

Oklee Precipitation
By Einar Kvasager

	Rain	Snow
January 4	trace	0.25
January 9		0.125
January 10		trace
Total in.	0.00	0.375

Oklee Herald

...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

OKLEE (RED LAKE COUNTY) MINN. 56742

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2019 Year in Review...

March 6, 2019
Red Lake County Central River Watch Team accepted their First Place Gold Award. Receiving award was RLCC River Watch Advisor Kathryn Tran, Tanisha Srnsky, Sidney Olson, Kaitlyn Morris and Red Lake Watershed District Staff Ashley Hitt.

On Saturday, February 23rd, a full house (all 350 tickets sold) filled the Oklee Community Hall with anticipation of a delicious walleye dinner, once again prepared by the Gonvick experts and lots of fun and drawings and games.

The RLCC Mustang Wrestling team sent two wrestlers to state. They are Damon Ferguson and Tristyn Ferguson. Their coaches are Nick Cervantes and Cameron Lundeen.

The Red Lake County Central Girls' Basketball team had a Gratitude Night on Tuesday, February 19th in Plummer. Each member of the team chose someone that has had an impact on their life.

March 13, 2019
You will have noticed in the past week or so that some of the street lights in Oklee have been updated to LED (light-emitting diode) lights.

This past week, the area has been told of the large storm coming our way and to prepare for up to 12 inches of snow in some area and it would cover 2/3 of the state of Minnesota. The snow did start in our local area on Saturday morning continuing until 4 or 5 on Sunday morning leaving about 6 - 8 inches of snow. Detroit Lakes received 13 inches of snow, Red Lake Falls, 12 inches, and Thief River Falls 9 inches.

The Red Lake County Central Student Senate hosted the Student Senate Summit in Oklee this spring on March 6th. Eleven schools attended the summit.

RLC speech team member Danny Guillemette got second place in Poetry at the speech meet in Walker on March 2nd.

Calendar of Events

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.
Fri, Jan. 17:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
Sat, Jan. 18:
-Support your local business - Shop Locally!
Sun, Jan. 19:
-Worship at the church of your choice.
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Fri, Jan. 24:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
Sat, Jan. 25:
-Support your local business - Shop Locally!
Sun, Jan. 26:
-Worship at the church of your choice.
Mon, Jan. 27:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
Tue, Jan. 28:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. - Cards.
Wed, Jan. 29:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. - Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.

Around 200 kids attended the RLCC Youth Wrestling Tournament in Oklee on March 7th.

March 20, 2019
The Northwest Division (NWD) Student Council Advisor of the Year Award went to Mr. Randy Huie. Huie will receive a certificate for his award at the State Student Council Convention in April.

Snow on roofs has caused much damage in the area. In the past couple of weeks, there have been a few buildings that have had their roofs collapse into the building. Ross Hegge had one of his sheds collapse recently on top of his equipment stored inside. And D & R Grocery owners said their building to the north has collapse last Wednesday due to snow.

RLCC students that participated in the Vocal Ensembles in EGF were: Abby Walton, AJ Jones, Leilah VanDam, Shyla Styles, Tyler Eskeli, Brock Tvedt, Brody Moen, Kia Bachand, Adriel Bakken, Karena Melby, and RLCC Music teacher Mrs. Patty Mickelson, Maddie Inda-Valdez, Izzy Plante, Bailey Sherman, Marissa Schiebe, Bella Russillo, Katelyn Suchy, Emily Kolstoe, Bailey Culkins, Lilly Hanson, Janae Olson, Thomas Benson, Kjerstin Nelson, Cari Bachand, Lauren Jones, Taya Morinville, and Peyton Fish.

The Red Lake County Rebels began the 2018-2019 3rd grade basketball season last November. On Friday, March 8th, RLC started the tournament off by defeating East Grand Forks 20-14. Then, the Rebels defeated Thompson 22-17 to earn the #1 seed in their pool. The Rebels returned to EGF on Saturday, March 9th, to play the Grand Forks Starz in the Championship game! This was another exciting game where both teams played well, gave 100% effort, and played together as a team. The RLC Rebels came out on top with a score of 29-21! CHAMPIONS in their final tournament of the season!

Another week has passed and we still look at snow all around Oklee. Today is nice with some melting taking place. There is still so much snow around that you wonder if April will see any birds returning from their winter homes.

March 27, 2019
On Friday, Ryan's Backhoe tore down the old building to the north of D & R Grocery, which they used for storage.

The Lost River east of Oklee is starting to change over from snow covered, to water covered over the remaining ice.

One of Red Lake County Central Senior High Knowledge Bowl teams competed in the Regional Senior High

Colorado School honors Rodger Quist, a 1958 Oklee School graduate



Rodger Quist standing in front of the new sign of the new school named after him. Quist is a 1958 graduate of Oklee High School. Photo submitted

Longtime Educator Rodger Quist served over 20 years in School District 27J (in Colorado), as a school principal, interim superintendent and director of finance and operations. After retiring, he continued his support by leading community campaigns for Bond and Mill Levy school funding.

