age be increased to 21 for smoking products. Bernstein was asked to come up and reported that he doesn't feel it is a problem in Red Lake County. There is no smoking stores where these products are purchased.

The Ambulance Funding issue was also asked about and it was decided to levy in the future and for this year if needed, the county can use the funds in the reserves.

Bob Schmitz came before the Commissioners as a taxpayer. Schmitz is requesting a tax abatement. He would like his taxes for the years of 2017, 2018, and 2019 abated based on a law that states his brother farms his land and it should be classified as homestead. It has been improperly classified as non-homestead.

Commissioners
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Santa is making his plans to visit the area!

In Brooks: Santa Day will be on Sunday, December 1st. It will be held at the Community Center and the doors open at 4:30. p.m. Everyone is welcome and the meal will be served at 5:00 p.m., the prizes will be given 5:30, and the big attraction, Santa will come at 6:00 pm.

In Oklee: Santa and Mrs. Claus will be stopping in Oklee on Saturday, December 7th. The day begins with the Salem WELCA Christmas Cookie Sale at the Oklee Community Hall in Oklee, so be sure to stop in and pick up some cookies and other homemade goodies. Come early for best selection!

There will be a Sing-Along with Sydney Melby at 10:00 a.m. Be sure to bring the kids in to join her and get in the Christmas Spirit!! Adults one and all are encouraged to sing-along too!

Santa and Mrs. Claus are expected to

arrive at the Oklee Community Hall at 10:30 a.m. After visiting with Santa and Mrs. Claus, treat bags from the Oklee Community Club will be handed out and there will be Arts & Crafts for the children to do with Joni Bjerklie.

There will be a coloring contest once again this year. Pages are being sent home with the children so look for those in the school bags. Prizes for the 1st & 2nd places of 3 different age groups will be awarded that day. Colored papers can be

turned in at D & R Grocery before December 7th or bring in on Saturday December 7th before 10 a.m. to the Community Hall. Be sure to fill out the name information before turning them in.

There are other prizes (sleds, mittens) that will be given away by the Oklee Community Club so be sure to sign up and stick around for those. Look for the table in the Hall.

Goodies, Coffee and Cider will be served to all. Sponsored by the Oklee Community Club. Come and share in the Christmas Spirit!!

In Plummer: December 13th is the day of fun with the Holiday Train coming to town with musical show, Santa visiting with the children, the museum will be open and food donation are being accepted once again. More details later. Three chances to see Santa.



The staff at Dakota Heritage Bank in Red Lake Falls. Back Row (l t r): Tim Hoefer, Melissa Fredericks, Reed Engelstad. Front Row: Casey Klipping, Jaimie Seng, Wendy Swendra, and Shari Olson

Dakota Heritage Bank Open House December 2nd in RLF

Dakota Heritage Bank is the newest addition to the Red Lake Falls community and surrounding area. They are a small town community bank with 9 locations in North Dakota and are excited to open their first location in Minnesota. The family-owned bank is headquartered in Hunter, North Dakota. Their communities range in population of 70 to 1,600 people. Relationship banking is their primary way of doing business. Dakota Heritage Bank values their communities and strives to make a positive impact in them. Employees are encouraged to live this value by giving of their time and talents to their communities. They are dedicated to taking the time to get to know their

customers and build lasting relationships.

Dakota Heritage Bank is staffed with knowledgeable local staff with many years of banking experience. Reed Engelstad serves as the President of the Red Lake Falls office and has 27 years of banking experience. He is available to discuss any of your banking needs. Tim Hoefer serves as Vice President and Ag Lender and has 37 years of experience in the banking industry and has farmed his whole life. Wendy Swendra serves as the Vice President of Operations and has 17 years of banking experience. Jaimie Seng serves as the Real Estate Lender and has 10 years of banking experience with an extensive knowledge in mort-

gages. Casey Klipping serves as a Personal Banker with 23 years of banking experience. Melissa Fredericks also serves as a Personal Banker with 24 years of banking experience. And Shari Olson also serves as a Personal Banker with over 8 years of banking experience. All of the personal bankers are available to serve any of the customers' needs including opening new accounts.

A variety of services for consumers and businesses are available at Dakota Heritage Bank including checking accounts, savings accounts, CDs, IRAs, and loans. Customers can also utilize electronic services including online banking, mobile banking, electronic statements, and mobile deposits.



The Oklee Herald Office will be closed on Thursday & Friday, November 28 & 29. If you need to place an ad, please call Richards at 487-5225 or email to okleeherald@gmail.com.

- Calendar of Events**
- Wed, Nov. 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, Nov. 28:**
- Thanksgiving Day
- Fri, Nov. 29:**
- No LSS Meal-Cafe Closed.
 - Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
- Sat, Nov. 30:**
- Support your local business – Shop Locally!
- Sun, Dec. 1:**
- Worship at the church of your choice.
 - Santa Day in Brooks
- Mon. Dec. 2:**
- LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
- Tue, Dec. 3:**
- LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
 - Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards
- Wed, Dec. 4:**
- LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
 - Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.
 - 7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
- Thu, Dec. 5:**
- LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
 - Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
- Fri, Dec. 6:**
- LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
 - Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
- Sat, Dec. 7:**
- Santa Day in Oklee.
 - Support your local business – Shop Locally!
- Sun, Dec. 8:**
- Worship at the church of your choice.

Quilt Trunk Show held in Oklee November 8th



Kari Carr of New Leaf Stitches came to Oklee to give the area quilters a presentation and trunk show on November 8th. Kari stayed at the Oklee Inn and on November 9th she gave a quilt class. Kari has designed her own fabrics and has her own patterns and rulers, etc.

