

Oklee Precipitation

By Einar Kvasager

	Rain	Snow
Dec. 29		10.00
Dec. 30		2.00
Dec. 31		Trace
Jan. 2	Trace	Trace
Jan. 3	Trace	Trace
Total in.	0.00	12.00

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Salem Lutheran Church Sunday School performed their Christmas Play on December 15th at 4 p.m.



Zion Lutheran Church Sunday School performed their Christmas Play on December 15th at 10:30 a.m.

RLC Budget for 2020 approved

On December 24, 2019, the Red Lake County Commissioners met at 10:00 a.m. All members were present: John Dudycha, Al Remick, Ron Weiss, Chuck Simpson and Anthony Flage.

The agenda was approved with one addition to the agenda regarding the Huot Park grant with a motion by Simpson, seconded by Dudycha, carried.

Employees of Red Lake County were recognized for their years of service. They were Steve Hauert, Kari Moyer, and John Burthwick.

County Engineer Eric Hove was not able to attend the meeting but had left his report and a motion to be made regarding the TAP Resolution for the City of Red Lake Falls project. This action makes the County the fiscal agent, meaning that the county handles the money for the City for this project. There is no money involved from the county. The motion was made by Flage, seconded by Remick to approve the TAP Resolution. Carried.

Expenditures were looked at by the board and were approved to be paid with a motion by Simpson, seconded by Dudycha, roll call vote, carried. A separate bill for the Huot Park was presented for payment. Flage made the motion, seconded Dudycha, carried.

Commissioners Reports were given by Flage for the Inter County Nursing Service meeting reporting that everything is going well, and the new director is pleased. Inter County Nursing Service recently had a Medicare audit, and all was fine.

Remick attended a Northwest Mental Health event on December 14th, inviting farmers to come have coffee and share their thoughts about the farming economy and issues facing farmers today. The main subject was price of crops.

Remick also reported that he had attended an RLC Soil,

Water & Conservation District meeting that mostly dealt with the closing up of the end of the year.

Weiss had attended a One Watershed, One Plan (1W1P) meeting. They discussed all the projects that have been completed and paid all the year's expenses. Weiss also attended a Tri County Correction meeting reporting that there was only one in jail from Red Lake County, the contract was discussed and a new kiosk was contracted for, so probationers can come and take their breathalyzer tests in Crookston for a cost of \$3 per use. The bills were approved for payment and the employees have started a union.

The minutes were approved with a change to be made referring to a incorrect location.

The Huot Grant was discussed. There is a grant available for Huot Park to be completed and sent in soon. This grant will cover the cost of new signage and a handicapped accessible area. Weiss will meet with contractor to get required quotes. A motion was made by Flage, seconded by Remick, to have Weiss to be person from the board to sign and submit the grant for Red Lake County. Carried.

An update on the MNLARS monies was given by Angie Lundeen. Originally, the Treasurer's office had asked if the extra money given to the county by the state for MNLARS could be a bonus for the employees working in that office. Which didn't happen. The Treasurer's office now asked if the monies could be used for the Treasurer's budget. A motion by Dudycha, seconded by Flage, that the monies do not go to that office's budget was made, carried.

The final budget was approved by the Commissioners

Commissioners
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Calendar of Events

Wed, Jan. 8:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. - Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.

Thu, Jan. 9:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. - Bingo.

Fri, Jan. 10:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.

Sat, Jan. 11:
-Support your local business - Shop Locally!

Sun, Jan. 12:
-Worship at the church of your choice.

Mon, Jan. 13:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.

Tue, Jan. 14:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. - Cards.

Wed, Jan. 15:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. - Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.

Thu, Jan. 16:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. - Bingo.

Fri, Jan. 17:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.

Sat, Jan. 18:
-Shop Locally!

Sun, Jan. 19:
-Worship at the church of your choice.

Mon, Jan. 20:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.

Tue, Jan. 21:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. - Cards.

Wed, Jan. 22:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. - Bridge.