Quist worked in School District 27J from August 1977 to July 1997. His first role was as principal of Northeast Elementary School from 1977 - 1985; then he was principal at Overland Trail Middle School from 1985 - 1990; and served as principal at South Elementary School from 1990 - 1995. Quist served as 27J Executive Director of Finance and Operations from 1995 - 1997. He was also interim Superintendent of School twice during his tenure with the District.

Coming from a family of educators, his father was a principal and superintendent and his mother was a teacher. Rodger Quist's father, Carl Quist, served as Superintendent of the Oklee School District from 1942 to 1971. Joanna

Quist, his mother taught from 1949-1969.

Quist had a strong value for education ingrained in him from an early age. Rodger Quist graduated from Oklee High School in 1958.

He started teaching in 1960 and taught elementary and junior high students in school districts in Minnesota and North Dakota prior to moving to Brighthorn, Colorado to join the staff at School District 27J.

His first teaching job in 1960 Quist said, "was in a school that's not as big as this one. There were 22 students. That was all of them. So each teacher had to do everything."

"My father was a school superintendent when I was born and my mom was an elementary teacher, so we have a family legacy in education," Rodger Quist said. Quist first became a principal at a Minnesota school. As principal, his motto was: "Do It For The Kids."

Quist attended Mayville State Teacher's College in North Dakota and the University of North Dakota. He earned an educational spe-

cialist designation which is a year beyond a master's degree from St. Cloud State University in Minnesota; and conducted a research project in 1979 at Northeast Elementary School to complete the program.

Educator Quist was nominated by a parent in the school district for the new middle school to be named for him. "Mr. Quist has been very active in the District and is always thinking of students at all times," said Parent Roz Rydstrom. "I met him when my son started fifth grade at Northeast Elementary when he was principal there. He is much deserving of this recognition."

Rodger is married to Dian; they raised three children. "I am honored to have a school named after me," Quist said.

The new Rodger Quist Middle School broke ground in August 2018 in Thornton, Colorado for School District 27J.

While the new facility was under construction, Quist Middle School opened in fall of 2018 and was operating out of the new Riverdale Ridge High School across the street.

Work on Quist began almost as soon as Riverdale Ridge finished, directly across Yosemite Street, and work was scheduled to be finished in the spring of 2020. District Public Information Officer Tracy Rudnick said the mild weather early in the construction work allowed crews to get ahead, finishing construction in October, when moving crews began bringing in furniture.

The project, made possible by a successful bond issue in 2015, finished seven months ahead of schedule.

This 132,000,000-square-foot facility, for students in grades 6-8, is located on 21 acres of land and will include a two-story classroom wing featuring state-of-the-art technology, administration area, gymnasium, cafeteria, media center, athletic fields and more. It is a prototype of the Stuart and Prairie View Middle Schools, built by Saunders.

The students moved into the new middle school on January 7, 2020.

Compiled by Bonny Cote from various sources.

Knowledge Bowl Competition in Thief River Falls on March 13th. RLCC placed 17th. The top four teams advanced to State-the four teams that advanced were Crookston, Bemidji, Warroad and Fosston.

On Wednesday, March 6 the Red Lake County Central anatomy students went to University of ND Medical School with their teacher Mr. Steven Strutz.

Those who attended were Sarah Christensen, Natalia Whalen, Austin Jensen, Jenna Pahlen, Courtney Rude, Sophia Linder, and Tanisha Srnsky.

The Red Lake County Speech Team placed third on Saturday, March 16th at Blackduck's Speech Meet. The placing individuals were: Phillip Sorenson placing fourth in Discussion; Sage Hartman and Mariah

Peterson, placing second in Duo Interpretation; Lacey Pendelton and Lilly Hanson, placing third in Duo Interpretation; Mariah Peterson, placing third in Humor; Danny Guillemette, placing second in Poetry; Jayden Iverson, placing fourth in Poetry, and Sage Hartman, placing sixth in Prose.

Red Lake County residents

gathered at the Annual Picnic in Arizona. Those attending were: Clarence Gagner, Sally (Gagner) Staggert, Pat (Gagner) Proulx, Mark Spear, Marie (Desautel) Kleven, Darla Desautel, Jerry Gagner, Monica (Dufault) Beauchane, Barbara (Gagner) LaCoursiere, Joanne (Spear) Landreville, Margaret (Gagner) Grabinski, Carol (Gagner) Kroleck.



RLCC's Choir students posing for a picture during their annual Caroling at Digi-Key in December. Photo by RLCC Stampede

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Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH

Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Wed, Jan. 15: No Confirmation.

Sun, Jan. 19: 9:00 a.m. Zion. 9:00 a.m. SS at Salem. 10:00 a.m. SS at Zion. 10:30 a.m. Salem.

Wed, Jan. 22: 6:30 p.m. 8th Confirmation, 7:30 p.m. 9th Confirmation.

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OKLEE, GRYGLA & GOODRIDGE

Fr. Adam Hamness

Sun, Jan. 19: 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, Jan. 18: 5:30 p.m. RLF
Sun, Jan. 19: 8:00 a.m. Brooks. 10:00 a.m. RLF.

