

	Rain	Snow
Nov. 30		Trace
Dec. 1		4.00
Dec. 2		Trace
Dec. 6		Trace
Total in.	0.00	4.00



Calendar of Events

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.
Mon, Dec. 16:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
Tue, Dec. 17:
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards.
-LSS Sr. Evening Meal 5:00 p.m.
Wed, Dec. 18:
-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. 19:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
Fri, Dec. 20:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
Sat, Dec. 21:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!
Sun, Dec. 22:
-Worship at the church of your choice.
Mon, Dec. 23:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
Tue, Dec. 24:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards.
Wed, Dec. 25:
-Christmas Day.
Thu, Dec. 26:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
Fri, Dec. 27:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
Sat, Dec. 28:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!
Sun, Dec. 29:
-Worship at the church of your choice.
Mon, Dec. 30:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
Tue, Dec. 31:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards
Wed, Jan. 1:
- New Years Day!
Thu, Jan. 2:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.

Brooks Santa Pictures



The Morinville twins were visiting with Santa and Mrs. Claus on December 1st in Brooks.



CP Holiday Train stops in Plummer December 13th

“The CP Holiday Train is a program that our 13,000-strong CP family has immense pride in bringing to communities every year. Access to nutritious food is a basic necessity, and food bank usage is on the rise across North America. The CP Holiday Train program is our way to help in the fight against hunger by growing awareness of this issue and providing a fun and engaging way for the public to show their support.” - Keith Creel, CP's President and Chief Executive Officer.

The Holiday Train has now raised more than C\$15.8 million and collected 4.5 million pounds of food since its inaugural journey back in 1999.

CP operates in over 1,100 communities, and our 12,000 employees are very proud of the Holiday Train program. We know that hunger is an issue that can, and does, impact our neighbors. Over the years the program has gained a tremendous following, and we are proud to continue this tradition for our family and yours.

The U.S. train departed Montreal on November 25 and has been traveling through the United States. When it left Chicago Meghan Patrick, Tanika Charles and Kelly Prescott joined the tour in Chicago and will finish the train's journey back to Canada with the final show in Gleichen, Alberta on December 18.

Meghan Patrick
In addition to her two year reign as the CCMA Female Artist of the Year, Meghan has been nominated for 8 CCMA awards including Album of the Year nominations for both of her studio albums. She recently received Juno Award nominations for Country Album of the Year and Breakthrough Artist.

Meghan also recently made history by becoming the first solo female artist to take home the Fans' Choice Award at the Country Music of Ontario Awards. With her debut album, Grace and Grit generating four Top 20 singles and a Top 10 hit with Still Loving You, Meghan Patrick released her sophomore album Country Music Made Me Do It in 2018 to great fanfare. The first single from the album, also titled “Country Music Made Me Do It” reached the Top 5, while the most recent single “Wall Come Down” rocketed to the #1 spot on the country radio



charts and “The Bad Guy” was a Top 15 hit.

Tanika Charles
Since emerging on the international scene in 2017 with her debut Soul Run, Tanika Charles has revealed herself to be one of the best kept secrets in soul music. Both on stage and off, Toronto-based Charles presents an immutable charm, at times endearingly abrasive and honest in her vulnerabilities.

Tanika returns in 2019 battle tested and ready to reveal the latest chapters of her life since graduating from local favorite to international success.

Kelly Prescott comes by her music in the most honest way possible, as a third generation singer/songwriter on both sides of her family.

She grew up between a tour bus & a world class recording studio. Kelly and her family recently made their Grand Ole Opry debut as guests of Terri Clark.

What's a Holiday Train event like?

A typical Holiday Train event goes something like this: the train arrives and pulls to a safe stop in front of the crowd. The stage door lowers and the band opens with its first song. After that, a brief presentation takes place with local food bank officials and other dignitaries. Once complete, the band resumes performing a mix of traditional and modern holiday-themed songs. The whole event lasts about 30 minutes. Once the band plays its farewell song, the stage door closes, and the train heads off to the next stop.

It's important to keep a safe

distance away from the train so we can safely continue our journey.

What is the schedule at the Plummer stop?

See schedule on page 2 of the Oklee Herald. Lots of activities are planned.

What should I bring?

We encourage donations that support healthy food options, and suggest that you check with your local food bank to find out what their wish list includes.

Are Holiday Train events free?

Yes. We only ask that you bring food or a monetary donation for your local food bank. Food Bank representatives will be onsite collecting donations.

Food and monetary donations are collected by your local Food Bank, and stay in the community where they were collected. We work in conjunction with local food banks, and they organize the collection and distribution of all donations for their region. All donations raised in the community stay in the community for local distribution.

What type of locomotive pulls the Holiday Trains?

Built originally in 1957, two GP20C 2200 series were rebuilt in 2013 to pull CP's two Holiday Trains. Each locomotive has 2000hp, is 56.02 feet in length and weighs 275,000 pounds.

Drone use near the railway

CP does not allow any drone flight over our private property, including at Holiday Train events. Our employees work in an environment where distractions, such as unexpected overflights, can increase safety risks to employees, the public and our operations.

Dakota Heritage Bank in Red Lake Falls Hosts Open House



Dakota Heritage Bank held their Open House on December 2nd. They are a full service bank and a great new addition to Red Lake Falls.

Dakota Heritage Bank in Red Lake Falls, hosted their open house on December 2nd. Visitors enjoyed home baked goodies, coffee and hot cider while they toured the newly

remodeled bank that once served as a car dealership and daycare center.

Bank staff were available to answer questions and assist customers in opening new

accounts.

Visitors could also register to win prizes which included a \$100 gift card to Brents, a \$100 gift card to Underdahl Hardware and a tablet for the kids.



Employees welcomed you in to the Open House in Red Lake Falls. Pictured is: Reed Engelstad, Shari Olson, Melissa Fredericks and Wendy Swendra.



Gerald Bjorgan was the lucky winner of the Brent's gift card at the Dakota Heritage Bank open house on December 2nd. Pictured with Gerald is Tim Hoefer of Dakota Heritage Bank.



Blake Donner was excited to be the winner of the Tablet from Dakota Heritage Bank. Pictured with Blake is Wendy Swendra of Dakota Heritage Bank.



“Wendy Swendra from Dakota Heritage Bank presented Bobbi Narlock with a gift card from Underdahl Hardware in Red Lake Falls that she won at their open house.”