2019 Year in Review...

February 6, 2019:

Chelsey Vettleson is a newly elected member who will serve on the Red Lake County Central School Board. She was motivated to run for the school board because education is very important to her.

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest was Sunday, January 20, 2019 at the Red Lake Falls Gym. The winners for the girls: Age 10: 1st - Shandi Nelson, 2nd - Maddie Waldal; Age 12: 1st - Jordan Wieland, 2nd - Zoey Knott; Age 13: 1st - Savannah Nelson, 2nd - Emma Knott, and 3rd - Nadia Delorme; Age 14: 1st - Brooklyn Cardinal. Winners for the boys: Age 9: 1st - Ben Gullingsrud; Age 10: 1st - Connor Duden, 2nd - Logan Vettleson, and 3rd - Cain Cardinal; Age 11: 1st - Ethan Majeres, 2nd - Kegan Schmitz, and 3rd - Alexander Renner; Age 13: 1st - Chase Nelson; Age 14: 1st - Gerald Melin, 2nd - Matt Renner.

Today is cloudy with the sun trying to peak out. They have predicted a storm tonight until

the morning. Maybe we will be lucky and miss it.

Red Lake County Central High School awarded Junior High Student of the Month to Paul Malwitz (nominated by Mrs. Kathryn Tran) and Senior High Student of the Month to Lacey Pendelton (nominated by Mrs. Roberta Aakhus).

February 13, 2019:

Donna Drangstveit on Wednesday, February 6th, was honored with an open house on her retirement from Security State Bank in Oklee. Donna is looking forward to her retirement. She will enjoy her time at home, do some traveling, spend more time with her grandchildren and attend more of their sports and other activities.

Winter has been a tough one for the past few weeks with the polar vortex and the substantial amounts of snow the area has been receiving. This was the morning of February 6th on my way into Oklee. More snow fell the following day adding another 4 inches on top of the 6.5 inches we already had since Monday.

Red Lake County Central Broadcasting is a program

funded by Garden Valley Telephone Company. They broadcast Girls Basketball, Boys basketball, Volleyball, and Wrestling. The games are aired on channel 35 on Garden Valley Cable. The program is hooked up to both Oklee and Plummer schools.

The Red Lake County Speech team participated February 2 at Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton. Mariah Peterson received an Excellent Ribbon in Humor and Danny Guillemette got 5th place in Poetry.

More winter fell on us this past week, and the snow is piling up. Brooks seems to have been forgotten by the plow. Some people got stuck at church when they parked. Only one pass went through the street and the parking areas were heavy with snow.

February 20, 2019:

Winter is the signature season of Minnesota. It's normally a long season of cold temperatures and snow and ice that can last from November through April. Winter doesn't slow Minnesotans down. We are just as mobile, social and active during the winter as we are during the summer months.

The Gurnes Go Getters 4-H Club of Oklee made "Valentine Door Hanger Wreaths" at their recent club meeting. They delivered them to Hillcrest Senior Living in Red Lake Falls to be put on the resident's doors. The message on each wreath says, "Happy Valentine's Day from the Gurnes Go Getters 4-H Club!"

The Plummer Lions Invitational Speech Meet was held at the RLCC High School on Saturday, February 9th. The eight schools/teams that attended and participated were Crookston, Red Lake County, Roseau, Ada-Borup, Fosston/Bagley, Warroad, Lancaster, and Warren-Alvarado-Oslo.

There were 19 students who competed for the RLCC team, 12 of which placed in 13 events.

Last week, the RLCC High School choir and band invited Artist in Residence Mike Arturi to present Drum Circle. He was invited with the help of COMPAS.org, a nationally-recognized provider of Arts Education programs. Arturi is internationally recognized as a drummer and educator. He is a member of the band The Lovin' Spoonful which was inducted in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

It is a nice, sunny day. It seems we have not had too many sunny days lately. Since February will soon be over, we should be able to see a few more nice days. It has been many years since we had this much snow piled up in the yards and roads.

