

Oklee Precipitati
By Einar Kvasager

	Rain	Snow
Nov. 23:	0.05	0.25
Nov. 24		Trace
Nov. 25	Trace	
Nov. 26	0.03	0.50
Nov. 28	Trace	Trace
Nov. 29		Trace
Total in.	0.08	0.75

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Oklee Herald

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Wednesday, December 4, 2019

Calendar of Events

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.
Mon, Dec. 9:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
Tue, Dec. 10:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards
Wed, Dec. 11:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
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-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
Thu, Dec. 12:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
Fri, Dec. 13:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
Sat, Dec. 14:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!
Sun, Dec. 15:
-Worship at the church of your choice.

RLC Boys BBB volunteered at the MN State Special Olympic Bowling Tournament

The Red Lake County Boys' Basketball junior and senior players were volunteers at the Minnesota State Special Olympics Bowling Tournament on Friday November 22 in Thief River Falls.

The Boys helped on the lanes with the Olympians, kept score, served lunch, and helped with the awards program.

This was an awesome experience for the Special Olympians as well as the RLC basketball team. All of the competitors showed a lot of appreciation for the volunteers and a ton of "high fives" were given throughout the day.

Thanks to the following boys for volunteering at this event: Coach Huie, Derek Peterson, Hayden Cardinal, Trent Goulet, Tyler Hanson, Eric Gieseke, Brock Tvedt, Andrew Gyskiewicz, Brody Moen, Jeremy Kruchowski, Isaiah Aquino, Isiah Olson, Bailey Hince, Carter Williams, Jake Duden, and Brady Leuthner.

Photo left: Coach Huie serving participants in the Special Olympics Bowling Tournament in Thief River Falls.



Members of the RLC BB team helped with the awards ceremony at the Special Olympics Bowling Tournament.



Santa has two more stops to make in the area!

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-a-long 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. See ad on page 2.

Two more chances to see Santa.



The Red Lake County Boys Basketball Team with some of the participants in the Special Olympics Bowling Tournament. They all had a great time.

Ecumenical Service held November 24th in Oklee well attended!



The Ecumenical Choir: back row (l to r): Erick Mickelson, Heath Mickelson, Marshall Mickelson, Mary Lynn Bachand, Kaye Munt, Erica Larson, Elaine McGeary. Front row (l to r): Carolyn Rystad, Liz Follmann, Vi Cote, Anne Hammer, Lori Melby and Sydney Melby. Patty Mickelson directed both choirs.



Right: The Ecumenical Chime Choir featured: back row: Erick Mickelson, Elaine McGeary, Kaye Munt, Noah Hanson. Front row: Grace Dessellier, Liz Follmann, Erica Larson, and Diane Hanson.



Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Wed, Dec. 4: No Confirmation. 7:00 p.m. Salem WELCA meeting. 7:00 p.m. Zion WELCA.

Sun, Dec. 8: 9:00 a.m. Zion. 9:00 a.m. SS at Salem. 10:00 a.m. SS at Zion. 10:30 a.m. Salem.

Tue, Dec. 10: 7:00 p.m. Salem Council meeting.

Wed, Dec. 11: Confirmation: 6:30 p.m. 8th Grade. 7:30 p.m. 9th Grade.

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OKLEE, GRYGLA & GOODRIDGE

Fr. Adam Hamness
Sun, Dec. 8: 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, Dec. 7: 5:30 p.m. RLF
Sun, Dec. 8: 8:00 a.m. Brooks. 10:00 a.m. RLF.

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun, Dec. 8: 10:30 a.m. Joint Worship at Immanuel - Christmas Program.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA

Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Wed, Dec. 4: 6:00 p.m. Ekelund Church Council. 7:00 p.m. Parish Advent Service at Ekelund.

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

Mon, Dec. 9: 9:30 a.m. Rachel Circle.

Tue, Dec. 10: 9:30 a.m. Shalom Circle.

