

Oklee Precipitation By Einar Kvasager		
	Rain	Snow
Feb. 15		0.25
Feb. 17		0.25
Feb. 18		Trace
Feb. 19		Trace
Total in.	0.00	0.50

Oklee Herald

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Skip To Serve at RLC Elementary

Here at Red Lake County Central Elementary, we have decided to change from Jump Rope for Heart that we have done for many years to something new this year.

We are starting a new event called "Skip to Serve." This fund raiser is very similar to Jump Rope for Heart but we think that the funds raised are better off staying within our own communities to benefit your local families.

Our fund raising efforts will be donated to the Plummer Fire Department, the Oklee Fire Department and Oklee Ambulance. This will give our local departments an opportunity to update equipment to help

better serve our communities in times of emergency.

Talking with the departments they have declared a need for AED's in more of our public buildings throughout our communities.

Some other equipment needs include Radios/Pagers; Fire department for SCBA; Scoop stretchers; and many more items.

The students were given donation sheets and have lined up sponsors and the students will participate in various jump rope activities in their physical education classes.

We are excited about this new fund raising event.

Protect Yourself from Social Security Scams

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Demand immediate payment from you

Require payment by cash, gift card, pre-paid debit card, or wire transfer

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What to look out for:

March 8th



Calendar of Events

Wed, March 4:

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

-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.

Thu, March 5:

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

Fri, March 6:

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

-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.

Sat, March 7:

-Support your local business – Shop Locally!

Sun, March 8:

-Worship at the church of your choice.

Mon, March 9:

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

Tue, March 10:

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

Wed, March 11:

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

-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.

Thu, March 12:

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

Fri, March 13:

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

-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.

Sat, March 14:

-Support your local business – Shop Locally!



Linebenders (Britta Nelson, Justin Benson, Tim Larson and J.J. Gordon) with Perry Lundeen, doing a skit where when one of them touches Perry's shoulder he says a word and it changes the skit. The main story was about making split pea soup for an event with words that Perry added like ham, whiskey, butter, milk, sugar, puke, and many more that made the skit hilarious.

Firemen's Blizzard Bonanza again a success!

A nice warm February 19th evening brought a large crowd into the Oklee Firemen's Blizzard Bonanza for a delicious Walleye Fish dinner and great entertainment.

During the social time which started at 5:30 p.m. and the meal that started at 6 p.m., Tim Eggebraaten entertained with his fun style of music and announcing the many meat and gun raffles throughout the evening.

At 8:30 p.m. the Linebenders, an improv group from the Fargo, ND area came on stage to begin their show. J.J. Gordon introduced the Linebender team of comics and the show began with a skit using the words that they had the audience write down earlier in the evening on

yellow pieces of paper. During the skit, they would look at a yellow slip of paper and try to work it into their skit, making for a hilarious turn in the story.

Other skits included members from the audience. Sandra Tougas and Hunter Lundeen were the hands for two of the Linebenders (JJ & Tim) as they did a skit about a toenail collection, Hunter Dudycha and John Dudycha were in a skit where drinking at work was the subject of a presentation and when JJ said click, all the rest of the Linebender troop along with Hunter and John would stop in place, sometimes in precarious and funny positions.

The Linebenders are very good at including the audience into their skits using their ideas

and thoughts.

Winners of the Blizzard Bonanza Raffle were: 1st place: Robyn Morinville-Legacy Pointer 12 gauge; 2nd place:

Vic Schiefert-50" Samsung TV; 3rd place: Andrea Larson-\$75 certificate Oklee Lumber; 4th place: John Dudycha-\$75 certificate D & R Grocery, and 5th place: Jordan Rondorf - \$75 certificate Red Lake County Cooperative.



J.J. Gordon and Justin Benson doing a skit with Hunter as the arms of J.J. and Sandra as the arms of Justin.

2019 Year in Review...

October 2, 2019

It has been a long couple of months for the staff and customers of Security State Bank waiting for all the changes to be completed. But is close to being completed.

