

Oklee Precipitation By Einar Kvasager

	Rain	Snow
Jan. 27		Trace
Jan. 28		0.50
Jan. 29	Trace	0.25
Jan. 30	Trace	0.25
Jan. 31	Trace	Trace
Total in.	0.00	1.00

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2019 Year in Review...

June 5, 2019

Plummer American Legion Post 623 and Auxiliary held Memorial Day Services at 10:30 am in the Veterans Park in Plummer. The guest speaker Specialist was Brandi Malwitz.

Commander Dulka of the Oklee American Legion, commended Christian Baker for enlisting and told him to come back and one day take over his job as commander of the Oklee American Legion.

The Red Lake County Rebels last game of the regular season, they lost to the Sacred Heart Eagles with a score of 6 to 11.

Retiring from the RLCC School District were Bernadette Rosten and Mark Bagaa-son from the Elementary and Anita Bachand and Bonnie Cote from the High School.

It is mowing time again, and the lawn is growing along with the trimming that needs to be done as well as the pruning. In summer there is no want to look for something to do. The outdoor things seem to abound.

June 12, 2019

Red Lake County Track Banquet in Red Lake Falls was held on Wednesday, June 5th. Award winners were: Connor Lambert, Brody Moen, Brendan Larson, Marquis Paradis, Makenzie Willams, Hollie Knott, Kia Bachand, and Marissa Shiebe, Carter Williams, Brock Tvedt, and Damon Ferguson.

The RLC Track Relay team 4x800 rebroke their record at sub-sections in Warren on May 23rd with a time of 9:34 seconds! The record they set on May 2nd was 9:37.88.

The storms that rolled through the area were windy and some were scared by the velocity of the wind. There was hail in some places, and some rain. Varying reports of rain from a half inch to an inch came down. It was water that

Calendar of Events

Wed, Feb. 5:

-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.

-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plum-

mer Legion.

Thu, Feb. 6:

-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.

Fri, Feb. 7:

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

Sat, Feb. 8:

-Support your local busi-
ness – Shop Locally!

Sun, Feb. 9:

-Worship at the church of
your choice.

Mon, Feb. 10:

-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.

Tue, Feb. 11:

-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.

Wed, Feb. 12:

-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.

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mer Legion.

Thu, Feb. 13:

-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.

Fri, Feb. 14:

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

Sat, Feb. 15:

-Support your local busi-
ness – Shop Locally!

Sun, Feb. 16:

-Worship at the church of
your choice.

Mon, Feb. 17:

-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.

Tue, Feb. 18:

-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.

Wed, Feb. 19:

-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.

-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plum-

mer Legion.

Thu, Feb. 20:

-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.

we needed for sure. Clarence Gagner said they had over an inch and a half of rain.

A baby shower was held at the Immanuel Lutheran Church on Saturday, June 1st for Hannah Gerardy and son Sawyer. She is the wife of Brett Gerardy. Cupcakes and coffee were served. Sawyer is the grandson of Tony and Sheila Gerardy.

June 19, 2019

The RLCC Trap team competed at the Minnesota Trap tournament in Alexandria, MN on June 10th. 8,300 students from 362 schools participated in this 8 day tournament. This competition will determine who will qualify for the state competition on June 21st in Prior Lake, MN. The RLCC team members and their coaches are: Coach Rodney Duden, Tristyn Ferguson, Jed Duden, Noah Hanson, Tyler Hanson, Gunnar Thompson, Sidney Ol-son, Coach Mike Illies, Gunnar Sandeen, Damon Ferguson, Paige Olson, Kaleb Fougner and Brett Anderson.

May 14th, the old tennis courts in Oklee got a new surface laid down. On half of the old tennis court, three pickleball courts have been set up. There are classes on Friday nights and on June 23rd there will be a Pickleball Picnic.

Twenty three athletes and two managers received letter awards and twenty six athletes and three managers were recognized with participation certificates.

A baby boy was born to Tyler and Lynn Gagner of Battle Lake. He is the great grandson of Clarence and Dianne Gagner. He was born on June 12 and was named Bennett Robert.

Rick and Arlene Froiland, their daughter Jerilee Carpenter and her three children, Lexi, Brock and Cole traveled to Stavanger, Norway to visit Elisabeth Brekke, Borge Vat-land and they son Kristian on the North Sea. They live at Hunvag, the last of a series of island connected by 6 bridges. Very beautiful view from their home. And the streets are very narrow making it difficult to meet traffic.

June 26, 2019

Bonnie Borene recently retired after 39 years at CHS Northland Grain and was honored at a retirement party held at the Oklee Community Hall on June 7, 2019. Bonnie moved to Oklee in 1979 when her husband Brad got a job as a teacher at the Oklee High School. Brad retired in 2013.

The 2019 Red Lake County Fair has three fun filled days, June 28-29-30, of activities for everyone and starts in the Oklee Community Hall with a Community Supper.

The Oklee and Plummer American Legion were represented at the annual Flag Day picnic/potluck at the Oklee Area Veteran's Park for the proper disposal of flags that have been damaged. Commandor Rick Dulka led the members in a Flag ceremony.

It has been cool and threat-ening rain. We need rain and all week there were forecasts of rain. We got none or rather close to none. Some got a bit more than us but the dust dried out really quickly after the tenth that we got. The garden and yard is showing its thirst in dried up plants and dry grass. It helps with the mowing jobs, but I'd rather mow. I like green. Now they are predicting hot and muggy over the end of this week. That is kind of natural during fair week.

Karen Tvedt, Anne Traxler, Bunny DuChamp, Anna De-Hate, and Alice Jobe went to the Bite Me Grill for lunch (at the American Legion). Kristie Hesse, the cook, had the first day for lunch.

This week at the Site we will have a special party. Eleanore Christianson celebrated her 99th Birthday.