Wed, Dec. 11: 6:00 p.m. Faith Church Council. 7:00 p.m. Parish Advent Service at Faith.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

December 9 - 13
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: BBQ w/bun, tater tots, vegetable, and dessert.

Tuesday: Cold beef sandwich, chicken vegetable soup, and dessert.

Wednesday: spaghetti w/ meat sauce, green beans, garlic toast, and dessert.

Thursday: Baked ham, boiled potatoes, carrots, and dessert.

Friday: and ½ Hot pork, mashed potatoes, gravy vegetable, dessert.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth
Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Wed, Dec. 4: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 7 p.m. LYS meeting.

Sat, Dec. 7: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.

Sun, Dec. 8: 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. 11: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 5:15 p.m. LYS Caroling.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor

www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Dec. 4: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group. 6:30 p.m. AWA-NA.

Sun, Dec. 8: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.

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

Wed, Dec. 11: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group. 6:30 p.m. AWA-NA.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister

Wed, Dec. 4: 7:00 p.m. Advent Service at Lund.

Sun, Dec. 8: 9:00 a.m. Lund. 10:30 a.m. Bethany. 9:00 a.m. Sand Valley & Bethany SS practice. 2 p.m. Sand Valley Christmas Program.

Wed, Dec. 11: 2:00 p.m. Lund WELCA. 7:00 p.m. Advent Service at Lund.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY
Fosston
Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor

Sun, Dec. 8: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship.

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.

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For Polk, Red Lake and Clearwater county stops:
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Every 2nd Tuesday - Mahanomen.

Every 4th Tuesday - Thief River Falls

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

Every 2nd & 4th Friday - Bemidji.

Christmas Cookie Sale

IT'S TIME FOR THE ANNUAL

Salem Church Christmas Cookie Sale Fundraiser

Cookies, lefse, doughnuts & other treats are available

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

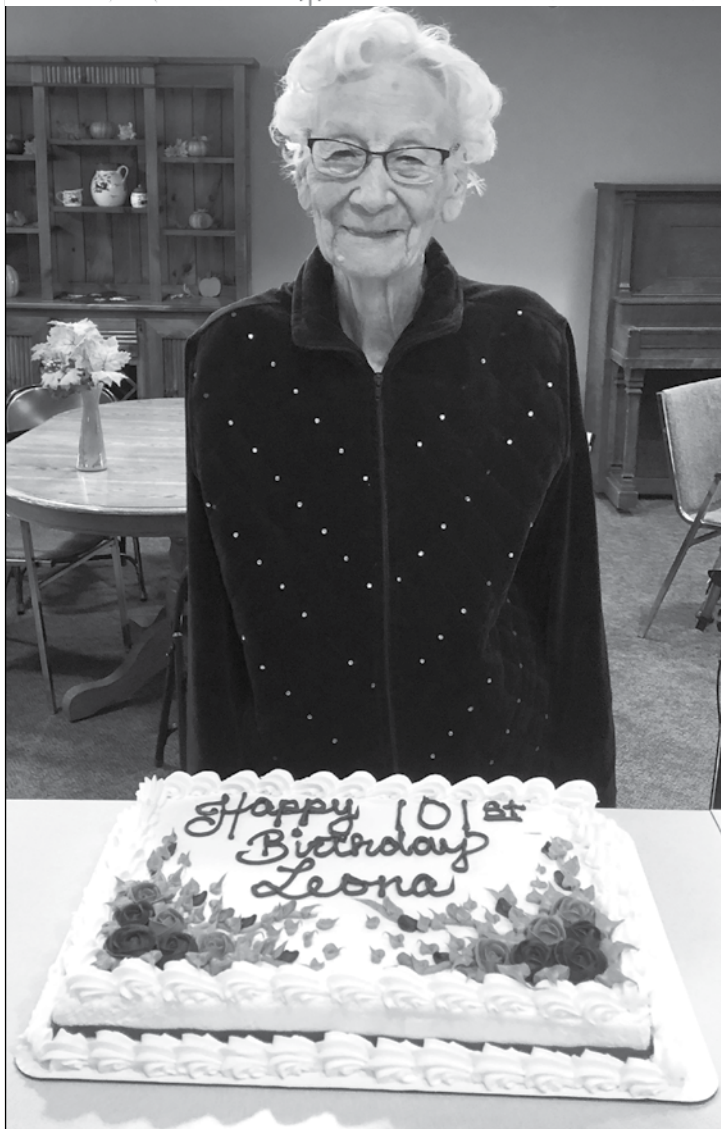
Oklee Community Hall during Santa Claus Day

Deadline: Friday's at noon!