Christopher Ingraham was at the Red Lake Falls Library on Thursday night to promote his new book "If You Lived Here You'd Be Home By Now: Why We Traded the Commuting Life for a Little House on the Prairie."

RLCC Homecoming Courtwere: Tanisha Srnsky, Sophia Linder, Adrienne Jones, Chris Longtin, King Derek Peterson, Queen Allison Aakhus, Calyssa Eskeli, Gunnar Thompson, Tyler Hanson, and Trent Goulet.

Garden Valley Technologies made \$5,000 donations, with funding through the Garden Valley Education Foundation, to each robotics team at schools at Bagley, Fertile-Beltrami, Fosston-Lengby, Grygla, Red Lake Falls, Red Lake County Central, Thief River Falls and Win-E-Mac in our service area.

The last day of September. This past month was busy and full of rain. We are lucky that we didn't get the flooding that Grand Forks and other places in North Dakota were so unfortunate to get.

October 9, 2019

The wet weather this fall has added to the typical stresses experienced during fall harvest.

On Sept. 27 the Rebels hosted their homecoming game against the Fosston Greyhounds and won with a final score 56-8.

Had enough rain yet? Enough said. It seems we are replenishing our water table all at once.

Jess & Heidi Determan went to the Cindy & Del Determan home to watch the Vikings game. It is always fun to get together and enjoy a game and have your team win. Vikings won this week. Hooray.

October 16, 2019

As hard as the farmers have been hitting the fields, trying to get their soybeans harvested, Mother Nature has been waging a battle with them. This past week alone brought another 2.58 inches of unneeded rain. The rivers are rising, the fields are flooding.

On Tuesday, October 8, 2019, the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners were informed by RLC Assessor Nancy Amberson that the valuations for pipeline utilities were lowered.

We were very lucky to not receive the snow and blowing snow that visited North Dakota and Western Minnesota. It seemed Grand Forks and North of there received quite a lot of snow and blowing snow. It is much too early to have to contend with snow!

October 23, 2019

Kimberly, or Kim Olson was hired as the new financial bookkeeper at RLCC high school.

We were given a couple of days of nice weather last week. Now it is raining again. It is never ending this year. I hope it gets the falling out of the sky out of its system, so we are not hit with a snowstorm every week this winter.

October 30, 2019

To this date, we have recorded 23.16 inches of rain at the NWROC. To put that into perspective. On average, our growing season rainfall total is 17.49 inches. The all-time wettest growing season was in 1941 with a drenching total of 29.18 inches of rain.

The Red Lake County Girls varsity volleyball team played Cass Lake in Plummer on Oct. 22. They won in three sets.

It froze last night. It was a hard freeze so no more growing. Did you have your flowers put inside or did you finally give up the fight? Maybe now after the freeze, the weather will straighten out. It has been quite a Fall.

Artists Coming to Red Lake County Central Schools

Red Lake Country Central Schools will host four art residencies during the 2019-2020 school year. The high school English students of Jeri McDonald will create with writer in residence, Lauren Carlson. The fourth, fifth and sixth graders will again have the opportunity to paint with watercolor painter, Jim Mondloch. The high school physical education students of Aaron Nelson will learn about juggling, clowning and mime from Benjamin Domask and the elementary music students of Sarah Vogel will create music with Charlie Maguire. These residencies are partially funded by the Northwest Minnesota Arts Council. Elwyn Ruud, teaching artist will also create art with students in grades kindergarten through third grade.

The first residency will take place March 2– 6, with Benjamin Domask. Benjamin Domask is a performing artist who combines the skill and technique of juggling with the theory and philosophy of clown to create a unique blend of circus and theatre. The goal of the residency is to help students perform and leave their audience with good feelings! Benjamin has been



Benjamin Domask is a performing artist.

involved in several theatre and performance art organizations including the Minnesota Thespian Conference, Circus Juventas, Superior School of Dance, and the International Clown Festival. He has studied Corporeal Mime with the apprentices of Etienne Decroux, who is regarded as the father of modern mime. He has also performed in the Orlando and Kansas City Fringe Festival, where he was awarded 'Best of Fringe' in Kansas City.