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH

Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Wed, Nov. 27: 6:30 p.m. 8th Grade Conf.; 7:30 p.m. 9th Grade Conf.
Sun, Dec. 1: 9:00 a.m. Zion. No SS at Salem. No SS at Zion. 10:30 a.m. Salem.
Tue, Dec. 3: 7:00 p.m. Zion Council meeting.
Wed, Dec. 4: No Confirmation. 7:00 p.m. Salem WELCA meeting. 7:00 p.m. Zion WELCA.

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OKLEE, GRYGLA & GOODRIDGE

Fr. Adam Hammes
Sun, Dec. 1: 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, Nov. 30: 5:30 p.m. RLF
Sun, Dec. 1: 8:00 a.m. Brooks. 10:00 a.m. RLF.

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA

Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun, Dec. 1: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Immanuel. 10:15 a.m. SS at Immanuel. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA

Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Wed, Nov. 27: Release Time.

Sun, Dec. 1: 8:30 a.m. Faith, 9:45 a.m. SS; 9:45 a.m. Bethany, 11:00 a.m. SS; 11:00 a.m. Ekelund. 9:45 a.m. SS at Ekelund.

Mon, Dec. 2: 10 a.m. Ekelund Ladies Aid.
Wed, Dec. 4: 6:00 p.m. Ekelund Church Council. 7:00 p.m. Parish Advent Service at Ekelund.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

December 2 - 6

Call 796-5666 to order a meal.

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

Monday: Cold ham & cheese sandwich, potato broccoli soup, and dessert.

Tuesday: Chicken drummies, hash browns, corn, toast, and dessert.

Wednesday: Tator tot hot-dish, salad, toast, and dessert.

Thursday: Meat loaf, parsley buttered potatoes, beets, bread, and dessert.

Friday: 1/2 cold turkey sandwich w/lettuce & tomato, French fries, green beans, and dessert.

Remember, the Cafe is closed for Thanksgiving Day and Friday, November 29th due to waxing of the floors.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH

Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Wed, Nov. 27: Thanksgiving services - 5 p.m. Mt. Olive. 7 p.m. Oak Park.
Thu, Nov. 28: Thanksgiving Day services - 8 a.m. St. Petri. 9:30 a.m. Nazareth.
Sat, Nov. 30: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.
Sun, Dec. 1: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri, 9:15 a.m. SS; 8:30 a.m. Nazareth SS, 9:45 a.m. Worship; 9:45 a.m. Oak Park SS, 11 a.m. OP Worship.
Wed, Dec. 4: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 7 p.m. LYS meeting.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH Josiah Hoagland, Pastor

Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Nov. 27: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Sun, Dec. 1: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.
Tue, Dec. 3: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions. 10:00 a.m. Quilting. 6:30 p.m. Bible Study.
Wed, Dec. 4: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group. 6:30 p.m. AWA-NA.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH

Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Wed, Nov. 27: No Confirmation.
Sun, Dec. 1: 9:00 a.m. Lund. 10:30 a.m. Bethany. 9:00 a.m. Sand Valley & Bethany SS.
Wed, Dec. 4: 7:00 p.m. Advent Service at Lund.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY

Fosston
Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor
Sun, Dec. 1: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship.

Tri-Valley Public Transportation

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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.

Military Appreciation Night planned for December 13

On Friday, December 13, the Red Lake County Rebels Boys' Basketball team would like to sponsor a Military Appreciation Night to honor all of the Veterans in Red Lake County. The event will be held in conjunction with the boys' basketball game against Stephen-Argyle on December 13.

There will be a free spaghetti meal for all of the veterans and their guests starting at 4:45 in the Red Lake Falls High School cafeteria. The veterans and guests will be admitted free into the game and have reserved seating at the game. After warmups for the varsity game, all of the veterans in attendance will be recognized individually as the "starting lineup" for that evening.

The Lafayette High School

Band will play the National Anthem and the Lafayette High School Choir will sing patriotic songs at halftime.

We ask that if you are a veteran and plan to attend this event that you contact the following by December 5th and let them know that you will be in attendance and if you have a spouse/guest attending as well. We need an approximate number to plan for the meal and seating. Thanks for your service!

Contact/RSVP: Rick Dulka in Oklee: 218-796-4886

Les Hofstad in Plummer: 218-465-4427

Gale Schmitz in RLF: 218-681-6786

or: Steve Philion: 218-686-3608



Casey Jo Wilde-Olson enjoyed the 2019 deer hunt with this keeper.

Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial Update

Recently a donation was made to the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial in memory of Earl Swenson, Oklee. Iona Berry, Oklee, and long time friend of the Swensons made the contribution in Earl's name.

Donations to the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial should be sent to Security State Bank, Box 69, Oklee, MN 56742,

attn: Lori Melby. Questions may be directed to Mary Lynn Bachand at marylbachand@gmail.com.

American Legion Auxiliary meeting

American Legion Auxiliary will meet on December 4th at the Oklee Hall. It will be a potluck meeting at 11:30am.

Christmas Cookie Sale

IT'S TIME FOR THE ANNUAL

Salem Church Christmas Cookie Sale Fundraiser

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Sat., December 7th
9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

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during Santa Claus Day

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Oklee Centennial Cookbook Recipe Corner - From page 84

Herzog Picnic Salad

LaVonne Brown

1-1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil
 1/2 cup red wine vinegar
 3 cloves garlic
 2 Tbsp soy sauce
 1 Tbsp Dijon mustard
 1 Tbsp lemon juice
 2 Tbsp sugar

Shake all of the above to mix well. Marinate large head of broccoli (cut up) in mixture while doing rest of salad. Boil large box of multi-colored spiraled macaroni. Rinse in cold water to cool.

In a large bowl add:
 1 green pepper, cut in chunks
 1 red or yellow pepper (or both) cut in chunks
 8 oz cheddar or marble jack cheese, cubed
 1 medium red onion, sliced
 8 oz bottle black or green olives (or both) whole or sliced.

