

Oklee Precipitation
By Einar Kvasager

	Rain	Snow
Jan. 13		1.00
Jan. 15		1.00
Jan. 16		1.50
Total in.	0.00	3.50

Oklee Herald

...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

OKLEE (RED LAKE COUNTY) MINN. 56742

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2019 Year in Review...

April 3, 2019
On March 16, 2019, the Pennington/Red Lake County 4-H Junior Poultry Project Bowl Team competed at the Northern Regional contest held in Deer River. The Junior Poultry team which consisted of Rylan Torstveit and Brienne Ellison of Pennington County and Hailey Hanson of Red Lake County took first place. The Pennington/Red Lake Junior Poultry Team will now participate in the State contest held in Sauk Rapids on April 6th.

The snow is melting nicely and even though we got a few flurries on Sunday, I'm not going to complain. I hear that the weather next week is expected to get into the 40's & 50's.

Clarence and Dianne Gagner went to the Cities last weekend, and watched their grand daughter, Ashton Gagner, daughter of Dan and Alicia Gagner, compete in gymnastics at the Convention Center. She did very well and qualified to compete in Regionals in Iowa sometime in April.

On Feb. 21st, Mike Fossum left to visit his brother Jim Fossum and wife Chris at Harvest, Alabama. He stayed three days and went to the Gulf of Mexico. He also visited a cousin at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi.

The Red Lake County Central High School recognized two students who were selected as the Students of the Month for February. They were Annika Senum and Maddie Inda-Valdez.

April 10, 2019
"You Know the Old Slaying" was presented by special arrangement with Brooklyn Publishers, LLC in association with Heuer Publishing, LLC. Tyrell Hamrum was the director and this is his first year taking over the RLCC plays. He worked earlier in the year with the One Act Play competition and this was his first play to be presented to the public.

Monday, March 25th was Public Performance Night for

those in speech from Red Lake County. There were ten performances.

Oklee Community Ed is sponsoring events in the next three months. They include Pickleball, Painted Barn Quilt Class, Oklee Community Rummage Sale and Oklee Swimming Lessons.

Cindy and Del Determan went to the wedding of Aaron Yaggie and his new wife Brittany on Saturday in Thief River Falls others from the Brooks area that attended this beautiful ceremony and the reception at the Ralph were Pam Paradis, Ryan and Kelsey Paradis and Ethan Paradis.

This week will be a waiting period for the ground to dry up somewhat after the water goes down. So it is time to get other things done before going out to clean up after winter.

Cold winters help prevent many potential pest insects from establishing here or requires species that cannot survive our winters like potato leaf hopper or black cutworm to migrate up from southern states. Extreme cold can also knock back species that are established here.

April 17, 2019
Watching the news reports on Thursday and into the night, there were reports of many places in the south end of Minnesota with outpower and many power poles were snapped off just above the ground. This was the 2nd "bomb cyclone" storm to hit the same area. The reason they are called cyclone bombs is because the barometric pressure drops so low.

Senior awards went out to Marie Johnson and Sarah Christensen. Marie Johnson also received the Academic All-State Award. She had to have over a 3.75 cumulative GPA and be on varsity her junior and senior year.

Conference Honorable Mention certificates were given to three RLCC Mustang wrestlers: Oscar Duden, Paul DeHate, and George Duden. North Star Wrestling All-Conference medal winners were Tristyn Ferguson, Zach Howard, and Damon Ferguson.

The Annual Red Lake County 4-H Share the Fun performances were held on Sunday, April 7, 2019 at the Lafayette High School, Robert Matzke Gymnasium. The 4-H Clubs performing a skit were: The Huot Hustlers 4-H Club (4-H Volunteer Leaders, Sara Kenfield, Lee and Jaclyn Rondorf) with their skit called, "A 4-H Made For Me," and the Garnes Go Getters 4-H Club (4-H Leaders, Kim Olson and Tracy Hamm) with their skit "Mystery Machine."

On Saturday evening, March 30th, an appreciation supper was held at the Plummer Legion. It was to celebrate the 100th birthday of the Legion.

April 24, 2019
Red Lake County Central junior Jayden Iverson was honored to win the state championship in Poetry at the Minnesota State Speech Tournament held April 12 at Wayzata High School. She is a member of the Red Lake County Speech Team. Iverson advanced to state by placing third at the Section 8A competition held in Fosston.

Brittany (Berberich) Hagen spoke to the attendees of the Academic Banquet at Red Lake County Central High School on April 8th about "Change." She encouraged people to constantly strive to learn new things, to make differences and adapt, and to always be ready for change.

Sunday was a beautiful day for Easter Sunday. The temperatures were in the 60's, but it was a bit overcast at times with sprinkles of rain once in a while.

Senior Citizens met on Thursday. They had the business meeting and enjoyed potluck lunch. They voted for a scholarship winner for \$100. Sarah Christopherson won it.

Plummer Elementary School Spelling Bee



Participants were (L to R); Back Row: Bernie Rosten, Debbie DuChamp, Graceyn Kvasager, Alexa Chervestad, Atley Vettleson, Nolan Lundeen, Hailey Hanson, Gunnar Halverson, Emma Hendrickson, Laura Conneran. Front Row: Lexus Waldal, Olivia Benson, Arlo Svendsen, Peyton Williams, Natalee Hendrickson. Photos by RLCC.



The Winners in the Plummer Spelling Bee were (l to r): Bernie Rosten, Debbie DuChamp, (Runner Up) Alexa Chervestad, (Champion) Emma Hendrickson, Laura Conneran. These event prizes for 1st & 2nd places are donated by the Plummer Lions Too.