Jim Mondloch an experienced painter and art teacher

Jim Mondloch will return to RLCC to paint with the students in grades 4 – 6, March 23 – 27. Jim Mondloch is an experienced painter and art teacher with a degree in Watercolor and Design from St. Cloud State University. He has studied under many regional and national watercolor artists and his work is displayed around Minnesota. His experience as an art teacher gets students motivated and involved in the watercolor

painting process. Students will gain a deeper understanding of the artistic discipline and learn artistic terminology as Mr. Mondloch demonstrates watercolor techniques. Students will have the opportunity to create works of art under the guidance of the artist. Paintings will be displayed at Red Lake County Central School.



Writer, Lauren Carlson

will create with the high school students of Jeri McDonald the week of April 19 – 24. Students will be inspired to write about their roots and ideas of where they come from. Carlson teaches and leads workshops in rural and remote areas of greater Minnesota. She has collaborated on community-led public art-exhibitions and presented at the *Rural Arts and Culture Summit* in Morris, Minnesota and *Art of the Rural: Next Generation*. The recipient of grants and awards from both the Collegeville Institute and Southwest Minnesota Arts Council, her poems have appeared in various anthologies and literary journals, such as *Tinderbox*, *The Windhover*, *Bearings Magazine*, and *The Journal of Humanistic Mathematics*. She holds an M.A. in English Literature from Grand Valley State University.

RLCC Artists

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Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH

Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Wed, Mar. 4: Zion: 6:15
Supper. 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service.

Sun, Mar. 8: 10:30 a.m. Joint Service at Zion. Zion Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. Youth Group Klub Dinner at 11:30 a.m. at Zion.

Tue, Mar. 10: 9 a.m. Quilting at Zion. 7:00 p.m. Parish Board meeting.

Wed, Mar. 11: Salem: 6:15 Supper. 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service.

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OKLEE, GRYGLA & GOODRIDGE

Fr. Adam Hamness

Sun, Mar. 8: 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, Mar. 7: 5:30 p.m. RLF
Sun, Mar. 8: 8:00 a.m. Brooks. 10:00 a.m. RLF.

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA

Pastor Jonathan Dodson

Wed, Mar. 4: 6:30 p.m. Meal at Immanuel. 7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship at Immanuel.

Sun, Mar. 8: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer. 9:15 a.m. SS at Immanuel. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Immanuel.

Wed, Mar. 11: 7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship at Ebenezer.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA

Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Wed, Mar. 4: Release Time. 4:00 p.m. Faith WELCA. Ekelund: 6:00 p.m. meal, 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service.

Sun, Mar. 8: 8:30 a.m. Bethany, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 9:45 a.m. Ekelund, 8:30 a.m. Sunday School; 11:00 a.m. Faith, 9:45 a.m. Sunday School.

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

Tue, Mar. 10: 9:30 a.m. Shalom Circle at Faith.

Wed, Mar. 11: Release Time. Faith: 6:00 p.m. meal, 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

March 9 - 13

Call 796-5666 to order a meal.

If you are over the age of 60 and would like to eat with other seniors at the Senior Site, please call the Café at 796-5666 to reserve your meal. A \$5.00 per meal donation is suggested.

Monday: Hamburger w/ bun, potato soup, and dessert.

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

Wednesday: ½ Meatloaf sandwich, hash browns, green beans, and dessert.

Thursday: ½ Patty melt, French fries, coleslaw, and dessert.

Friday: BBQ ribs (2 bones), parsley buttered potatoes, corn, bread, and dessert.



CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH

Mt. Olive - Nazareth
Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseth
Wed, Mar. 4: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School. Oak Park? - 6:00 p.m. Soup/Sandwich. Lenten Service 7:00 p.m.

Thu, Mar. 5: 5:00 p.m. Lenten at Mt. Olive.

Sat, Mar. 7: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.

Sun, Mar. 8: 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.

Tue, Mar. 10: 6:30 p.m. Lenten at St. Petri followed by Bible Study.