Add macaroni and marinated broccoli to vegetables. There will be a lot of liquid marinade so you might want to stir it into your mixture a little at a time to get the desired consistency. Save if any leftover in case salad gets too dry. Shake or stir before serving. Makes enough for large gathering.

Commissioners Continued from page 1.

The Assessor Nancy Amberson agrees and has fixed 2019 taxes before the tax was paid and the abatement for the other two years needs to be approved by the board for the abatement. Simpson made a motion, Dudycha seconded, carried.

Schmitz then approached the board on the property issue again as a taxpayer. This law was changed in 2008 and is it possible for the county to refund it for the years of 2009 to 2016. Amberson has done all the calculation. The commissioners said they would like to have it looked over before they made a decision. The request was tabled for further review.

Schmitz read the report from the County Highway Department. Culvert replacements for #135 & #12 are completed. Salt Shed is progressing and should be completed in one month.

Angie Lundeen, Human Resources, asked for clarification on a couple of items. First: Should the county continue to give the same contribution to employees whether they are on the \$1000 deductible plan or the HSA plan. Dudycha made a motion, Remick seconded, carried.

Second item: New wage scale for employees that have worked over 10+ years and are under step 5 or supervisory position? 5 people could potentially qualify. Commissioners recommended 3 employees will move up to step 4. Remick and Simpson made the motions, carried.

Emergency Management System was next: Could they get on the chart was their question. They receive grant money. Flage and Dudycha said leave it the way it is., carried.

The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Remick, seconded by Dudycha. Carried.

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Sudoku Solution

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

Oklee Historical Society needs your pop cans!

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

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

Your continued support in the aluminum can drive is greatly appreciated.

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Friday's at noon!

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Security State Bank will be closed Nov. 28th we WISH YOU a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

Count Your Blessings This Thanksgiving

In the autumn of 1621, the Pilgrims invited their Indian friends to join them in a three day festival. It was a time to give thanks to God for the year's blessings and for a successful harvest.

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." - Psalm 33:12

We hope you and your family have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

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RLCC Menus

December 2 - 6

Oklee

Monday: Breakfast: Tornado, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Pizza, lettuce, carrots & celery, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Hot dog or polish, baked beans, chips, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Muffins, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken pot pie, biscuit, vegetables, string cheese, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken nuggests, rice pilaf, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Cold subs, chips, carrots & celery, fruit, and milk.

Plummer

Monday: Breakfast: Coffee cake, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Super Nachos (hamburger, cheese, tomato, lettuce, sour cream, salsa), hash browns, carrots & celery, cinnamon churro, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Egg wrap, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Fish, cottage cheese, broccoli, breadstick, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Pancakes, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, baked potato, seasoned peas & carrots, dinner roll, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Cook's Choice, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Meatballs, potatoes, gravy, green beans, plain or buttered bread, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Personal pizza, salad, sherbet, fruit, and milk.

Mustang Wrestling Schedule

Dec. 7: Tournament
TBD Fosston @ Fosston
High School

Dec. 14: Tournament
TBD Crookston @ Crookston
High School

Dec. 16: Scrimmage
TBD Crookston @ Crook-
ston High School

JV Scrimmage Dec. 20: Tournament TBD Cass
Lake-Bena @ Cass Lake -
Bena High School

Dec. 21: Tournament
TBD Cass Lake-Bena @
Cass Lake-Bena High
School

Basketball Boys Var/JV Schedule

Dec. 5: 6:00PM Climax
Shelly @ Fisher

Dec. 6: 6:00PM BGMR
@ Plummer School

Dec. 10: 6:00PM EGF
Green Wave @ Plummer
School

Dec. 13: 6:00PM Ste-
phen-Argyle Central @ Red
Lake Falls

Dec. 17: NCTC Tourna-
ment TBD @ NCTC - TRF

Dec. 19: NCTC Tourna-
ment TBD @ NCTC - TRF

Dec. 20: NCTC Tourna-
ment TBD @ NCTC - TRF

Jan. 2: 6:00PM Go-
odridge/Grygla-Gatzke @
Plummer

Basketball Girls Var/JV Schedule

Dec. 3: 6:00PM
Mahnomon/Waubun @
Plummer

Dec. 5: 6:00PM Northern
Freeze @ Karlstad

Dec. 6: 6:00PM Win-E-
Mac @ Oklee School

Dec. 9: 6:00PM Clear-
brook-Gonvick Bears @
Oklee

Dec. 12: 6:00PM Lake of
the Woods @ Oklee

Dec. 16: 6:00PM Fosston
@ Oklee

Dec. 19: 6:00PM
Laporte @ Laporte High
School

Dec. 20: 6:00PM Ste-
phen-Argyle Central @ Ste-
phen-Argyle Central

Dec. 30: 6:00PM Kittson
Central @ Plummer

Jan. 7: 6:00PM Red Lake
Falls @ Red Lake Falls High

Wednesday, November 27, 2019

Meet the RLCC

Newspaper Staff

By: *Kia Bachand*

Emily Kolstoe is a member of the newspaper staff. She is 16 years old and a junior at Red Lake County Central High School. Emily has one sister named Hannah. She is involved in volleyball, golf, choir, and envirothon. In her free time she enjoys spending time with her friends and family. Emily has a beagle named Gidget. For newspaper, she likes to write interviews the most.

Book Drive

By: *Emily Kolstoe*

Inter-County Community Council is sponsoring a book drive. The book drive started on November 15th and ends on December 11th. The books will be available to area youth on December 13th at the holiday train event in Plummer. You can drop off books at Oklee Inter-County, the Oklee High School, Plummer Elementary School and the Plummer Red River Grain Gas Station.



Mr. Randy Huie teaches Social Studies at RLCC.

Teacher Interview

By: *Trent Goulet*

Randy Huie has been a teacher at RLCC for 22 years. He teaches Civics 9, American History 10, World History 11, Economics 12.