Mckenzie Hamm enjoyed dinner with her grandma, Sue Carriere at the Security State Bank Appreciation Dinner.



Mikayla and Benjamin Tabert, Red Lake Falls are Red Lake County's representatives in the Red River Valley Emerging Leadership Program. Photo by: Janssen Photography, Fergus Falls, MN

Talbert's participate in Extension Program

Benjamin and Mikayla Tabert, Red Lake Falls are Red Lake County's representatives in the Red River Valley Emerg-ing Leadership Program. Alumni of the program from the county nominated them to take part in the program because of their involvement in their community.

Benjamin and Mikayla farm with her parents, David and Peggy Miller at Trinity Creek Ranch, Inc. They have about 1000 acres of crops and have a head 160 cow-calf operation with a feedlot. They also sell Pioneer seed and Agassiz cover crop seed. Their operation is one of the only no-till/cover cropping farms in our area.

During the program, Ben-jamin and Mikayla will be gathering with other rural leaders from 17 counties in the region over four sessions to gain in-sight on personal leadership styles, communication, rural issues, life balance, and facilitating effective meetings. Partic-ipants will spend time at the state capitol and visit with state legislators about issues affecting their communities.

One recent graduate of the Emerging Leadership Program said the following about the program:

"My mind has completely switched on what it means to be a leader, from questioning if I am one, to how can I be a

better one! I found strengths I didn't know I have."

Another graduate added:

"I found a network of fellow leaders/friends...and engaged in worthwhile learning sessions throughout the program. This experience will enable me to be a better leader in my community and help others get involved as well.

University of Minnesota Extension coordinates the Emerging Leadership Program and provides educational content. Financial support for the program comes from the North-west Minnesota Foundation, Red River Valley Development Association, and from a variety of other sources including ag producer groups, electric coop-eratives, community businesses, financial institutions and in-dividuals in counties throughout northwest and west central Min-nesota who contribute each year.

Benjamin and Mi-kayla will be honored for their commitment to leadership and their community at the Emerging Leadership Program's annual recognition banquet on Sat-urday, March 28 in Crook-ston. Family and friends are invited to join program alumni at the event. Tickets can be ordered from the Extension Regional Office~Crookston by calling 218-281-8696 -or- toll free 1-888-241-0781.



RLCC's One Act competed on Friday, January 24th and performed in Oklee on Jan. 28. Pictured left to right: Back Row: Daniel Guillemette, Remi Rathsack, Faith Hanson,

Bridge bid awarded to Riley Brothers Construction

All commissioners were present: John Dudycha, Al Remick, Ron Weiss, Chuck Simpson and Anthony Flage.

First up was the opening of bids for CSAH 13 bridge replacement project. County Engineer Eric Hove read off the bids as they opened them.

Midwest Contracting, Mar-shall, MN - \$948,355.00

Davidson Construction, TRF - \$944,571.80

Taggart Contracting, TRF - \$922,829.00

RJ Zavoral & Sons, Inc., EGF – 1,063,449.00

Riley Brothers Construc-tion, Morris, MN - \$908,984.30

Gladen Construction, LaPorte, MN – \$941,224.98

The bids all had the re-quired bond and Addendum 1 included. Hove will look over all the bids and return with his recommendation.

Before he left, Hove asked for approval to advertise for SAP 063-603-011 & SAP 063-618-010 projects in the paper with a March bid opening. These projects are part of the 5-year plan that has been ap-proved. CSAH 3 & CSAH 18 are not 10 ton roads, but with this overlay of 2.25 inches, rumble strips and shouldering it will bring them up to that standard. This project is located in the Dorothy/Huot areas.

While discussing the above project, Hove also mentioned that he would like to do CSAH 14, which is a gravel road, with the spraying of a stabilizing solution that will decrease dust and cut down on re-graveling costs. Hove said that Polk County has been doing many of their gravel roads and they are very pleased with the results. If the commissioners wanted to approve advertising for this project also there will be bid openings in April.

A motion was made for the SAP 063-603-011 & SAP 063-618-010 projects to be advertised for bids by Weiss, seconded by Dudycha, carried.

A motion was made for the CSAH 14 stabilization of the gravel road, for bids by Simpson and seconded by Flage, carried.

County Environmental En-gineer Kurt Casavan brought forward to the board that working with Hove on the drawing of plans has been great and is saving the county money. Casavan usually used Houston Engineering to do the plans. Tanya Hanson, District Manager, RLC SWCD, also said working with Hove on projects has been a good working relationship.

Social Services Director Kristi Nelson came before the board with a request for

approval of shared employee Social Services Management Contracts with Norman Coun-ty. Weiss made a motion to ap-prove, Flage seconded, carried.

Tanya Hanson, SWCD and Kurt Casavan, Environmental, asked the board to approve a resolution to extend the Red Lake County Local Wa-ter Management plan that will expire in March of 2020. The reason is that Red Lake County is planning to partici-pate in the development of a Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan for the Clearwater River through the One Watershed One Plan. The resolution says...the Red Lake County Board of Com-missioners requests from the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources an extension of the effective date of the cur-rent County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan until 12/31/2023, in order to complete the update process in accordance with Minnesota Statutes... The motion was made by Simpson, seconded by Dudycha. Carried.

Casavan informed the board that he was leaving the Ditch Assessments the same as last year. Flage made a motion to accept the rates for this year the same as last year, Dudycha seconded. Carried.

Casavan was asked about the discussion about the land-fills. The State is pushing to close the Red Lake County landfills and instead have transfer stations. Casavan is not in favor, but is still in dis-cussion with the state. Mention of the Oklee Landfill being close to the river by the public was mentioned, but Casavan said the feeling he gets is the state just was to consolidate.

The minutes were approved with one change by a motion from Flage, seconded by Dudy-cha, carried.