Santa & Mrs. Claus
are coming to the
Oklee Community Hall
Saturday, December 7th!

9:00 Salem ELCW Cookie Sale
10:00 Sing-A-Long with Sydney Melby
10:30 Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive

Treat bags
Arts & Crafts with Joni Bjerklie
Coloring Contest for kids - prizes given for 1st & 2nd place in 3 different age groups. (Pages available at D&R Grocery)
Random prize drawings



Leona Brekke celebrated her 101st birthday recently. Many folks from Oklee and surrounding area attended her party.

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. On-

Friday Dec. 13th 2019

PLUMMER HOLIDAY TRAIN

4:00 Tri Rivers Museum opens - tours given
4-6:00 Hotdogs, coffee, hot chocolate & cookies at Plummer Community Hall (Free will offering to food shelf)
4:00 Photo Booth & Activities for kids - upstairs of hall
4-4:30 Santa arrives at Hall
5:00 Christmas carols at Hall by Elementary Choir
5:30 Elementary Choir sings at Tri Rivers Pioneer Museum
5:45 Santa arrives at Tri Rivers Pioneer Museum
6:00 Train Arrives

Food Shelf donations will be accepted at the Tri Rivers Museum and at the Plummer Community Hall

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

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December WIC Schedule

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

Thu, Dec. 5: Red Lake Falls Community Center (City Bldg.)

Mon, Dec. 9 to Fri, Dec. 13: Thief River Falls Redeemer Lutheran Church

For further information concerning the WIC program, call or write WIC Quin, PO Box 248, Newfolden, MN 56738, 1-800-223-1591, or e-mail at quinchs@wiktel.com.

North Valley Home Health will offer immunizations, dental varnishing & blood lead testing at the Newfolden and Warren clinics from 9 to 11 am. Arrangements should be made prior to clinics by contacting North Valley Public Health. For more information contact North Valley Public Health at 218-745-5154 or 1-800-950-6986.

Oklee Historical Society needs your pop cans!

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

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

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

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

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Oklee Centennial Cookbook Recipe Corner - From page 138

Meat N' Pepper Corn Bread

Bonnie Borene

(I use my deep cast iron skillet to brown the burger & bake the cassorole)

1 lb ground beef
1 cup chopped green pepper
1 cup chopped onion
2 (8 oz) cans tomato sauce
1-1/2 tsp chili powder
1/2 tsp salt
1/4 tsp pepper
1 cup flour
3/4 cup cornmeal
1/4 cup sugar

1 Tbsp baking powder
1/2 tsp salt
1 egg, beaten
1 cup milk
1/4 cup oil



In a 10 inch cast iron skillet, lightly brown ground beef, green pepper, & onion, drain, add tomato sauce, chili powder, salt & pepper; simmer 10-15 minutes. Meanwhile, combine dry ingredients, combine egg, milk and oil; stir into dry ingredients just until moistened. Pour over beef mixture. Bake at 400 degrees for 25-30 minutes or until golden. Cut into wedges and serve. Top with sour cream if desired.

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RLCC Menus

December 9 - 13

Oklee

Monday: Breakfast: Ham & cheese croissant, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Hamburger patty w/bun, baked beans, potato salad, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken bacon ranch hot dish, bread sticks, vegetables, yogurt, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Waffles w/syrup, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Rib patty w/ bun, oven browns, vegetables, pudding, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** BBQ's on bun, baked beans, chips, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken legs, baked potato, vegetables, dinner roll, fruit, and milk.