February 27, 2019:

The Oklee Volunteer Firemen were brought up to the stage to thank them for their service to the community and their wives were asked to join them because without their support and help this event would not be possible. Everyone had a great time and it was again a great successful fundraiser for the Oklee Volunteer Fire Department. Kurt Sundquist and Issac Magnell were some of the helpers for Magician Nick who performed the many tricks during his performance at the

Oklee Firemen's Blizzard Bonanza held on Saturday night.

Many changes at Security State Bank and Agency have occurred over the past year starting with new tellers, some tellers leaving or retiring, and this year already has brought more changes. Anthony Holthausen, who came to Security State Bank 10 years ago, has moved on to a new position which moved Wyatt Vettleson in to the position of Executive Vice President of Security State bank.

Other additions were Jenna Schommer, a new insurance agent for the Agency. And Becky Olson as one of the new tellers. Both started in October.

Also, Security State Bank has added an addition which will be worked on over the winter months adding a new office, storage, handicapped bathroom, lunch room and remodeled teller stations.

The RLCC January Junior and Senior High Students of the Months were Kya Morinville and Marie Johnson. Nominating teachers were Ms. Jesse Hamrum and Mrs. Patty Mickelson.

Mother Nature was angry on Sunday. She wound up her winds and piled the snow we already had into different drifts and blocked roads and other entrances.



Last year in February, Paradis Storage building had part of its roof collapse.



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Wednesday, January 8, 2020



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RLCC Menus

January 6 - 10

Oklee

Monday: Breakfast: Ham & cheese croissant, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Chili, corn muffins, corn chips, crackers, fresh vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Waffles, w/syrup, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Taco in bag or soft shell, refried beans, potato ole's, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Meatballs, gravy, mashed potatoes, vegetables, dinner roll, coleslaw, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: S'more's, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken strips, cheesy hash browns, vegetables, Gold Fish crackers, fruit, and milk.

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

Plummer

Monday: Breakfast: Banana bread, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Tomato soup, Ritz Bitz crackers, salad, shredded cheese, corn bread, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, baked potato, seasoned carrots, PB sandwich, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: French toast sticks, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Pizza, salad bar, garlic bread-stick, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Waffles, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Fish w/tarter sauce, potato spudsters, beets, dinner roll, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken fajita (soft shell, lettuce, cheese, sour cream), Smiles potatoes, peas & carrots, fruit, and milk.

Mustang Wrestling Schedule

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

Jan. 17: Quadrangular TBD Bertha-Hewitt, Park Rapids Area, Roseau @ Oklee School

Jan. 18: Tournament TBD Thief River @ Ralph Engelstad Arena - TRF

Basketball Boys Var/JV Schedule

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

Basketball Girls Var/JV Schedule

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

Wednesday, January 8, 2020



January's Student of the Month and their nominating teachers, from left to right: Aaron Nelson, Tristyn Ferguson, Damon Ferguson, and Kory Baril.



RLCC Academic All-State Winners: Derek Peterson for football, and Calyssa Eskeli for volleyball.



RLCC's AAA winner: Sidney Olson. Sidney received this award for outstanding achievements in regards to academics, athletics, and fine arts.

Senior Dance

By: Emily Kolstoe

The seniors are hosting a dance at RLCC high school on January 24th. The dance will be held in the gym and all high school students are invited. The dance starts at 9 and ends at midnight. The admission is 5 dollars. Pops water and chips will be available to purchase throughout the dance.

Mustangs Basketball

By: Kia Bachand

The Red Lake County Central Mustangs defeated the Kittson County Central Bearcats, in Plummer, on December 30th. The final score of the game was 39-37. Highlights for the Mustangs include Jenna Pahlen with 17 points, 7 rebounds, and 4 blocks; Kia Bachand with 10 points and 7 rebounds; Calyssa Eskeli with 4 points and 8 rebounds;

Brandie DeHate with 4 points, 7 rebounds, and 4 steals; Cari Bachand with 2 points and 5 steals; and Marissa Thomas with 2 points.

Girls Basketball Game

By: Adriel Bakken

The Red Lake County Central girls' basketball team played against Stephen-Argyle on December 20th. They won 53-52. Kia Bachand scored sixteen points, Jenna Pahlen scored thirteen points, and Cari Bachand scored nine points.

