

	Rain	Snow
Dec. 8		Trace
Dec. 9		3.00
Dec. 12		0.25
Dec. 13		0.25
Total in.	0.00	3.50



The Red Lake County Central Elementary Choir sang first the Plummer Hall and then at the Tri River Museum on Friday, December 13th while folks were waiting for the Canadian Pacific Holiday Train to pull into town.

Holiday Train stopped in Plummer Dec. 13th



Canadian Pacific's Holiday Train raises money and collects food for local food shelves as they travel across the United States and Canada. The money and food donated stays in our area to help our local people. The check received by Inter County's Food Shelf was \$4,500. Second from the left is Director Katherine Johnson from ICC and on the far right is Plummer Mayor Jim DuChamp.

We will be
CLOSED
on Dec. 25th
MERRY
CHRISTMAS

60 Richards
Announcing Christmas

Calendar of Events
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!

Winter Safety Checklist - For Driving And Travel Prepare Your Vehicle For Winter:

Winterize your vehicle to avoid breakdowns. Many auto repair stations offer “Winterizing” service in the fall. Have a certified mechanic check the following:

- Battery
- Wipers and washer fluid
- Antifreeze
- Ignition system
- Thermostat
- Lights
- Exhaust system
- Flashing hazard lights
- Heater
- Brakes
- Defroster
- Oil level
- Tires and air pressure — consider getting snow tires or chains

BEFORE YOU DRIVE:

- Check current road conditions. Go to www.Mn511.org for the latest information.
- Set the car radio to stations that regularly broadcast weather warnings, traffic reports and instructions.
- Assemble an emergency kit and keep it in the vehicle throughout the season.
- Keep essential items in the car. Include paper road maps (even if you have GPS), a cell phone with charger, a shovel, windshield scraper, tow rope, booster cables, and a reflector or brightly colored cloth to use as a distress signal. Include a bag of sand/salt or non-clumping cat litter to place under tires if stuck in snow or ice.
- For long trips, tell someone where you are going, the routes you intend to travel and when you expect to return. When you reach your destination, call to report you have arrived.
- Stay on designated roads or detours. Avoid “short cuts” off main highways, as these may not be plowed or patrolled.
- Before leaving town, fill

your gas tank. While traveling, stop frequently to refill your tank.

ON THE ROAD:

- Always buckle your seat belt!
- Brake properly to avoid skidding. If driving on snow or ice, start slowly and brake gently. Begin braking extra early when approaching an intersection.
- If you start to slide, ease off the gas pedal or brakes. Steer into the direction of the skid until you regain traction. Then straighten your vehicle. If you have antilock brakes, apply steady pressure.
- In fog, drive with headlights set on dim or use fog lights.
- In rain, fog, snow or sleet, stay within the limits of your vision. If it is too difficult to see, pull off the road and stop. Turn on hazard blinkers.
- Decrease speed and increase following distance on hazardous roads. Your speed should adjust for conditions without becoming an impediment to traffic flow.

WINTER SAFETY CHECKLIST - FOR DRIVING AND TRAVEL ON THE ROAD:

- Watch for slick spots, especially on bridges and overpasses. Be physically and mentally prepared to react.
- Never try to pass in blowing snow, as there may be vehicles ahead you cannot see.
- Be alert for snowplows. When a plow is coming toward you, allow plenty of room for it to pass. Its blade may cross the centerline. Allow extra distance between your vehicle and service vehicles, as they may be spreading salt.
- NEVER drive into a snow cloud. A snow plow may be ahead clearing the lane or preparing to turn around.
- Be careful after any minor

accident. If you are bumped from behind and do not feel comfortable exiting your vehicle, motion to the other driver and drive to the nearest safe place to stop, such as a 24-hour store.

- Be prepared to turn back and seek shelter if conditions become threatening.

IF YOU BECOME STRANDED:

- If you break down, pull as far off the road as possible. Your greatest threat at this point is being hit by passing cars. Turn on emergency flashers.
- Stay in the car. You could become disoriented and lost trying to walk in a snowstorm.
- If you have a cell phone, call 9-1-1 for help. Do not turn off your cell phone. Most modern phones have locating signals that can help rescuers pinpoint your location.
- Display a trouble sign. Attach a brightly colored cloth to your car's antenna or door.
- Run the engine occasionally to keep warm. Turn on the engine for 10 minutes each hour. Run the heater during this time. Recharge your cell phone if possible.
- Beware of carbon monoxide accumulation. Clear snow away from the exhaust pipe and open a downwind window slightly for ventilation.
- If it is dark, turn on your vehicle's interior light to make it easier for rescuers to find you.
- Avoid over-exertion. Cold weather puts added strain on the heart. Shoveling snow or pushing a car in freezing temperatures can cause a heart attack or make other medical conditions worse.
- If you are outside, watch for signs of hypothermia or frostbite.
- Use your emergency kit as necessary. Stay hydrated if possible.

10 tips for winter safety

Winter begins on December 21, 2019, and extends to March 19, 2020, in the Northern Hemisphere.

Those three months can be both beautiful to behold and difficult to endure.

Winter has its share of safety hazards, and extra effort may be required to protect one's health and well-being when the chill creeps in. In recognition of that, the National Safety Council and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention offer these winter safety tips.