Plummer

Monday: Breakfast: Breakfast scramble pizza, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Mini corn dogs, macaroni & cheese, vegetable medley, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken noodle soup, turkey ham or grilled cheese sandwich, salad, Ritz Bits, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Waffles, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Spaghetti, garlic toast, steamed broccoli, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Banana bread, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Roasted turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, glazed carrots, tea roll, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Cheese garlic French bread, coleslaw or corn, celery, peanut butter, 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 @ Crookston 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 Stephen-Argyle Central @ Red Lake Falls

Dec. 17: NCTC Tournament TBD @ NCTC - TRF

Dec. 19: NCTC Tournament TBD @ NCTC - TRF

Dec. 20: NCTC Tournament TBD @ NCTC - TRF

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

Basketball Girls Var/JV Schedule

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

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

Dec. 9: 6:00PM Clearbrook-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 Stephen-Argyle Central @ Stephen-Argyle Central

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

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

Jan. 9: 6:00PM Warren/Alvarado/Oslo @ W-A-O High School

Wednesday, December 4, 2019



Red Lake County Football All-Northwest District Awards, from left to right: Zach Howard, Derek Peterson, and Isiah Olson.



Red Lake County Football Awards, from left to right: Kaydon Kenfield (Rebel Pride award), Zach Howard (awarded the Mr. Football), Damon Ferguson (Most Improved Player), and Gunnar Sandeen received the Coaches Award.



Red Lake County Football Awards, from left to right: Derek Peterson, Zach Benson, and Zach Howard.



Red Lake County Football All-Northwest District Honorable Mention Awards, from left to right: Zak Kennett, Chris Longtin, and Tyler Hanson.

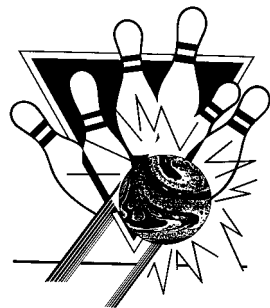


Photo left: Juniors Brock Tvedt and Brody Moen volunteering at the Minnesota State Special Olympics Bowling in Thief River Falls.

Football Awards

By: Emily Kolstoe

The RLC Rebels had an awards banquet on November 21st. Isiah Olson, Derek Peterson and Zach Howard were awarded All-Northwest District. Zak Kennett, Tyler Hanson and Chris Longtin were awarded All-Northwest District Honorable Mention. Isiah Olson, Derek Peterson and Zach Howard were awarded All-Section 8A. Derek Peterson was awarded

All-State Academic. Damon Ferguson was awarded most improved player. Coaches Award went to Gunnar Sandeen. Rebel Pride award was given to Kaydon Kenfield. Zach Howard was awarded the Mr. Football award along with the defensive point leader.

RLCC Mustangs

Basketball

By: Kia Bachand

The Red Lake County Central Mustangs took their first win of the season against the Fisher-Climax Knights on Tuesday, November 26th, in Fisher. The final score of the game was 85-52.

Highlights for the Mustangs are Kia Bachand with 36 points, 8 assists, 9 steals, and 10 rebounds; Jenna Pahlen with 15 points, 3 blocks, and seven rebounds; Cari Bachand with 12 points, 5 steals, and 5 rebounds; Calyssa Eskeli with 5 points, 4 assists; Shawna Majeres with 8 points; Sidney Olson with 4 points; Marissa Thomas with 3 points; and Brandie DeHate with 2 points and 7 rebounds.

The Mustangs next game will be Tuesday, December 3rd, in Plummer against the Mahnomen-Waubun Thunderbirds.

RLCC Food Drive

By: Danny Guillemette

The Red Lake County Central high school is partnering with Inter-County to stock their food shelf in time for the holidays. Students will be advised to bring non-perishable goods to their class advisors. Community members are also encouraged to bring goods to the high school office.

We encourage people to bring canned foods, boxed meals, spices, etc. The drive will take place from December 2 to December 6.