Rebels Basketball

By: Bella Russillo

The RLC Basketball team won against Red Lake with the score of 58-50 on the 20th. Derek Peterson made 12 points, Eric Gieseke scored 15 points, Jake Duden made 8 points, and Carter Williams scored 9 points.

RLC vs. Goodridge-Grygla Chargers

By: Trent Goulet

On Jan. 2nd the Rebels hosted the Goodridge-Grygla Chargers for their first game after the Christmas break. The Rebels would come out with a 62-45 win over the Chargers.

Derek Peterson scored 15 points and 9 rebounds just short of a double. Bailey Hince scored 15 points with 6 rebounds, and Eric Gieseke scored 14 points with 4 steals and was named player of the game.

ECFE January Schedule

By: Adriel Bakken

Wednesday, January 15th-School Readiness: 3 ½ - 4 year old class

Thursday, January 16th-School Readiness 4-5 year olds. ECCE Family Fun "GYM" Night: 6:00-7:00 PM Oklee Site

Tuesday, January 21st-School Readiness 4-5 year olds

Wednesday, January 22nd-School Readiness: 3 ½- 4 year old classes

Thursday, January 23rd-School Readiness 4-5 year olds

Tuesday, January 28th-

School Readiness 4-5 year olds

Wednesday, January 29th-No Class: Preschool Screening At the Oklee Site 8:00-1:00 PM

Thursday, January 30th-School Readiness 4-5 year olds. ECCE Family Fun "GYM" Night: 6:00-7:00 PM Plummer Site

ECCE Events

By: Danny Guillemette

There will be three ECCE Family Fun Nights in the month of January. Each Family Fun Night is for children from 0-5 years old and their parents/special adult. On Thursday, January 16, there is a Family Fun Gym Night at the Oklee site from 6:00-7:00 PM. On Thursday, January 23, there is a Family Fun Gym Night at the Plummer site from 6:00-7:00 PM. There will be plenty of fun motor activities at each gym night. On Wednesday, January 29, Preschool Screening will take place at the Oklee site from 8:00 AM-12:30 PM. Information will be sent home to all preschoolers needing to be screened at this time.

Oklee Open Gym

By: Karena Melby

Open gym began Saturday, Dec. 14th, and will go to the end of February. It will be every Saturday from 1-3 pm.

All are welcome, but 6th grade and below need to be with an adult or guardian.

Call Kurt Halverson at 612-247-0812 for any questions or more information.



Commissioners... Continued from page 1.

as follows:

Approve that the following county levies be adopted and ordered certified to the County Auditor for collection in 2020 as follows with motion by Flage, seconded by Simpson, carried.

Revenue:	2,435,748.00
Road and Bridge:	662,500.00
Welfare:	412,030.00
Total	3,510,278.00
Less State Tax Aids	464,602.00

Net Certified Levy 3,045,676.00

Approve the 2020 county budget as follows with a motion by Remick, seconded by Simpson, carried.

Revenue:	3,716,608.00
Road and Bridge:	7,580,100.00
Welfare:	1,599,778.00

Total 12,896,486.00

Approve the designated cash flow for 2020 in the following amounts with a motion by Flage, seconded by Dudycha, carried.

Revenue:	1,486,643.00
Road and Bridge:	3,032,040.00
Welfare:	639,911.00

Total 5,518,594.00

A motion was made by Remick and seconded by Dudycha to approve the 2020 salary grade table reflecting a 2.5% COLA (Cost of Living) increase for employees.

A motion to approve of the Elected Official Salaries for 2020 as follows:

Commissioners	\$17,825.00 each
Attorney	\$96,647.20
Auditor	\$70,428.00
Recorder	\$64,833.60
Treasurer	\$63,669.80
Sheriff	\$82,680.00

All other salaries and benefits are as approved per individual department budgets. The motion also included to establish the 2020 County Commissioners per diem rate at \$80.00 per day for assigned committee meetings attended.