53rd annual Moonlighters Sno Safari on January 25th

The 53rd Annual Oklee Moonlighters Snowmobile Safari will be held on January 25th with mild temperatures and plenty of snow this year. A perfect day for a Safari ride around the area for everyone in the family.

The riders will gather at TJ's Tavern at noon in Oklee before heading out for the trail ride at 1:00 p.m. They will return by six p.m.

After they get back, there will be drawings for door prizes and at 8 p.m. "Odd Man In" will be playing at TJ's for a night of music and fun.

Calendar of Events

- Wed, Jan. 22:**
-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. 23:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. - Bingo.
- 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.
- Wed, Jan. 29:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. - Bridge.
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-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. - Bingo.
- Fri, Jan. 31:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
- Sat, Feb. 1:**
-Support your local business - Shop Locally!
- Sun, Feb. 2:**
-Worship at the church of your choice.
- Mon, Feb. 3:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
- Tue, Feb. 4:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
- Wed, Feb. 5:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. - Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.



The Oklee Volunteer Fire Department received a donation from Enbridge. Tyrone Olson receives check from Enbridge Employee Laura Kircher.

Oklee Moonlighters held snowmobile safety training on January 11th



14 students participated in the Oklee Moonlighters Snowmobile training program.

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Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH

Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Wed, Jan. 22: 6:30 p.m.
8th Confirmation, 7:30 p.m.
9th Confirmation.

Sun, Jan. 26: 9:00 a.m.
Salem. 9:00 a.m. SS at Zion.
10:00 a.m. SS at Salem. 10:30
a.m. Zion – Annual meeting.
Wed, Jan. 29: 6:30 p.m.
8th Confirmation, 7:30 p.m.
9th Confirmation.

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OKLEE, GRYGLA & GOODRIDGE

Fr. Adam Hamness
Sun, Jan. 26: 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. 25: 5:30 p.m. RLF
Sun, Jan. 26: 8:00 a.m.
Brooks. 10:00 a.m. RLF.

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA

Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun, Jan. 26: 9:00 a.m.
Worship at Ebenezer. 9:15
a.m. SS at Immanuel. 10:30
a.m. Worship at Immanuel w/
annual meeting following.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA

Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Wed, Jan. 22: 12:30 p.m.
Release Time. 7:00 p.m. Beth-
any Confirmation.

Sun, Jan. 26: 8:30 a.m.
Faith, No SS at Faith – Annual
meeting; 9:45 a.m. Bethany,
10:30 a.m. SS at Bethany;
11:00 a.m. Ekelund, Annual
meeting, 9:45 a.m. SS at
Ekelund.

Mon, Jan. 27: 9:00 a.m.
Quilting Mission at Faith.

Wed, Jan. 29: 12:30 p.m.
Release Time.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY

Fosston
Seth Johnson,
Interim Pastor
Sun, Jan. 19: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School. 10:30 a.m.
Worship.

Sudoku Solution

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

CLEARWATER

LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive – Nazareth
Oak Park – St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Wed, Jan. 22: 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday School.
Sat, Jan. 25: 9:00 a.m. Mt.
Olive.

Sun, Jan. 26: 8:00 a.m.
Worship at St. Petri. 9:15 a.m.
Sunday School; 8:30 a.m. Oak
Park Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Worship at Oak Park; 9:45
a.m. Nazareth SS, 11:00 a.m.
Worship followed by Annual
Meeting.
Wed, Jan. 29: 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday School.

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

www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Jan. 22: 6:30 p.m.
Youth Group. 6:30 p.m. AWA-
NA.

Fri, Jan. 24: 8:30 a.m.
Friday School.

Sun, Jan. 26: 9:30 a.m.
Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday
School.

Tue, Jan. 28: 9:30 a.m.
Ladies Devotions. 10:00 a.m.
Quilting. 6:30 p.m. Bible Study.
Wed, Jan. 29: 6:30 p.m.
Youth Group. 6:30 p.m. AWA-
NA.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH

Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson,
Lay Minister
Wed, Jan. 22: 6:15 p.m. 7th
& 8th gr. Confirmation.
Sun, Jan. 26: 10:30 a.m.
Bethany worship, annual meet-
ing & potluck.
Wed, Jan. 29: 6:15 p.m. 7th
& 8th gr. Confirmation.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

January 27 - 31

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: Blueberry pan-
cake, 1 sausage patty, 1 egg,
and dessert.

Tuesday: Chicken drum-
mies, hash browns, corn, toast,
and dessert.

Wednesday: Grilled chicken
breast, macaroni salad,
peas, toast, and dessert.

Thursday: Salmon patty,
boiled potatoes, carrots, bread,
and dessert.

Friday: Hamburger w/
bun, broccoli cheese soup, and
dessert.

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season. Anyone interested in purchasing trees from the
Red Lake County SWCD should have their order in by
February 7, 2020. Tree order forms are available at our
office, on our website www.redlakecounty.org on the front
page or we can mail you a form. The SWCD office is located
in the basement of the MN Wheat Grower's Building south
of Red Lake Falls.

If you are interested in placing a tree order, for springs' tree
planting season, please call the Red Lake County SWCD
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The new schedule started
December 2016.

For Polk, Red Lake and
Clearwater county stops:

Every Monday – Grand
Forks.

Every 2nd Tuesday –
Mahnommen.