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Wed, Dec. 11: Confirmation: 6:30 p.m. 8th Grade. 7:30 p.m. 9th Grade.
Sun, Dec. 15: 9:00 a.m. Zion & Salem SS Practice. 10:30 a.m. Christmas Program at Zion. 4:00 p.m. Christmas Program at Salem.
Wed, Dec. 18: Confirmation: 6:30 p.m. 8th Grade. 7:30 p.m. 9th Grade.
Thu, Dec. 19: 6:00 p.m. Blue Christmas Service at Salem.

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OKLEE, GRYGLA & GOODRIDGE
Fr. Adam Hanness
Sun, Dec. 15: 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. 14: 5:30 p.m. RLF
Sun, Dec. 15: 8:00 a.m. Brooks. 10:00 a.m. RLF.

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun, Dec. 15: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Immanuel. 7:00 p.m. Worship at Ebenezer.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Wed, Dec. 11: 6:00 p.m. Faith Church Council. 7:00 p.m. Parish Advent Service at Faith.
Sun, Dec. 15: 8:30 a.m. Faith, no SS; 9:45 a.m. Bethany Christmas Program, No SS; 11:00 a.m. Ekelund. No SS at Ekelund.
Wed, Dec. 18: 6:00 p.m. Bethany Church Council. 7:00 p.m. Parish Advent Service at Bethany.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

December 16-20
Call 796-5666 to order a meal.
 If you are over the age of 60 and would like to eat with other seniors at the Senior Site, please call the Café at 796-5666 to reserve your meal. A \$4.00 per meal donation is suggested.
Monday: Goulash hot dish, corn, toast, and dessert.
Tuesday: Evening meal: Baked ham, mashed potatoes, cream gravy, vegetable, roll, and dessert.
Wednesday: Shrimp, hash browns, carrots, toast, and dessert.
Thursday: Grilled ham & cheese, chili, and dessert.
Friday: Birthday meal: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, and dessert.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Wed, Dec. 11: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 6:00 p.m. LYS Caroling.
Sat, Dec. 14: OP SS Practice 9:00 a.m.
Sun, Dec. 15: 10:30 a.m. St. Petri, dinner to follow. 3:30 p.m. Oak Park Sunday School program, supper to follow. 5:30 p.m. Nazareth Sunday School program.
Wed, Dec. 18: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Dec. 11: 9:30 a.m. Christian Women's Club. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group. 6:30 p.m. AWANA.
Fri, Dec. 13: 8:30 a.m. Friday School.
Sun, Dec. 15: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School. 5:30 p.m. Chilly Weather Chili Cookoff & game night.
Tue, Dec. 17: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions. 6:30 p.m. Bible Study.
Wed, Dec. 18: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group goes Christmas Caroling. 6:30 p.m. AWANA.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund Sand Valley Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Wed, Dec. 11: 2:00 p.m. Lund WELCA. 7:00 p.m. Advent Service at Bethany.
Sat, Dec. 14: 9:00 a.m. Sand Valley Bake Sale.
Sun, Dec. 15: 9:00 a.m. Lund. 10:30 a.m. Bethany. 9:00 a.m. Sand Valley Christmas Party.
Wed, Dec. 18: 2:00 p.m. Sand Valley WELCA. 7:00 p.m. Advent Service at Sand Valley.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY
Fosston Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor
Sun, Dec. 15: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship.

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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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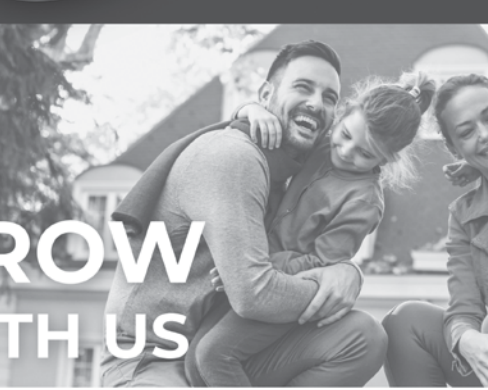
In Memory of Doris Hanson
December 21, 1937 - December 12, 2013

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Sudoku Solution

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

Crossword Solution

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Red Lake County Commissioners Minutes

RED LAKE COUNTY Regular Meeting Held November 12, 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 November 12, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. Chairman Weiss called the meeting to order. All Commissioner were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Commissioner Dudycha and carried by unanimous vote to approve the agenda.

Tanya Hanson of SWCD met with the board regarding approval of the bi-annual 2020/2021 Feedlot Delegation Agreement. The plan determines how the SWCD will work with the landowners in filing permits, registrations, inspections, assistance programs and compliance issues. Hanson informed that the county gets \$7,500.00 per year to administer the program. Currently there are 49 county feedlot owners registered with the state. Hanson also mentioned that she has applied for matching dollars from Enbridge to install (7) seven side water inlet pipes along County Ditch #60.

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

Vendor	Amount
Cardmember Service	\$ 2,622.81
Counties Providing Technology	3,676.00
Government Management Group	2,975.00
Hoffman, Philipp & Knutson, PLLC	14,750.00
Houston Engineering, Inc	5,917.75
Lakehead Trucking, Inc	7,087.60
Minnesota Public Employers Insurance	30,719.84
Red Lake County Co-op	5,640.08
Streicher's	2,843.11
Taggart Contracting, Inc	172,627.35
Titan Machinery	2,641.63
Ziegler Cat	2,654.55
54 Vendors less than \$2,000.	20,814.18
Final Total	\$274,969.90

The motion also includes the following added expenditures: \$63.89 to Dacotah Paper; \$42.00 to Marco; \$14.50 expenses and \$70.00 per diem to Al Remick.

Sheriff Bernstein met with the board requesting that the County Board authorize the usage of Credit Cards for the Sheriff, Chief Deputy and Deputies in his department. The County Board must grant the authority according to the State Auditor's office. Bernstein commented that he already has an internal departmental credit card policy that manages the card usage such as to purchase gas, food and other necessary expenses when doing a prisoner transport, after hour gasoline purchases, and for some on-line supply purchases requiring a card, etc. Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried by unanimous vote to approve usage of credit cards by the County Sheriff, Chief Deputy and Deputies, effectively immediately.

Sheriff Bernstein was asked about the existing tobacco ordinance and changing the age from 18 to 21 for E-cigarette use. Bernstein commented that he does not consider it a big issue in the county and recommends no changes to the ordinance at this time.

Auditor Schmitz informed that an "Elected Official Out-Of-State Travel Policy" is also being required by the State Auditor Office and must be approved by the county. Board members reviewed a draft policy. Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried unanimously to approve the policy as presented and is effective upon date of adoption and signature of the Board Chairperson and Auditor.