His extracurricular roles are being the Senate advisor, Senior Class Advisor, Head Track and Field Coach, Assistant Boys Basketball Coach, and Assistant Cross Country Coach.

He went to college at BSU and majored in Social Studies and Secondary Education.

His hobbies include watching sports and his favorite TV shows.

Spotlight on

Scholarship

By: *Zachary Benson*

The spotlight on scholarship recognizes students who participate in league-sponsored activities and have a "B" or better grade average. All of RLCC's girls volleyball team members qualified for Spotlight on Scholarship and received a certificate and a coupon for a free small drink at any McDonald's in Minnesota.

ECFE Events

By: *Bella Russillo*

There will be two ECFE events this coming December. Infant/toddler class #2 will be held on Thursday, Dec. 5, called "Sensory Fun". You will make sensory bottles and bags to take home. The Family Fun Night will be held Thursday, Dec. 12,



ITV Club students from RLCC listening to a presentation at Garden Valley in Erskine on November 15.



ITV Club who went on the field trip to Garden Valley, from left to right: Everett Svendsen, Orin Hofstad, Remi Rathasack, Jed Duden, Steven Sogla, Tyler Eskeli, Michael Lowell, Thomas Benson, and Zach Cater.

called "Gingerbread Houses and Cookies". Families were asked to bring decorations for the house and cookie, ECFE is providing milk cartons, graham crackers and frosting.



Fall Music Concert

By: *Adriel Bakken*

The Red Lake County High school's fall music concert was Nov. 19th. The Junior High Band performed 'Pals on Parade', 'Little Prelude', and 'Set of 2 Bach Chorales'. The Senior High Band performed 'Set of 2 Bach Chorales', 'Purple Bamboo Flute', and 'My Funny Valentine'. The Junior High Choir performed 'Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burnin', 'Peace Canon', and 'Dansi na Kuimba'. The Senior High Choir performed 'Risin' of the Moon' and 'Butterflies.'

ITV Club Trip

By: *Daniel Guillemette*

On Wednesday, November 15, the Red Lake County Central ITV Club took a trip to Garden Valley in Erskine. While there, they learned

plenty of new techniques about broadcasting, as well as interviewing tips. They will use these tips when recording sports and other events on the RLCC Channel on Garden Valley TV.

WEEK OF THANKSGIVING FRIDAY'S DEADLINE

THE OKLEE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON NOVEMBER 29TH. PLEASE CALL GONVICK OFFICE AT 487-5225 FOR NEWS AND ADS BY FRIDAY AT 12:00 NOON.

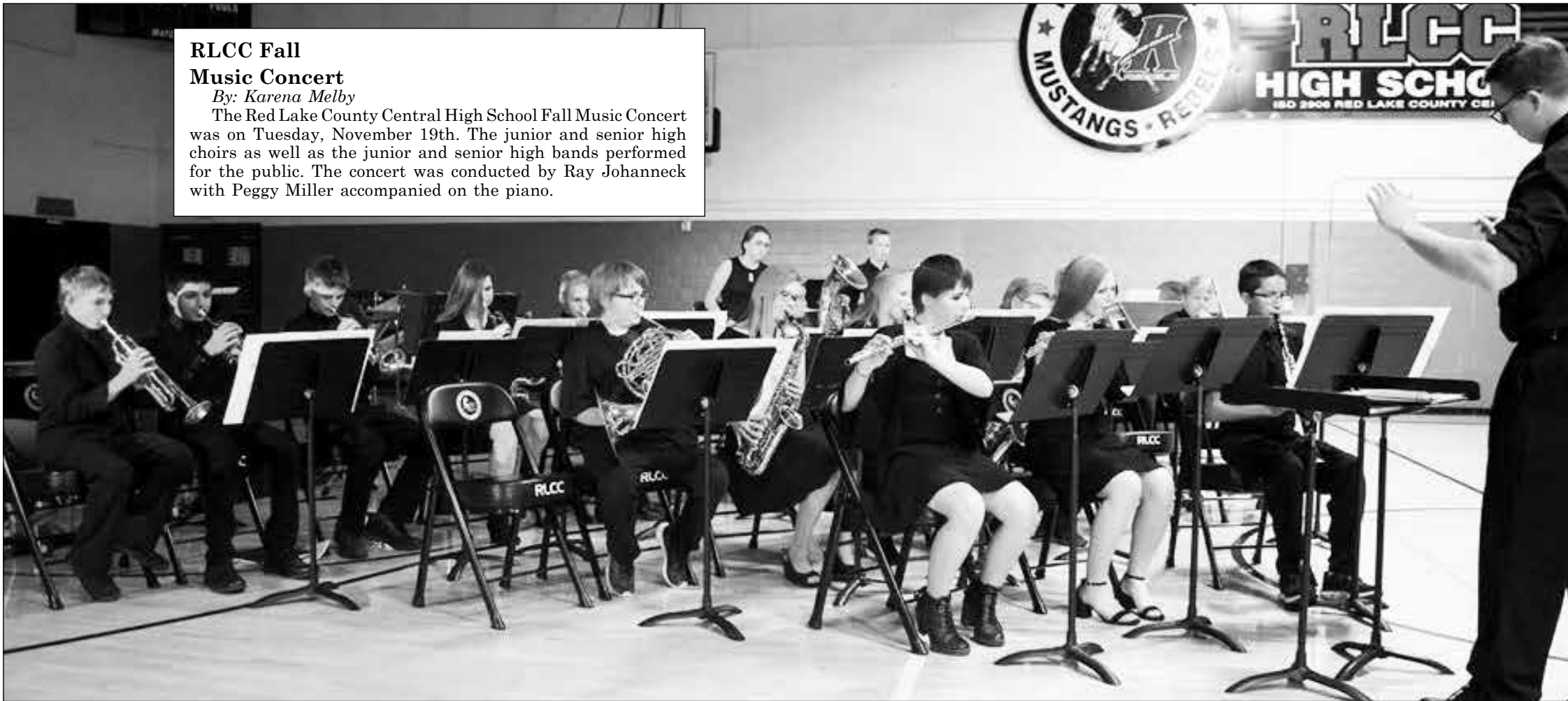


Mr. Ray Johanneck conducting the Senior High Choir at Red Lake County Central High School in Oklee on Tuesday, November 19th.