- 1. Winterize your home** to keep interior temperatures comfortable and prevent weather-related damage. Winterizing includes insulating water lines that run along exterior walls, cleaning out gutters, installing weather stripping, and replenishing insulation.
- 2. Exercise in cold temperatures can put many people at risk** of heart attack - especially those who are typically inactive. If you must exercise in cold weather, remember to stretch beforehand. Take breaks when shoveling or ask for help.
- 3. Check carbon monoxide alarms** to see if they are working properly. Every year in the United States, more than 400 people die from and 50,000 are treated for carbon monoxide poisoning. Exhaust from improperly vented heating appliances can contribute to carbon monoxide sickness.
- 4. Prepare a winter emergency kit** and keep it in your car in case you are stranded in inclement weather. The kit can include food, water, blankets, first-aid supplies, flares, and booster cables, among other items.
- 5. Wear appropriate clothing** for the temperature and precipitation. Layers can be added or removed as needed.
- 6. Sprinkle sand or cat litter** on icy patches of walkways to improve traction. Sand or cat litter is easier on the environment than some chemical ice melt products.
- 7. Consider a whole house generator** as an emergency backup if the power goes out in winter. Generators can keep the heat running and the refrigerator humming along until power is restored.
- 8. Exercise caution with space heaters** and other supplemental heating devices. Turn them off when you leave the room, and do not leave them on overnight while you are sleeping.
- 9. Slow down when driving in the snow.** Black ice patches can be difficult to see, and snow itself can reduce tire traction. Leave extra time to get where you need to be.
- 10. Consider switching from gloves to mittens.** With fingers touching each other inside mittens, they help generate more body heat than when they're inside gloves.

These are just a few safety tips to heed during winter.

Oklee Santa Claus Day successful

It was a full house on December 7th at the Oklee Hall. At 9 a.m. the Salem Cookie Sale began and the kids who came early got to do all kinds of crafts while waiting for Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Sydney Melby entertained and gathered up as many children as she could to have

a sing-a-long. The children were instructed to sing really loud so Santa and his reindeer could find them. And find the children is what Santa did.

Once Santa and Mrs. Claus came in to the Oklee Hall, all the kids could think of was what they wanted to tell Santa.

It was a fun day for the kids.



Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH

Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
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.

Sun, Dec. 22: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Zion. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Salem. No SS at either church.

Tue, Dec. 24: Christmas Eve - 4 p.m. Salem. 9:00 p.m. Zion.

Wed, Dec. 25: Christmas Day - 10 a.m. Zion.

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OKLEE, GRYGLA & GOODRIDGE

Fr. Adam Hamness
Sun, Dec. 22: 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. 21: 5:30 p.m. RLF
Sun, Dec. 22: 8:00 a.m. Brooks. 10:00 a.m. RLF.

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA

Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun, Dec. 22: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Immanuel. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer.
Tue, Dec. 24: 7:00 p.m. Worship at Immanuel. 9:00 p.m. Worship at Ebenezer.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA

Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Wed, Dec. 18: 6:00 p.m. Bethany Church Council. 7:00 p.m. Parish Advent Service at Bethany.

Sun, Dec. 22: 8:30 a.m. Faith, No SS; 9:45 a.m. Bethany, No SS; 11:00 a.m. Ekelund, No SS.

Tue, Dec. 24: Christmas Services - 3 p.m. Ekelund. 4:30 p.m. Faith. 10 p.m. Bethany.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

December 23-27

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: 2 pc. French toast, sausage patty, 1 egg, and dessert.

Tuesday: Hamburger patty, hash browns, vegetable, and dessert.

Wednesday: Closed for Christmas.

Thursday: Mushroom Swiss burger on bun, French fries, and dessert.

Friday: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, cream gravy, corn, and dessert.

STORY TO SHARE!

If you have a story or photos you want to share, please send to: okleeherald@gmail.com

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH

Mt. Olive - Nazareth
Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseth
Wed, Dec. 18: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School.

Sat, Dec. 21: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.

Sun, Dec. 22: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri, 9:15 a.m. SS; 8:30 a.m. SS at Nazareth, 9:45 a.m. Worship; 9:45 a.m. SS at Oak Park, 11:00 a.m. Worship.

Tue, Dec. 24: Christmas Eve - 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive. 7:00 p.m. Nazareth.

Wed, Dec. 25: Christmas Day - 8:00 a.m. St. Petri. 9:45 a.m. Oak Park.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH Josiah Hoagland, Pastor

Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com

Wed, Dec. 18: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group goes Christmas Caroling. 6:30 p.m. AWANA.

Fri, Dec. 19: 8:30 a.m. Friday School.

Sun, Dec. 22: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.

Tue, Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Service - TBD.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH

Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister

Wed, Dec. 18: 2:00 p.m. Sand Valley WELCA. 7:00 p.m. Advent Service at Sand Valley.

Sun, Dec. 22: 9:00 a.m. Lund. 10:30 a.m. Sand Valley.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston

Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor
Sun, Dec. 22: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship.

Sudoku Solution

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

Red Lake Falls Library News

The Red Lake Falls Public Library and all branches of Northwest Regional Library will be closed on Tuesday, December 24 and Wednesday, December 25. The following week NWRL branches including RLF will be closed on Wednesday, January 1.

Thank you to all the patrons of the Red Lake Falls Public Library for their ongoing dedication and interest, as well as memorials, donations and other in-kind support during 2019. More Legacy programs are planned for the new year, as well as other regular programming such as Winter and Summer Reading Programs, storytime, family nights, STEAM activities for kids, and more.

The Winter Reading Program gets underway in January, when adults are encouraged to visit their library, check out books and read, attend library events and register for weekly prizes.

New DVD movies include "Godzilla: King of the Monsters," "The Goldfinch," "Good Omens," "Little," "The Reliant," "Rocketman," "Spider-Man: Far from Home," "Unplanned," and "Yesterday."



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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

Diane Kolstoe
Clerk,
Town of Garnes

Notice to Residents of Terrebonne Township

The dates of filing affidavits of candidacy for township offices are December 31, 2019 - January 14, 2020.

Offices open are: 1 Supervisor- three year term, 1 Supervisor- two year term, 1 Clerk-two year term

Filing may be done at the Clerk's office at any reasonable time by calling 698-4615. The Town Clerks Office will be open on January 14th from 1-5 p.m. Filing closes at 5:00 p.m. on January 14, 2020. Filing fee is \$2.00.

Josie Myhre,
Terrebonne Township Clerk
039-40C

Precipitation Report for November 2019

Date	Rain	Snow
Nov. 1		Trace
Nov. 2	Trace	Trace
Nov. 4	0.05	1.00
Nov. 9		0.50
Nov. 10		Trace
Nov. 11		Trace
Nov. 12		Trace
Nov. 13		Trace
Nov. 14		0.25
Nov. 15		Trace
Nov. 19	0.15	
Nov. 20	0.01	Trace
Nov. 21	0.07	2.50
Nov. 22		Trace
Nov. 30		Trace
	0.28	4.25

Merry Christmas!