Expenditure were looked over. Dudycha questioned why the RLC Fair Board was receiv-ing \$10,000. It was explained to him that the appropria-tions were in the budget and approved in December. This is a payment based on that approval. Dudycha said he doesn't think they should get the money. Motion to pay the bills with a motion by Flage, seconded by Weiss. Roll call: Aye: Flage, Weiss, Remick, Simpson. Nay: Dudycha.

Hove returned after looking over all the bids received and recommended Riley Brother's Construction from Morris, MN. They had the lowest bid and all the numbers were good. Motion to accept the bid was made by Simpson, seconded by Dudycha. Carried.

Committee reports were given starting with Simpson. He had a RLC Highway Dept. meeting, a RLC Economic Development meeting and a Red Lake County Fair Board meeting.

Flage attended a State Auditors meeting, and a Inter County Nursing meeting.

Weiss attended the Quin Meeting, the Highway meeting and a Corrections meeting.

Dudycha attended an Inter County Community Council meeting.

Remick had attended the Red Lake County Soil, Water Conservation District meeting, NW Mental Health meeting and had a question about the NW Regional Development meeting dates.

Next meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2020 at 10 a.m.

and Jonathan Roue. Middle Row: Emily Kolstoe, Karena Melby, Lilly Hanson, and Luci Svendsen. Front Row: Oliver Russillo and Ruben Osborn.

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Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH

Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Wed, Feb. 5: 6:30 p.m. 8th Confirmation, 7:30 p.m. 9th Confirmation, 6 p.m. Chime Choir at Zion.
Thu, Feb. 6: 7:00 p.m. Bible Study at Zion.

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

Tue, Feb. 11: 9 a.m. Quilting at Zion. 7:00 p.m. Salem Board meeting.

Wed, Feb. 12: 6:30 p.m. 8th Confirmation, 7:30 p.m. 9th Confirmation. 6 p.m. Chime Choir at Zion.

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OKLEE, GRYGLA & GOODRIDGE

Fr. Adam Hamness
Sun, Feb. 9: 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, Feb. 8: 5:30 p.m. RLF
Sun, Feb. 9: 8:00 a.m. Brooks. 10:00 a.m. RLF.

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA

Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun, Feb. 9: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer. 9:15 a.m. SS at Immanuel. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Immanuel. Immanuel Board meets after service.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH

Bethany-Ekelund-Faith Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Wed, Feb. 5: 12:30 p.m. Release Time.
Sun, Feb. 9: 8:30 a.m. Ekelund, 9:45 a.m. SS at Ekelund; 9:45 a.m. Faith, 11 a.m. SS at Faith; 11:00 a.m. Bethany, 9:45 a.m. SS at Bethany.
Mon, Feb. 10: 9:00 a.m. Quilting Mission at Faith.
Tue, Feb. 11: 9:30 a.m. Shalom Circle.
Wed, Feb. 12: 12:30 p.m. Release Time. 7:00 p.m. Confirmation Class - Bethany.

Feb. WIC Schedule

The Women, Infants and Children's Supplemental Nutrition Education Program (WIC) for February 2020.

Infants, children up to the age of 5, and women who are pregnant or breastfeeding may be eligible for the program. We are very interested in enrolling pregnant women in the program. We feel that the prenatal nutrition is a vital part of producing a healthy baby. Therefore, it is important to apply for WIC early in your pregnancy. We need no proof of pregnancy.

All potential clients must contact the WIC Program to schedule an appointment.

The schedule for February.
Thursday, February 6: Red Lake Falls Community Center (City Bldg.)

Monday, February 10 to Fri, Feb. 14: Thief River Falls Redeemer Lutheran Church

Tuesday, February 25: Grygla Grace Lutheran Church
 For more information on the WIC program, call or write WIC Quin, PO Box 248, Newfolden, MN 56738, phone 1-800-223-1591, or e-mail at quinchs@wiktel.com.

FEBRUARY IS Black History Month

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH

Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Wed, Feb. 5: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School.
Sat, Feb. 8: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.

Sun, Feb. 9: 8:00 a.m. Worship at St. Petri. 9:15 a.m. Sunday School; 8:45 a.m. Nazareth Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Worship at Nazareth; 9:45 a.m. Oak Park SS, 11:00 a.m. Oak Park.

Wed, Feb. 12: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH

Josiah Hoagland, Pastor Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
 www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Feb. 5: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group. 6:30 p.m. AWA-NA.

Thu, Feb. 6: Rotary meeting.

Fri-Sun, Feb. 7-9: Youth Winter Retreat.

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

Tue, Feb. 11: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions. 10:00 a.m. Quilting.

Wed, Feb. 12: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group. 6:30 p.m. AWA-NA.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH

Bethany * Lund Sand Valley Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Wed, Feb. 5: 6:15 p.m. 7th & 8th gr. Confirmation
Sun, Feb. 9: 9:00 a.m. Lund, 10:30 a.m. Bethany.
Wed, Feb. 12: 6:15 p.m. 7th & 8th gr. Confirmation.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston

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

Oklee Senior Site Dining

February 10 - 14

Call 796-5666 to order.

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: Egg salad sandwich, turkey vegetable soup, and dessert.

Tuesday: Baked chicken, baked potato, green beans, and dessert.

Wednesday: Taco on fried bread w/all the fixings, and dessert.

Thursday: ½ Grilled ham & cheese sandwich, cold tuna macaroni salad, vegetable, and dessert.

Friday: ½ Hot beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, and dessert.