ECFE School

Readiness

By: Bella Russillo

On Dec. 4th and 11th, there will be school readiness for 3 ½-4 year old classes. On Dec. 3rd and the 10th, there will be school readiness for 4-5 year old classes. On Dec. 5th, there will also be school readiness. There will be no classes between the 17th-19th due to teacher prep.

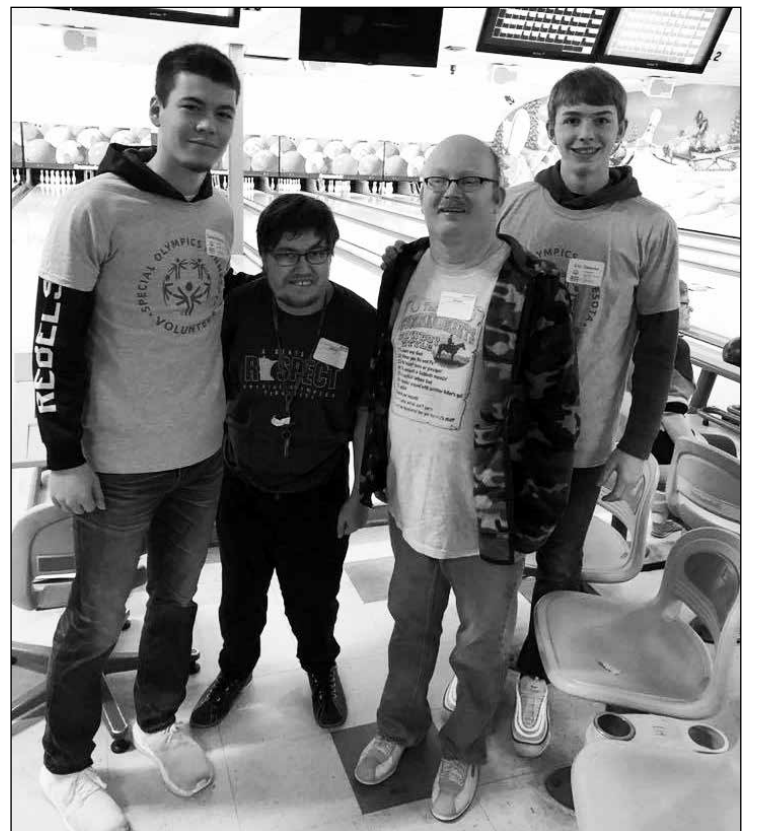
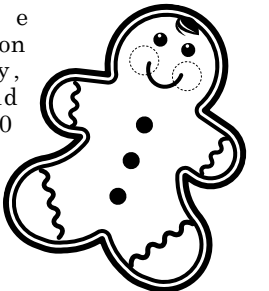
Financial Aid Night

By: Karena Melby

Financial Aid night is an informative night for high school juniors, seniors and parents.

The agenda for the evening includes discussing FAFA and funding options for college. The financial aid information will be presented by NCTC's director of financial aid, Lisa Bottom.

The event is on Monday, Dec. 2nd at 6:00 p.m.



Senior Derek Peterson (left) and Junior Eric Gieseke (right) spending Friday, Nov. 22nd volunteering for the Special Olympics.



Jeremy Kruchowski, Junior at RLCC, volunteering for Minnesota State Special Olympics Bowling through the RLC Boys' Basketball Program.

Boys Basketball Trip

By: Trent Goulet

On November 22 the RLC Rebels Boys Basketball juniors and seniors went to TRF to volunteer at the Minnesota State Special Olympics Bowling event. They helped with lane assignments and the orders of the bowlers. After bowling the team helped with serving food to the contestants and their family, and also helped with handing out awards and cleaning up the armory afterwards.

Oklee Herald Early Files

Eighty Years Ago

November 23, 1939

K.O. Strande, age 92, passed away at his home in Oklee last Friday. He was born in 1847 in Ostre Slidre, Valdres, Norway. He emigrated to America in 1888. He settled in Wanke where he farmed until he retired and moved into Oklee in 1915.