**RLCC Fall
Music Concert**

By: Karena Melby

The Red Lake County Central High School Fall Music Concert was on Tuesday, November 19th. The junior and senior high choirs as well as the junior and senior high bands performed for the public. The concert was conducted by Ray Johanneck with Peggy Miller accompanied on the piano.



Mr. Ray Johanneck conducting the Junior High Band at the Fall Concert at Red Lake County Central High School in Oklee on November 19th.



On Saturday a quilting class was held in the Oklee Community Hall. These ladies had a fun day learning a new pattern and much more. Left to right: Jan Kramer, Bonnie Jensen, Julie Desrocher, Kari Carr, Sharon Baron, Janet Shaw, Katherine Erickson, Sherleen Adams. Not pictured are Shirley Dessellier and Toni Johnson.

Red Lake Falls Library News

Just a reminder to NWRL patrons that all branches including Red Lake Falls will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29. Regular hours resume on Saturday, November 30, 10 am to 2 pm. The staff of the Red Lake Falls Public Library wishes a Happy Thanksgiving holiday to all, and extends sincere thanks to its patrons for their interest and support which help to ensure valuable library services in the community.

New titles include "How Happiness Happens" by Max Lucado, "finding lasting joy in a world of comparisons, disappointment, and unmet ex-

pectations," "Skoolie!" by Will Sutherland, "how to convert a school bus or van into a tiny home or recreational vehicle," and for younger readers "Can You Hear the Trees Talking?" by Peter Wohlleben, a young readers' edition of the New York Times bestseller "The Hidden Life of Trees" which guides kids in discovering the hidden life of the forest; "50 Real Heroes for Boys" by Christy Monson, "true stories of courage, integrity, compassion, leadership, and more!" and "Just Feel" by Mallika Chopra, "how to be stronger, happier, healthier, and more."

Next week on Tuesday, December 3 "Windblown," a

brass ensemble composed of local talent, will play a concert starting at 6:00 pm. Then on Thursday, December 5 at 5:00 pm Mary Ann Byron, author and former resident of Red Lake Falls, will talk about her book "No Ordinary Life" which details her time spent in South Africa with the U. S. Embassy during the final days of apartheid in the '90s. Copies will be available for sale and signing by the author.



**The Pilgrims and America's
First Thanksgiving**

The Pilgrims, who celebrated the first thanksgiving in America, were fleeing religious persecution in their native England. In 1609 a group of Pilgrims left England for the religious freedom in Holland where they lived and prospered. After a few years their children were speaking Dutch and had become attached to the dutch way of life. This worried the Pilgrims. They considered the Dutch frivolous and their ideas a threat to their children's education and morality.

So they decided to leave Holland and travel to the New World. Their trip was financed by a group of English investors,

the Merchant Adventurers. It was agreed that the Pilgrims would be given passage and supplies in exchange for their working for their backers for 7 years.

On Sept. 6, 1620 the Pilgrims set sail for the New World on a ship called the Mayflower. They sailed from Plymouth, England and aboard were 44 Pilgrims, who called themselves the "Saints", and 66 others, whom the Pilgrims called the "Strangers."

The long trip was cold and damp and took 65 days. Since there was the danger of fire on the wooden ship, the food had to be eaten cold. Many passengers became sick and one person died by the time land was sighted on November 10th.

The long trip led to many disagreements between the "Saints" and the "Strangers". After land was sighted a meeting was held and an agreement was worked out, called the Mayflower Compact, which guaranteed equality and unified the two groups. They joined together and named themselves the "Pilgrims."

Although they had first sighted land off Cape Cod they did not settle until they arrived at Plymouth, which had been named by Captain John Smith in 1614. It was there that the Pilgrims decide to settle. Plymouth offered an excellent harbor. A large brook offered a resource for fish. The Pilgrims biggest concern was attack by the local Native American Indians. But the Patuxets were a peaceful group and did not prove to be a threat.

The first winter was devastating to the Pilgrims. The cold, snow and sleet was exceptionally heavy, interfering with the workers as they tried to construct their settlement. March brought warmer weather and the health of the Pilgrims improved, but many had died during the long winter. Of the 110 Pilgrims and crew who left England, less than 50 survived the first winter.

On March 16, 1621, what was to become an important event took place, an Indian brave walked into the Plymouth settlement. The Pilgrims were frightened until the Indian called out "Welcome" (in English!).

His name was Samoset and he was an Abnaki Indian. He had learned English from the captains of fishing boats that had sailed off the coast. After staying the night Samoset left the next day. He soon returned with another Indian named Squanto who spoke better English than Samoset. Squanto told the Pilgrims of his voyages across the ocean and his visits to England and Spain. It was in England where he had learned English.

Squanto's importance to the Pilgrims was enormous and it can be said that they would not have survived without his help. It was Squanto who taught the Pilgrims how to tap the maple trees for sap. He taught them which plants were poisonous and which had medicinal powers. He taught them how to plant the Indian corn by heaping the earth into low mounds with several seeds and fish in each mound. The decaying fish fertilized the corn. He also taught them to plant other crops with the corn.

The harvest in October was very successful and the Pilgrims found themselves with enough food to put away for the winter. There was corn, fruits and vegetables, fish to be packed in salt, and meat to be cured over smoky fires.

The Pilgrims had much to celebrate, they had built homes in the wilderness, they had raised enough crops to keep them alive during the long coming winter, they were at peace with their Indian neighbors. They had beaten the odds and it was time to celebrate.