Now Taking Tree Orders for Spring 2020

Red Lake County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) is taking tree orders now for springs' tree planting 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 office at (218) 253-2593. O44-45C - 46NC

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Quote for the Week

"However difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do and succeed at." - Stephen Hawking

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Red Lake County Commissioners Minutes

RED LAKE COUNTY Board Reorganization Meeting Held January 7, 2020

Pursuant to adjournment of its regular meeting the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners duly met in reorganizational session pursuant to Minnesota Statute 357.07 at the courthouse in Red Lake Falls, MN on January 7, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Members present were: Commissioners Anthony Flage, Allen Remick and Chuck Simpson. Commissioners absent were: John Dudycha and Ron Weiss. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

County Auditor Robert Schmitz called the meeting to order and asked for nominations for the position of County Board Chairperson for 2020. Commissioner Flage nominated Commissioner Remick. Auditor Schmitz called for additional nominations three times, and hearing none called for a motion to cease nominations. Commissioner Flage moved and seconded by Simpson that nominations cease and the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Remick as the 2020 Chairperson of the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners. Motion carried.

Commissioner Remick assumed the chair and called for nominations for Vice-Chairperson for 2020. Commissioner Simpson nominated Commissioner Flage. Chairman Remick called for additional nominations three times, and hearing none called for a motion to cease nominations. Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Remick that nominations cease and the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Flage as Vice-Chairperson of the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners for 2020. Motion carried.

Bid opening was then conducted for the legal county newspaper for 2020. The Oklee Herald submitted the following bids based on a per column inch:

Oklee Herald
 1) First Publication-Financial Statement \$ 3.00
 2) Second Publication-Financial Statement \$ 3.00
 3) Board Proceedings and Miscellaneous \$ 3.00
 4) Two Publications of Delinquent Taxes \$ 3.00

Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Flage to accept the bid from the Oklee Herald as the official county newspaper of record for 2020 to publish bid items (1), (3), and (4). Motion carried unanimously.

Auditor Schmitz explained that the county must publish a second copy of the county financial statement with another area newspaper. Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Simpson to approve the Red Lake Falls Gazette as the 2020 secondary publication to publish bid item (2), the second publication of the financial statement, at a rate not to exceed \$3.00 per column inch since the Gazette submitted no dollar amount for the specified bid item. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Flage and duly adopted to establish the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 10:00 a.m. as the 2020 regular board meeting dates and times.

Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Simpson and carried by unanimous vote to approve the following county appropriations for 2020, with any appropriation over \$20,000.00 to be made in quarterly installments: \$8,435.00 Committee on Aging; \$107,000 Red River Basin Commission; \$10,000.00 Red Lake County Fair Board; \$85.00 each to the Plummer, Oklee, and Red Lake Falls American Legions; \$7,637.00 Friends of the Library; \$900.00 Red River Valley Development Association; \$22,457.00 Inter-County Nursing Services; \$17,500.00 Oklee Ambulance; \$44,000.00 Red Lake Falls Ambulance; \$26,732.00 NW Regional Library; and \$6,000.00 Red Lake County Parks.

Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Flage and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the December 24, 2019 regular board meeting.

The following Commissioner/Committee reports were shared:

Simpson: None.
 Flage: Attended Minnesota Rural Caucus and heard presentation on transportation funding, and also established the 2020 priorities list for the legislative session.

Remick: None.
 Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Simpson and unanimously carried to approve the expenditures for the period as follows:

Vendor	Amount
Geo-Comm Corp.	\$3,850.00
Headwaters RDC.	2,500.00
Houston Engineering, Inc.	4,450.00

IUOE Local No.	
49 Health Fund	14,880.00
Red Lake County Co-op	4,200.96

Schafer Electric	
Taggart Contracting, Inc.	2,396.92

	114,062.70

48 Vendors less than \$2,000	
	17,793.84

TOTAL	
	\$164,134.42

The motion includes the following added bills: \$4,251.54 to Counties Providing Technology; \$50.00 to Kerry Erickson; \$68.00 to Marco.

HR Director Lundeen was present to request that County Social Services Director Kristi Nelson be approved for her annual step increase. Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Flage and carried unanimously to approve a salary increase from \$45.97 (Step 7), to \$47.25 (Step 8), with an effective date of January 14, 2020.

Environmental Officer Kurt Casavan met with the board to report on a recent teleconference meeting with the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) regarding PRAP, a performance review of SWCD and County projects that utilized BWSR state program funding. The Red Lake County SWCD also participated in the meeting.

Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Flage and duly adopted to approve the legally constituted annual county board assignments for 2020:

County Board Assignments:
 Board of Health, County Law Enforcement, County Zoning and Ordinance, Ditch, Finance, Job Evaluation, Road & Bridge, Solid Waste, Union Negotiations - County Board.

Advisory Board to Red Lake Watershed District - Weiss (delegate) and Dudycha (alternate).

Area Agency on Aging - Weiss (delegate) and Dudycha (alternate).
 Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) - County Board.

AMC Policy Committees:
 Environment/Natural Resources - Remick

General Government - Weiss
 Health & Human Services - Dudycha

Public Safety - Simpson
 Transportation - Flage
 Citizen Advisory Committee (RLWD) - Weiss.

County Economic Development Board - Flage and Simpson.

County Extension - Dudycha and Remick.

County Fair Board - Dudycha and Simpson.

County Parks - Flage.
 County Roads - Simpson and Weiss.

County Safety Committee - Remick.

County Water Res. Advisory Committee (SWCD) - Remick.

County Weed Advisory Committee - Weiss.

Courthouse Purchasing/Planning/Maintenance Committee - Remick.

Emergency Management - Remick.

Household Hazardous Waste - Simpson (delegate) and Dudycha (alternate).

Inter County Community Council - Dudycha.

Inter County Nursing Service - Flage.

Joint Counties Watershed Board - Weiss (delegate), Flage (alternate).

Joint Ditch Board - Remick, Simpson, and Weiss.

Law Enforcement Committee - Remick and Weiss.

Law Library - Remick.

Minnesota Rural Counties (MRC) - Flage (delegate) and Simpson (alternate).

NW Mental Health - Remick.

NW Apartments Board - Remick.