Arrangements have been made so that members of the local school band will go to Erskine Saturday to attend the concert given there by the Concordia College Concert Band of Moorhead.

Henry Rose and Miss Olga Waldal, both of the Plummer community were married at the Lutheran parsonage in Oklee on November 19th.

James Stewart and Claudette Colbert starred in the picture, "It's a Wonderful World," which comes to the Oklee Theatre, Saturday and Sunday. It is a comedy with a murder mystery involved.

Seventy Years Ago

November 24, 1949

Close Call...A stray bullet on the first day of the deer hunting season gave John Knutson of Oklee a "funny feeling." He was driving down a country road near here when a bullet whizzed through the cab of his truck slightly below the top of the cushion on which he was sitting.

More successful hunters list...Ambrose Miller, Francis Bakken, Ted Turgeon, Rev. K. Patnode, Clarence Howard, Bennie Howard, and Gus Clemenson.

Miss Dellas Mercil, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Mercil of Brooks became the bride of Ronald Paradis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Paradis of Terrebonne at a double ring ceremony.

Paul Boucher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. E. Boucher, writes home from Tokyo, Japan, that he is well and stations only two blocks from General MacArthur.

Mrs. Henry Hovet and Fern visited with Mrs. Mac Stucy Thursday afternoon.

Sixty Years Ago

December 3, 1959

The villages of Oklee, Plummer and Brooks will elect council members at the annual elections on December 8th.

The Oklee Village council hired Herbert Bakke as manager of the municipal liquor store to succeed the late A.D. Collette. Mr. Bakke is a life-long resident of the Oklee community, has been a clerk at the store for the past nine years. Other clerks are Ed Bernier and Grunde Austad.

The Red Lake County Board of Commissioners, at a special session Friday, appointed Mr. Hinze of Red Lake Falls as Sheriff to succeed the late Carl Kankel who died of a heart attack on November 17th.

Oklee High School royalty – Crowned King and Queen of

the Oklee High School Carnival were James Bendickson and Stella Asselin, of the junior class. Attending them were Terry Lambert and Sheryl Gunderson.

The Terrebell Homemakers Club met at the Dona Rock home.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Lundeen and Gayle were Sunday dinner guests at the Frank Pugh home at Bagley. They were Thanksgiving Day guests at the Erling Lundeen home in Goodridge.

Recent developments have brought closer to reality plans for a new hospital in Fosston.

Fifty Years Ago

December 4, 1969

Mr. and Mrs. Ole Sovde of Oklee were honored Sunday, Nov. 23rd at Zion Lutheran on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Morris Hendrickson became a new member of the Oklee Village Council in the village election held Tuesday. Re-elected was Alvin Jensen for council and O.M. Sundrud as Mayor.

In Brooks the mayor was replaced – Aurel Parenteau was defeated by Wally Champagne. Narcisse Robidoux was re-elected as councilman.

The Harlem Globe Trotters will appear at Central High School in Crookston on December 29th it was reported.

John Lessard and Richard Martell left Friday morning from Fargo for Fort Lewis, Washington, after enlisting in the army.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Froiland are the parents of a baby girl born November 26th at Northwestern Hospital in TRF.

Forty Years Ago

December 6, 1979

Fire ravaged the George Longtin home in Oklee Wednesday afternoon. Pieces of furniture were pulled from the home and sat outside in the cold while firemen fought the fire. The fire started around 2:30 p.m. and the blaze was brought under control around 7 p.m.

Jorgen Bjerklie is a patient at the Northwestern Hospital in Thief River Falls. Many of his friends and relatives have stopped by to visit.

Randy Mostrom returned to his home here on Friday. He had spent three months in the National Guards. He was stationed at Fort Benning, GA.

The Bobcats traveled to Plummer to take on the Cardinals. The Bobcats enjoyed a very good night with 6 pins, 2 decisions and 2 forfeits against only 2 losses. The final score was Oklee 49 – Plummer 12.