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA

Pastor Jonathan Dodson

Sun, Jan. 19: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Immanuel. 10:15 a.m. SS at Immanuel. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer w/ annual meeting following.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA

Bethany-Ekelund-Faith

Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Sun, Jan. 19: 8:30 a.m. Faith, 9:45 a.m. SS at Faith; 9:45 a.m. Bethany, 10:30 a.m. SS at Bethany; 11:00 a.m. Ekelund, 9:45 a.m. SS at Ekelund.

Mon, Jan. 20: 9:00 a.m. Quilting Mission at Faith.

Wed, Jan. 22: 12:30 p.m. Release Time. 7:00 p.m. Bethany Confirmation.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

January 20 - 24

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 \$5.00 per meal donation is suggested.

Monday: Tator Tot hotdish, coleslaw, toast, and dessert.

Tuesday: 2pc. French toast, 2 pc. bacon, 1 egg, and dessert.

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

Thursday: Grilled pork & swiss w/bun, hash browns, peas, and dessert.

Friday: Meatballs, boiled potatoes, mushroom gravy, carrots, and dessert.

Sudoku Solution

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

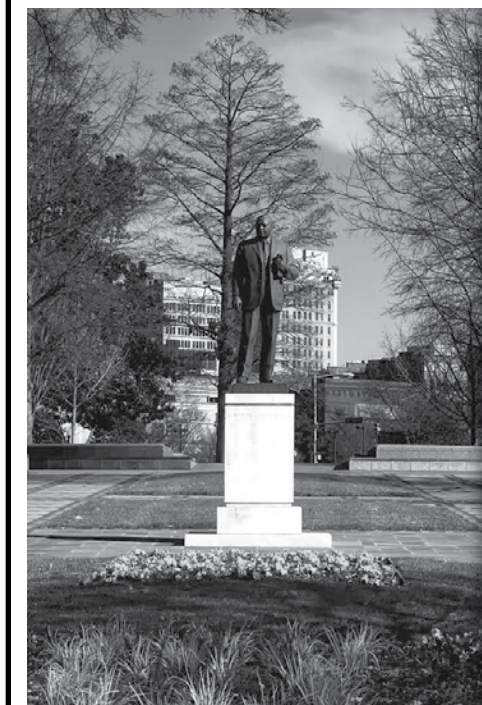


The Plummer Class of 1970 had a Class Reunion on Sept 14th. Pictured is: Front: Ken Felling, Ray Martell. 2nd row: Martin Fallon, Dan Jolly, Gordy Wichterman, Roger Paradis, Wanda Koskela Opdahl, Francis Berberich Schmitt, Doug Martell, Karen Violette Fossum, Diane Delage Westlake, Bonnie Seibel Greenwald, Charlene DuChamp Myhre, Steph Arneson Johnson, Jim DuChamp, Dennis Johnson, Sue Hamrum Heller-Bailey, Jim Hagge, Mike Toulouse, and Jim Piche.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

In 1983, President Ronald Reagan signed into law a bill proclaiming the third Monday in January as Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

This holiday honors Dr. King's legacy in the battle for civil rights for all Americans.



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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations for Red Lake County, Minnesota and Incorporated Areas

The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency has issued a preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), and where applicable, Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report, reflecting proposed flood hazard determinations within Red Lake County, Minnesota and Incorporated Areas. These flood hazard determinations may include the addition or modification of Base Flood Elevations, base flood depths, Special Flood Hazard Area boundaries or zone designations, or the regulatory floodway. Technical information or comments are solicited on the proposed flood hazard determinations shown on the preliminary FIRM and/or FIS report for Red Lake County, Minnesota and Incorporated Areas. These flood hazard determinations are the basis for the floodplain management measures that your community is required to either adopt or show evidence of being already in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. However, before these determinations are effective for floodplain management purposes, you will be provided an opportunity to appeal the proposed information. For information on the statutory 90-day period provided for appeals, as well as a complete listing of the communities affected and the locations where copies of the FIRM are available for review, please visit FEMA's website at www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/bfe, or call the FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX) toll free at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627).

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Red Lake County Commissioners Minutes

RED LAKE COUNTY Regular Meeting Held December 24, 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 December 24, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. Chair Weiss called the meeting to order. All members were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Simpson to approve the agenda.

Red Lake County recognized three employees for their years of service. Chair Weiss presented longevity awards to John Burthwick and Kari Moyer for 5-years, and to Steve Hauert for 25 years.

Auditor Schmitz presented a request on behalf of Erik Hove, County Highway Engineer. The City of Red Lake Falls is requesting that the County act as a sponsor for a grant application for a proposed project involving a maintenance overlay and repairs to the existing Bottineau Trail through the city. The County, as a sponsoring agency, will act as the fiscal agent between the State and City, and ensure the project is completed in compliance with all required standards. No funding is being requested from the County and approval will not impact the current or future county budget. Engineer Hove recommends that the County act as sponsor of the project. Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Remick and carried unanimously to approve Resolution No. 12-02-19: "Sponsoring Agency Resolution" for the Red Lake Falls Bike Path Project. The Board Chair and County Auditor are authorized to sign the document. A complete copy is available at the County Highway Department or Auditor's Office.

Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Simpson and carried by

unanimous vote to approve the expenditures for the period as follows:

Vendor Name:	Amount
Hoffman, Philipp, & Knutson, PLLC	\$14,750.00
Little Falls Machine, Inc.	2,962.74
Rogers Two Way Radio Inc.	5,176.30
University of MN	
Extension Service	19,496.61
46 Vendors less than \$2,000	16,107.33
TOTAL	\$58,492.98

The motion includes the following additional bills: \$51.20 to Quill; \$650.00 to Gov Office; \$45.00 to MACATFO; \$5,612.16 to Pro West Associates; \$6.96 expenses and \$40.00 per diem to Chuck Flage; \$8.12 expenses and \$80.00 per diem to Al Remick; \$421.08 expenses and \$20.00 per diem to Chuck Simpson; \$53.36 expenses and \$140.00 per diem to Ron Weiss.

Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Dudycha, and carried by unanimous vote to approve reimbursement of \$5,345.00 to the Huot Park Board for the 2019 annual operating expenses for the county park.

The following commissioner/committee reports were shared:
Commissioner Meeting/Report Simpson: None.
Flage: Inter County Nursing: reviewed Medicare Audit and approved bills.

Dudycha: None.
Remick: NW Mental Health: reviewed program reports and financials. SWCD: discussed completed projects.

Weiss: 1W1P meeting: approved all year-end expenses and proposed projects for 2020. Tri County corrections: approved bills and audit proposal and discussed a policy handbook revision.

Chair Weiss reported on the grant application through the MN

January Employee of the Month is Joyce Morinville

Joyce has great enthusiasm for helping members and being involved in the community. Her involvement in the Brooks community is admirable and puts North Star Credit Union in a place of prominence at several community events.

She is always ready to learn something new in order to provide great customer services to her members. Joyce has been a great addition to the North Star team through her knowledge and teamwork, and her members really, really love working with her.

We appreciate your dedication to NSCU!



Historical Society for the historical marker to be placed at the Huot Park. A letter from the county must be submitted with the application stating that the sign will be maintained by the county after installation. The board asked that the County Auditor prepare the letter. Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Remick and carried unanimously to authorize the Board Chair or County Auditor to sign and submit the grant application on behalf of Red Lake County, including a letter stating that the county will maintain the sign in the future.

Auditor Schmitz mentioned that the wording of a motion in the November 12, 2019 minutes regarding the placement of three employees on the new job grade classification is not correct. The board at that meeting had reviewed the request of the HR Director to adjust positions in the new step chart that were initially placed below a Step 5. The board considered the following criteria: full-time employees with 10-plus years of service, and 10 plus years in their current position and under Step-5 in the new step chart. Commissioner Remick moved, seconded by Simpson to rescind the motion from November 12, 2019 and to replace with the following: "to move full-time employees with 10-plus years of service, and 10-plus years of service in their current position and under a Step-5 to be moved to a Step-4 beginning January 1, 2020". The motion carried unanimously.

HR Director Lundeen asked whether the County Board will consider payment of the \$6,500.00 that County Treasurer Knott requested earlier in the year as additional compensation for the extra work due to the MNLARS licensing issues over the past couple years. Board members mentioned that they discussed when preparing the 2020 budget and decided against at that time. Chair Weiss called for a motion.

Commissioner Dudycha moved, seconded by Flage and carried by unanimous vote to deny Knott's request for added compensation of \$6,500.00 for past work due to MNLARS licensing system issues.

Auditor Schmitz mentioned that the independent auditors are recommending that certain funding being set aside for a designated purpose should be approved by the county on an annual basis as "Committed Funds" for financial reporting purposes. Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Flage and carried unanimously to commit county funds in the financials for year 2020 in the following amounts: \$52,000 for Solid Waste Cell; \$20,000 for Landfill Monitoring Wells; \$5,460 for Courthouse Equipment-Copier Fund, and \$53,000 for Ambulance Fund.

The board reviewed a list of annual items for approval for year the 2020.

Motion by Commissioner Remick, seconded by Dudycha and carried by unanimous vote to approve the 2020 salary grade table reflecting a 2.5% COLA (cost of living) increase

Oklee Centennial Cookbook Recipe Corner

- From page 552

A recipe to enjoy with your kids or grandkids

Play Dough Pat Asselin

1 cup flour
1/2 cup salt
1 cup cold water
2 tsp cream of tartar
1 Tbsp veg oil
food coloring

Put all in a kettle and cook over low heat. Takes about 3 minutes. Cool and store in airtight container.

for employees.