With the advent of the new Agderlag celebrations in
Fargo, they expect to get requests from Norwegian-Amer-
icans and Norwegians asking for assistance in making
connections with relatives. Sure enough they have had
an email from Vidar Lande in Norway asking if there
is anyway to find out what happened to a long lost
relative. (Vidar Lande visited Oklee a few years ago.)

This is an unusual request because his relative
Aanon (Onin) Nese went missing between 1920-1930.
Aanon came to Minnesota to live with the Skomdal
(Skomedahl) family around 1901-1902 and disappeared
sometime between 1920-1930.

Some of you may remember Gunder Skomdal who was
the last surviving owner of the Skomdal farm (turkey,
chickens), just north of Oklee. (First house on the road
leading to the Zion Cemetery). Gunder did not know
what happened to Aanon.

If anyone has any information or heard rumors about
Aanon's disappearance, please contact the Oklee Herald
Office so we can pass on the information.



Legal Notices

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

**THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF
THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE
ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN
THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS
NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,
that default has occurred in
conditions of the following described
mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE:
March 30, 2007

MORTGAGOR: Brian T. Williams
and Penny A. Williams, as husband
and wife.

MORTGAGEE: Midwest
Minnesota Community Development
Corporation.

DATE AND PLACE OF
RECORDING:
Recorded April 26, 2007 Red Lake
County Recorder, Document No.
126352.

ASSIGNMENTS OF
MORTGAGE: Assigned to:
Minnesota Housing Finance Agency.
Dated March 30, 2007 Recorded
April 26, 2007, as Document No.
126353.

TRANSACTION AGENT: NONE
TRANSACTION AGENT'S
MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION
NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: NONE
LENDER OR BROKER AND
MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR
STATED ON MORTGAGE: Midwest
Minnesota Community Development
Corporation

RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE
SERVICER: U.S. Bank National
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MORTGAGED PROPERTY
ADDRESS: 111 McLean Ave NE,
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TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 17-3226-
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LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF
PROPERTY:

The land referred to is situated
in the State of Minnesota, County
of Red Lake, and is described as
follows:

Lots One (1), Two (2), Three (3), and
Four (4) of Block One Hundred One
(101) in Kretzschmar's Addition to the
City of Red Lake Falls.

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY
IS LOCATED:
Red Lake

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL
AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE:
\$124,400.00

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED
TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF
NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF
ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE:
\$105,509.02

That prior to the commencement
of this mortgage foreclosure
proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of
Mortgagee complied with all notice

requirements as required by statute;
That no action or proceeding has
been instituted at law or otherwise
to recover the debt secured by said
mortgage, or any part thereof;

PURSUANT to the power of sale
contained in said mortgage, the
above described property will be
sold by the Sheriff of said county as
follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE:
March 10, 2020 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE:

Sheriff's Office, Courthouse, 124 North
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to pay the debt then secured by
said Mortgage, and taxes, if any,
on said premises, and the costs
and disbursements, including
attorneys' fees allowed by law
subject to redemption within six (6)
months from the date of said sale
by the mortgagor(s), their personal
representatives or assigns unless
reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN
Stat. §580.07.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE
PROPERTY: If the real estate is
an owner-occupied, single-family
dwelling, unless otherwise provided
by law, the date on or before which
the mortgagor(s) must vacate the
property if the mortgage is not
reinstated under section 580.30 or
the property is not redeemed under
section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on
September 10, 2020, unless that
date falls on a weekend or legal
holiday, in which case it is the next
weekday, and unless the redemption
period is reduced to 5 weeks under
MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED
FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION
ON MORTGAGE: None

THE TIME ALLOWED BY
LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY
THE MORTGAGOR, THE
MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS,
MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE
WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS
ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA
STATUTES, SECTION 582.032,
DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER
THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED
PREMISES ARE IMPROVED
WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING
OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS,
ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION,
AND ARE ABANDONED."

Dated: January 3, 2020
Minnesota Housing Finance Agency
Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

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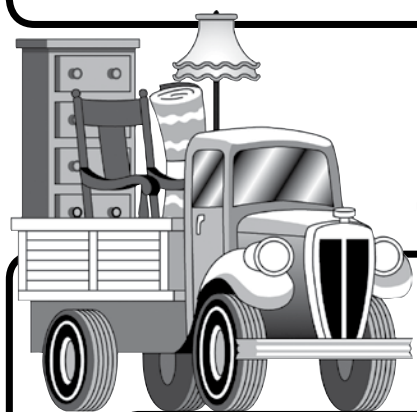
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Oklee Centennial Cookbook Recipe Corner - From page 523

Sunday Sausage Strata Barbara Weberg

1/2 lb breakfast sausage
2 medium onions
1 medium red bell pepper
12 large eggs
4 cups milk
1 tsp salt
Pepper to taste
6 cups cubed country-style bread
1 Tbsp Dijon mustard
1-1/2 cups grated Swiss cheese

Coat a 9 x 13-inch baking dish with cooking spray. Cook
sausage in a large skillet over medium heat, crumbling
until lightly browned, 3 to 4 minutes. Transfer to a plate
lined with paper towels to drain. Add onions and bell
pepper to the pan and cook, stirring often, until softened,
3 to 4 minutes. Whisk eggs, milk, salt and pepper in a
large bowl until blended. Spread bread in the prepared
baking dish. Scatter the sausage and the onion mixture
evenly over the bread. Brush with mustard. Sprinkle with
the cheese. Pour in the egg mixture. Cover with plastic
wrap and refrigerate for at least 2 hours or overnight.
350 degree oven. Bake uncovered, until puffed, lightly
browned and set in the center, 55 to 65 minutes. Let
cool for about 5 minutes before serving. Serves 10.