Red Lake Falls Library News

The library is open on Tuesday from Noon until 7:00 pm, Wednesday from Noon until 7:00 pm, Thursday from Noon until 5:00 p.m.; Friday from Noon until 5:00 pm, and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. On-line patrons are reminded that they can visit www.nwrlib.org/rlf.htm at any time, where they can create their own patron accounts to browse, request and renew materials all from their home computers.

Don't forget to visit the library during NWRL's

Book Blizzard winter reading program for adults. While there, check out books, relax in the reading area, make use of the computers or other services and register for prizes. One prize will be given away each week throughout January and February.

New adult nonfiction includes "The Autoimmune Brain: A Five Step Plan for Treating Chronic Pain, Depression, Anxiety, Fatigue, and Attention Disorders" by David S. Younger, M. D. "The Autoimmune Brain connects common brain health symptoms to

changes in the immune system, in particular those triggered by bacterial, viral, and parasitic infections., In this book, Dr. David Younger explains his groundbreaking research and adds a new component: how traumatic stress (whether physical or emotional) and genetics affect this same triad

as inextricable factors in initiating disease and brain health symptoms... His diagnostic techniques and treatment protocols will help readers identify the true cause of their symptoms and put them on a clear path to healing so they no longer feel unbalanced, out of control, forgetful, and exhausted."

Winter Concert Series 2020 is planned for January, February and March at the RLF Library. January 21 will bring Alex Conwell, fiddle player and contemporary violinist; February 25 is set for Briand Morrison, jazz guitarist; and on March 26 Siam's Congo will be play an African music concert. All concerts begin at 6:00 pm, are free of charge and open to the public.



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Oklee Herald Early Files

Eighty Years Ago January 4, 1940

About 30 friends and relatives gathered at the Ole Stenvold home east of Oklee on December 28 in honor of the 94th birthday of Soren Stenvold, pioneer settler of town of Chester.

The Oklee Maroons, independent basketball team, will meet the Gully Independents in the Oklee Auditorium. Oklee barely defeated Gully, 21-18 about two weeks ago. Both teams have been strengthened by return players.

Miss Anne Vigen is visiting with Mrs. Leslie Schwarten at Braham.

Seventy Years Ago January 5, 1950

Work on the new medical clinic building here was nearing completion this week and most of the surgical equipment and materials were expected to arrive in a few days.

Dora B. Paquin and George Vigen, both of Oklee, were married at the rectory of St. Francis Xavier's Catholic Church here. The couple left Friday morning for Effie, MN on a wedding trip and expect to return Sunday. They will make their home here.

The former Ellingson store at Highlanding, recently operated by Bennie Groven, was destroyed by fire Tuesday last week. The blaze, believed to have started from the chimney, was discovered about three in the morning.

Sixty Years Ago January 7, 1960

E.E. Kval, superintendent of Plummer Schools, appeared to be making sudden and dramatic recovery from serious injuries received in an auto crash December 28th. He has been unconscious in a Fargo hospital since the accident 12 days earlier when his car skidded on an icy patch and collided with a second vehicle.

Ted LaCoursiere will be the leader when the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine group meets at Plummer January 13th.

Mrs. Elmer Engstrom had the misfortune of falling on the ice at her home Saturday evening, Dec. 26th. She was rushed to Crookston and x-rays revealed a broken hip.

Fifty Years Ago January 1, 1970

The Oklee and Trail plants of the Oklee Manufacturing Company recently named their "best all-around OMC workers" and rewarded them with a handsome trophy. Name for the honors were Miss Susan Solheim, for the Trail plant; and Mrs. Veeda Plante, Erskine, for the Oklee plant.

Ideal weather and good track for the lap and cross county racing resulted in a successful second annual Oklee Snowmobile Derby Saturday & Sunday.

Nancy and Margo Bruggeman, students at Bemidji State, were guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Bruggeman, over the holidays.

New Years Day Dinner at the Oklee Community Center: Ham or Swiss Steak – Adults \$2.00; children under 12, \$1.25.