Auditor Schmitz presented the agreement with the State of Minnesota for the operation and maintenance of the designated Grant-in-Aid snowmobile trails. The agreement will allow the two local snowmobile organizations, the Red Lake Falls Pathfinders and Oklee Moonlighters, to receive funding for the 2019/2020 season. Red Lake County acts as the fiscal agent for the two local clubs. Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Remick and carried unanimously to approve the agreement as presented. The Board Chairperson and County Auditor were authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the county. A complete document is available at the County Auditor's office.

The following Commissioner/Committee reports were shared:

Commissioner Meeting/Report Simpson: None.

Flage: Attended an AMC District III meeting in Fosston with each county representative providing a county update and information the 2020 proposed levy as adopted by each county.

Dudycha: Mentioned the NW RDC annual commission meeting in Grand Forks, ND in December.

Remick: Annual Township Officers meeting on October 22, 2019 in Plummer.

Weiss: Attended meetings of AMC District III and Township Officers. Also attended NW RDC reviewing financials, bills, cost allocation plan, and renewal of the office building lease.

Auditor Schmitz presented a tax abatement as recommended by County Assessor Amberson for payable years 2017 and 2018 on two parcels. Information provided by Amberson indicated that due to an oversight the parcels were classified as non-homestead when in fact both parcels should have been classified as homestead resulting in a lower property tax. Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried by unanimous vote to approve a tax abatement for payable 2017 and payable 2018 on Parcel No. 08-1521-000 in Louisville Township and Parcel No. 10-1866-000 in RLF Township. The motion carried unanimously.

The board reviewed a letter from Bob Schmitz requesting a refund of property taxes that were overcharged to him due to an oversight in the county Assessor's office. Schmitz should have been granted homestead status beginning in 2009 on his two Ag parcels according to the Special Agricultural Homestead Law. The law changed in 2008 and added sibling that farm the property to the list of Qualifying Relatives and thereby allowing the property owner to receive homestead status. The County Board tabled any decision pending a legal opinion on the request by County Attorney Lacoursiere.

County Engineer Hove was not in attendance but provided the following update on projects.

Township Culvert Replacement (SAP 063-599-029 & SAP 063-599-028):

A culvert replacement project on Terrebonne Township roads T-179 and T-135 has had new box culverts installed, roads are now open to traffic. Final clean-up work remains.

Culvert Replacement on CSAH 12 (SAP 063-612-008):

The project involved the replacement of two metal culverts in poor condition with a new concrete arch pipe under CSAH 12 in Terrebonne Township. The new arch pipe has been installed and road is now open to traffic. Final cleanup work remains.

Salt Shed (SAP 063-040-001):

The foundation work has been completed and the structure work is underway; it is estimated at about one month of work remaining.

Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on October 22, 2019 as presented.

HR Director Lundeen met with the board for clarification on whether to again put any unused county contribution amounts for employee's health insurance into individual employee Health Savings Accounts. Commissioner Dudycha moved, seconded by Remick and carried unanimously to follow the same procedure as in the past and allow employees to put the excess county contribution in 2020 into their individual Health Savings Accounts.

Lundeen discussed an issue on three employees regarding their placement at Step 1 in their job grade classification on the new salary chart developed from the recently completed compensation study. The employees have 10-plus years of service to the county. Lundeen suggested placing the three employees at a Step-5 in their respective job grade due to their longevity with the county. Commissioner Remick moved, seconded by Simpson and carried by unanimous vote to move the three 10-plus year employees to a Step-5 in their respective classification grade on the salary chart.

Lundeen asked whether to increase the pay for the EMS Director and Assistant EMS Director beginning in 2020 to coincide with the compensation study results. The salary is currently set at \$8,000 for Sheriff Bernstein as EMS Director and \$5,000 for Chief Deputy Brad Johnson as Assistant EMS Director. Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried unanimously to leave the 2020 EMS Director and Assistant EMS Director salaries at \$8,000 and \$5,000 respectively.

The County Board acknowledged correspondence from Enbridge regarding the "Safest Way Tour" event scheduled for November 12, 2019 in Thief River Falls, and a letter from Governor Tim Waltz to Sonny Purdue, US Dept. of Ag Secretary, requesting a Secretarial Disaster Designation because of delayed spring planting and fall harvest due to the record rain that affected several counties in NW Minnesota.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until November 26, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Attest:
 Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

NOTICE OF FILING FOR GARNES TOWNSHIP ELECTION

Notice is hereby given to qualified voters of Garnes Township, Red Lake County, State of Minnesota, that filing for town office will be held for a two week period beginning December 31, 2019.

Affidavits of Candidacy shall be filed with the Town Clerk at Clerk's home at any reasonable hour from December 31, 2019, to January 14, 2020.

Filing will close on January 14, 2020, at 5:00p.m. The office will be open that day from 1PM-5PM.

Filing fee-\$2.00

Offices to be filled at the March Annual Election are:

1- Supervisor for a Three Year term
 1- Clerk for a Two Year Term

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December 16th at 6:30 pm Brooks Community Center

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RLCC Menus

December 16-20

Oklee

Monday: Breakfast: Tornado, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Turkey roast, mashed potatoes, gravy, dinner roll, cranberries, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Apple turnover, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Ham patty w/bun, curly fries, vegetable, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Cheesy bread w/pizza sauce, lettuce salad, carrots & celery, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: French toast w/syrup, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Pulled pork or BBQ chicken w/bun, chips, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Quesadilla, lettuce salad, cottage cheese, carrots & celery, fruit, and milk.

Plummer

Monday: Breakfast: Bagel or Pop Tart, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Macaroni hot dish, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Egg & sausage biscuit, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Diced chicken & gravy, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, buttered or PB bread, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: French toast sticks, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Hot dogs, smiles potatoes, baked beans, holiday cookie, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Egg omelet, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Mission Nutrition – Grab & Go Bags: sandwich, chips, veggie, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Hamburger w/bun, cheese, pickles, fries, beets, fruit, and milk.