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MUSTANG STAMPEDE

RLCC Menus

January 27 - 31
Oklee

Monday: Breakfast: Biscuit & gravy, cereal, fruit, and milk. Lunch: Quesadilla, lettuce salad, cottage cheese, fresh vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Muffin, cereal, fruit, and milk. Lunch: Chicken burger w/bun, au gratin potatoes, vegetable, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Bagel w/cream cheese, cereal, fruit, and milk. Lunch: Lasagna roll ups, breadsticks, vegetables, yogurt, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Apple turnover, cereal, fruit, and milk. Lunch: Pork fritters, mashed potatoes w/butter, vegetable, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, and milk. Lunch: Soups, meat sandwich, crackers, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Plummer

Monday: Breakfast: Muffins, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. Lunch: Chicken quesadilla, salad, shredded cheese, Go-Gurt, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Omelet, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. Lunch: Toastie Dog, baked beans, baby bakes, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Variety, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. Lunch: Hot ham patty w/bun, sliced cheese, hash browns, corn, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: French toast sticks, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. Lunch: Diced chicken & gravy, mashed potatoes, vegetable, croissant, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. Lunch: Pizza, salad bar, PB sandwich, fruit, and milk.

Mustang Wrestling Schedule

Jan. 23: Triangular TBD Bertha-Hewitt, Wadena-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

Feb. 8: Dual 11:00AM @ Blackduck High School

Feb. 15: Section - TBD Thief River Falls @ Ralph Engelstad Arena - TRF

Feb. 21: Section TBD Crookston @ Crookston High School

Basketball Boys Var/JV Schedule

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

Feb. 3: 6:00PM Mahnomen/Waubun @ Mahnomen

Feb. 6: 6:00PM Fosston @ Fosston

Feb. 11: 6:00PM Northern Freeze @ Red Lake Falls

Feb. 14: 6:00PM Sacred Heart @ Sacred Heart High

Feb. 18: 6:00PM Fertile-Beltrami @ Red Lake Falls

Basketball Girls Var/JV Schedule

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

Feb. 6: 6:00PM Blackduck Public @ Oklee School

Feb. 7: 6:00PM Sacred Heart High @ Plummer School

Feb. 11: 6:00PM Fertile-Beltrami @ Plummer School

Feb. 13: 6:00PM Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears @ C-G High School

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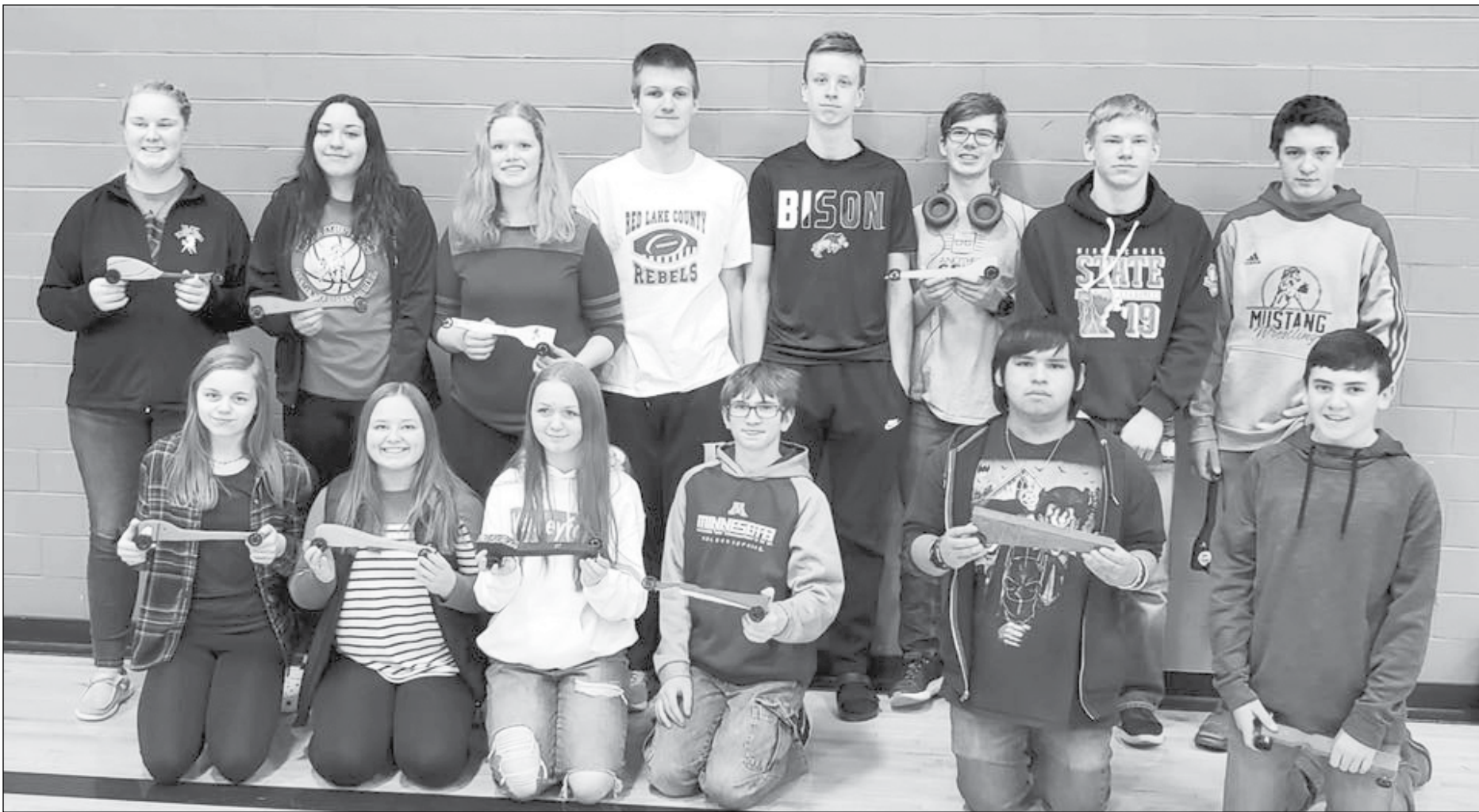
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Half of the 9th grade class pictured with their CO2 cars that they make in science class.