Christmas Day dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Larson were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Larson of Chester of Holt, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Sagstuen of Newfolden, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Bergin and Gust of Strandquist, Misses Marion Larson and Mary Fran of Minneapolis.

Forty Years Ago January 3, 1980

December 20th in semi-final action, Red Lake Falls downed Erskine at a score of 63-56 advancing them to the championship game. In other semi-final action Oklee downed Plummer by the score of 63-60 setting up the Red Lake Falls vs. Oklee in the 8th annual Christmas Tournament Championship.

The Red Lake County Sheriff's Dept. with the cooperation of Pennington County & Marshall County have recovered the 476.59 and hardware items that were taken in the burglaries in Plummer last week. Charges are pending.

Mrs. Hilma Hemstad left last Wednesday by plane for South Milwaukee, WI to visit over the holidays at the home of her daughter, the Ernest Paquins.

Jason Magnell celebrated his 9th birthday on December 21 with Chris Solien and Eric Jensen at his home.

Thirty Years Ago January 4, 1990

After almost 34 years in the grain elevator business, Lawrence Melvie has retired. His last day at the Oklee Elevator where he has been manager since June 1981 was Saturday, December 30th, 1989.

New owners of the Oklee Farmer's Club, Dorothy and Don Fournier, received the keys from Ilene Bergerson, former owner for four years. Eileen Christianson, was the cook & waitress.

Roy Hokkanen, former Oklee High School coach & teacher for 15 years, was recently inducted into the Minnesota High School Coaches Hall of Fame.

Brooks Farm Supply, on December 29th, lost their shop and truck in a fire. The Plummer, Oklee and Red Lake Falls fire departments responded to call and the Minnesota State Fire Marshall's office is investigating the incident. At this time the cause of the fire is unknown.

Twenty Years Ago January 6, 2000

Kate Plummer, a certified Nurse-Midwife, is a new addition to both the First Care Clinic staff, and the northern Minnesota population. She is originally from Abbot Village, Maine and has recently moved to Fosston with her three year old daughter, Thyme.

Bookmobile/Library funding short was told to the County Commissioners, that NW Regional Library may have to cut back on services.

The love of football for Travis Nelson, son of Mark and Cindy Nelson of Erskine, began early, when his uncles played with him. Now Travis Nelson has been chosen to Defensive Football All-State.

A surprise birthday party was held Saturday night at the Cozy Corral in honor of Michael Parenteau with many family and friends to help Mike celebrate his 50th birthday.

Ten Years Ago January 6, 2010

The Red Lake County Board of Commissioners met on December 22 approved a 5% cost of living raise for employees and approved the elected officials salaries except for the Commissioner's salaries which will be left at 2009 levels.

The Centennial Corner featured August Nels Lindquist family.

Winter has hit hard this Christmas with 18 inches of snow reported in Oklee. The New Year was bright and shiny, and that usually means colder temperatures.

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Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

Dates to Remember
January 6: Back to work.
January 16: Senior Officers meet at 10 a.m.
Bingo at 12:30 p.m.
January 17: Birthday Meal - your chance for a free meal - if you are celebrating your birthday.

Words of Wisdom
Carry jumper cables in your truck.
Read more books and watch less TV.

2019 fire death statistics
• People age 50 or older accounted for 67 percent of people killed.

• There were no working smoke alarms in 12 percent of the homes where people died.

Fire deaths (all causes) since 2009
• 2019: 42 (preliminary)
• 2018: 36
• 2017: 68
• 2016: 43
• 2015: 57
• 2014: 44
• 2013: 44
• 2012: 50
• 2011: 56
• 2010: 39
• 2009: 35

The leading cause of fire deaths in each of these years was careless smoking.

Fire death rates
The fire death rate in Minnesota has dropped 63 percent since the 1970s. Numbers below are deaths per 100,000 people:
1970s: 2.45; 1980s: 1.86; 1990s: 1.26; 2000s: 0.91; 2010s: 0.90

Fire prevention tips
"There are many little things we can do to prevent a devastating fire from happening in our homes," State Fire Marshal Jim Smith said. "It is important to practice fire prevention and safety every day."