Commissioner Remick moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried unanimously to approve the 2020 Elected Official salaries as follows:

Commissioners:	\$17,852.00 each
Attorney:	\$98,467.20
Auditor:	\$70,428.80
Recorder:	\$64,833.60
Treasurer:	\$63,668.80
Sheriff:	\$82,680.00

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

Motion by Commissioner Flage seconded by Simpson and carried unanimously to approve that the following county levies be adopted and ordered certified to the County Auditor for collection in 2020 as follows:

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

Motion by Commissioner Remick, seconded by Simpson and carried unanimously to approve the 2020 county budget as follows:

Revenue:	\$3,716,608.00
Road & Bridge:	\$7,580,100.00
Social Services:	\$1,599,778.00
Total	\$12,896,486.00

Motion by Commissioner Flage, seconded by Dudycha and carried unanimously to approve the designated cash flow for 2020 in the following amounts:

Revenue:	\$1,486,643.00
Road and Bridge:	\$3,032,040.00
Social Services:	\$639,911.00
Total	\$5,158,594.00

Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the December 10, 2019 regular board meeting as presented.

There being no further business the regular meeting was adjourned until January 7, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in the courthouse board room.

Attest:
Robert Schmitz. County Auditor

Ron Weiss, Chair,
Board of Commissioners O43C

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RLCC Menus

January 20 - 24

Oklee

Monday: No School.
Tuesday: **Breakfast:** Apple fritter, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Ham patty w/ bun, potato wedges, vegetables, fruit, and milk.
Wednesday: **Breakfast:** Pancakes w/syrup, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Corn dogs, macaroni & cheese, vegetables, fruit, and milk.
Thursday: **Breakfast:** Cereal, toast, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Spaghetti w/meat sauce, breadsticks, vegetable, fruit, and milk.
Friday: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Pulled pork or BBQ chicken, baked beans, chips, fruit, and milk.

Plummer

Monday: No School.
Tuesday: **Breakfast:** Egg patty, sausage, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Super Nachos (hamburger, cheese, lettuce, salsa, sour cream), refried beans, PBJ's, fruit, and milk.
Wednesday: **Breakfast:** Pancake sausage stick, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Grilled chicken burger, sliced cheese, curly fries, veggies w/ ranch, fruit, and milk.
Thursday: **Breakfast:** Egg wrap, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, dinner roll, fruit, and milk.
Friday: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Lasagna, coleslaw or cucumber cup, garlic toast, fruit, and milk.



Mustang Wrestling Schedule

Jan. 17: Quadrangular TBD Bertha-Hewitt, Park Rapids Area, Roseau @ Oklee School
Jan. 18: Tournament TBD Thief River @ Ralph Engelstad Arena - TRF
Jan. 23: Triangular TBD Bertha-Hewitt, Wade-na-Deer Creek @ Verndale
Jan. 28: Triangular 5:30PM Badger/Greenbush/ Middle River, Fosston-Bagley @ Badger/Greenbush/ Middle River
Feb. 1: Tournament TBD Fertile-Beltrami @ Fertile-Beltrami High School

Basketball Boys Var/JV Schedule

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-Gonvik Bears @ C-G High School
Jan. 31: 6:00PM Warren/Alvarado/Oslo @ W-A-O
Feb. 3: 6:00PM Mahnomen/Waubun @ Mahnomen

Basketball Girls Var/JV Schedule

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/Norhome Oklee School
Feb. 6: 6:00PM Blackduck Public @ Oklee School
Feb. 7: 6:00PM Sacred Heart High @ Plummer

Wednesday, January 15, 2020



On January 7th, RLCC Wrestling hosted Walker-Hackensack-Akley for Parent Night. Back row, From left to right: Isaac Magnell, Clowie Magnell, Emily Magnell, Mandy Roisland, Daryl Sandeen, Bernie DeHate, Jill DeHate, Vicki Duden, Kippy Thomas, Donny Howard, Nicole Ferguson, and Troy Ferguson. Front row, from left to right: Gunnar Sandeen, Paul DeHate, Oscar Duden, Zach Howard, George Duden, Tristyn Ferguson, and Damon Ferguson. Photo by RLCC Stamped



On January 3rd, RLCC's wrestling team competed at Mahnomen. RLCC had four wrestlers go 4-0 during that meet, in addition to Damon Ferguson being awarded Wrestler of the Night. From left to right: Paul DeHate, George Duden, Coach Nick Cervantes, Zach Howard, and Damon Ferguson. Photo by RLCC Stamped



Red Lake County Boys' Basketball played Win-E-Mac away on Jan. 7. Photo by RLCC Stamped



Katy Suchy shooting during RLCC's junior varsity game at Red Lake Falls on Tuesday, Jan. 7. Photo by RLCC Stamped

MN Head Start Association Scholarship

By: Emily Kolstoe
 MN Head Start Association is awarded to a high school senior that, as a young child, was enrolled in a Head Start program and is now going to further their education. The applications for the scholarship are due on January

17th. The winner will receive \$750. If you are interested in applying, applications can be found in the library.



RLC vs. Sacred Heart

By: Trent Goulet
 On Jan. 6th the Rebels hosted the Sacred Heart Eagles in a 63-47 win in Red Lake Falls. Derek Peterson would lead the rebels to a win with 22 points and 7 rebounds, with help from Isiah Olson scoring 12 points and 9 rebounds.