In spite of everything, we Americans are still uniquely blessed, not only with the rich bounty of our land but by a bounty of the spirit - a kind of year-round Christmas spirit that still makes our country a beacon of hope in a troubled world and that makes this Christmas and every Christmas even more special for all of us who number among our gifts the birthright of being an American."

- President Ronald Reagan

We wish all of you a Merry Christmas!

December 24th - Office Open Until Noon
Bank Closed- December 25th



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Legal Notices

CALL FOR BIDS

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FIRST PUBLICATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTES 375.17 IN 2020.

The bidders must comply with the legal requirements of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 331A, and the legal requirements for publication of this material, and the bidders should make themselves familiar with these requirements.

Bids must be submitted on the form provided by the County Auditor's Office, and all bids must comply with the additional specifications on the bid form.

The words "Bid for Publishing" must be written on the outside of the bid envelope.

The Red Lake County Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any irregularities in the bidding process.

Dated at Red Lake Falls, Minnesota, this 4th day of December, 2019.

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Red Lake County Auditor
038-39C

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FARM LAND RENTAL/LEASE

The Polk County Highway Department is soliciting Quotes until 4:30pm, December 31, 2019 for rental/lease of County Property - farmland to be used for pasture and hay stumpage. The property is located in Sections 25 and 36 of Angus Township. The total acreage available is approximately 293.5 acres, more or less. A legal description and information regarding the rental/lease of this property is available at the Polk County Highway Department. If you are interested, please contact Darin Carlstrom at (218) 281-3952 ext. 8254 or by email darin.carlstrom@co.polk.mn.us. You may also visit the Highway Department, Monday-Friday from 8am-4:30pm. Located at 820 Old Highway 75 South, Crookston, MN. 039-40C

FARM LAND RENTAL/LEASE

The Polk County Highway Department is soliciting Quotes until 4:30pm, December 31, 2019 for rental/lease of County Property - farmland to be used for pasture and hay stumpage. The property is located in Section 22 of Liberty Township. The total acreage available is approximately 150 acres, more or less. A legal description and information regarding the rental/lease of this property is available at the Polk County Highway Department. If you are interested, please call our office: 218-281-3952 or visit our Highway Department office at 820 Old Highway 75 South in Crookston, MN for more information. Office hours: 8-4:30 Monday-Friday. 039-40C

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RLCC Menus

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December 23-27
Oklee
Monday: No School.
Tuesday: No School.
Christmas Eve
Wednesday: No School –
Christmas Day
Thursday: No School.
Friday: No School.
Plummer
Monday: No School.
Tuesday: No School.
Christmas Eve
Wednesday: No School –
Christmas Day
Thursday: No School.
Friday: No School.

Mustang Wrestling Schedule

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

Jan. 3: Tournament TBD Mahnomen @ Mahnomen High School

Jan. 7: Match 6:30PM Walker-Hackensack-Akeley @ Oklee School

Parents Night - Jan. 9: Triangular TBD Fosston, Blackduck/Cass-Lake-Bena @ Fosston High School

Jan. 11: Invitational 9:00AM Bertha-Hewitt, Benson, Breckenridge, Crosby-Ironton, Deer River, Ortonville, Park Rapids Area, Pelican Rapids @ Parkers Prairie High School

Jan. 14: Triangular TBD Lake Park Audubon, Mahnomen @ Oklee School

Basketball Boys Var/JV Schedule

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

Jan. 14: 6:00PM Climax Shelly @ Red Lake Falls

Jan. 16: 6:00PM Crookston @ Oklee

Jan. 20: 6:00PM Goodridge/Grygla-Gatzke @ Goodridge.

Jan. 21: 6:00PM Kittson County Central @ Lancaster

Jan. 23: 6:00PM Roseau @ Roseau

Jan. 28: 6:00PM Northern Freeze @ Karlstad

Jan. 30: 6:00PM Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears @ C-G High School

Jan. 31: 6:00PM Warren/Alvarado/Oslo @ W-A-O

Basketball Girls Var/JV Schedule

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

Jan. 20: 6:00PM Laporte @ Oklee

Jan. 23: 6:00PM Cass Lake-Bena @ Cass Lake-Bena

Jan. 28: 6:00PM Fosston @ Fosston High School

Jan. 30: 6:00PM Red Lake Falls @ Plummer School

Feb. 4: 6:00PM Kelliher/Northome Oklee School



Volleyball Spotlight on Scholarship, front row: Brandie DeHate, Lilly Hanson, Natalia Whalen, Emily Kolstoe, Sophia Linder, Jenna Pahlen, Calyssa Eskeli, Sidney Olson, and Jayden Iverson. Middle Row: Bailey Sherman, Karena Melby, Molly Smith, Aurimy Olson, Paige Olson, Katy Suchy, Shawna Majeres, Marissa Thomas, and Cari Bachand. Back Row: Leah Peterson, Kia Bachand, Janae Olson, Marissa Schiebe, Clowie Magnell, Payton Rystad, Natalie Vettleson, Jamie Flatgard, and Tanisha Srnsky.



Damon Ferguson wrestling at Fosston on Dec. 7.



Paul DeHate participating in a wrestling match on Dec. 7th in Fosston.

Varsity Wrestling

By: Bella Russillo

The Red Lake County Central Mustang Wrestling team competed in a tournament in Fosston on Saturday, Dec. 7. RLCC had 6 varsity wrestlers at the meet competing in a total of 22 matches, and ending with 11 wins. Damon Ferguson got 2nd place, Zach Howard got 3rd place and Gunnar Sanders got 3rd place.

RLC Rebels vs. BGMR

By: Trent Goulet

On Sept. 6th, the RLC Rebels hosted Badger-Greenbush Middle River in Plummer. The Rebels would fall short of a win with a final score of 40-44, bringing their record to 1-1. Eric Gieseke scored 10 points with 3 assists, Bailey Hince score 9 points with 3 rebounds, and Derek Peterson scored 8 points with 6 rebounds.