Wed, Mar. 11: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School. Nazareth: 6:00 p.m. Soup/Sandwich. Lenten Service 7:00 p.m.

Thu, Mar. 12: 5:00 p.m. Lenten at Mt. Olive followed by Bible Study.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH Josiah Hoagland, Pastor

Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor

www.newjourneyfosston.com

Wed, Mar. 4: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group. 6:30 p.m. AWA-NA.

Fri, Mar. 5: Friday School
Sun, Mar. 8: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.

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

Wed, Mar. 11: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group. 6:30 p.m. AWA-NA.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH

Bethany * Lund

Sand Valley

Dawn Hanson,

Lay Minister

Wed, Mar. 4: Bethany - 6:00 p.m. Soup/bread supper, 7:00 p.m. Lenten service.

Sun, Mar. 8: 9:00 a.m. Lund, 10:30 a.m. Bethany. 2:00 p.m. 7th & 8th grade confirmation.

Wed, Mar. 11: Sand Valley: 6:00 p.m. Soup/bread supper, 7:00 p.m. Lenten service.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY

Fosston

Seth Johnson,

Interim Pastor

Sun, Mar. 8: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship.

Sudoku Solution

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

ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the Brooks Community Homes will be held on Wednesday, March 18, 2020, at 7:00 PM at the Community Hall in Brooks. The purpose of the meeting is to present financial reports, and elect two Directors. Prize drawings will be held and a light lunch will be served.

ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the Plummer Community Homes will be held on Monday, March 16, 2020, at 4:00 PM, at the Emardville Hall in Plummer. The purpose of the meeting is to present financial reports and elect Two Directors. Prize drawings will be held and a light lunch will be served.

Preventing Identity Theft

- When you use your credit or debit card in a restaurant or store, don't let it out of your sight.
- Don't leave your checkbook or any financial documents in your glove compartment. Today's criminals are stealing items like these out of unlocked cars.
- Install a locked mail box to prevent mail theft.
- When in public, guard your password and other personal information.



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POTATO KLUB Dinner

When: March 8th

Time: 11:30-1:30

Hosted by:
Oklee Lutheran
Youth Group

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available

Suggested donation of **\$10**
for 1 Klub with choice of
side pork or ham, corn,
beverage + dessert or **\$12**
for 2 Klub.

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Notice of Garnes Township Annual Meeting and Election of Officers and Board of Canvass Meeting

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Garnes Township, County of Red Lake, State of Minnesota, that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Township Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2020. In case of inclement weather, the meeting and election may be postponed until the third Tuesday in March.

The Election Poll Hours will be open from 5:00p.m. to 8:00p.m., at which time the voters will elect:

One-Supervisor for a three year term
One-Clerk for a two year term

The Annual Meeting will commence at 8:00p.m. to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law.

The Annual Election and Meeting will be held at the following location:
Garnes Townhall

The Board of Canvass will meet on March 10, 2020, after the Annual Meeting to certify the election results.

Diane Kolstoe
Clerk of Garnes

Garnes Township Board of Re-Organization will meet after the Board of Canvass on March 10, 2020.

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Notice of Chester Township Annual Meeting

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Chester Township, County of Polk, State of Minnesota, that the Annual Township meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2020.

The Annual Meeting will commence at 4:00 p.m. to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law.

The Annual Meeting will be held at the following location:
Chester Town Hall.

In case of inclement weather the meeting may be postponed to March 17, 2020, times remaining the same.

Pam O'Neill
Clerk of Chester Township
049-50C

Notice of Equality Township Annual Meeting

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of the Township of Equality, that the Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2020. In case of inclement weather, the meeting and election may be postponed until the third Tuesday in March.

The Annual Meeting will commence at 7:00p.m. to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law.

Janet Halvorson
Equality Township Clerk
049-50C

NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF POPLAR RIVER TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Poplar River Township, County of Red Lake, State of Minnesota, that the Annual Elections of Town Officers and Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 10th, 2020 at the Poplar River Town Hall located in the city of Brooks. In case of inclement weather, the meeting and election may be postponed until the third Tuesday in March.