Free Throw Contest

By: Daniel Guillemette
 The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest will take place in the Red Lake Falls High School gymnasium on Sunday, January 26. The contest is for any boys or girls ages 9-14. There will be separate categories for each gender and age group. The winners will receive a trophy, while 2nd and 3rd receive a medal. Winners will advance to the District competition. Kids can practice from 12:30 to 1:00 with the competition beginning at 1:00. Entry forms can be picked up at the office at Plummer Elementary, RLCC High School in Oklee, J.A. Hughes Elementary in Red Lake Falls, or Lafayette High School in Red Lake Falls.

Mustangs Basketball

By: Kia Bachand
 The Red Lake County Central Mustangs defeated the Red Lake Falls Eagles in Red Lake Falls, on Tuesday, January 7th. The final score of the game was 56-50. Highlights for the Mustangs include: Cari Bachand with 19 points and 5 rebounds; Kia Bachand with 11 points and 8 rebounds; Jenna Pahlen with 9 points, 6 rebounds, and 4 assists; Calyssa Eskeli with 6 points, 7 rebounds, and 3 steals; Brandie DeHate with 6 points; Sidney Olson with 3 points; and Marissa Thomas with 2 points.

Wrestling Match

By: Karena Melby
 On Tuesday, January 7th, there was a wrestling match in Oklee between RLCC and Walker-Hackensack-Akeley. The following five wrestlers got pins: George Duden at Heavyweight, Zach Howard at 195, Tristyn Ferguson at 170, Damon Ferguson at 160 and Paul DeHate at 152. RLCC lost the dual 39-30. There will be a triangular in Oklee between RLCC, Lake-Park Audubon, and Mahnomen on Tuesday, January 14th.

Oklee Open Gym

Open gym 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 Halvorsen at 612-247-0812 for any questions or more information.

Rebels Beat Win-E-Mac

By: Zachary Benson
 The Rebels beat the Patriots on Tues., Jan. 7th by a score of 87-62. Leading the scoring for the Rebels was Derek Peterson with 24 points, Eric Gieseke with 20 points and Hayden Cardinal with 16 points. The Rebels now have a record of 7-3 heading into their next game Friday the 10th.

RLCC Mustang Game

By: Bella Russillo
 The RLCC Girls Basketball team won against Warren-Alvarado-Oslo Ponies on the 9th with a close score of 38-36. Kia Bachand made 13 points, Jenna Phalen scored 16 points, and Brandie DeHate made 5 points.

RLCC School Legal

ISD 2906 Red Lake County Central Minutes - December 2019

The ISD 2906 Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Wednesday December 11, 2019 at the Red Lake County Central High School Library.

Duden, Hamrum, Majeres, Paradis, Vettleson; Kolstoe Absent
 Ex-Officio: Superintendent Guetter
 Motions were carried to approve November minutes, Financials, Levy 19 payable 20, seniority and licensure list for District 2906. ISD 2906's Section 403B plan language with Thrivent and American Funds, authorizing Superintendent Guetter to sign on behalf of ISD 2906 Red Lake County Central Public School, Oklee ISD 627 & Plummer ISD 628 for 403B plan transfer requests from past and current employees, to accept the retirement resignation from Margaret Hamrum, Teacher & Parent Educator.

(Complete minutes may be seen in the district office at 201 Governors Street, Oklee, MN or on our school website at www.rlcc2906.org.)

Jody Duden
 ISD 2906 School Board Clerk

Red Lake Falls Library News

The library is open on Tuesday from Noon until 7:00 pm, Wednesday from Noon until 7:00 pm, Thursday from Noon to 5:00 p.m.; Friday from Noon until 5:00 pm, and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The winner of the Winter Reading Program Book Blizzard coffee mug for the first week was, Jason Gaudry.

New adult nonfiction of note: "This is Your Brain on Birth Control: the Surprising Science of Women, Hormones and the Law of Unintended Consequences" by Sarah E. Hill, PhD. "An eye-opening book that reveals crucial information every woman taking hormonal birth control should know. This groundbreaking book sheds light on how birth control affects women--and the world around them--in ways we are only just beginning to understand. Although women utilize the pill for a small handful of effects, women's hormones aren't that simple,

they impact the activities of billions of cells in the body at once, many of which are in the brain, influencing sex, attraction, stress, hunger, eating patterns, emotion regulation, friendships, aggression, mood, learning, and more. So when one changes what women's hormones do, one changes women. The pill has the ability to have cascading effects on everything and everyone that a woman encounters; the reach of the pill extends far beyond women's own bodies, having a major impact on society and the world. This paradigm-shattering book provides an even-handed, science-based understanding of who women are, both on and off the pill." -Amazon review.

Coming up next week: the first of the Winter Concert Series 2020 events - Concert by Alex Conwell, fiddle player and contemporary violinist, on Tuesday, January 21 at 6:00 pm. This concert is free of charge and open to the public.

Oklee Herald Early Files

Eighty Years Ago January 11, 1940

The Oklee Maroons defeated the Gully Independents in a basketball game at the Oklee auditorium with a score of 34-28.