RLCC Mustangs Basketball

By: Kia Bachand

The Red Lake County Central Mustangs defeated the Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears on Monday, December 9th, in Oklee. The final score of the game was 75-44.

Highlights for the Mustangs include Jenna Pahlen with 31 points, 15 rebounds, and 5 assists; Kia Bachand with 22 points and 5 rebounds; Calyssa Eskeli with 13 points, 8 rebounds, and 3 blocks; Marissa Thomas with 4 points; Brandie DeHate with 2 points and 6 steals; and Cari Bachand with 2 points, 8 rebounds, and 3 blocks.

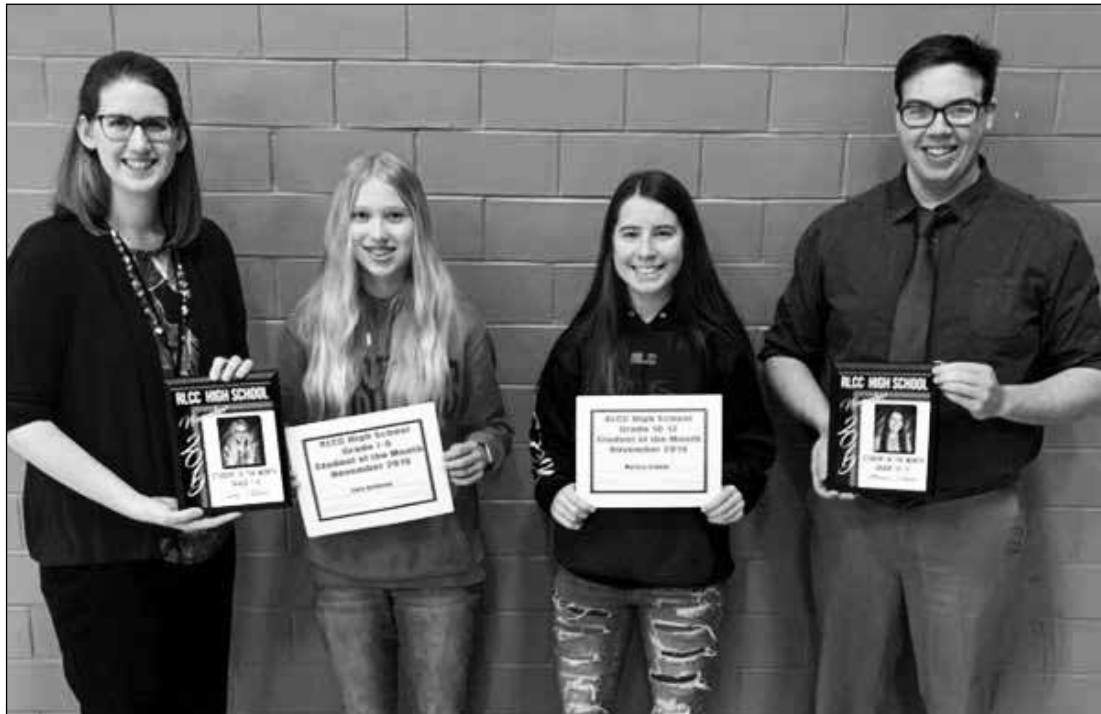
Spotlight on Scholarship

By: Emily Kolstoe

Spotlight on Scholarship was awarded on Tuesday, December 6th, at RLCC High School for fall activities. The Spotlight on Scholarship Program provides an opportunity for students that have excelled to step into the "spotlight". Any student that maintained

a 3.0 or better GPA while participating in an interscholastic activity received the award. Adrianne Jones, Faith Hanson, Jayden Iverson, Abigail Walton and Sidney Olson received the award for vocal solo contest. The entire volleyball team was eligible for the award. That includes Brandie Dehate, Calyssa Eskeli, Jayden Iverson, Sophia Linder, Sidney Olson,

Jenna Pahlen, Tanisha Srnsky, Natalia Whalen, Kia Bachand, Emily Kolstoe, Karena Melby, Janae Olson, Katelyn Suchy, Cari Bachand, Lillian Hanson, Leah Peterson, Marissa Schiebe, Bailey Sherman, Clowie Magnell, Shawna Majeres, Aurimy Olson, Paige Olson, Payton Rystad, Molly Smith, Marissa Thomas, Natalie Vettleson and Jamie Flatgard.



November Students of the Month, with their nominating teachers, from left to right: Ms. Jessie Hamrum, Carly Vettleson, Marissa Schiebe, and Mr. Ray Johanneck.

Student of the Month

By: Adriella Bakken

Carly Vettleson is an eighth grader at Red Lake County Central. Carly Vettleson was nominated by Ms. Jessie Hamrum for student of the month because she is kind, always says hello in the hallways, participates in advisory, and works hard in school.

Student of the Month

By: Zachary Benson

The November student of the month was selected by music teacher Mr. Ray Johanneck. The student selected was 10th grader Marissa Schiebe. Johanneck commented by saying, "I have noticed an abundance of respect and kindness in her behavior towards others and faculty."



The RLCC Wrestling Team that attended the Fosston Meet on Dec. 7th. Front Row, from left to right: Tristyn Ferguson, Oscar Duden, Paul DeHate, Clowie Magnell (manager), Zach Howard, and Gunnar Sandeen. Back Row: Damon Ferguson.

RLCC Mustangs Basketball

By: Karena Melby

The RLCC Mustangs beat the WEM Patriots 59-39 on Friday, December 6th in Oklee. Highlights for the Mustangs include: Kia Bachand with 21 points and 6 rebounds; Jenna Pahlen with 19 points, 5 assists and 7 rebounds; Calyssa Eskeli with 7 points, 5 assists and 6 rebounds; Cari Bachand with 3 points, 4 steals and 6 rebounds; Tanisha Srnsky with 3 points; Brandie Dehate, Shawna Majeres and Sidney Olson all with 2 points.



Isiah Olson shooting a free throw for the Rebels on Friday, Dec. 6.