NW Regional Development - Dudycha (Loan), Flage (TAC & RTCC), Weiss (Aging).

NW Regional Radio Board - Remick (delegate) and Simpson (alternate).

Personnel Policy Statement Committee - Remick and Weiss.

Quin County Board of Health (CHS) - Weiss (delegate) and Simpson (alternate).

Red Lake County Affordable Housing Committee - Remick.

Regional Corrections - Dudycha and Weiss.

Red Lake River Corridor Workgroup - Remick (delegate) and Flage (alternate).

Red River Basin (Int. Coalition) - Remick.

RLWD One Watershed/One Plan (1W1P) - Weiss (delegate) and Remick (alternate).

The board concurred to cancel the regular board meeting on Tuesday, January 14, 2020. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 28, 2020.

Auditor Schmitz informed that bid opening for the CSAH 13 Bridge Replacement project is scheduled for January 28, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

The board acknowledged receipt of a letter referencing Statute 273.01, "Listing and Assessment" from County Assessor Nancy Amberson, and a Tax Court update on Enbridge Energy from the Minnesota Department of Revenue.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned until January 28, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

Attest:
 Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

Allen Remick, Chair,
 Board of Commissioners O46C

ATTENTION

RED LAKE COUNTY SMALL BUSINESS AND POTENTIAL STARTUP ENTERPRISES

The Red Lake County Economic Development Corporation can help you start your own business or expand an existing one. We are here to assist with a five (5) year loan for an amount up to \$20,000 at 2% APR. The business must be located in Red Lake County.

For more information, contact the Red Lake County Economic Development home office at 1-218-253-2897.

Or call Mike Spurgin, 218-465-4648; Allen Bertilrud, 218-684-1315; or Kelsey Gervais, 218-686-5114. O43-43C (2x/mo.)



MUSTANG STAMPEDE

RLCC Menus

February 10 - 14

Oklee

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

Tuesday: Breakfast: Pancake on a stick, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken burger w/bun, scallop potatoes, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Spaghetti w/meat sauce, breadsticks, vegetable, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Bakery roll, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Pizza, lettuce salad, fresh vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Friday: No School.

Plummer

Monday: Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Spaghetti, garlic toast, veggies & ranch, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Cinnamon coffee cake, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Pizza, salad, tomatoes, pudding, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Sausage & cheese biscuit, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chili, crackers, cheese, egg salad or PB bread, salad, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Blueberry bagel or Poptart, cream cheese, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Pork fritter, mashed potatoes, gravy, beets, fruit, and milk.



Mustang Wrestling Schedule

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

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
Feb. 21: 6:00PM Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears @ Oklee
Feb. 24: 6:00PM Win-E-Mac @ Oklee
Sections
Pigtail 2/28/2020 TBD
TBA
Play-in Round 3/5/2020
TBD TBA
Quarters 3/7/2020 TBD
TBA
Semis 3/9/2020 TBD TBA
Section 3/13/2020 TBD
TBA

Basketball Girls Var/JV Schedule

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
Feb. 14: 6:00PM Godridge/Grygla-Gatzke @ Oklee School
Feb. 18: 6:00PM Mahnomen/Waubun @ Waubun
Sections
Pigtail 2/24/2020 TBD
TBA
Play-in Round 2/27/2020
TBD TBA
Quarters 2/29/2020 TBD
TBA Ralph Arena - TRF
Semis 3/2/2020 TBD TBA

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

Rebels Out the Bears On the Road

By: Zach Benson

The Rebels traveled to Clearbrook on January 30th to face the C-G Bears in a section 8A boys basketball matchup. The Rebels were hot right away outscoring the Bears 39-21 in the first half. The Rebels would maintain that lead and end up winning the game 82-51. The Rebels were led by a one-two punch of Peterson and Gieseke who each had 21 points to lead them to a victory. The Rebels advance to 12-4 with that win and look to continue the streak on January 31st in Warren against the Ponies.

RLC Rebels Basketball

By: Bella Russillo

RLC Rebels beat Roseau with a score of 75-62 on the 23rd. Derek Peterson made 16 points and 3 assists, Eric Gieseke made 16 points and 5 assists, Carter Williams made 7 points and 2 assists, and Isiah Olson made 16 points and 1 assist.



Red Lake County Rebels huddled during Clearbrook-Gonvick on January 30 game played at Clearbrook.



Gunnar Sandeen wrestling at the 9th Grade and under tournament on Saturday, January 25th in Mahnomen.



Oscar Duden went 1-2 on the Mahnomen Tournament January 25th.

MEET THE KINDERGARTEN OF RED LAKE COUNTY CENTRAL



Name: Brady Bramer
Parents: Andrew and Ana Bramer
What do your parent(s) do for a living: Dad – plays and has fun with the daycare kids. Mom – has a daycare.
Siblings: Benji, Alex, Aaliyah
Pet(s): 2 dogs: Jayde & Midnight and 2 cats: Remi & Beya.
What do you want to be when you grow up: Scientist that works with animals.
Favorite Movie: Mandalorian (Star Wars)
Favorite Food: Apple
Favorite school activity: Recess
Favorite color: Orange
Favorite toy: Legos



Name: Ansley Brekke
Parents: Kelly and Betsy Brekke
What do your parent(s) do for a living: Dad works at a farm. Mom has daycare.
Siblings: Landon, Josie, Eliot
Pet(s): a dog named Charlie
What do you want to be when you grow up: Nurse
Favorite Movie: Frozen
Favorite Food: Pizza
Favorite school activity: Games
Favorite color: Pink & purple
Favorite toy: Rainbocorns, it comes in an egg

Annual 4-H Fruit/Chocolate Fundraiser

The Red Lake County 4-H Families are holding their annual fruit sales (Apples, oranges, pears, grapefruit, and pineapple). The fruit can be purchased as a half box, full box, or a mixed box. Also, included in this fundraiser are the smokey snack sticks, beef sticks, premium cut beef jerky, string cheese, boxed chocolates, and individual candy bars.