Vaccinations for small pox will be given in the new school building Monday with Dr. W.B. Torgerson in charge and being assisted by the county nurse. A charge of .25 cents will be made for each vaccination.

The local school library has been moved into larger quarters in the new building and a number of books and magazines have been purchased. The library is open to the public during special hours.

Orlo Lintvet, who has been enjoying a two week vacation with home folks returned to his duties at the A.C. at Crookston last Monday.

Seventy Years Ago January 12, 1950

On December 23rd, the Bobcats defeated the Alumni in an unofficial game. The final score was 30 to 40.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Weberg are the parents of a baby girl born at the Fosston Hospital on January 4th. Mrs. Weberg is the former Violet Rustan.

A son was born Saturday, January 7th to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Asselin in a Thief River Falls hospital.

Frankie Cyr and Fred Beaudoin and Mr. and Mrs. Andy Knutson and Terry, and Adella Lindquist were Thief River Falls callers last Saturday.

Sixty Years Ago January 14, 1960

According to records kept by Clerk of Court Hazel Pahlen, births in the county during 1959 outnumbered deaths by exactly 100 persons.

Glenn O. Bergerson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Bergerson, Gully, recently was promoted to specialist four in Germany, where he is a member of the 24th Infantry Division.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Lundeen had their infant son baptized on Sunday at Oak Park Church. He was given the name of Timothy Wayne.

Robert Juneau left Wednesday for Topeka, Kansas where he is stationed at Forbes Air Force Base. He had sent a

month with his parents and with his father and mother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Nels Eglund of Grand Forks.

Fifty Years Ago January 8, 1970

Marine Corporal Gary H. Hruby, son of Mrs. Marie Hruby of Oklee, is serving with the Marine Forces Logistic Command in Vietnam.

Grand Prize winner: Albert Ahmann of EGF and two of his sons were Oklee last week to pick up their grand prize – the 1970 Arctic Cat snowmobile given away here at the Snowmobile Derby Dec. 27th. Mrs. Don Hesse entertained in honor of her daughter Pamela's 10th birthday last Wednesday. Those attending were Janet Kvasager, Mary Jaeger, Debbie Hemly, Diane Jaeger, Bonnie Paradis, Debbie Swanson and Donna Martell.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Vandeventer visited Sunday with Mrs. Vandeventer's parent's, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Ringstad at Gully.

Forty Years Ago January 10, 1980

The Gonvick Volunteer Fire Department was called to the George Benson home east of Trail. When they arrived the house was all in flames with no hope of saving the structure. Rick Dulka injured his ankle early in his match against Jim Mulholland but went on to defeat his opponent with a 14-7 decision. Oklee shut out Cass Lake 66-0 in Tuesdays meet.

Christmas guests at the Kjersti Gunstenson home were Mrs. Emma Vake, Anna Nereson, Isabelle Erickson and Grace McManus.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sweno and Mr. and Mrs. Thad Walton announced the engagement of their children Sam Walton and Dorothy Sweno. A June wedding is being planned.

Thirty Years Ago January 10, 1990

Oklee School's One Act Play is entitled "Who Calls" by David Campton. The cast are Kristi Berberich, Mikki Paquin, Shari Rustan, Amy Haugen, Heather Paradis and Lee Vettleson. Bryan Champagne is doing lights and sound effects.

Steve and Marleen Haugen, Oklee are proud to announce

the arrival of their second son, Jordan Joel who was born on December 26th. Grandparents are Ferd & Anna DeHate of Plummer, Ardith Zimpel of Plummer, and Ted Haugen of Duluth.

Bill and Mabel Seeger and Ethel Paquin spent Christmas in the Twin Cities and were guests at the Charles Seeger and Evert Engebretson homes.

Twenty Years Ago January 13, 2000

Oklee School cast for the One-Act Play, "The Scheme of the Driftless Shifter" were Heidi Paradis, Jennifer Tougas, Micky Tougas, Talia Bishop, Cindy Lambert, Mindy Lundeen, Jeremiah Smith, Cynthia Raiter, Sara Dahlquist, Laura Sparley, Cathi Berberich, Paul Beaudoin, Doug Cote, and Doug Moen.

The RLCC Mustang Wrestlers advanced to finals and won three championships at the Pine to Prairie Tourmanment.

Edna and Roger Hyde went to Bad Medicine Lake New Year's Day to Denny Hyde's home where they celebrated a late Christmas of the Hyde clan.

Katie Rae Seyller was born on Christmas Eve to parents Judy and Gerald Seyller of Trail.

Ten Years Ago January 13, 2010

Good news for the Oklee Senior Site Craft Shop was received right before Christmas. Funding was available for a part time shop attendant.

Digi-Key reported that as of January 3, 2010, they had 2,020 employees. If their projections for 2010 materialize, they expect to see a significant increase in that number.

Snowmobile Safety Training was held in Oklee on January 9th. Students were Grant Stewart, Skyler Peterson, Bready Grove, Savannah Peterson, and Maddie Stewart.