Bonny's Bits...

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The weather has been fairly nice since we missed the big storm except for that extreme dips a couple of nights ago. 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.

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 commercialism 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 and Oklee's to see the children visit with Santa and Plummer's was this past Friday night.



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.

Elizabeth Follmann, local Laura Ingalls Wilder expert, gave a presentation to Mr. Mickelson's fifth grade class at the Goodridge School. The class had recently read Little House in the Big Woods. Miss Follmann is a former librarian and elementary teacher who is an avid fan of anything that has to do with Laura Ingalls Wilder. She has been to most of the sites where Laura lived as a young girl.



Left to Right: Luke Paulson, Noah Kiviaho, Karson Nerhus, Evan Rubischko, Cash Johnsrud, Elizabeth Follmann, Weston Wilson, Hank Jones, Easton Parnow, Henry Miller, Ian Mickolio, and Matthew Wallenberg.



From Left to Right: Anna Lane, Emma Seyller, Joey Brown, Izzy Horning, Haileigh Jo Lovly, Elizabeth Follmann, McKenna Parnow, Sophia Beck, Mylee Sjulestad, Marissa Parnow, Norah Philipp, Kiana Carpenter, and Rylie Straton.

FRIDAY DEADLINE

FOR NEWS AND ADS IS FRIDAYS AT 12:00 NOON. CONTACT THE OKLEE HERALD AT 218-796-5181

Red Lake County
Commissioners Minutes

RED LAKE COUNTY
Regular Meeting Held
November 26, 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 26, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. Chairman Weiss called the meeting to order. All Commissioners were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Flage moved to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Commissioner Simpson and carried unanimously.

Social Service Director Kristi Nelson was present regarding approval of a CW-JJ Contract with the Department of Human Services for mental health assessments, screenings, referrals and treatment for children and the juvenile population. Board acceptance of the agreement will provide \$4,046.00 in reimbursement to the county for providing the services. Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried unanimously to approve the agreement as presented. The Board Chair and County Attorney signed on behalf of Red Lake County.

SWCD Administrator Tanya Hanson met with the board regarding approval of the 2020 AIS (Aquatic Invasive Species) Plan thereby making the county eligible to receive \$6,784.00 in state funding. Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried by unanimous vote to approve the 2020 AIS plan as presented. Hanson also presented the 2019 Metrics Report for the board to review.

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

Vendor	Amount
Larson Helicopters, LLC.	\$17,640.00
Ryan's Backhoe Service	16,911.00
Aaron Seng Construction	92,393.93
Triple D Construction	5,870.00
30 Vendors less than \$2,000.	11,329.65
TOTAL	\$144,144.58

The motion includes the following added expenditures: \$5.30 to Brent's Fresh Foods; \$269.09 to Dacotah Paper; \$300.00 to Kerry Erickson; \$195.90 to Quill; \$62.30 to Red River Flags; \$30.16 expenses and \$75.00 per diem to John Dudycha; \$8.12 expenses and \$150.00 per diem to Al Remick.

Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Simpson, and carried by a 4 to 0 vote to approve payment of \$72.00 to Ken's Electric. Commissioner Remick abstained from voting.

Commissioner Dudycha moved, seconded by Simpson and carried unanimously to appoint Commissioner Remick as a voting alternate for the 2019 Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust annual meeting.

Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Simpson and carried by unanimous vote to re-appoint Sandy Bertilrud and Mary Ann Lambert to the Inter County Nursing Service Board for 2-year terms commencing January 1, 2020.

Commissioner Remick moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried by unanimous vote to approve the Loan Subordination Agreement between the County and Hiway Federal Credit Union for Jack and Tracy Lee due to a refinancing agreement on a Housing Rehabilitation loan through the NW HRA in Mentor, Mn. The

HRA administers the Housing Rehab program for Red Lake County. Chair Weiss is authorized to sign the agreement.

Commissioner Dudycha moved, seconded by Remick and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on November 12, 2019 as presented.

Auditor Schmitz mentioned that Lowell Hamrum's term on the County Extension Committee expires at years end and he is interested in re-appointment. The Extension Committee recommends Hamrum. Commissioner Flage moved to re-appoint Lowell Hamrum for a 3-year term to the County Extension Committee commencing January 1, 2020. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Simpson and carried by unanimous vote.

The following Commissioner/Committee reports were shared: Commissioner Meeting/Report Simpson: County Roads Committee: discussed the CR #13 bridge replacement, City of Oklee project, CSAH #12 project in Terrebonne Township and the Salt Shed building.

Flage: County Extension Committee: reviewed Extension Educator reports & completed Extension Educator evaluations. Met with MN State Auditor Julie Blaha. Also attended an Inter County Nursing Board Meeting.

Dudycha: Tri County Corrections: reviewed financials, bills, and equipment purchases. Inter County Community Council: program updates and financials.

Remick: Attended meetings of NW Mental Health, LELS Union Negotiations and SWCD discussing the Aquatic Invasive Species program.

Weiss: Meetings of Tri County Corrections and the Corrections Advisory Board, County Road Committee, and LELS Union Negotiations.

Board members discussed a memo from Matt Hilgart of AMC whom is asking that all counties send a letter to the US Senate in Washington, DC to request that the Senate repeal the 40% Cadillac Tax on employers. Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried unanimously to submit a letter as per AMC request.

Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Flage and carried by unanimous vote to close the regular meeting at 11:45 a.m. pursuant to MN Statute 13D.03 to discuss LELS Union Negotiations. HR Director Lundeen provided an update to the Board concerning negotiations. The regular meeting was re-opened at 12:05 p.m. There was no action taken.

There being no further business the regular board meeting was adjourned to December 10, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Attest:
Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

Ron Weiss, Chair,
Board of Commissioners
O39C

Red Lake County
Truth-In-Taxation
Meeting Held
December 5, 2019

Pursuant to M.S. 275.065 the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners met in special session at the Red Lake County Courthouse Commissioners Room on December 5, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct the county Truth-In-Taxation hearing for taxes payable in year 2020. Present were County Commissioners Remick, Simpson and Weiss. Also present was County Assessor Nancy Amberson and County Auditor Robert Schmitz. No citizens were present. Commissioners Dudycha and Flage were absent.