The 4-H Youth Development Program offers learning experiences in science, photography, agriculture, healthy living, civic engagement and much more. We have one-day events, year-long projects and everything in between. There are many ways to try 4-H.

Support your local 4-H Program by contacting a 4-H Family and/or the Red Lake County Extension Office at 218-253-2897. All orders for the fundraiser must be placed by Monday, February 24, 2020.



RLCC Mustangs wrestling

By: Karena Melby

The RLCC Mustang wrestling team had a triangular Thursday, January 23rd. They lost to Wadena-Deer Creek Wolverines 39-24. They also battled Bertha-Hewitt/Vernadale/Parkers Prairie Raiders and lost 78-5. Oscar Duden and Gunnar Sandeen competed in the "9th and under" tournament in Mahnomen on Saturday, January 25th. They both went 1-2 for the day.

RLCC Mustangs Basketball Game

By: Bella Russillo

RLCC Mustangs Basketball team lost to Red Lake Falls with the score of 49-55 on the 30th. Jenna Phalen made 15 points and 2 assists, Kia Bachand made 12 points and 3 assists, Cari Bachand made 12 points and 4 assists, Brandie DeHate made 6 points.

Mustangs Girls Basketball Game

By: Adriel Bakken

The Red Lake County girls basketball team played in Fosston on January 28th. They lost 52-61. Kia Bachand had five rebounds, three assists, and sixteen points. Calyssa Eskeli had ten rebounds and eight points. Cari Bachand had two rebounds, one assist, and eight points. Jenna Pahlen had eleven rebounds, two assists, one block, and eighteen points.

Rebels Take Down Freeze

By: Zach Benson

The Rebels traveled to Karlstad to face the Northern Freeze on Tuesday January 28th. The Rebels came out on top in that game with a score of 60-47. The Rebels leading the way to the victory were Senior guard Derek Peterson with 20 points, Junior guard Bailey Hince with 7 points and Junior guard Eric Gieseke with 6 points. The Rebels advance to 11-4 on the season with that win.

One Act Competition

By: Karena Melby

RLCC One Act competed at Win-E-Mac on January 24th and got 5th place. Their play, The Struggles, was directed by Tyrell Hamrum.

It is about a highschool girl who struggles with ADD and dyslexia. Her struggles show her what she is capable of and how great she is. They also did a performance for the public at Red Lake County Central High School on January 28th.

Mustangs Basketball Game

By: Adriel Bakken

The Red Lake County Central girls basketball team played in Cass Lake on Thursday January 23rd. They lost 72-62. Jenna Paulen had nine rebounds, one assist, two blocks, and twenty-five points. Cari Bachand had four rebounds, two assists, one block, and fifteen points. Kia Bachand had six rebounds, three assists, and eleven points.

FRIDAY DEADLINE

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

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/rlf.htm at any time, where they can create their own patron accounts to browse, request and renew materials all from their home computers.

Winner of last week's Winter Reading Program "Book Blizzard" coffee mug was Linda Johnston.

New interesting nonfiction includes "Brilliant Maps for Curious Minds" by Ian Wright, which provides 100 unique ways to see the world, under the themes of populations, politics, religion, culture & customs,

friends & enemies, geography, history, nations, crime & punishment and nature; "Champions of Flight" by Sheryl Fiegel & Theodore Hamady, which celebrates the work of Clayton Joseph Knight and William John Heaslip, the two preeminent aviation artists of their time as they chronicled the golden age of aviation - from Charles Lindbergh's epochal transatlantic flight through the devastating world wars; "The Power of Showing Up" by Daniel J. Siegel, M.D. and Tina Payne Bryson, Ph.D. who discuss how parental presence shapes who our kids become and how their brains get wired; and "Simply Spaced" by Monica Leed, CEO and owner of Monica Spaced, who demonstrates how to clear the clutter and style your life.

Oklee Herald Early Files

Eighty Years Ago February 1, 1940

A free throw in the last few seconds of play gave the Mentor High School Basketball team a 21-20 win over Oklee at Mentor.

Ardee Ruebke, member of the Oklee High School Basketball team, suffered a cracked rib in the game at Mentor last Friday. However, the rib is healing nicely and Ardee says he will be ready to play in the game with St. Hilaire, here, next Friday.

Leopold, soldier king of Belgium, walks past a tank as he inspects Belgian defenses along the border fronting Germany. Similar scenes are being enacted in the Netherlands, another lowland country, where troops also have been massed to fight the threat of Nazi invasion.

A disastrous fire was narrowly averted at the L.H. Aos store Wednesday of last week, when flames broke out in the wall separating the store from the implement annex behind. Caused by a defective chimney, the fire was discovered by Ole Aos before it gained too much headway.

Seventy Years Ago February 2, 1950

Marriage license applications in 1949 were definitely down compared with 1948, records of Clear of Court Hazel Pahlen revealed.

Billy Malwitz, son of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Malwitz of Red Lake Falls, has been named the 4-H Club 1949 Corn champion for the Northern Minnesota zone.

The "mumps" have introduced themselves in this locality.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferdie Mandt and family of Brooks and Jerry Fortier of St. Paul were Sunday dinner guests at the Louis Mandt home.

Sixty Years Ago February 4, 1960

Linda Ellickson was presented with the Betty Crocker Homemaker award. She received a pin engraved with a fireplace which signifies keeping the home fires burning. "Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow" is inscribed on the back of the pin.

Oklee Golden Jubilee Chairman Tom Melby pinned a Jubilee button on Gov. Orville Freeman at Red Lake Falls on Tuesday and also presented him with a copy of the Oklee

Community Calendar for 1960.