Due to the seriousness of the flu this season, H1N1 vaccination clinic will be held for the General population for anyone who wants the vaccine ages 6 months or older

Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

Site. He enjoyed playing Bingo there also.

The Senior Site also has some activities to join in if you like to play cards or bridge. Tuesday is Cards at the Senior Site Activity at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday is Bridge at the Senior Site starting at 1:30 p.m. Both days of card playing is a good way to spend a winter afternoon.

Remember if you're looking for a unique, home-made gift to stop by the Oklee Senior Site Craft Shop. They are open Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. They have many great items for sale.

One of the favorite items that goes out the door fast is the microwave plate/bowl holders. Great for when you heat up some left overs and the plate is too hot to hold.

Table runners are a hot seller also and there is a good variety of them on hand. Or if you need to bring a dish to share, there are colorful casserole carriers also.

Need to brighten up your house during the winter. Check out the beautiful floral arrangements in the Craft shop. There

are so many ones, it can be hard to choose one.

Nice warm mittens home-made by an excellent sewer in a variety of designs and sizes from child to adult.

Dates to Remember
Jan. 16: Senior Site Meeting at 10 a.m.
Jan. 17: Birthday Meal.

Words of Wisdom
Forgiveness is seldom successful on the first try.

Don't get kicked by the same mule twice.

Joke Time
Husband: That man is really stupid.

Wife: Why do you say that?
Husband: He thinks that a football coach has four wheels.
Wife: Isn't that silly! How many wheels does it have?

"You think so much of your old golf game, you don't even remember when we were married!"

"Of course I do, my dear, it was the day I sank that thirty-foot putt."

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

The New Year came and went with me coughing my head off and my energy wasting away from a cough every couple of minutes. It turned out that I had pneumonia and really needed to see a doctor. I did that and am now recovering though the cough is not completely gone. Medicine is not my bag and what cures one thing usually starts problems with some other thing. Right now I have to cure the rawness in my mouth and the discomfort of that.

We have Christmas on hold yet, because we were sick and the weather was not conducive for our trip to Warroad. The kids up there are still waiting for their gifts, and we are trying our best to get

well enough to travel. Becky Novak came to visit over the Christmas weekend, but ended going back to Mankato without really celebrating the holiday because she got sick too. She left on New Year's Day.

So that is why I had no column last week and am trying to catch you up on at least our

news. I hope you have a great week and hopefully I am lucky enough not to get any setbacks. Jerome tells me that many of you have wished me good health and that you miss me. Thank you for that and I have to say sitting at home is not my bag of goodies, I would rather be out and about.

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

Tri River Pioneers met Monday night at the Museum at 7 p.m. There was discussion about building. No definite plan as to the location. Plans for the 4th regarding music were made. We'll try to get the Woodpicks, or other option is the band from the cities that played in 2019. The Christmas tree was taken down and other decorations put away.

The County guys and Scott Larson have been busy hauling snow from the huge piles. It's very time consuming.

Anna DeHate attended the wrestling tournament in Mahanomen on Friday night. Her grandson, Paul DeHate won his match.

On Saturday, the 4th, Alice Jobe went to Park Rapids for the 90th birthday of her Aunt (mom's sister). It was a big gathering of many cousins, her kids and grandchildren. The farthest away was a cousin from Tulsa, Oklahoma. It was fun to visit with him. They served pulled pork w/bun, baked beans, many salads, cake and fancy chocolate candy. There also were group pictures of the cousins, family and grandkids. The drive down was beautiful with all the snow on the evergreens. Snowmobilers were out having fun.

Wednesday night at the Legion, Jayden Iverson celebrated

her 19th birthday. Her family, which included her mom Kelly Baune, Grandpa Bob Baune, and Sandy & Mike Greenwood and Kelly's friend Jarod Larson, they enjoyed supper. Afterwards, some stayed to play bingo and Jayden treated everyone to brownies at half time.

The previous Saturday, my brother Gerald and Lorraine Kukowski took their grandsons fishing to Lake of the Woods. Leo, who just turned 5 caught a walleye. He was so excited. His parents had taken the boys ice fishing when he was 2 weeks old, I remember writing about it.

Last Sunday, the Vikings beat the Saints in Sunday football. So exciting!

The drinking straw was invented on January 3rd, 1888. The plastic straw is being discouraged from being used because of all the plastic in the oceans.

It was 48 below zero on January 8th, 1887 – Fargo report.

I don't know where this was done, but in the U.S. somewhere, 4th through 8th graders were making pouches (sewed) for Joey's (baby kangaroos) and koala bears for Australia to help them after the terrible fires.

Have a good week everyone!

Who's Dat?



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This week's photos is of some birthday girls. They are classmates and apparently have the first birthday of the year in their class.

Last week's photo is of fellows traveling the open road. Los Tres Amigos on a bike trip to Mexico in 1970. Left to right Cliff Melby, Dave Sovde & Tim Radniecki. All originally from Oklee, Cliff still resides here.

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.

If you email a photo, please scan at 300 dpi (high quality) if you can. You can email to okleeherald@gmail.com.

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