The Pilgrim Governor William Bradford proclaimed a day of thanksgiving to be shared by all the colonists and the neighboring Native Americans. They invited Squanto and the other Indians to join them in their celebration. Their chief, Massasoit, and 90 braves came to the celebration which lasted for 3 days. They played games, ran races, marched and played drums. The Indians demonstrated their skills with the bow and arrow and the Pilgrims demonstrated their musket skills. Exactly when the festival took place is uncertain, but it is believed the celebration took place in mid-October.

The following year the Pilgrims harvest was not as bountiful, as they were still unused to growing the corn. During the year they had also shared their stored food with newcomers and the Pilgrims ran short of food.

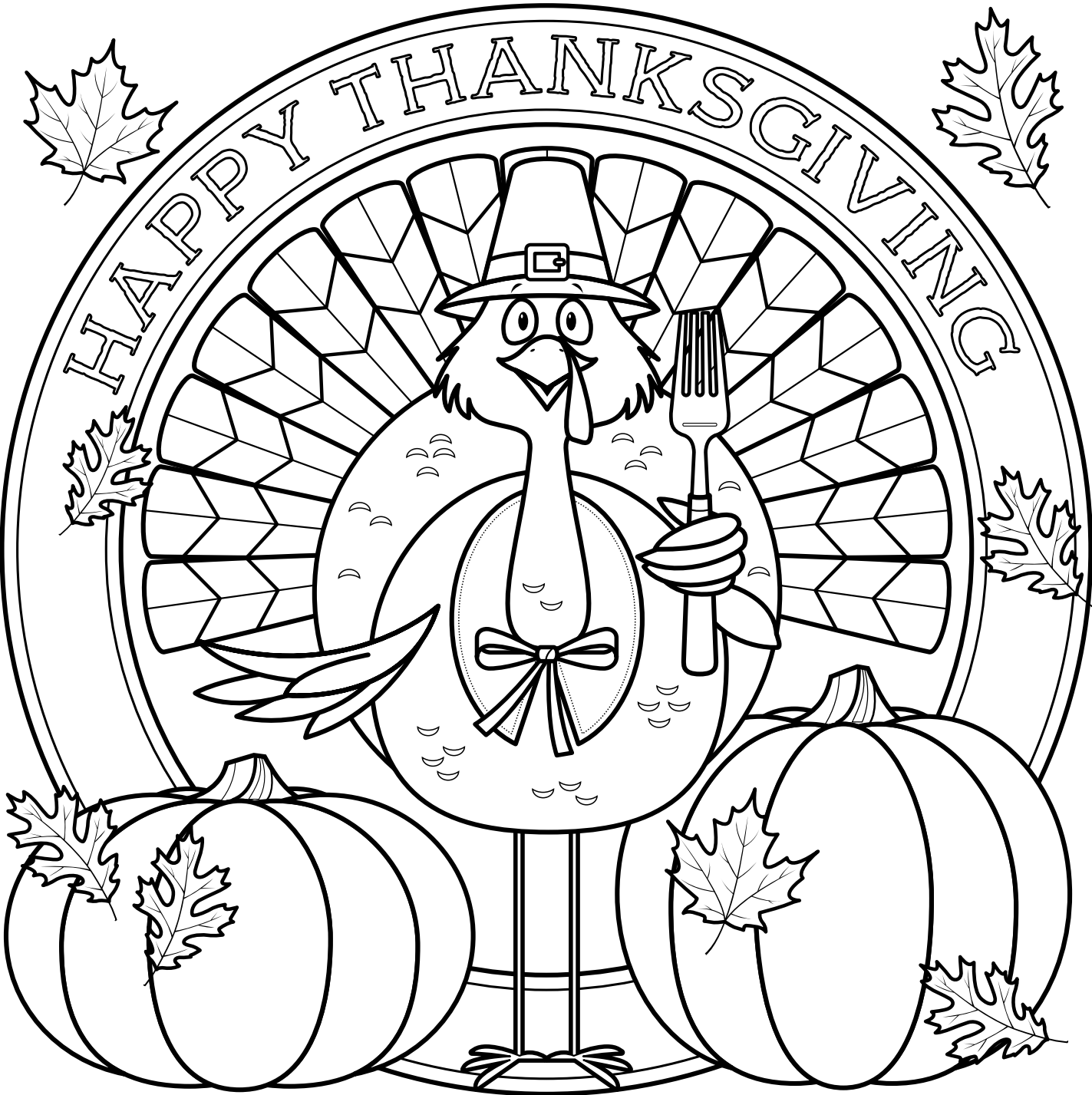
The 3rd year brought a spring and summer that was hot and dry with the crops dying in the fields. Governor Bradford ordered a day of fasting and prayer, and it was soon thereafter that the rain came. To celebrate - November 29th of that year was proclaimed a day of thanksgiving. This date is believed to be the real true beginning of the present day Thanksgiving Day.

The custom of an annually celebrated thanksgiving, held after the harvest, continued through the years. During the American Revolution (late 1770's) a day of national thanksgiving was suggested by the Continental Congress.

In 1817 New York State had adopted Thanksgiving Day as an annual custom. By the middle of the 19th century many other states also celebrated a Thanksgiving Day. In 1863 President Abraham Lincoln appointed a national day of thanksgiving. Since then each president has issued a Thanksgiving Day proclamation, usually designating the fourth Thursday of each November as the holiday.

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Oklee Herald Early Files

Eighty Years Ago November 16, 1939

Leslie Espeland, member of Oklee Boy Scout Troop N. 115, was presented his Eagle Scout badge at a banquet of Scout Leaders which was held in Grand Forks.

Justice of the Peace, A.P. Toupin has had a busy week. Two young men from northeast of town were fined \$10.00 last Friday on charges of being drunk and disorderly. According to report, one of these may have to face a charge of assault.