Chairman Weiss called the meeting to order. Auditor Schmitz explained the requirements of the budget and levy hearing process. Assessor Amberson provided comment on the School Building Bond Ag Credit and its effect on some of the proposed tax amounts on the TNT notices. It was also noted that special assessments and the recently approved ISD #630 School District referendum are not included in the tax amounts on the notices.

Auditor Schmitz provided a review of the proposed County Social Services, County Highway Department, and County Revenue Fund budgets, and an overall summary of the proposed county budget and tax levy for 2020. Additional information was provided comparing 2020 proposed levies and percentage increases from the surrounding counties.

Auditor Schmitz mentioned that the County Board would be adopting the tax levy and budget at the regular board meeting scheduled for December 24, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

There, being no further business, the TNT hearing was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Attest:
Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

Ron Weiss, Chairman,
Board of Commissioners
O39C



Young or old, everyone in Plummer loves Santa Claus.

December 2019
Health Points

You Can Prevent
Carbon Monoxide
Exposure

Do have your heating system, water heater and any other gas, oil, or coal burning appliances serviced by a qualified technician every year.

Do install a battery-operated or battery back-up CO detector in your home. Check or replace the battery when you change the time on your clocks each spring and fall. If the detector sounds leave your home immediately and call 911.

Do seek prompt medical help if you suspect CO poisoning and are feeling dizzy, light-headed, or nauseated.

Don't use a generator, charcoal grill, camp stove, or other gasoline or charcoal-burning device inside your home, basement, or garage or near a window.

Don't run a car or truck inside a garage attached to your house, even if you leave the door open.

Don't burn anything in a stove or fireplace that isn't vented.

Don't heat your house with a gas oven.

Don't use a generator, pres-

sure washer, or any gasoline-powered engine less than 20 feet from any window, door, or vent. Use an extension cord that is more than 20 feet long to keep the generator at a safe distance.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coguidelines.htm>

National Influenza
Vaccination Week

National Influenza Vaccination Week (NIVW) is Dec. 1-7, 2019. It's not too late to get your flu vaccine. This year, the Minnesota Dept. of Health wants to focus on making sure children are vaccinated. Last flu season (2018-19), only about 64% of Minnesota children age 6 months through 17 years received a flu vaccine.

Checking ice
thickness

Many factors other than thickness can cause ice to be unsafe.

White ice or "snow ice" is only about half as strong as new clear ice. Double the above thickness guidelines when traveling on white ice.

Before heading out on ice: The DNR does not measure ice thickness on Minnesota lakes. Your safety is your responsibility. Check ice thickness at least every 150 feet.

Temperature, snow cover, currents, springs and rough fish all affect the relative safety of ice. Ice is seldom the same thickness over a single body of water; it can be two feet thick in one place and one inch thick a few yards away.

Additional recommendations

Cars, pickups or SUVs should be parked at least 50 feet apart and moved every two hours to prevent sinking.

Tip: Make a hole next to the car. If water starts to overflow the top of the hole - the ice is sinking and it's time to move the vehicle.

<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/safety/ice/thickness.html>

Preparing for a
Winter Storm
Make a Plan

Be prepared before a winter storm hits by planning ahead. If you are in an area prone to winter weather, be sure to create a communication and disaster plan for your family a head of time.

Weatherproof Your Home
Create an emergency car kit. It is best to avoid traveling,

but if travel is necessary, keep the following items in your car:

Cell phone, portable charger, and extra batteries

Items to stay warm such as extra hats, coats, mittens, and blankets

Windshield scraper

Shovel

Battery-powered radio with extra batteries

Flashlight with extra batteries

Water and snack food

First aid kit with any necessary medications and a pocket knife

Tow chains or rope

Tire chains

Canned compressed air with sealant for emergency tire repair

Cat litter or sand to help tires get traction, or road salt to melt ice

Booster cables with fully charged battery or jumper cables

Hazard or other reflectors

Bright colored flag or help signs, emergency distress flag, and/or emergency flares

Road maps

Waterproof matches and a can to melt snow for water

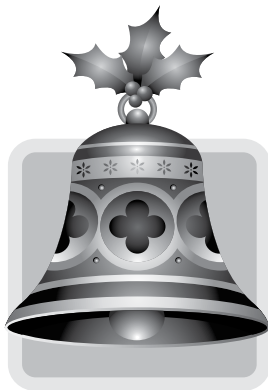
<https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/winter/beforestorm/preparehome.html>

Safe Kids of Grand
Forks reminder:

When buying new products, they often come with a registration card. It is important to fill these out so if there is a recall, the company can notify you of a possibly dangerous product. Take the time to fill it out and send it in, the postage is usually prepaid. To see the latest in product recalls impacting children visit: <https://www.safekids.org/product-recalls>

Parenting Tips

"Santa Claus is anyone who loves another and seeks to make them happy; who gives himself by thought or word or deed in every gift that he bestows." -Edwin Osgood Grover



Oklee Herald Early Files

Eighty Years Ago December 14, 1939

Announcement was made that the Oklee Community Calendars are here. They may be obtained at Miller's Barber Shop.

A fine baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Peter N. Swalson of Deer Park on Saturday, December 9th

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ellickson of Oklee and Miss Edythe Dalmemo of Clearbrook spent Monday evening at the C. Barsness home.

Two games of basketball will be played in the Oklee Auditorium Friday night of this week. The High School team will engage Fosston, with the Midgets grader team will play Trail.

Wendell Engelstad is confined to a Crookston hospital where he submitted to an operation for appendicitis, last week.

Several members of the congregation of Lund Lutheran Church working with teams and scrapers last week smoothed the slope south of the church greatly improving appearances.

Seventy Years Ago December 15, 1949

Oklee met the Erskine "Comets" last Friday night in the first home game of the season. The final score was 13 to 29 as the Oklee boys came out on top.