RLCC Mustangs Basketball

By: Karen Melby

The RLCC Mustangs beat Goodridge-Grygla 60-44 on Jan. 13th. Jenna Pahlen scored 26 points, 13 rebounds, 3 assists, 2 steals and 3 blocks, Kia Bachand scored 24 points, 7 rebounds, 6 assists, 1 steal and 1 block, Calyssa Eskeli scored 6 points, 5 rebounds and 2 assists, and Sidney Olson scored 4 points and had 2 rebounds. Other highlights for the Mustangs include: Cari Bachand with 5 rebounds, 3 assists, 3 steals and 2 blocks, Brandie DeHate with 7 rebounds, and Marissa Thomas with 1 rebound, 1 assist and 1 steal.

RLCC Mustangs Basketball

By: Karen Melby

The RLCC Mustangs beat Bagley 88-24 on Jan. 14th.

Kia Bachand scored 29 points, 7 rebounds, 4 assists and 6 steals, Cari Bachand had 14 points, 5 rebounds, 5 assists, 5 steals, and 1 block, Calyssa Eskeli had 4 points, 3 rebounds, 4 assists, 2 steals and 1 block, Jenna Pahlen had 18 points, 7 rebounds, 6 assists, 4 steals and 1 block, Carly Whalen had 2 points, Sidney Olson with 4 points, 7 rebounds, 2 steals and 1 block, Katelyn Suchy had 7 points, 1 rebound and 1 block, and Marissa Thomas had 5 points and 2 rebounds, Shawna Majeres had 2 rebounds, 2 assists, and 1 steal.

RLC Outs Climax-Fisher 67-40

By: Zachary Benson

The Rebels played the Climax-Fisher Knights on Jan. 14th. The Rebels were lead by Derek Peterson, Trent Goulet and Eric Gieseke. Peterson had

11 points, Goulet had 11 points and Gieseke had 10 points. The rebels look to continue their winning streak on the 16th against Crookston in Oklee at 7 p.m.

RLC Rebels beat the Ponies

By: Zachary Benson

The Rebels faced the WAO Ponies on Friday January 10th in Red Lake Falls. The Rebels beat the Ponies by a score of 68-52 behind Peterson's 19 points and Gieseke's 20 point performances. The Rebels advance to 8-3 with the win and look to continue their streak on Tuesday the 14th against Climax Fisher in Red Lake Falls again.

Wrestling Team Section Date Change

By: Adriel Bakken

Quarter finals for the Red Lake County Central Wrestling team are at 6:00pm, Tuesday, February 11th in Fertile. Semi-finals and finals are on Friday February 14th at 6:00pm and 7:30pm.

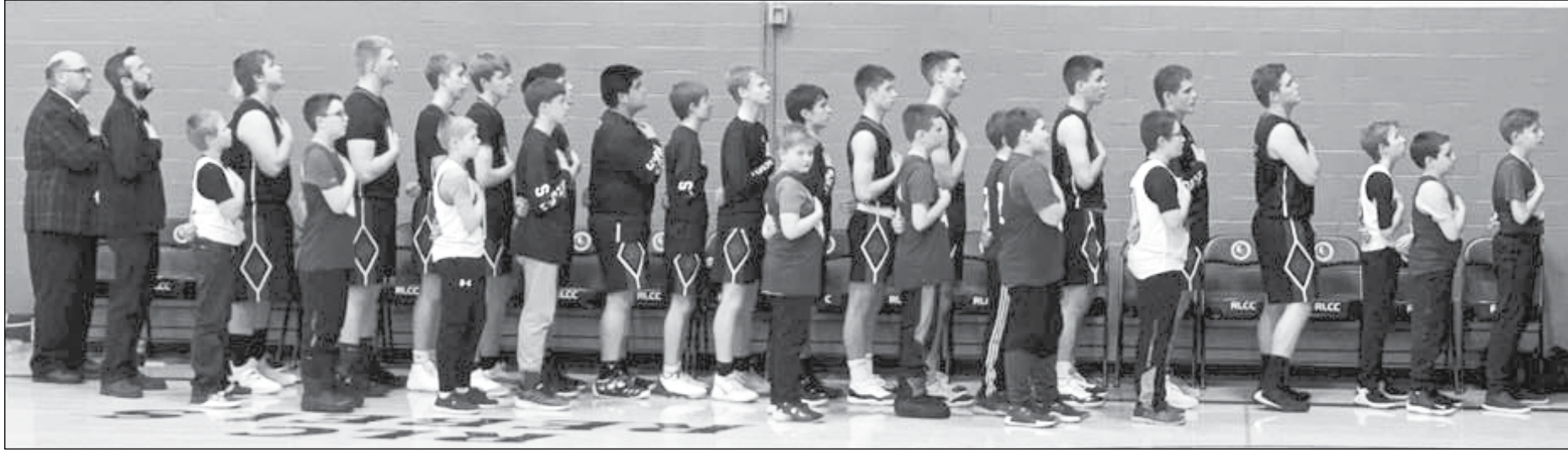
Riverwatch

By: Bella Russillo

The RLCC RiverWatch team went to the RLCC elementary on Jan. 14th. They showed the kids what zebra mussels do to the Minnesota lakes and how they transport from one lake to another. On Friday the 17th, the RLCC RiverWatch team will be opening a booth to spread the word about how zebra mussels are slowly taking over lakes. The team will explain on what the zebra mussels do and how they affect the water and the environment around it.