Theo. Reindal is erecting a new barn on his place northeast of town. Tommy Hofstad is assisting with the building. The fire siren broke the still of the evening about 9:30 p.m. last Thursday. A chimney fire at the A.P. Toupin home, but no serious damage was done.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Fore and Mr. and Mrs. Nels Fore recently spent a week in Duluth. They attended the silver wedding anniversary celebration of Mr. and Mrs. August Lillo, who were married in Oklee October 31, 1914.

Seventy Years Ago November 17, 1949

"Our Town" is the theme of School Carnival which will be held on Tuesday, November 22nd.

First to bag a deer on opening day were Elmer Hanson and Geo. Johnson Jr. Other local hunters who have reported kills were Wallace Nelson of Trail, Howard Bergeron, Wayne Lynch, Knute Rolandson, Harold Cyr, S.A. Walhaug, Walt Turgeon, and Gus Larson. This is not a complete list.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Norberg was baptized in the Valle Lutheran Church last Sunday. She was given the name of Bonnie Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Carpenter of Plummer are the parents of a daughter born at Thief River Falls Hospital Sunday, November 6th.

Sixty Years Ago November 26, 1959

As it was put by one chap with a talent for odd humor, "This fresh snow will make it easier to track the turkey." Or as another talented linguist said, "It snowed and frizzed."

Forty thousand tons of sugar beets - worth over \$500,000 to the farmers who grew them - are frozen in the ground in the Red River Valley and are written off as lost.

A plaque for work with market lamb project was presented to Linda Ellickson and the market barrow project to Roger Boucher. These awards were given by the Farmers Union and presented by Cy Carpenter, field representative.

Pfc. Eddy Larson and Pfc. Einar Kvasager, both of whom have been stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash., are spending furlough with their families here. They will report to Oakland, California December 20th for assignment overseas.

The new Hillcrest Nursing Home in Red Lake Falls is nearing completion and bids appear to be as handsome inside as it is outside.

In a map of TB in Minnesota, Polk County had 60 cases, Red Lake 6, and Pennington 14 cases in 1954-55.

Fifty Years Ago November 27, 1969

Sgt. Clifford E. Olson recently wrote his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ingvald Olson, that he was somewhere on the ocean between Vietnam and Okinawa.

A progress report on a proposed Red Lake River dam in the Huot area from the Army Corps of Engineers was received recently. The proposed dam would be two miles wide and 95 feet high and hold water about seven miles NE of Crookston back to Red Lake Falls at an estimated cost of \$18 million.

Staff Sergeant David Westerland arrived home over the weekend. David has been discharged from the service after serving seven and a half years with 33 months in Vietnam for which he was awarded the Bronze Star for Meritorious service.

Last Saturday Tomine Moen and Mrs. Bert Wilson called on Sadie Boe.

Prices from Melbys: 3 doz navel oranges...99 cents; Schweigert Liverwurst, per pound...55 cents; DelMonte Catsup, 14 oz. bottles, 3 for...79 cents.

Forty Years Ago November 29, 1979

The Oklee Volunteer Fire Department was called to a two alarm fire at the Oklee Farmers Coop Elevator on November 27th when the large Meyer continuous flow dryer caught fire Tuesday morning. The dryer was being used to dry sunflowers when it caught fire. Bob Sherman, manager of the elevator reports that the dryer is destroyed above the cooling deck and that the fire is under investigation.

There was a Bridal Shower being planned for Miss Sandra Rosten, bride to be of Darrell Tougas on Sunday, December 2nd.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Munt are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Marie, who was born on November 8th.

Regene Radniecki just returned from a trip to Italy and got a chance to visit with the Pope too. Regene is employed by the Minneapolis Tribune.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gagner had a surprise 55th wedding anniversary celebration for them.

Thirty Years Ago November 29, 1989

Lori Mercil, daughter of Lloyd and Lorraine Mercil of Brooks, was selected as an entrant in the Miss Minnesota U.S.A. pageant conducted in downtown Minneapolis

November 11 & 12. She is a graduate of Oklee High School and is enrolled at Northland Community College in Thief River Falls. She was the fourth one of 39 girls to be announced as a semi-finalist.

The Mustang boys varsity basketball cheerleaders were Mary Beth Erlandson, Missy Bruski, Shelly Larson, Kim Lambert, Lisa Larson, Michelle Lundeen and Mrs. Mary Fore was the cheerleading advisor.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Ramstorf are the proud parents of a baby girl born November 15th and she was named Desiree. Grandparents are Elmer & Doris Hanson, and Edward and Verdine Ramstorf from Gary.

The first year Oklee/Plummer High School football co-operative sponsorship was a success story as the Red Lake County Central Mustangs came up with a 6-3 finish overall, 5-2 in the North Tri-County Conference.

Karl Vigstol has been celebrating his 8th birthday over the weekend with his classmates.

Twenty Years Ago November 25, 1999

November birthdays at the Senior Site included Lavern Grimm, Ethel Paquin, Irene Hince, Clara Radniecki, Alice Blumke, Eileen Olson, and Leona Brekke.

Mrs. Linda Box, director of music at the Oklee Schools, directed the Fall Concert held in Oklee on November 16th.

Ray Nenonen returned from a month's stay in California at his daughter Kim Bass' home at Danville in the San Francisco area.

The following students attended an Accelerated Reader's party last Thursday afternoon: Danielle Olson, Mallory Gerardy, Jacob Aakhus, Kayse Lee, Kailey Bakken, Ben Dahl, Jami Lee, Brittany Waldal and Brett Gerardy.

Ten Years Ago November 25, 2009

The RLCC High School concert was held on November 17th, the band and choir were directed by Patty Mickelson.

Brett Gerardy was named to All-State Academic Team. He also had over 1000 yards of rushing this season for the RLC Rebels.