Displaced Family is coming to Red Lake County. The Presbyterian Church in RLF is hosting Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dakcsy and three children of Hungarian ancestry and would arrive from Germany in February.

Dick Radniecki of Trail is a member of the Bemidji State Teachers College hockey lineup for the 1949-50 season.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Klove and Renee visited Wednesday afternoon at the Malcolm Stuey home.

Advertisement: Make Our Store Your SHOPPING HEAD-QUARTERS - Sovde & Son - Holiday Nuts & Candies: Old Tyme Mix Candy .32 cents a pound; Fancy Christmas Creams .29 cents a pound; Black Walnut Chip Candy .35 cents a pound.

Sixty Years Ago December 17, 1959

George Fournier, Brooks and his cousin Wallace Fournier of Ada speared a 12-pound northern pike in Elbow Lake on the first day of ice fishing. It was 36 inches long.

Oklee Jubilee Dates have been set for July 2-3-4 according to the Oklee Community Club marking "50 years of Progress."

Gordon Hofius of Plummer was appointed Red Lake County Tax Assessor last week by the County Board.

Renay and Penny Radniecki were honored guests on Thurs-

day at the Roman Radniecki home where a double birthday party was held for them.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Carlson and boys and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Berg and Jimmy and Kathie Aaknes attended the band concert in Gonvick on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Oscar Qualley and children of rural Gully and Mrs. Bernell Myrum motored to Red Lake Falls last Sunday and helped Mrs. Ferdinand Peppin celebrate her birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Hammer visited at the Alfred Syrtveit home Sunday afternoon.

Fifty Years Ago December 18, 1969

Soil Conservation District marks 20th year - Supervisors of the Red Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District are Robert Swanson, Vice Chairman, Plummer; Terry Fladeland, Chairman, Red Lake Falls; George Spong, Sr, Treasurer, Oklee; Irving Beyer, Secretary, Red Lake Falls, and Leonard Boucher, Public Relations, Brooks.

Twenty nine young people between the ages of 14 and 18 registered Thursday night for a state-required snowmobile safety course. The course is being given in three evening sessions, the last of which was given last night.

Geline's Beauty Nook, operated by Mrs. Geline Bjornaraa, observed her first year anniversary. There were free favors and free coffee, doughnuts and cookies.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Fore returned home Saturday from Northwestern hospital where they had been recuperating after a car accident a couple of weeks ago.

Forty Years Ago December 20, 1979

Sometime between closing Monday night and Tuesday openings, three business places in downtown Plummer were burglarized. The burglaries were discovered by the businessmen. Larry's Hartz Market lost between \$300 and \$400 in coins and currency. Matt Hardware lost tools and about \$20 in cash. Plummer State Bank lost \$00 in coins. An investigation is being completed with assistance of the State Crime Bureau and the FBI.

LeRoy Stumpf, area farmer, made public his intentions of seeking the DFL endorsement for the legislative seat in District 1-B. This seat is currently held by DFL'er John Corbid who has chosen to not seek re-election.

Mr. James Sabourin, a retiring Brooks City council member and the only remaining original member since the City's incorporation in 1955 was honored at the Annual Supper meeting held at Third Base on December 15th.

First place winners of the sportsmanship contest were

Essay winner Kristin Lambert and poster winners Shari Olson and Nancy Carriere.

Thirty Years Ago December 20, 1989

The Oklee Junior Class recently completed their newspaper/magazine subscription fund raiser drive. Jason Nelson received a gift certificate from the Oklee Herald for being the top newspaper salesman and Jeff Bachand received a Magnavox "Boombox" for being top magazine salesman.

Earl Swenson was recently honored in San Diego by B G Products for being a Distributor in the North Central United Stata for ten years.

Doris and Ed LaJambe spent a few days at the Jon & Karen LaJambe home in Mpls., getting acquainted with their new granddaughter, Danielle Paige.

Mr. and Mrs. Vedo Plante, of the Brooks/Erskine area, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on December 19th.

UW Home announced the promotion of William Stenberg to the position of Vice President of construction for Las Vegas. William (Bill) is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Stenberg of Oklee.

MaryAnn and Ray Lessard of Brooks accepted the Red Lake County Conservation Award from Tom Doughty, editor of the Farmer Magazine at the State Convention in Rochester, MN.

Twenty Years Ago December 16, 1999

On Wednesday night Katie Halvorson, Megan Halvorson, Sylvia Hilgeman and Kelsey Lundeen from Oklee came to visit Raymond Halvorson to give him a Christmas tree for his MacManor room.

Fern and Floyd Hesse spent a couple of days in Moorhead getting acquainted with their new granddaughter Cierra.

Mrs. Pearl Daniel hosted the Bridge Club Wednesday with Audrey Bachand, Jeannie O'Neill, Joan Bronken, Eva Mae Bergeron, Iona Berry, Dorothy Lambert, and Rose Mandt as guests.

Robert Dean Hofstad and Stacie Michelle Birt plan to be married on Dec. 31 at Oak Park Lutheran Church. Robert's parents are Glenn and Linda Hofstad of rural Trail.

Ten Years Ago December 16, 2009

Owen O'Neill, 12 days old son of Jenny and Patrick O'Neill was the youngest visitor Santa had on December 12th Santa Day in Oklee.

Charity Wicks, daughter of Mike and the late Lorna Wicks of Oklee and Jason DePinto, son of John and Carol DePinto of Montvale, NJ, joined their hands and hearts in marriage on November 11th, 2009 at Lake Tahoe.

RLCC Sophomores Nick Olson, Tyrell Hamrum, Michaela Casavan, Cayla Stenberg, Jordan Jeager, Michelle Olson, Brooke Magnell, and Marisha Pahlen attended the Seciong 8A Target Leadership Workshop.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 159 of Oklee packaged bags of candy for Santa Day. The ladies included Donna Kvasager, Berget Swenson, Barb Melby, Mary Lynn Bachand, Elaine Radniecki, Shirley Dessellier, Ione Nelson and Iona Berry.

Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

Joke Time

A 70 year-old millionaire had just married a beautiful 20 year-old.