The Annual Meeting will commence at 4:00 p.m. to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law.

The election poll hours will be open from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at which time the voters will elect: One Supervisor for a three year term and one Clerk for a two year term. The town board will meet directly after the votes are counted to canvass the election.

Pam Gieseke
Clerk
Poplar River Township
050C



Oklee Centennial Cookbook Recipe Corner - From page 394

Bacon Nachos Diane Dessellier

1/2 lb ground beef
4 cups tortilla chips
1/4 cup real bacon bits
2 cups (8 oz) shredded cheddar cheese
1/2 cup guacamole dip
1/2 cup sour cream
chopped tomatoes and green onions

In small skillet, cook beef over medium heat until no longer pink, drain. Place tortilla chips on microwave safe serving plate.

Layer with the beef, bacon and cheese. Microwave, uncovered on high for 1-2 minutes or until cheese is melted.

Top with guacamole and sour cream. Sprinkle with tomatoes and onions if desired.

Note: This recipe was tested in 1100 watt microwave

Grant (Free) Money is available for replacing failing Septic Systems

Red Lake County Environmental Services currently has grant money available for failing septic systems. This money is for residential/family homes, not businesses.

In the past, it was just available for strictly low income households. In Red Lake County we have a sliding scale system in use. For example: If you show earnings of \$10,000 on your 2019 taxes you would qualify for 90% of your septic system to be paid. Earnings of \$50,000 would qualify for 50% to be paid on the system. Earnings of \$90,000 would qualify for approximately 10% of the septic system to be paid. These are all examples to give you an idea of what you might expect to receive based on your income.

Examples of failing septic systems would be: Septic tank is not water tight such as cracked, block tank etc., dumping into a ditch, creek, river or any surface outlet not below ground, also signs of septage (liquid) coming to the ground surface.

Please call for more information. You are not required to give your name if you just want to call and ask questions. We currently have a large pot of money available. We require a copy of your most recent taxes, for most that would be 2019, to determine which bracket you fall into.

We encourage you to call us and use this grant money. Call Kurt @ (o) 253-4121 or (c) 218-791-5776.

Rites held for

Ida Mae Breitzman

Ida Mae Breitzman, age 84, of Faribault, died on Thursday, August 22, 2019 at her home.

Ida Mae, the daughter of Conrad and Florence (Offenbacher) Bendickson was born in Plummer, MN on January 18, 1935. Ida Mae continued her education at the Deaconess Nurses Training in Grand Forks.

She was married to Bernard Breitzman and together they had one son, Jon. Ida Mae worked as a nurse specializing in reflexology. She lived in Minneapolis and Northfield before living in Faribault for the last 40 years. Ida Mae loved working on puzzles, reading and spending time with her dog.

Survivors include her siblings, Barbara Forsberg, Clyde



Bendickson, and Marcia Bendickson; several nieces and nephews.

Ida Mae was preceded in death by her parents, Conrad and Florence; son Jon; James Bendickson; special friend, Douglas Snell; and several aunts and uncles.

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Oklee Herald Early Files

Eighty Years Ago February 29, 1940

The Oklee High School basketball team added two victories to their record over the weekend, defeating Mentor 31-27 on the local court. The second win for the Orioles was at Goodridge where the final score was 33-16 in their favor. Several cases of pneumonia have been reported in this locality, especially among young children. All are said to be recovering.

Gladys Strande won first place in the oratorical division and Aribelle Berry was first place in the interpretive division at the local declamation contest.

Mrs. M. Gunderson and Torkel attended the funeral of Mr. Nereson near Fisher on Friday.

Seventy Years Ago March 2, 1950

Dr. F. L. Behling, physician and surgeon at the Oklee clinic has been registered as a participating doctor in the Blue Shield medical-surgical plan, it was announced this week.

The Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Co., Chicago, Ill., was the apparent low bidder at \$138,704 for the third stage of a flood control project on Red Lake river north of her when bids were opened on February 21 at the St. Paul district Corps of Engineers. The first stage of this project consisted of about 10 miles of channel improvement in the vicinity of Highlanding was completed last October. Stage two, being done by Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Co., is about 82 percent complete. This stage comprises channel excavation in a 7.4 mile stretch of the river upstream from the reach improved in stage 1.

March Food Sale at Sovde & Son — crushed pineapple, Dole Brand in heavy syrup, 9 oz. cans, 2 for .29¢; Whole tomatoes, Home Brand extra fancy, large 2-1/2 size can, 4 cans for .98¢; Fisher's American Cheese Food — 2 lb. box for .75¢.

Playing at the Oak Theatre was Mexican Hayride with Bud Abbot & Lou Costello March 4 — 5; The Wizard of Oz featuring Judy Garland on March 8-9.

Sixty Years Ago March 2, 1960

Preparations for a Golden Jubilee costume ball to be held April 23, were taken up at the regular meeting of the Oklee Community Club Tuesday night.

Names of 12 candidates for Oklee Jubilee Queen have been submitted during the past week. They are Joann Boucher, Myrna Bakke, and Lora Jean Walker of Oklee; Francis Austad of Garnes; Louise and Karen Karel, Carol and Barbara Boucher, Carol Lefebvre and Virginia Shoholm, all of Lambert township; Marilyn Fortier and Florence Bernier of Oklee.

The Junior Modern Woodmen under the direction of Art Froiland met at the Plummer hall Saturday afternoon. Games were played and the children received candy, peanut & ice cream bars.

Selmer, Tommy and Oliver Hofstad were Sunday dinner guests at the Thomine Wylmo home at Gonvick.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cyr was baptized Wednesday at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church. The child was given the name of Joseph Harold.

Fifty Years Ago March 5, 1970

Wally Groberg, president of the Oklee Manufacturing Company, announced this week that plans for construction of a

second story over the original Sovde building portion of Plant No. 1 in Oklee, will proceed as soon as arrangement can be made for workers and materials.

Sp/5 Roger Bernier, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Bernier of Plummer was killed in action in Vietnam on Sunday, February 22, while assigned as a driver of a military vehicle on a military mission.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrow Lundeen of Trail, received the Honored Dairymen Trophy from Princes Kay at the 1970 Red River Valley Winter Shows in Crookston.

Gambles Grand Opening in Oklee this weekend. Mr. Walsh moved the store last fall from the Seeger building on Main Street to the former Nadeau building next door to the post office. He added a warehouse on the read of the building.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Huotari and granddaughter, Cindy, and Dee Ann Huotari attended the snowmobile races held Sunday at Roseau.

Forty Years Ago March 6, 1980

Tuesday night the barn on the Tom Smith farm caught fire. It was extinguished by the Oklee and Plummer Fire Departments. The barn was being remodeled and the cause of the fire is not definite. There were no animals in the barn at the time of the fire.

A wedding shower was held for Vicki Blackstad, bride to be of Greg Sjulstad of Goodridge, was held at the Oak Park Lutheran Church with 46 relatives and friends attending the shower.

Seniors featured were Dave Lee, Dwelton Barness and Laureen Halvorson.

Mr. and Mrs. John Larson are the parents of a baby boy, born Sunday. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Milo Larson and Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Berberich.

The Oklee Girls Basketball team finished their season with a 7-9 win-loss record on their regular season.

Thirty Years Ago March 7, 1990

Darrin Hofstad, an 8th grade student at Oklee High School, won the Geography Bee on March 1 and a chance at a \$25,000 college scholarship.

Garth Larson, 6th grader at the Oklee Public School placed 4th in the morning round of the Regional Spelling Bee competition at Thief River Falls on March 3rd. There were 48 school entered in the competition.

Pastor Daniel Faugstad and family accepted the call to serve as pastor of the Clearwater Lutheran Parish. They moved to Oklee February 21st and will be living in Oklee for several months before moving to a permanent home north of Oklee.

Judy Sweno, Oklee and Ronald Bruske, GF, ND, announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter Tanya, to David Watne, the son of Ole & Dianne Watne of Gully.