Marine Pvt. Kevin R. Bakke, son of Harvey J. Bakke of Red Lake Falls has completed recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

The Plummer Senior Citizens will have their annual Christmas Craft Sale at the Emmardville Township Hall.

Thirty Years Ago

December 6, 1989

Zion and St. Francis Choirs and husbands and Pastor Dan sang carols before they lighted the manger scene and trees in the town square Wednesday night. These choirs will sing together at St Francis on Saturday night and at Zion on Sunday morning.

Al Radniecki received a plaque from the Woodman of the World for 1989 Mr. Woodman. The plaque was presented by Corlan Magnell, president of the local chapter. It represents Al's over 50 years of service in the organization.

Senator LeRoy Stumpf and Representative Wally Sparby visited Mrs. Mary Fore's third grade class on November 30th.

Donkey Ball was the feature attraction in Oklee Saturday night. The donkeys were part of Bob Crosby's Donkey Ball from Chippewa Falls, WI. The players were the Oklee Fire Department vs. the Oklee Jaycees.

Twenty Years Ago

December 2, 1999

The passing of the "Keys" took place on November 28, when Larry (Snook) and his wife Bobbi and Richard Hendrickson, turned the keys belonging to the Corner Pub formerly The Ticket over to new owners, Arnie and Alice Cekalla and Charlie and Lora Johnson.

John Dudycha has donated 80 pints of blood during the United Blood Services drive held in Oklee.

Brooks is growing, soon it will not be "The Smallest City in Red Lake County" – there is a new business going up north of Hwy 92 – being built by Eddie Amberson, an auto repair shop.

Ten Years Ago

December 2, 2009

Scott Larson, the former Public Works Supervisor for the City of Red Lake Falls, is now working for the City of Plummer in their water/wastewater management department.

The ecumenical Choir performed on Wednesday night at Zion Lutheran Church under the direction of Patty Mickelson.

Inter County Nursing Service will be holding two clinics for H1N1 flu clinics.

The Kindergarten class sang "Look! It's Snowing" as part of the Holiday Christmas Program on November 24th at RLCC Elementary School in Plummer.

Hope Lundeen, daughter of Perry and Sally Lundeen of Trail, was awarded the Torchbearer Award at the Minnesota Farmers Union 68th annual state convention.

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Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

Last week I spent going on a trip. I went with my niece and her husband on a air trip to warmer weather. We left on Saturday and arrived home on Wednesday. The weather was nice and we could walk outside every day.

When we returned to Bemidji, I celebrated my birthday. It was on Thanksgiving this year. It doesn't happen often on my birthday.

The first thing I had to do was clean out the icy snow at the bottom of my road. I was working on chopping the ice when my neighbor boy came

over and asked if I would like help. I said, "Yes" and he wasn't very old but he did a great job helping me.

I'm sure many of you spent "Black Friday" shopping. I did not go as I find it with so many people out that it is hard to find anything.

It is soon "Santa Claus Day" in Oklee. The American Legion Ladies Auxiliary will be sacking bags for it. It is something we do every year

Dates to Remember

Dec. 7: Santa Claus Day at Oklee City Hall.

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

Its' so fun!

On Saturday, the 23rd, Arlene Froiland were with daughters Kerry and Ginger and met Shannon and Jerilee and daughter Lexi. They went to an escape room to help solve a mystery. They also went to a winery and had dinner at the Boiler Room. They stayed over night and returned Sunday. They had a really fun time!

On Wednesday, before Thanksgiving, I was listening to KTRF, Thief River radio. It was about 9:45. Mark Allen announced the winner of the Turkey Preparation contest for second graders in the Northwest area. Anyway, he said that Mary Anna St. Pierre from Tri-County Central in Karlstad had won. She got a turkey as well as all her classmates and her teacher, Mrs.

Words of Wisdom

Don't remain silent about thing that matter most to you.

No one who quit got to where he wanted to go.

Joke Time

Ole: I am 100% Norwegian and Lena is 100% Norwegian; five out of six of our children are 100% Novegian. It was a sad day when da doctor broke da news dat our last child would not be Norwegian. He said, "Ole, I'm sorry but dis child has to be born Caesarian."