"You crafty old codger," said his friend. "How did you get such a lovely wife?"

"Easy," the millionaire re-

plied. "I told her I was 95."

Answers to the Quiz

1. 12,000 more than any other state.
2. Annual Eelpout Festival.
3. 87.
4. Rochester.

Oklee Centennial Cookbook

Recipe Corner - From page 354

The Best Chocolate Cake Eileen Erlandson

3 cups flour
2 cups sugar
1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa
2 tsp baking soda
1 tsp salt
2 cups cold black coffee
2/3 cup vegetable oil
2 Tbsp white vinegar
2 tsp vanilla extract
chocolate frosting

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Coat two 9 inch round cake pans with nonstick cooking spray. In a large bowl, combine the flour, sugar, cocoa, baking soda, and salt. Add the remaining ingredients except the frosting, and stir until well combined. Pour into the pans and bake for 30-35 minutes, or until a wooden toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool slightly then remove from the pans. Frost with chocolate frosting.



Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

Winter has certainly settled in. We've had very cold temps, a few inches of snow. More is coming. It is beautiful out even though it can be very challenging for wild life and farm animals.

I did my tree and decorated a bit in the house, less than other years. I'm about half done with cards. On the radio, the other day, I heard that since 250 AD Christmas has been observed on December 25, as before that there were other months considered, then December 25th was agreed to. Interesting.

Last Sunday, Immanuel Lutheran Church had their Christmas program. Brielle and Brodie Traxler were in

the program. Grandma Anne Traxler and her daughter Nancy came. Also Grandma Linda. Dinner was served to everyone.

It was Clayton Larson's 98th birthday and the congregation sang "Happy Birthday" to him.

Monday, Clayton Larson brought his delicious almond flavored brownies to coffee at Red River Ag to treat everyone at coffee.

Wednesday, Karen Tvedt, Anne Traxler, and Micki Duden went to the DigiKey Christmas Open House and later went out for dinner.

Roger Gallant celebrated his 66th birthday on December 7th. He is Anna DeHate's youngest brother.

Les and Alice Hofstad have been down in Arizona for a couple of weeks visiting their daughter and son-in-law and family. Les had Gina from Red River Ag calling Bingo while he was gone. She does a good job.

News is very scarce, but I will have more next week as the Train will have been here and other events, also.

Christmas will soon be here. Its unbelievable how fast it goes in December.

This morning, a nice gentleman came and blew out my driveway with his John Deere tractor blower. He did my neighbors also.

Till next week, stay warm and be good to your family and your animal friends.

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

Winding down to Christmas is always so busy. The weather becomes a factor as to shopping for presents or groceries these days. Nobody wants to go out in blizzards for anything. So far we have been rather lucky, but the cold weather last week didn't seem to great an idea for shopping. It has gotten a little nicer and promise of above zero temps seem to be an enabler to finish in sane shopping conditions. Good luck on that.

Joyce Morinville went to Tower, Minnesota for the Credit Union Christmas Party on Friday. She drove and found out it is a long ways to go for an evening of eating and fun. The party was held at the Fortune Bay Casino. She came back on Saturday.

Census people are needed. Red Lake County is short a few people and the pay is good. I

am told it is \$19.00 and hour and .58 cents a mile for travel. That is quite a bump in pay from ten years ago. This is a job that can be done full time, part time, flex time, What ever you want. The way I was told, you have just to go in to Workforce center and ask for help on applying on computer and you are able to be interviewed. Red Lake County has stepped up to the plate, and they have a lot of people but need a few others to fill out their quotas. There are openings also in other counties as well. Clearwater, and Pennington and other counties are short of workers on the census so if you would like to help them out you would be able to request that. Go down and apply. Or go to census.gov. I believe that there is an online application process as well.

With Christmas barreling down on us I find that I am slipping behind and need to step up a bit. My back has been out for a week again, so I need to carefully finish some baking and decorating as well as cleaning. Just getting the ironing done would improve my mess a great deal.

There will be Christmas Caroling before Mass at St. Joseph Church in Brooks on Christmas Day at 7:30 am. If you would like to join us we would be happy to see you there. There was no Christmas Play this year but we want to get everyone in sync with the season. And if you would like to join the choir, we would be happy to share our fun with you. Come on up. More voices makes for better sound.

We hope that you have a great week!

Who's Dat?



Who's Dat?

This week's photo is from Grace McManus' files and I don't have a name or what the purpose of the costume was for.

Last week's photo was of a group of cousins enjoying Santa's visit. Pictured is Brad Gunderson, Lauren (Bergerson) Halvorson, Tim Bergerson and Bonny (Bergerson) Cote. At the time of the photo they all stilled lived in the Twin Cities.

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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At Oklee's Santa Claus Day on December 7th, Sydney Melby was trying hard to get the kids up front to sing with her. The girls were happy to join in the sing-a-long, but the boys stayed off to the right talking boy stuff, playing with their gadgets and eating some cookies.



Lots of Crafts were available in Oklee for the kids to make and take while waiting for Santa to come.

Some were a little shy of the man in red with the big white beard & Mrs. Claus.

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Christmas Cookies

By Evy Reis

Soon the children will be home
For happy Christmas days.
I'm making "welcome" cookies
In a dozen different ways.

Some are cut just like a star
To remind us of Jesus's birth.
And others like a candle bright
To shine o'er all the earth.

The trees have colored candy lights,
The wreaths a small, red bow.
My dreams are of the love we share,
As I roll and shape the dough.

Some look just like Santa's boot,
This one's a candy cane.
For Tommy there's a sugared horn,
And for Jerry a frosted train!

Julie likes the chocolate bits,
The eyes of gingerbread men
And Amy always softly says,
"Please pass the plate again."

We'll talk of other Christmases
And this new one being born;
Each cookie holds a memory
Of some other Christmas morn.

My cookies and the fresh, cold milk
Are ready to day "hello;"
The laughter and their shining eyes
Give my heart a special glow!

For it's at Mother's kitchen table,
With the oven warmth nearby,
That family feels its closest
As Christmas Day draws nigh.