Mustang Wrestling Schedule

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

Jan. 2: Meet TBD Fertile-Beltrami @ Fertile-Beltrami High School

Basketball Boys Var/JV Schedule

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 Goodridge/Grygla-Gatzke @ Plummer

Jan. 6: 6:00PM Sacred Heart School @ RLFalls

Jan. 7: 6:00PM Win-E-Mac @ Win-E-Mac

Jan. 10: 6:00PM Warren/Alvarado/Oslo @ Red Lake Falls

Basketball Girls Var/JV Schedule

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

Jan. 13: 6:00PM Goodridge/Grygla-Gatzke @ Goodridge High School

Jan. 14: 6:00PM Bagley @ Bagley High School

Jan. 17: 6:00PM Warren/Alvarado/Oslo @ Plummer

Wednesday, December 11, 2019



Sophomores at RLCC listened to several speakers on Wednesday, December 4th at a leadership conference in Bemidji.



The RLCC Sophomores who attended the leadership conference, from left to right: Thomas Benson, Peyton Fish, Maddie Inda-Valdez, Bailey Sherman, Leah Peterson, Cari Bachand, Marissa Scheibe, Taya Morinville, with Tyler Eskeli laying down.

RLCC Vs. Mahonmen-Waubun

By: Bella Russillo

The Girl's Mustang Varsity Basketball team won on Tuesday, December 3 against Mahonmen-Waubun, with the score being 72-50.

Kia Bachand made 31 points, 7 rebounds and 3 steals. Cari Bachand made 6 points, 5 rebounds and 3 steals. Calyssa Eskeli made 8 points, 6 rebounds and 2 steals. Jenna Phalen made 26 points, 10 rebounds and 6 blocks. Brandie DeHate made 2 assists and one steal. Both Shawna Majeres and Marissa Thomas had rebounds, with Majeres having 2 and Thomas having 3.

RLCC Mustangs

Basketball

By: Kia Bachand

The Red Lake County Central Mustangs defeated the Northern Freeze on Thursday, December 5th, in Karlstad.

The final score of the game was 46-41.

Highlights for the game include Kia Bachand with 20 points and 4 rebounds; Cari Bachand with 11 points; Jenna Pahlen with 9 points, 5 blocks, and 4 rebounds; Calyssa Eskeli with 2 points; and Marissa Thomas with 2 points.

RLC Rebels vs. Climax-Fisher Knights

By: Trent Goulet

Thursday, December 5th the RLC Rebels traveled to Fisher to start off the 2019-2020 season.

After a back and forth first half, the Rebels would come into the second half and pull ahead to secure the win with a final score of 66-53.

Derek Peterson scored 14 points with 3 rebounds, Eric Gieseke scored 11 points with 8 assists, and Isiah Olson scored 23 points with 13 rebounds.



Jenna Pahlen shooting a basket at the Mustang Basketball game on Dec. 3rd.



The Red Lake County Boys Basketball Seniors for the 2019-2020 season, from left to right: Tyler Hanson, Derek Peterson, Trent Goulet, and Hayden Cardinal.



Cari Bachand (pictured) helping another student during an activity to practice the importance of teamwork.

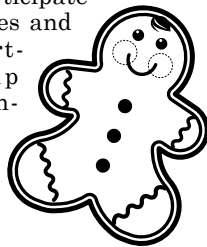
Sophomore Leadership Conference

By: Karena Melby

On Wednesday, December 4, nine of the RLCC sophomores were able to attend a leadership conference in Bemidji. Creig Hillier was the guest speaker.

Students learned about leadership skills and stepping

up as a leader throughout their next three years of high school. They were able to participate in activities and were partnered up with sophomores from other schools.



Varsity Mustang Basketball huddles during the Northern Freeze game on Dec. 5th.

Oklee Centennial Cookbook Recipe Corner - From page 296

Bavarian Chocolate Torte Sandra (Groven) Holmstrom

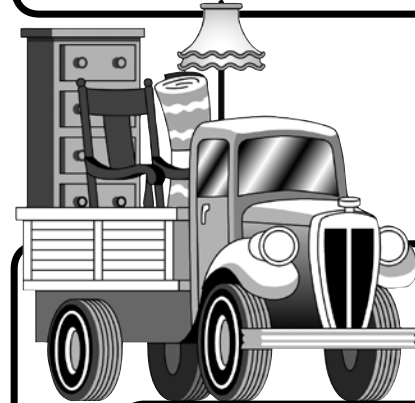
1 pkg devil's food cake mix
1 pint whipping cream
8 oz cream cheese
2/3 cup brown sugar
1 tsp vanilla
1/8 tsp salt
2 Tbsp grated unsweetened chocolate

Prepare cake according to package directions and bake in two 8" or 9" cake pans. Cool and split each layer horizontally. Beat whipping cream until stiff. In another bowl, beat cream cheese, brown sugar, vanilla and salt. Fold into whipped cream. Fill first layer with 1/4 of the cream cheese mixture, then sprinkle with grated chocolate. Repeat with remaining layers. Refrigerate, covered for at least 12 hours. This dessert will keep well for several days.

This is my sister-in-law's recipe. It has won several awards and was published in the Taste of Home magazine.



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An All School Reunion was held on September 23, 2019 in Minneapolis and they all had a wonderful time telling stories. The reunion lasted about four hours. Pictured in the back row (l to r) is: Arnie Lillo, Sharon (Mathson) Jensen, Julian Jensen, Martin Johnson, Stella (Asselin) & Dwight Howard, Jani (Paquin) Seeger, Roxanne Christofferson, Faith (Burman) Lamkin, Larry Grimm, Mary Jo (Walker) Brown, Marilyn (Bakke) Dufault, Neil Lillo, and Mr. Coonly (Doris Bryan's husband). Front row (l to r): Marie (Burman) Weaver, Myrna (Paquin) Engebretson, Charles Seegar, Sharon (Hegge) Burbach, Janis (Toulouse) Earl, Judy (Brandt) Fournier, Doris (Bryan) Coonly, Lailly Berkeland and her husband. They plan on gathering again in 2020 the last part of September. They will let everyone know about the date later.

Writers & Writing by Michael Tidemann

Tidemann started his journalism career at the Bismarck Tribune in 1978 and began college teaching career as a graduate teaching assistant at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion in 1977. He has worked at newspapers in Iowa and the Dakotas and his work has appeared in Overdrive, Writer's Journal, the San Diego Union-Tribune and Snoutmobile.



Aasen memoir brief but poignant

Larry Aasen's North Dakotans Never Give Up: A Memoir describes the challenges that Aasen, his relatives, neighbors and many famous North Dakotans faced as they experienced the Dust Bowl, blizzards and war to make a great state. As Aasen tells us, it was not in spite of those calamities that North Dakotans succeeded, but because of them.

Aasen was born in a log house on a farm near Gardner, N.D., and graduated from Hillsboro High School. He attended North Dakota State University and later graduated from the University of North Dakota.