The 9th grade science class races their CO2 cars to see who has made the fastest car every year. The 2020 champion is Natalie Vettleson, pictured here with her car.



On Jan. 16, the 6th grade boys basketball team came out in support of the Rebels in their win over Crookston.

Writers & Writing by Michael Tidemann

Tidemann started his journalism career at the Bismarck Tribune in 1978 and began college teaching career as a graduate teaching assistant at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion in 1977. He has worked at newspapers in Iowa and the Dakotas and his work has appeared in Overdrive, Writer's Journal, the San Diego Union-Tribune and Snoutmobile. (Michael Tidemann writes from Estherville, Iowa. His author page is amazon.com/author/michaeltidemann.)

The Death Boat, a story of tragedy and loss

The Death Boat is a gripping account of a tragic boating accident the night of July 28, 1929, that claimed nine lives of West Lake Okoboji in northwest Iowa. Author Lloyd B. Cunningham lives in Lakeland, Fla., and summers at West Lake Okoboji.

Cunningham, a photographer for nearly 40 years for the Sioux Falls, S.D., Argus Leader, offers an exhaustively researched history of what led up to the fatal crash between the Zipper and the Miss Thriller, once billed as the fastest passenger boat in the world. Killed were Esther Rehnstrom, Henry Hintz, Arnold Steinke, Neal Gelino, Lloyd Cummings, Milo Nelson, Thomas Christian, Melvin Koehn and Luella Adams.

Cunningham's description of the sinking of the Miss Thriller is absolutely haunting.

"Miss Thriller hung at the surface for only a few minutes, and then the launch slipped out from under her passengers and sank to the bottom. Her headlights still burned, illuminating the passengers from below as they thrashed and screamed in an attempt to

save themselves amid a fading cone of green-yellow light. Then they flashed out, leaving the floundering passengers in the dark."

While blame was initially placed on the owners and operators of the Zipper, it was the Miss Thriller, capable of speeds of up to 70 miles an hour, that crossed into the path of the Zipper pilots who tried to steer to

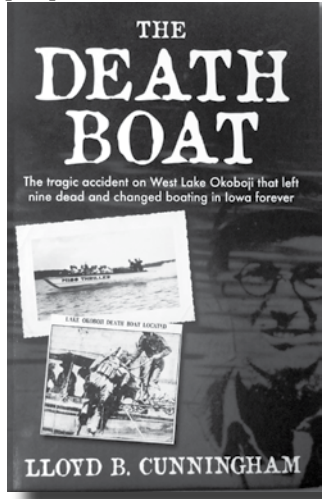
the right of the oncoming boat. As the Zipper tried to swerve to miss the Miss Thriller, it struck the other boat, sinking it in minutes. The boat came to rest one-half mile south of Dixon Beach.

At the heart of Cunningham's narrative is the almost manic competition between the owners of the Zipper and the Miss Thriller, a competition that figured directly into manslaughter and murder charges against the boat operators. The charges were later dismissed, to the dismay of the bereaved survivors of the victims.

John Steinke, father of Arnold Steinke, found a small bit of solace when he bought the Miss Thriller.

"On Tuesday, January 24, 1933, Steinke soaked the hollow, rotting hull with five gallons of gasoline and put a match to her. Miss Thriller was burned to ashes. The fastest passenger boat in the country drifted away in smoke."

This is a wonderful book for anyone interested in northwest Iowa history, and a must-read for anyone interested in the history of the Iowa Great Lakes or inland maritime disasters.



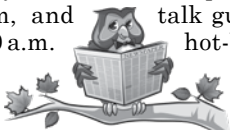
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Red Lake Falls Library News

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

The winner of the NWRL Book Blizzard coffee mug last week was Terry Weiss. New titles include "Fair

Play," a game-changing solution for when you have too much to do (and more life to live) by Eve Rodsky, a Reese's book club pick - "A hands-on, real talk guide for navigating the



hot-button issues that so many families struggle with."--Reese Witherspoon; and "King Charles," the man,

the monarch and the future of Britain by Robert Jobson, author of New York Times best-seller "Diana: Closely Guarded Secret," - "Jobson debunks the myths about the man who will be king, going beyond banal, bogus media caricatures of Charles to tell his true story."

AgCountry declares \$60 million in cash dividends

AgCountry Farm Credit Services is excited to announce that a record \$60 million in cash dividends will be paid to eligible member-owners in March of 2020. Since 2014, AgCountry patrons have received over \$195 million in cash patronage.

The Board of Directors is also announcing that going forward, it is the cooperative's intention to target payment of a one percent cash dividend on all eligible business barring unforeseen events and assuming AgCountry continues to meet its financial goals.

AgCountry's patronage program grants the Board of Directors the ability to distribute a portion of the association's net income to its member-owners when financial conditions allow for it. This marks the seventh consecutive year AgCountry is paying a cash dividend.