Lena: But I tink dat's still Scandinavian, so dat's OK!

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

We are really into the Christmas season now. After the storm over the weekend, we are into shoveling and cleaning up after the snow that fell. I am so glad that we were not graced with what they were predicting though. We have enough already for my sensibilities. It can stay like this the rest of the winter.

Brooks held its Christmas party last night. The weeks before Christmas are few and short this year so everything is in high gear. The party was well attended and the kids were so very excited to see Santa and Mrs. Claus. It seems they never forget that earmark of growing up. When they are very little, they cry and when they grow up they love Santa. I never cried according to my folks, but Santa was dressed in red my favorite color, so I guess he didn't scare me. I hope Santa is very good to all of you this year.

Our sympathy goes out to the Perras family. Hazel Perras at the young age of 104 died last weekend. The funeral for her will be Wednesday at St. Joseph's Church in Red Lake Falls. She was one of the first to be baptized in St. Joseph Church in Brooks as her name appears in the earliest archives of their church. She grew up from what I understand, south of Brooks. She was an open and honest woman and quite a card. We will miss her and our prayers go out to the family. Del and Cindy Determan went to Bismarck North Dakota for Thanksgiving. They visited

with Brianna and Kyle Wanner and their kids Andrew, James, and Felicity and Jacinta. What a fine day they had.

Joyce Morinville told us of a great party that was held over Thanksgiving at the movies in Thief River Falls for a private showing of Frozen II. Many friends and family were invited and the kids enjoyed the movie and treats that came with the tickets. Over twenty families came and the kids all congregated to watch the movie. A good thing to do for them over a long weekend of Thanksgiving with time to have fun together. This was a great break for the parents too! Brooklyn and Harper Morinville enjoyed the party, it was part of a present for their 4th birthday.

Clare and Dianne Gagner just returned from Tucson, Arizona where they visited with family and friends who live there. They went to a monastery with their grandson and wife Trent and Ally Gagner. The monastery is of the Greek Orthodox religion and it is a working monastery which means that the monks are actively working while the tourists are lead through the grounds. It is greatly ornate in the architecture and form of the buildings. They grow their own food and grapes for wine. They visited with Barb and Vern La-Coursierre. On returning home they went to Thanksgiving Day dinner at Nikki Aaker's home in East Grand Forks, and on Friday they went to Tim and Brenda Gagner's home in Fergus Falls to

make venison sausage making. Joyce and Leroy Christiansen of Red Lake Falls were also helping in the sausage making at Tim and Brenda's home. Brenda is the daughter of Leroy and Joyce Christiansen.

Red Hats are meeting on Thursday December 5th at Cozy Bar and Grill for KLUB. We are going to enjoy the Norwegian favorite food. So anyone who wants to join us is welcome. We like to eat. We like to visit. We like to have some communication with our friends. Be there at 11:30.

Guest at the Jerome Novak home over Thanksgiving was Becky Novak of Mankato. She came through a storm to get here and drove after a storm to go home. Jerome, Barb and Becky went to dinner for Thanksgiving at Nancy and Matt Ellenson's home in Warroad and joined with their family Daphne, Philip, Ian, and Margaret. The kids played cards with Grandpa Novak and enjoyed fun with the games they played. It is always fun to watch them play and win over the card shark Grandpa. And believe me they can play very well.

Thank you to the Santa helpers who planned and executed the Christmas party at the Hall last night. The food was great the party was well attended, and the kids had so much fun. Without those helpers, it would not have been so successful so thanks to all the volunteers. We hope you have a fine week. Enjoy the cider, or egg nog, or

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Wednesday, December 4, 2019

Who's Dat?



Who's Dat?

This week's photo is of a father and son.

Last week's photo was of Benji Hofstad, Isaac Melby, Darren Hofstad and Jacob Melby. I was also informed that two of these four are going to be turning 40 soon. OMG the big 4 0.

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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