The Aasen saga began when his grandfather, Ole Aasen, came to America:

He was able to get passage on a ship and arrived at Ellis Island in New York in 1870 at age 25. A train took him to Minnesota and by the time he reached Fargo, N.D., he had just seven dollars in his pocket to begin his new life.

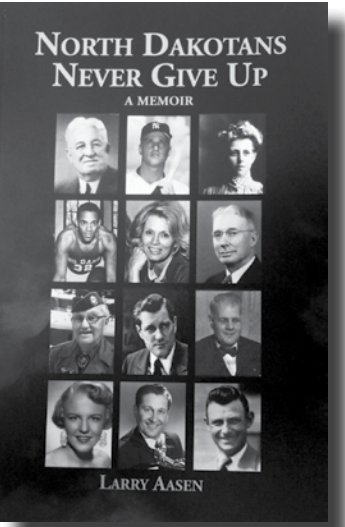
Ole Aasen's story was probably the rule rather than the exception. Tough, Scandinavian immigrants braved the sea for a chance at a new life in America.

It was far from an easy one, though. Farming was the main

occupation, and those who made it did well. Those who did not vanished from the prairie, long fallen-down homes and barns the last trace of them.

Life wasn't hard only for farmers. As Aasen related, if teachers smoked, used lipstick, or got married, they were fired.

The Johnsons were a typical North Dakota family:



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Larry Aasen
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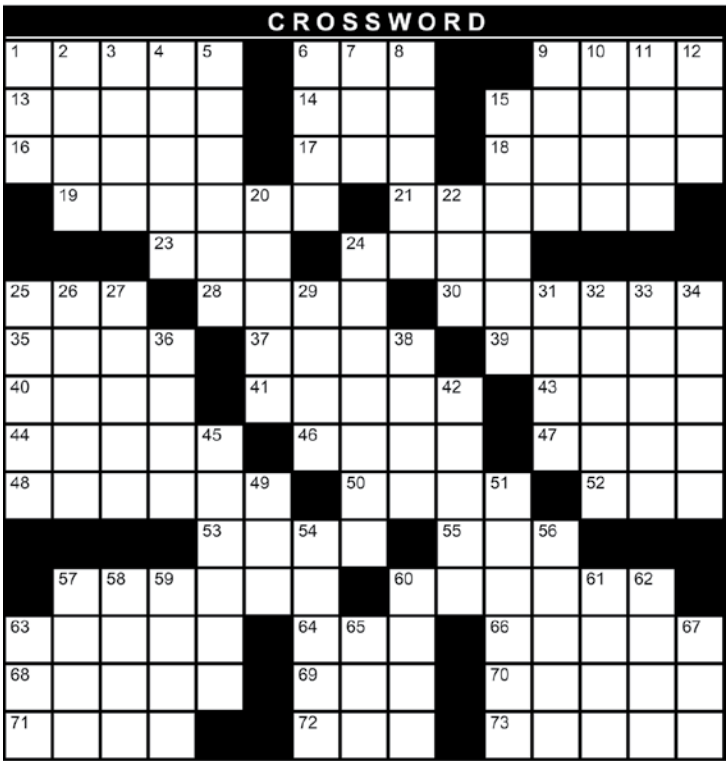
The Johnson house was large. Henry and Clara slept in a bedroom on the main floor and all the kids found their sleeping space upstairs. A large coal stove and a kitchen wood stove provided heat. Kerosene lamps and lanterns provided the light. Kerosene lamps and lanterns provided the light. The communication was by telephone. During the Depression, some families could not afford the telephone. They got their news from the radio, mostly WDAY and the Fargo Forum newspaper.

Aasen writes of famous North Dakotans – or adopted North Dakotans – like John Hancock, Roger Maris, Angie Dickinson, Eric Sevareid, Peggy Lee, Lawrence Welk and Theodore Roosevelt – all personalities forged in the state's crucible of howling winds, bitterly cold winters, blistering hot summers and little respite from work or hardships that were all a way of life.

This is a wonderful memoir for anyone who may share Aasen's memories. It's even better for those who want to know more about our pioneer past.

(Michael Tidemann writes from Estherville, Iowa. His author page is amazon.com/author/michaeltidemann.)

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 15. E-cigarette output
 16. Galsworthy's "The Forsyte _____," pl.
 17. Bovine hangout
 18. UV light absorber
 19. *Scrooge's late partner
 21. *December 26th, a.k.a. _____ Day
 23. Ideas worth spreading, acr.
 24. Great deal
 25. *Like Santa's suit

28. "____ Las Vegas," Pres-ley song
30. 1/100th of a ruble
35. Pupil's place
37. *Sleigh bell sound
39. Fairytale dust-sprinkler
40. German Mrs.
41. Chose between competitors
43. Type of ballistic missile, acr.
44. Not a gregarious one
46. Castaway's home
47. Fungal spore sacs
48. Pencil end, often
50. _____a-Sketch
52. Summer color
53. Cuckoo
55. "____ the ramparts..."
57. *Santa's call

60. *Welcoming holiday decor
63. Bird of prey's hunting tool
64. 16th birthday gift?
66. Engages the services
68. Skirt shape
69. Beehive State native
70. Bikini, e.g.
71. Bibliophile's concern, sing.
72. D.C. bigwig
73. Australian Aboriginal's war club

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1. *Do holiday ones start earlier every year?
 2. Show pleasure
 3. Aquarium organism
 4. Navigational aid
 5. *Hanukkah month
 6. Competently
 7. Wade's 1973 opponent
 8. Not yes, nor no
 9. Like Hitler's Germany
 10. Second word in fairytale
 11. *Ding follower in "Wonderful Christmastime"
 12. **But I heard him exclaim, _____ he drove out of sight..."
 15. Public opinion, in Great Britain
 20. Changes to a manuscript
 22. Sturdy tree
 24. Telephone part
 25. *Ralphie's wish
 26. Trial's partner
 27. Late Princess of Wales
 29. IV+IV
 31. Type of cotton fiber
 32. Exit plus s
 33. Around
 34. *Macaulay's famous character
 36. Takes to court
 38. *Hanukkah gift
 42. "Magnolia" ware
 45. Not in its original form
 49. Pep rally syllable
 51. TV variety show classic
 54. Concentrate
 56. Yogurt-based dip
 57. *Manger's glow
 58. Dish of stewed meat
 59. "____ if you..." on a bumper sticker
 60. Small songbird
 61. Trampled
 62. In custody
 63. Coca Cola's first diet drink
 65. *What Whos did to roast beast?
 67. Silvester Stallone's nickname

Bonny's Bits...