"The Board is truly pleased to make these announcements," said Board Chair Ed Hegland. "In these trying times, it is great that we are in a position to deliver a record cash dividend to the people who have helped build this company."

Oklee Herald Early Files

Eighty Years Ago

January 18, 1940

The Oklee High School Orioles scored a 26-24 basketball victory over Plummer after losing by 37-16 to Gonvick last Friday.

Glenn Prather of Grand Forks, Boy Scout executive for the Lake Agassiz council, was a visitor Tuesday.

August Bourque, son of Mrs. Jennie Bourque of Brooks, and Miss Celeste Pouliot, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P.F. Pouloit of Red Lake Falls were married at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Brooks on January 6th.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ellickson and Alex Onsgaard returned here Sunday from a month's visit at Madison Wisconsin. While there, Mr. Ellickson submitted to an operation for goiter, from which he is now recovering nicely.

The Gully Independents lost to Gonvick on the local floor, Thursday night, 42-28.

An indoor stairway has been built to the basement of the Lund Church.

Seventy Years Ago

January 19, 1950

Miss Norma Distad, daughter of Willie Distad of Oklee, became the bride of William P. Champagne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Amedie Champagne of Brooks, in a double ring ceremony at St. John's Rectory in South Milwaukee, on Dec. 17th.

Minus 30 was lowest temperature in 1949. The three winter months of January, February and March were all colder than usual, while the months of April, May, June, July and August were warmer than the long-time average.

Quick action on the part of the Oklee Volunteer Fire Department, combined with modern firefighting equipment were credited with saving a local dwelling house from total destruction here Saturday. The forenoon blaze at the Ray Jensen residence near the creamery was blamed on a defective furnace.

Mrs. Ole Gunderson, Julian and Audrey were Thief River Falls visitors Saturday.

Sixty Years Ago

January 21, 1960

Approximately 200 stockholders and patrons were in attendance at the 24th Annual meeting of the Oklee cooperative Oil Association, held at the hall last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Lizotte who were recently married are living in the Ralph Mercil home.

A birthday party was held at the Floyd Hesse home for Scotty's 8th birthday. 18 classmates were present. Games were played, lunch was served and gifts presented.

Next week will mark the end of the first semester. All students from every class are working hard preparing for their semester exams.

Mt. Olive Church installed an oil furnace in their church on Friday and Saturday with Marvin Strande of Crookston doing the work.

Fifty Years Ago

January 15, 1970

The coldest job in the county last week probably was the repairing of a broken water pipe on Main Street in Oklee. An old galvanized iron pipe burst and the water rose to the surface, flooding a portion of the street. Jerry Skjerven and Irvin Flatgard of Jerry's Plumbing and Heating did the repair.

Visitors from Norway: Lars Mandt of Eidsborg, Norway, was here last week visiting the Ole Kvasager home. Mrs. Kvasager is Mr. Mandt's sister whom he hadn't seen for 40 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Torkelson and boys helped Brenda Torkelson celebrate her fourth birthday. Brenda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Torkelson.

A member of the Oklee faculty is in the hospital. Mrs. Ethel Peterson, the home economics teacher, fell and cracked her shin bone.

Forty Years Ago

January 17, 1980

Because of many recent complaints the City of Oklee Council has tightened up on the dog issue. Cages are being built and dogs will be picked up. Dog licenses are due now.

Janell Bjerklie was an overnight guest at the Gene Marquis home Friday night as it stormed so bad she couldn't make it home.

Miss Stephanie Gagner was an overnight guest at the Wes Myhre home on Friday evening. She helped Wendy celebrate her 10th birthday.

There was no school on Monday and Friday, January 8 & 11, due to the stormy weather.

Mrs. Lillian Tasa, Signe Evenson and Helen Chervestad were luncheon guests at the Sena Chervestad home.

Thirty Years Ago

January 17, 1990

Vernon and Val Gagnon have been selected as the 1990 Valley Farmer and Homemaker from Red Lake County.

Mrs. Arliss Alberts, Groton, SD, announce the engagement of her daughter, Arna, to Joel Hanson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hanson, Brooks.

Jack Rindahl of Trail knows the road between his home and Grand Forks, ND monotonously well. For the past 18 months he has made the 144 mile round trip three times a week for life saving kidney dialysis. He was placed on the list since for a kidney since he began dialysis in July 1988.

Meet the Oklee Kindergarteners included Lindsay Bergeson, Paul Bachand, Talia Bishop, and Douglas Cote.

Twenty Years Ago

January 20, 2000

VFW sponsored an essay contest with the theme of "How Should We Honor America's Veterans." The essays were between 300 & 400 words. Winners were Andy Swenson 1st place; Maureen Munt 2nd Place; and Megan Gunderson, 3rd place.

The 33rd Annual Oklee Moonlighters Snowmobile Safari was held despite the lack of snow. There were a total of 24 snowmobiles that went on a 20 mile run. Followed by prizes and entertainment.

Harold and Marion Vatthauer had a wonderful Christmas this year as all their children and grandchildren were home.

Air Force Airman Tina M. Piche has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. She is the daughter of Roger and Patty Piche of Red Lake Falls and is a 1999 graduate of Lafayette High School in RLF.

Ten Years Ago

January 20, 2010

Steve and Andrea Eskeli from Plummer received special recognition for their commitment to leadership and their community at the Agassiz Leaders Awards Banquet at the U of M.

Maryann (Nistler) Lessard of Oklee and her daughter Annette Dunning flew to Houston, Texas for a Nistler family reunion January 5 -12. Their time in Texas was spent getting reacquainted and sightseeing.