Minnesotans can keep themselves and their families safe by following these fire prevention and safety tips.

Cooking
• Never leave food cooking on the stove top unattended; stay and look while you cook.
• Keep items like oven mitts, aprons and paper towels 3 feet from heat sources in the kitchen.
Heating

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Joke Time
You know you're in Minnesota if:
You drive a tractor, but can't get a drivers license for at least another eight years.
You go to Arizona to get a tan - in August.
You talk about the weather at least three times a day.
You consider Bingo to be a cultural event.

• Keep space heaters 3 feet from anything combustible.
• Do not leave space heaters unattended. Turn them off while you're sleeping.
• Plug space heaters directly into the wall, not an extension cord or power strip.

• Have your furnace and chimney inspected annually.
Open flames
• Keep candles at least 3 feet from anything that can burn and never leave a candle unattended.

• Use flameless candles instead of real candles.
Smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms
• Test your smoke and CO alarms monthly; change the batteries at least once a year.

• Fires double in size every 60 seconds; a smoke alarm can give you the time you need to escape.

• Install smoke alarms in bedrooms, outside sleeping areas and on every level of the home.

• CO alarms should be installed within 10 feet of each sleeping room or inside each sleeping room.

Family escape planning
• Create a family escape plan and practice it twice a year with everyone in your home.

• Start by drawing a map of your home that shows two ways out of every room. Make sure those ways out are easy to open (make sure windows aren't painted shut, for example), and practice using different ones. If you have a multi-level home, consider putting an escape ladder near each window so you can get to the ground safely in an emergency.

• Designate a meeting place outside, such as a tree or utility pole.

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

Christmas guests at Roger and Lynn Gallant were Logan & Jenny Wallace and girls, and Adam Gallant and sons of Grand Forks. The Wallace's are from Killdeer, ND.
Jimmy Skjervén and Lorie Gildea came for Christmas to spend time with dad Roger Skjervén's and also with Peggy and Kermit Genereaux of Thief River Falls.

Alice Jobe visited Loretta Hesse at her apartment Friday morning in Thief River Falls. Linda and Neil Mattison and family flew to Florida for Christmas to be with Tom Hesse and family and also Pam.

On Saturday, December 28, Marisha Pahlen married Nick Peters in Kansas. She is the daughter of Steve Pahlen and the granddaughter of Randy and Jeanine Pahlen of Plummer. Attending from here were

Chad and Brianna Pahlen and Randy and Jeanine; Steve and his kids, Shelby, Nick, Anna and Jenna. Also Sophie Linder, Jody and Rodney Duden and sons. The wedding was at 11 a.m. mass and later a 4:30 p.m. reception and dance later.

The couple went to the nursing home where Marisha works so they could see them with their wedding attire. It was a very nice wedding.

What a storm we had the weekend before New Years.

Brooks Mass was canceled and I heard Highway 59 was closed.

In 1907, on New Year's Eve, the first ball as dropped at Times Square in New York. It was made of wood and iron. Sounds dangerous.

On News Year's Eve, Anne Traxler, Anna DeHate, and

Alice Jobe had supper at Carol's Cozy. They had shrimp & steak dinner, with salad bar and complimentary bottle of wine. It was very good. Rick and Janet Koivisto also came. There were couples from the neighboring areas. Good crowd!

On Wednesday, Anna DeHate, and Alice Jobe went to visit Bunny DuChamp and Jean Carpenter at Greenleaf apartments. They also stayed for a turkey dinner which was very good. Bunny said she liked it there very much.

Thursday, I spent a few hours removing snow from my roof. What a job! And we're just starting January. Last year we got plenty of snow January, February and March. I wrote it on my calendar.

Have a good week and Happy New Year, everyone!

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Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Who's Dat?



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This week's photo is fellows traveling the open road. All originally from Oklee.

Last week's photo was another winter photo. The two gals making the snowman are Bonny (Bergerson) Cote and Arlene (Lundeen) Froiland.

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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