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The weather has been fairly nice since we missed the big storm. My brother-in-law's family returned home from Thanksgiving to shovel out 2 feet of snow. And one of the other brother-in-laws didn't even make it to Oklee. I don't mind a small amount of snow to make it look like Christmas, but the cold gets me.

I enjoy doing the Early Files in part because I like history and also because you run into ideas or items from years past. Here is one from From Judy Schue's Column in 1979.

The Days before Christmas By Letitia Morse Nash

A boy can have a lot of grief
When Christmas is 'most here,
And so I think I'm really glad
It comes but once a year.
Oh, Christmas is a lot of fun,
But days before are bum,
'Cause I don't hardly dare to breathe
Or Santa Claus won't come.

I've got to be so goody-good
And do my work just right,
And get my lessons, everyone,
And dasn't start a fight.
I mustn't even whistle and
I scarcely dare to hum,
'Cause Mother says, "Be quiet Bill,
Or Santa Claus won't come.

Dad winks at Mother, just like this,
And holds a finger up;
And Mother coughs and spills her tea
And nearly breaks the cup.
And if I ask them what they mean,
"Small boys should be 'most dumb
When it is nearly Christmastime,
Or Santa Claus won't come.

And if I touch a closet door
They shout, "Now that's not fair;

You mustn't peek a tiny bit,
You just get out of there."
I can't go near a dresser drawer
Or Grandad says, "By gum,
Why can't you go outdoors and play,
So Santa Claus can come.

And Sis she scoots across the hall
With a mysterious air,
A package underneath her coat,
And rushes up the stair.
It ain't no use to follow her,
And so I just look glum
And wish the day would hurry up
When Santa Claus will come.

It is a busy time of year for all families. I remember when our girls were still at home, there was programs to attend at church and school which are priceless. I enjoyed every one of them and love revisiting the memories.

And there was the excitement of Christmas coming and the annual visit to Santa Claus so that they could let Santa know what they wanted for Christmas. Most kids do ok with the idea of Santa, but some don't. I was pretty lucky both the girls were maybe a little leary, but neither one was terrified. I have a couple of pictures of their Santa adventures that I put up at Christmas as part of the decorations.

And of course, then there is all the shopping for food, gifts and what every else you need to do the holidays. Like I said a very busy time.

Even though it gets quite busy this time of year, remember to take to take some time for yourself to relax and enjoy the season. Don't let the commerialism dictate your Christmas. Enjoy it and savor it. Because before you know it your kids are grown up and busy with their lives.

I've already been to Brooks to see the children visit with Santa and Oklee's was this past weekend. Now this coming Friday is the Holiday Train in Plummer. Hope to see you there!

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Red Lake Falls Library News

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New nonfiction includes "Ama: A Tex-Mex Kitchen" by Josef Centeno and Betty Hallock - "Tex-Mex is a delicious, irreverent cuisine that combines the deep traditions of Texan and Mexican cooking;" this volume includes over 100 recipes; "Christmas Is Coming!" from the Metropolitan Museum of Art - a richly illustrated treasury with artwork from the MMA and includes favorite

Christmas stories and poems along with seasonal songs and recipes; "The Herbalist's Healing Kitchen" by Devon Young - "use the power of food to cook your way to better health."

Stop by the library this Saturday, December 14 for an informal pre-Christmas open house. Refreshments will be available, along with crafts for kids, and back by popular demand - make & take essential oil perfume, as well as registering for door prizes.

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Wed, Dec. 11 to Fri, Dec. 13: Thief River Falls Redeemer Lutheran Church

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Oklee Herald Early Files

Eighty Years Ago December 7, 1939

Raymond Berry, son of Mr. and Mrs. L.M. Berry of Oklee, and Miss Phyllis Halvorson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Halvorson of Goodridge, were married at the Catholic parsonage in Oklee on Monday.

Twin boys were born to Mr. and Mrs. Simon Bergerson, of town of Johnson, Wednesday, November 29th.

Steen Birkeland and Gunsten Gunstenson made a business trip to Minneapolis and Albert Lea the first part of the week.

Paul and Ingebret Vigen, Miss Clara and Miss Julia Leland of Portland, ND were weekend visitors at the C. Barness home north of town a week ago.

It has been reported that Elmer Riendeau suffered a painful accident last Saturday when he caught his hand in a saw. The second finger was severed at the second joint, while the first and third were cut badly. He was given emergency treatment by Dr. Torgerson and then sent to Crookston hospital.

On Sunday, Mrs. Boe and Sadie from Lost River were guests at the Osov Legvold home.

Seventy Years Ago December 8, 1949

The Village of Gully, with a record vote of 87 ballots, favored establishment of a municipal liquor store at their annual election. The count was 58 in favor to 29 opposed.

According to revised postal regulations, greeting cards can no longer be mailed for 1-1/2 cents. They must bear a two-cent stamp for unsealed delivery and three cents for first class which will be forwarded in cases where addresses have moved.

A daughter was born November 29th to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Boucher in a Crookston hospital.

Crookston will be one of the Minnesota centers for counting noses when the United States census is taken next spring.

On Tuesday evening, Nov. 29th, a group of 21 friends and relatives gathered at the Andrew Opdahl home to help Wendell celebrate his 18th birthday anniversary.

Roger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Helmer Peterson, had his tonsils removed at St. Vincent Hospital in Crookston.

Sixty Years Ago December 10, 1959

Total sales of more than a quarter of a million dollars by the Oklee Creamery Association, Inc., were reported to stockholders and patrons at the association's annual meeting on Friday.

Completion of a new Otter Tail Power Co. transmission between Oklee and Plummer is expected to be accomplished

in about three weeks. The new line is being constructed to keep pace with increased demands of customers.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Rad-niecki are the parents of a baby girl born November 30th. She was named Gayle Frances.

Mrs. Wallace DuChamp and Charlene and Mrs. Anna Berg visited at the L.G. Horstman home at Oklee Sunday.

Troublesome shooting from the outside and free throw line caused Oklee to drop a 45-38 decision to Goodridge in a contest played on the victors small court last Tuesday.

Just when we think we have licked the germ – along comes the supergerm! Doctors say we got too sure of ourselves, depended too much on antibiotics and too little on the scrubbing brush that was Grandma's weapon against infection.