A ladies night out was held at Oklee Quilting and quite a few of the ladies around Oklee attended. This was an opportunity to enjoy an evening of visiting and shopping for quilting supplies.

Joanne Voeltz was the winner of the Ugly Sweater Contest.

Jay and Janell Mercil are the proud parents of a new member of their family. Aiden Mercil was born last week.

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Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

It's already time to type my News report. I'm typing it early because I will be busy with other things this week.

We had a meeting of the Officers at the Senior Site this week. One of the things we discussed was we would like more people to be willing to take part in the things we do at the site. We welcome volunteers. Many of us have taken jobs for many years and it is time for younger people to take over.

We had an evening meal (early Thanksgiving). We had a large crowd who attended.

Thank you to Therese and her helpers for a delicious meal.

Dates to Remember

Nov. 28: Thanksgiving Day - no meals.

Nov. 29: No meals

Words of Wisdom

Shortcuts usually lead to a dead end.

When disappointed, ask yourself, "What is the lesson here?"

Joke Time

Little Ole: Papa, I asked

Mama for help with my homework.

Ole: I told you never to go to Lena for help with your homework. What stupid thing did she tell you to do?

Little Ole: To come to you!

Ole: Who would like to ask me da first question?

Newsmen: Is it true the IRS has asked for your records?

Ole: Yah, dey did. And I took dem two of my Lawrence Velk, three Mitch Miller, and a Tijuana Brass.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving.

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

Plummer Legion Auxiliary met Monday evening. The 100 year celebration was a success. There were some auction items left over and will be taken care of. Lists were given out for suggestions of what Vets in our local nursing homes could use, both practical and past-time or practical items as slippers, socks, lap robes, and cards & puzzles.

Matt Anderson, son of John and Diane Anderson entertained the previous weekend, Saturday night from 6:30 to 11 p.m., playing and singing for the hunters and also his family members and relatives at the Corner Bar.

Friday, Karen Tvedt, Anna DeHate, and Anne Traxler went to Moran's for dinner in Winger.

Deer hunting ended Sunday

afternoon and many had success in our area. The weather was good. My brother-in-law, Joe, got a deer by Warroad. They had more days to hunt later than here. My sister didn't get deer.

Thursday, Plummer Senior Citizens meeting was cancelled.

Jack Kukowski visited his sister Alice Jobe on Friday afternoon on his way home from Grand Forks. He lives at Badger. He is the youngest at 59. They had a fun visit. He stayed for an hour and a half.

Wednesday evening it started snowing and sleeting. It snowed some during the night and made roads and cars crusted with ice and snow. It appeared to be about an inch and a half. Up north they had 4 inches by 5:30 already. They

may have gotten more.

On Thursday Mike & Sandy Greenwald left for Fargo to the Fargo Dome for a State Volleyball tournament to watch their granddaughter Rachel Schiele play for the Jamestown Blue Jays. They planned to stay at least through Saturday for the tournaments. She wears a different color jersey from the others on her team and is easy to spot. It was televised on Channel 4.

By the time you read this it will be Wednesday before Thanksgiving. How fast this month has gone!

I'm invited to my sisters for Thanksgiving. I hope it doesn't storm. They gave early forecast for a possibility of a storm. Hope they're wrong.

Stay warm and have a Happy Thanksgiving.

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

Wow, this month surely went by fast. It seems every one is shorter, or we use it up too fast. With the weird weather we have had this past month, it has been a puzzle to get some things done either before it freezes down or having to wait for the sun to shine so it will be thawed out enough to move it. My planters and water catching containers ended up on that scale. I finally got them in over the weekend. Thank you, Jerome.

On Wednesday the Red Hats met and ten ladies joined us. What fun. Renae Fal-

lon, Jeanine Pahlen, Arlene Froiland, Wilma Arlt, Alice Jobe, Anne Traxler, Anna De Hate, Karen Tvedt, Mary Schindler, and Barb Novak joined together for dinner at the Cozy. The Quarter pot was won by Wilma Arlt. At this meeting we decided to meet again at Cozy on December 5th, a Thursday, for KLUB, cooked by Carol. So ladies come early and enjoy the fun of Red Hats.

December 1st is the Brooks annual Christmas Party at the Brooks Community Hall. The Hall is open at 4:30, the meal is at 5:00. Prizes distributed at 5:30 and Santa about 6:00. So bring the kids and enjoy the fun of Christmas.

Jerome and Barb Novak had a surprise visitor on Saturday. Our Grandchildren are for the most

part out west so they come with their family most times. On Saturday though our grandson from Warroad and now going to UND stopped in for a visit with us. We caught up on his news and how he is doing in school and enjoyed hearing about his adventures with ROTC. It was fun to have him visit. If you are a grandkid of someone drop in to Grandma's house for a visit she will be so happy to see you.

I hope each and everyone of you have a Happy Thanksgiving. We have enjoyed the freedom and good of this country, and have been blessed with every gift imaginable. We have health and entertainment not thought of in many years past, and it is all at our fingertips. We have been spoiled by machines doing our work and have more leisure time to enjoy other things. So lean back into your chair and think what people before us had and what we have. And above all thank God for our abundance and His gifts of life, health, and hope.

Happy Thanksgiving to all of you.

This fellow was sunning himself in the trees in my yard during the great warm up we had this weekend. He sat so still for so long I was thinking he wanted to become a permanent resident of the area. What a great encounter. These birds are so majestic. No wonder the Bald Eagle is the bird of America.

Who's Dat?



Who's Dat?

This week's photo is of four young men looking to have fun in the snow. I noticed that three of the boys seem to be wearing snowsuits like what Groberg's made at Oklee Manufacturing. The suits look just like one I used to have.

Last week's photo was of deer hunters Shannon Brekke, Isaac Melby and Randy Brekke. Looks like they had a good hunting season.

I am always 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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Halloween Fun in Oklee!



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