Matthew Vettleson, son of Alan and Chris Vettleson was selected the December Student of the Month for grades 3 & 4 and Brandon Lee, son of Jack and Tracy Lee, was the December Student of the Month for grades 5 & 6, at RLCC Elementary in Plummer.

The Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears took a 6-point loss from the Red Lake County Rebels on January 15th in Oklee with a score of 58-64.

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Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

We surely had a bad Saturday. I had to shovel a path to get to my mailbox. The wind was from the north so after I made the path, it remained open until this morning. Early this morning my plower came and cleaned so I could get my car out. The city was very quiet today, except for the City workers doing the roads.

I really think the City has done a great job for several weeks. It is a cold job and they have worked at it for several weeks before Saturday's work. They worked Sunday too. Last week it was stated

that the Senior Site has card playing twice a week. That was incorrect. Card playing is on Wednesday only at this time. Bridge is played at one table and other card games are played at the other tables. If you like playing cards, please come on down and join in the fun.

I heard that Harold Parsley had passed away. Harold often had Meals on Wheels delivered to his house.

Dates to Remember
January 31: Last day of January.

Bonny's Bits...

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During the storm this past weekend didn't stop bm birds from frequenting the feeders. They were as busy as usual. The top photos has a hairy or downy woodpecker eating on the left, a bluejay flying towards the other suet and a bluejay sitting on a branch watching it all. Later a bluejay got to enjoy some suet on the



hanging feeder.

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

Well, I am still sick though not quite as bad as when this all started. Very weak and coughing more than I wish to by all means. I have to say Thank You to Elmer Hanson of Oklee, who gave me a call to give me a tip last week about my sore mouth. It worked Elmer and I had forgotten it over many years of nursing kids. So Thank You again for that tip it really helped. Some people like Elmer, go out of their way to help out. And they are never forgotten.

Something I ran across in my reading over this past while was a note that Christmas was banned in Boston from 1659 till 1681. Their strict interpretation of the Bible, the Puritans, noted that there was no scriptural basis for commemorating Christmas. The ban was revoked in 1681 and it was not until the mid 19th century that celebrating Christmas became fashionable in the Boston region.

Last weekend, Ian Ellenson

February 1: First day of February - only 29 days that month.

Words of Wisdom
Remember, effort is just as important as talent.

Be open to the places a simple hello might lead you.

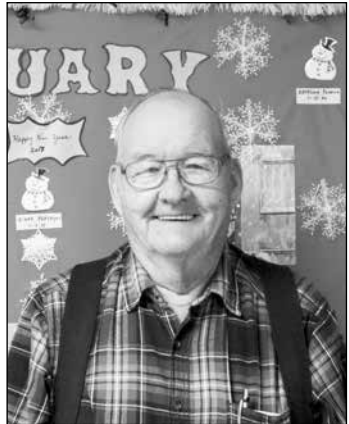
Joke Time
Ole: Lena I got a new job as a pilot!

Lena: Ole, how can you be a pilot?

Ole: Easy, Lena, I got a job at da stable. I pile it over here, I pile it over dere.

Little Ole: Papa, can I haf de car tonight? I've got a heavy date.

Ole: In dat case, take the truck.



Einar Kvasager was the lucky winner of the free birthday meal for January.

stopped by to say hello and bring our gifts. As you know being sick and having storms every other day is not good for traveling. So our Christmas is coming in dribs and drabs. It was so good to see Ian, but as sick as I was my company consisted of a grunt and snoring. It is always wonderful to see Ian though.

I hope you have a great week sounds like the weather may moderate for a week or so. Happy trails.

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

The weather turned miserably cold on Thursday. So, I guess we just deal with it. And a storm on Friday to top it off.

Well, there is very little going on around Plummer these days.

Plummer Volunteer Firemen had their annual steak fry supper with all the fixing on Saturday night.

Quite a lot of snowmobilers were out Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. Nice snow.

The groomer came through Wednesday morning at 7:30 a.m. very early.

Last Saturday the North Dakota Bisons played down at Frisco, Texas and won their 37th time over JMU. The score was 28-20. I saw part of the first half and the end. JMU did try to catch up, but, one guy can't do it all.

On Sunday, the 12th, Alice Jobe went to Badger, attended 9 o'clock mass and then there was coffee and juice for the family and some parishioners to celebrate Loren's 77th birthday. He's the oldest. Brother Allan couldn't make it because of the flu. Later the family was invited to brother Gerald Kukowski's for a ham dinner, potatoes, veggies, salad, and bars for treats. It was an enjoyable meal and fun time.

Alice Jobe visited Anne Traxler on Tuesday afternoon.

Her daughter Nancy Olson visited her late in the morning. It was Nancy's birthday.

Here are a couple of news items I got from television lately: An 85 year old woman from Vermont has been weight throwing, javelin and does hurdles, also she pole vaults. She started when she was 65 years old. She has won many awards. The pole she jumped over looked to be 3-4 ft high. Still, sounds dangerous.

The other was about a NASCAR racer named Hamlin. He started racing go-karts at age 7. He won a few races. His first one though, the checkered flag went out and he kept going - not realizing that was the end of the race. He liked racing so well he eventually got to NASCAR. Virginia racing predates NASCAR. Interesting to hear.

Stay warm and well. Have a good week.

Who's Dat?



Who's Dat?

This week's photos is four fellows having good time someplace.

Last week's photo is of two classmate's celebrating their 18th birthdays. They are Joyce (Nelson) Austad. Oklee and Joanne (Fortier) Hafdahl, Fargo.

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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