The Oklee rural fire truck was called to the Ole Kvasager farm Friday afternoon to check a chimney fire. Damage was confined to a cracked chimney and smoke damage.

Mr. and Mrs. Thome Nelson of rural Oklee announce the engagement of their daughter Verona Ramona to George Gardiner, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Gardiner of Grand Forks.

Fifty Years Ago

Jan. 29 & Feb. 5, 1970

Vern Bergeron, who heads the Oklee 60th anniversary Whisker Club, held a conference this week to discuss the outlook for the season. "Men," he said (the club is male-oriented), "this club is no place for sissies. If we are going to have a whisker club, we can't allow two-inch sideburns. We want foliage, like a first-crop alfalfa field in June."

Eleven snowmobiles set out from Oklee at 1:30 Saturday afternoon from Swenson Oil & Implement on a combination outing and a good will tour to East Grand Forks. One of the purposes was to call attention to a proposed highway linking Grand Forks and the Iron Range recreational area via Red Lake Falls, Oklee and the Red Lake area.

A short-lived blizzard hit this area Sunday afternoon catching some motorists unaware. About sixty people were held up for a few hours at one farm in the Sherack area northeast of Grand Forks. Blowing and drifting snow brought traffic to a standstill until winds subsided around 10 p.m.

James Linder left last week after enlisting in the U.S. Army. He is stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington.

Forty Years Ago

Jan. 31 & Feb. 7, 1980

It was quite an honor for Diane Fisher, a senior at Pershing High School, Plummer, to earn her way into the Minnesota 1000 point club.

Once again Oklee was chosen as a gas stop for the St. Paul Winter Carnival I-500 snowmobile race. It was an exciting day as many spectators lined the road to watch the racers come by.

The wrestling squad suffered their first loss of the season against Moorhead by the score of 40-12. Their record is now 11-1.

Louise Lessard, President of Oklee Quilting announces the appointment of Mrs. Loretta

Flatgard as Vice President in charge of clothing operations and Mrs. Anola Finseth as Vice President in charge of batting operations.

Thirty Years Ago

Jan.31 & Feb. 7, 1990

Jerry and Carol Gerardy of rural Plummer have been honored as the 1990 Red Lake County Dairy Couple. This is an event that is connected with the Red River Valley Winter Shows and they were selected by the Red River Valley Dairy-men's Association.

Frank Nelson celebrated his 87th birthday recently at an open house held at the Farmers Club in Oklee. This is the first birthday Frank has ever celebrated with a party.

Don Berry of Berry's Apiary visited the Oklee 4-5 grades in February and explained the honey making process. Each hive (box) starts with about 30,000 bees and by spring will have increased to between 70-80,000 bees. He has hives in Polk, Red Lake and Pennington counties.

Kathy Klasen was presented with Employee of the Month award at the Good Samaritan Center in Clearbrook.

Twenty Years Ago

February 3, 2000

The Oklee Elementary Spelling Bee Champs were 1st place - Jeremiah Smith, 7th grade; 2nd place - Suzy O'Neill, 6th grade; and 3rd place - Dale Rystad, 6th grade.

Olga Melby, formerly of Oklee, celebrated her 97th birthday in January with a party at Mac Manor where she now resides. Many relatives and friends helped her celebrate.

Kayla Bachand, sixth grade student, was the winner of the 50/50 drawing held during the RLCC Mustang Wrestling match in Oklee on Parent's Night.

At the fall meeting of the Polk County Township Officers Association, Marlene Baatz, Vice President, presented a plaque to Morris Hendrickson of Trail for ten years of dedicated service as a 9th district director.

Ten Years Ago

February 3, 2010

The Brooks Cenex C-Store recently won the Circle of Pride Awards. The employees were: Nathan Knott, Char Tvedt, Josh Gagner, Cheryl Hince (Manager) and Toni Burthwick.

Receiving one of the two 2009 Plummer Lions Awards this year are Jerry and Carole Gerardy. The Lions Award is given to recipients to be recognized for their superior support of the Lions. The other award went to Paradis, Inc. for their superior support of the Lions.

Plummer/Oklee Cub Scout Pack 160 held their Pinewood Derby on Sunday, January 24th at the Plummer Hall. 1st place winner - Phillip Sorenson; 2nd place winner - Isaac Eskeli; and 3rd place - Dawson Rystad.

Participants from RLCC in the Vocal Solo Contest were Alexandria Schill, Alesha Bergerson, Marisha Pahlen and Jay Bruski. Bergerson received a double star rating.

Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

Is is a nice day with the sun trying to shine. It would be nice to see some melting. February came in with some wind, but we can expect some ups and downs as it is still winter.

Lucille Christianson is in the hospital. I was informed that she is in Grand Forks. Everyone hopes she will soon be home. Lucy plays cards on Wednesdays and we miss her at the Senior Site.

Dates to Remember

Feb. 14: Valentine's Day

Feb. 17: Presidents Day

Feb. 20: Senior Site Council meeting at 10 a.m.

Feb. 21: Birthday Meal.

Feb. 28: Ash Wednesday

Words of Wisdom

Enter a room as if you have the answer to every question.

Choose cheerfulness - It's contagious.

Joke Time

"You seem to have more than the average share of intelligence for a man of your background," sneered the law-

yer at a witness on the stand.

"If I weren't under oath, I'd return the compliment," replied the witness.

A pickpocket was up for a series of petty crimes. The judge delivered his sentence. "Mr. Banks, you are hereby fined \$100."

The lawyer stood up and said, "Thank you, your Honor, Unfortunately my client only has \$75 on him at this time, but if you'd allow him a few minutes in the crowd..."

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

Everyone must have been laughing and happy yesterday (Sunday) because it was the nicest day we have had all year. It was warm and several people I encountered were wearing their fall jackets not their winter coats. Not often we are able to pretend that winter is over so soon in the season. It is said that the groundhog didn't see his shadow so we are in for an early spring. Time will tell.