Fifty Years Ago December 11, 1969

Sgt. Clifford E. Olson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ingvald Olson, arrived home Sunday to spend a leave with his family and friends. Upon leaving Vietnam, he was awarded the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry and a certificate commending him for "outstanding service with the 3rd Marine Division in Vietnam for the 28 months from August 1967 to December 1969 and awarding him a lifetime membership in the 3rd Tank Battalion of the 3rd Marine Division.

Robert J. Senger, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Senger of Gully was promoted recently to Army Sergeant while assigned to the 25th Infantry Division in Vietnam.

Kenneth Malwitz returned home Wednesday from Galesberg, IL and Muncie, IN where he had been employed for several months.

Mrs. Raymond Chaput and Nancy accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Albert Chaput of Oklee to Cavalier where she visited her sister, Mrs. Clair Tongen while the Chaputs were in Langdon to visit relatives.

Forty Years Ago December 13, 1979

Oklee High School Choir will be performing their Christmas program on December 22nd on KTHI-TV and it is sponsored by Security State Bank and Oklee Lumber Yard. It will also be on the radio on December 28th on KKAQ from Thief River Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Arden Lundeen are happy to announce the arrival of a son, Chad, born December 1st. He is welcomed home by his sisters, Michelle, Andrea and Vanessa.

Genereux's Cozy Bar has expanded itself in two ways. The most visible is the new 16' x 24' addition of a lounge area. This area is just off the main dining room and can be used for dining, private parties or meetings. The second way

is its new strong beer license. Along with the strong beer they also serve set-ups (mixer for alcoholic beverages) if the customer supplies their own alcoholic beverage.

December 7th, the Oklee Bobcat Basketball team bested the Mac-Winger Scots in their first conference game. It was the third consecutive win for the Bobcats who had defeated Plummer and Goodridge the two previous weeks. The score was 62-58.

Thirty Years Ago December 13, 1989

Sheriff Morken and the Safety Pup visited the 1st grade class of Mrs. Munt. The class heard safety tips regarding fires, seatbelts, what to do if lost, how to use "911". They also were told not to talk to strangers and people in uniforms are their friends.

Santa and Mrs. Claus had the help of some very efficient elves during Santa Day in Oklee. They elves were Bonnie Borene, Judy Schue and Bonnie Cote.

Gerald and Lorraine were at Santa Day and the balloon sculptor sculpted a heart out of balloons in honor of their 36th wedding anniversary.

A baby shower was held for Alyssa Sue and her mother Marcia Peterson on Sunday at the Neil Peterson home of St. Hilaire. Inga Linder attended her great-granddaughters shower along with other family members and friend.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Barry Rewertz on December 1st, a baby girl named Jill Naomi. She joins siblings Brett and Kelsey Jo at home.

Twenty Years Ago December 9, 1999

Clearwater Lutheran Church listed on National Register of Historic Places was completed.

Mickey Tougas was the Student of the Month at RLCC Schools. She is the daughter of Diane Bladow and Kim Anderson.

A 60th Anniversary for Harvey and Mary (Mayme) Riendeau was held at St. Joseph Church fellowship hall in Brooks.

RLCC Boys Basketball Cheerleaders were: Cynthia Raiter, Mickey Tougas, Lindsay Hegge, Laura Sparley, Dede Vettleson, Cathi Berberich and Lori Melby is the Advisor.

Ten Years Ago December 9, 2009

RLCC Rebels team awards were given to Travis Larson, Brett Gerardy, Devin Longtin, Scott Herberg, Zach Page, and David Johnston.

Esther Evenson and Alice Jobe visited Avis Froiland and Margaret Greenwald at the Care Center on Monday.

Connie Parenteau is recovering from a hip replacement at the Pioneer Nursing home. I'm sure she would enjoy some company.

Lowell Hamrum is the new employee at Evergreen Implement Co. in Thief River Falls.

The Oklee Moonlighters members Kenny Sorenson, Mark Vettleson, Danny Larson Jennifer Kvaster, Anita Vettleson, Charissa Larson were working on the snowmobile trails for the Oklee Moonlighters Snowmobile Club.

Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

I'm sitting watching the Vikings game and it is half-time so I decided to do some typing for the newspaper. The Vikings are winning so far.

It is a cool day but we have to remember it is December.

I went to Santa Claus Day on Saturday. Santa Claus gave me a bag of candy and nuts. It was a nice surprise to see the new Santa and his wife. There were many small children who visited them.

There will be an Evening Meal at the Senior Site on the 17th of December. Anyone 60 years old can sign up to come. There was a meal for Thanksgiving in November. Everyone had great things to say about the meal. Sign up early to be sure you aren't too late as last time there were over 50 who came.

There are lots of neat stuff for gifts at the Senior Craft

Shop. There is handmade hats, mittens, scarf's for the cold weather, there are a variety of table runners to decorate your holiday tables. Beautiful Christmas arrangements for your table or fireplace. Gifts for the little girl in your family with a cute Barbie doll sleeping bag, wood shelves, holiday earrings, cards, Viking pillow cases, and much, much more.

Stop by Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. or call 796-5149 to make an appointment to shop at the Craft Shop.

Dates to Remember

Dec. 17: Evening Meal

Dec. 18: Senior Site Council meets at 10:00 a.m.

Dec. 25: Christmas Day - no meals.

Words of Wisdom

When at a party and you're at a loss as to what to say, ask,

Tell me about the time you were at your very best.

Behave yourself at the company's Christmas party.

After opening the presents, hug your family members and tell them they're the best gift of all.

Joke Time

"Hey Mom," asked little Johnny, "can you give me ten dollars?"

"Certainly not!" answered his mother.

"If you do," persisted Johnny. "I'll tell you what Dad said to the maid while you were at the hair dresser's."

His mother was intrigued and grabbing her purse, handed over the money.

"Well? What did he say?"

"He said, 'Carla, make sure you wash my socks tomorrow.'"

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

Arlene Zimpel had a family get together on Thanksgiving. There were people from Killdeer, ND, Grand Forks, Sabin, MN and Alexandria. They were the Bray family, the Gallant family and the Zimpel families. In all there were twenty-seven family members.

On Thanksgiving, Anne Traxler went to her daughter Nancy and Al Olson's. Bonnie, Al's daughter, was there. Also Bob and Haylee and Brodie and Brielle.

At Bingo, at the Legion, Wednesday night, Cindy Bushelle treated everyone to birthday cake and cookies.

Alice Jobe went to her sister Phyllis and Joe Unruh's for Thanksgiving dinner. There were fifteen in all. Loren the oldest brother was sick so

didn't come.