In my meanderings around I stopped to visit with Mickey Duden. I told her that we

would be having our Red Hats sometime around Valentines Day but looking at the calendar I am going to tentatively set the date as February 19. I am not sure where we will have it but we will settle that soon. Of course if the weather is nasty or icy we will wait till it is nicer.

Last week Matt Ellenson spent the night with Jerome and Barb Novak at their home. He was on his way to Fargo for tests at the doctor. Then he went to Grand Forks to have dinner with his son Ian

Ellenson who attends UND .

Little by little I am recuperating from my illness and am getting better every week. I hope this continues and I do not get any setbacks. It is no fun to be weak and sick all the time. Old age is not for sissies.

We hope you have a great week. Valentines day is coming up and I hope everyone is especially kind to their loved ones, even relatives. It is a time of year that we need to acknowledge that we appreciate their existence.

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

The weather has certainly been much warmer for over a week. However, the sun has rarely been out.

Seven Clans Casino had their snowmobile races last Sunday. There were many people out and about, including those helping along the way and race fans. It takes a lot of people to coordinate the race. There were some mishaps with sleds, though I didn't hear the results of the races.

Bernie, Jill, Paul, Brandie and Blake DeHate went to Devils Lake, ND for the ice fishing derby. They joined Kat and Michael. Blake said some of them caught fish.

Anna DeHate visited Faith Guillemette last Sunday afternoon.

Anne Traxler went to Foston last Sunday and met her sister Gloria Niswonger, of Walker. They met at Palubicki's for lunch.

Wednesday night at Bingo, Claudia treated everyone to cake. Her birthday was Thursday. She is the sister of Steve & Dave Haugen.

Last Sunday, I watched the Pegasus Horse Race from Miami, Florida. The race was at 4 p.m. and it was 76 degrees. First place was Zulu Alpha. 2nd place was Magic Wand. It's a very short race.

About a week ago, on TV, I saw about sextuplets who are now 12 years old. There are 5 boys and 1 girl. There's an older sister who is 16. And an 18 month old boy, Rory. What

a family.

Also, a young woman and her husband will be having quintuplets later this summer. There have been two or three families with quintuplets in the U.S. born before. The Di-one Quintuplets from Canada became famous, as the first known to survive. They would be in their late 70's. Two had died years ago. So, if any are living still, I don't know.

Editor's Note: Now 85, two sisters are still living, Cécile and Annette. They rarely speak with the media.

Before I quit writing, I had one more news item.

Anna DeHate left Wednesday morning to go to Coon Rapids, to her daughter Diane's. She planned to help her paint.

Oklee Centennial Cookbook

Recipe Corner - From page 481

Pepperoni Bread Stephen Whalen

1 loaf of frozen bread dough, thawed
2 Tbsp Parmesan cheese
1 egg
pepperoni
mozzarella cheese

Roll out bread on cookie sheet. Mix parmesan cheese and egg. Spread on top of bread. Place pepperoni on top of the mixture. Sprinkle with mozzarella cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Cut into strips and serve warm.



Who's Dat?



Who's Dat?

This week's photo is of a group ladies visiting at someone's cabin at Lake of the Woods.

Last week's photo of the Country Gals Bowling Team from 1962. The Halloween dressed up team included Clara Radniecki, Elaine Radniecki, Wylma Radniecki, Sybil Radniecki, and LaVonne Radniecki.

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.

If you mail a photo to the Oklee Herald office, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope so the

photos can be returned. Mail them to: Oklee Herald, PO Box 9, Oklee MN 56742 Or stop by the office and I will scan your photo while you wait.



Summary Budget Data for 2020: Red Lake County

The following is a summary of the operating budget for the 2020 fiscal year for Red Lake County. This summary is published in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 375.169. The detail of the county budget is on file in the County Auditor's office at Red Lake County Courthouse, 124 Langevin Avenue, Red Lake Falls, Minnesota, and may be reviewed during normal business hours.

	2019 Adopted Budget	2020 Adopted Budget
REVENUES:		
County Portion of Tax Levy	\$3,000,666	\$3,045,676
State Paid Portion of Tax Levy	419,698	464,602
Other Taxes	50,800	81,000
Total Tax Levy	3,471,164	3,591,278
Licenses and Permits		
Intergovernmental Revenues:	0	0
Federal	567,655	609,485
State	2,492,978	7,500,713
Other	99,268	117,249
Charges for Services	532,217	539,567
Fines and Forfeitures	5,500	5,500
Investment Earnings	97,500	99,500
Rent and Miscellaneous	646,709	322,271
Total Revenues	4,441,827	9,194,285
OTHER SOURCES:		
Bonds and Other Debt Issued	0	0
Budgeted Use of Available Fund Balances	993,850	110,923
Transfers In	0	0
Total Other Sources	993,850	110,923
Total Revenues and Other Sources	\$8,906,841	\$12,896,486
EXPENDITURES:		
General Government	\$1,316,939	\$1,365,581
Public Safety	1,378,853	1,455,503
Highway and Streets	3,210,350	7,479,100
Sanitation	307,120	333,373
Human Services/Welfare	1,638,107	1,599,778
Health	22,457	22,457
Culture and Recreation	90,567	90,369
Conservation of Natural Resources	199,648	182,225
Miscellaneous Expenditures	189,800	174,100
Economic Development	0	0
Capital Outlay	553,000	183,000
Total Expenditures	8,906,841	122,903,486
OTHER USES:		
Budgeted Increase of Fund Balances	0	0
Transfers Out	0	0
Other Financing Uses	0	11,000
Total Other Uses	0	11,000
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	\$8,906,841	\$12,896,486

What Happened to Aanon (Onin) Nese?



With the advent of the new Agderlag celebrations in Fargo, they expect to get requests from Norwegian-Americans 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. 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.