On Friday, December 13th, the Canadian Pacific Holiday Trail will arrive in Plummer at 6:00 p.m. The Museum will open at 4 p.m. and at the Community Hall, ICCC will be serving hot-dogs, chips, hot chocolate, coffee & cookies. Free will offering to the Red Lake County Food Shelf. Santa will be at the hall at 4:00 pm., 5 p.m. Carols will be sung at the Museum. At 5:45 Santa arrives at the museum. If you plan on coming to see the train you need to come early enough for a parking place. Hopefully, it won't be real cold, though cold is called for early in the week, like 15 below 0. You can bring canned goods to either the Community Hall or the Museum for the Food Shelf.

On Monday night, Jim DuChamp saw a fox up town by the dumpsters. I wished I saw it. I had driven my car to the museum about the same time. The wildlife has moved to town.

Debbie and Jim Duchamp entertained 45 family and relatives on Thanksgiving Day.

Thursday, Jim DuChamp, the mayor, treated Scott Larson to dinner at Carol's Cozy. They had potato klub and side pork. It was Scott's 10 year anniversary as City Maintenance man. Congratulations, Scott, you do an awesome job!

On Thursday, Wilma A., Bunny D., Letty H., Mary S., Karen T., Anne T., Alice J., and Barb N. went to Carol's Cozy for potato klub. It was the Red Hats. They had a delicious dessert also.

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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We got a couple of inches of snow last night and it is clean up time again. I wonder about those who have walking issues sometimes. Falling on icy sidewalks is not my best thing on earth. I am deathly afraid of falling in winter. I heard of a friend who fell over the weekend, and is facing some rehabilitation for the winter. Be careful everyone, as that ice is very dangerous to your walking health.

Over the weekend we were treated to a sandwich cookies and coffee at the Garden Valley Christmas appreciation expo in Erskine. The walk to the food was a long one. For a change we were graced with good

weather for this Christmas treat. Usually it is held in a snowy or cold weather event. This was a treat. Thank you to Garden Valley for the treats.

The Red Hats were happy to meet at the Cozy Bar and Grill for KLUB on Thursday. What fun we had. Eight ladies joined us for the special KLUB. Karen Tvedt, Mary Schindler, Barb Novak, Bunny DuChamp, Letty, Alice Jobe, Anne Traxler, and Wilma Arlt joined in the fun. Bunny DuChamp won the quarter pot AGAIN. Duke DuChamp happened to be there to get KLUB and then said he wouldn't be bringing any home that day for Bunny, because she was there. A

dutiful son, Duke was going to bring his Mom a helping of the great treat.

Hazel Perras passed away last week and was buried on Wednesday from St. Joseph's Church in Red Lake Falls. She was interred in Brooks.

On Saturday I noticed that we were graced with a visit from Kevin Schmitz of Sidney, Montana. He had come home to visit with relatives and enjoyed the treats at the GV Customer Appreciation Day in Erskine. His brother who accompanied him, Terry Schmitz was kind enough to get the car and drive closer to the door so his wife would not walk on so much ice to get home. He was raised right.

Joyce Morinville went to her grandchildren's recital on Sunday. Harper and Brooklyn who are twins were in the dance recital. And were so pretty in their nice costumes. Congratulations to Harper and Brooklyn.

I hope you have a great week and that the Christmas duties are slowly getting scratched off the list of things to do.

Who's Dat?



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This week's photo is of some young persons from the area visiting with Santa.

Last week's photo was of Martin Johnson and his son Martin Johnson. They are from Deer Park Township.

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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Beautiful sunset from Humbleberry Farms just east of Brooks, MN. They had a Christmas event on December 1st that was well attended. They are selling Christmas trees and a variety of other items that make great gifts for the people on your list. They are open on weekdays by appointment, closed Saturdays, but you can stop by on any Sunday in December if you want to see what they still have available. Last I heard they still had trees for sale if you haven't gotten your tree yet.



Ezra from Oklee gave his mom a big wave from Santa's lap.



Richard Larson is pictured with the goodie basket he won from Dakota Heritage Bank on November 29th.



Vicki Brule was the winner of the Dakota Heritage Bank goodie basket on November 22nd.

Christmas tree tips and tricks

Christmas trees are an iconic symbol of the holiday season.

Whether they are personal trees nestled in the corner of a living room for families to enjoy or towering evergreens serving as the focal point of a town square, Christmas trees are a wonder to behold.

Many people have fond memories of time spent around the Christmas tree sharing gifts and family traditions. Live trees and their pinelike aroma can be especially nostalgic trees to include in holiday plans.

The National Christmas Tree Association says that approximately 25 to 30 million real Christmas trees are sold in the United States every year. North American trees hail from all 50 states and areas of Canada.

While freshly cut trees can be particularly beautiful and aromatic additions to the

season, they require a bit more work than artificial trees in order to remain beautiful and thrive throughout the holiday season.

Maintenance can help keep Christmas trees as perfect as possible.

- Even though it is tempting to buy a real tree as early as possible, their shelf life is limited even with the best care. Dural Christmas Tree Farm advises that, under the best conditions, a real tree should last up to four weeks before drying out.

- Consider the needles when looking for a real tree. Pull your hand toward your body along the branches. If many needles fall off, the tree is past its peak.

- Think about the room in which the tree will be located. Leave at least 6 inches between the tip of the tree and the ceiling, accounting for the height of the tree stand as well.

- If needle retention is a

goal, the Scotch pine variety has the best needle retention and a high survival rate, lending to its popularity, offers Precision Tree and Landscape. Douglas fir and balsam fir are other durable trees.

- If possible, buy a freshly cut tree from a reputable nursery or tree farm, advises The Old Farmer's Almanac. Many pre-cut trees sold elsewhere were likely cut weeks before and may not be fresh.

- Cut the bottom of the tree trunk before bringing it home to facilitate the uptake of fresh water daily. Trees can absorb as much as a gallon of water in a day, so make sure the tree gets fresh water every day.

- Keep trees away from as many heat sources as possible and away from direct sunlight to prolong longevity.

- According to Karabin Farms in Connecticut, to make a Christmas tree last longer, boil a gallon of water and then dissolve one cup of sugar in the water. Allow to cool. After freshly cutting the trunk, pour in the warm sugar water. Continue to add fresh, cool, plain water to the tree stand afterward.

Once needles begin to fall off with frequency, the tree is reaching its prime. Remove it so it does not become a fire hazard.



More Brooks Santa Pictures