The RLCC Mustang Boys Basketball season ended last Friday in the 2nd round of District playoffs. The Mustangs lost the game 61-68.

Twenty Years Ago March 2, 2000

The Oklee High School coaches and teachers involved with the various arts and National Honor Society chose Brent Nelson and Sylvia Hilgeman, both seniors to represent the Oklee High School in the Triple A competition. Triple A stands for Academics, Arts and Athletics.

Winners of the Plummer Spelling Bee were Amber Westlake, Amanda Schmitz, and Bethany Storeby who placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively. Amber moves on to the Regional Spelling Bee.

Meet the Kindergarten featured Rachel Roue and Kayle Stenberg.

The Red Lake County Central Mustang Boys "B" basketball team traveled to Erskine to take on the Patriots. It was a very close game with the Patriots winning by one point, 59-60.

Ten Years Ago March 3, 2010

A fundraiser for Al Paquin was held on February 27th to help with the cost of medical bills incurred in his battle against Mantle Cell Lymphoma. The benefit was originally planned to be held in the Oklee Community Hall, but was moved to the RLCC High School gym when predictions of a large crowd planning on attending changed the plan. Estimates for persons attending range from 800 to 1000 with over 800 people being served.

RLCC Elementary Students of the Month was Jarisa Baily and Kelsie Sirjord.

The Red Lake County Central Speech team members received Red Ribbons for Duo at the Park Rapids speech meet. Speech team members winning were Ashley Bierman, Emily Riendeau, Tyrell Hamrum, Rachel Roue, Matthew Lundeen, and Nathan Magnell.

Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

Today feels like spring is just around the corner. It has melted off of roofs.

The Firemen's Party was a huge success. I enjoyed the meal and visiting with people from away who I don't see often. There was so much to see as there were many items that had been donated to be sold. I didn't stay long enough to see who bought each item. I'm sure the firemen were happy to see so many people enjoying the party.

I attended Leona Brekke's funeral last week. There were many people attending and afterwards the Trail church finished with a dinner. Leona was 101 years old and was

very loyal to the Senior Site in Oklee until she moved to the assisted living in McIntosh.

Dates to Remember

March 8: Daylight Saving Time begins.

March 17: St. Patrick's Day.

March 19: 10 a.m. Senior Site Council meeting.

March 20: Birthday Meal. If your birthday is in March, sign up for the birthday meal, you may be lucky and win a free meal.

Words of Wisdom

Don't eat salty snacks from the bag; you'll eat too many.

Don't cut corners. You need to stay sharp.

Joke Time

Lawyer: An individual whose principal role is to protect his clients from others of his profession.

Irvin Berlin, who lived to the age of 101, was a Russia Jewish immigrant who wrote nearly 1,000 songs, including "God Bless America", "White Christmas" and "Easter Parade." Until the end, he never stopped making music. The aged composer once said, "The question is, 'Are you going to be a crabby old man or are you going to write another son?'"

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

We are into thinking spring these days, but we are not there yet. March is fickle and she tries to fool us into thinking spring. Mother Nature does her best to dash our hopes in March. So be on alert, the weather can change quickly and put snow and ice down very fast. But don't get disheartened, because sooner or later spring will spring and the snow will melt, the flowers will spring up and the sun will brightly shine. You can tell I have spring fever.

This past week I found out that my great niece Julia Olson, the daughter of Vickie and Mitch Olson, and Granddaughter of the late Marlin Olson, and Marge Olson of formerly of Gonvick, and Granddaughter

of Reinette and Ray Walter of Plummer, did a wonderful thing at a basketball game. There was a competition that challenged people to throw a basketball from half court. If you made the basket, you were awarded \$1150. Well, Julia is a talented girl and she made the basket, and won the money. Congratulations to you Julia.

Freddy Landman of Red Lake Falls was chosen as the Hobey Baker Character Award winner for Red Lake Falls hockey. The Minnesota Wild will be honoring these youth on March 15th. Congratulations to you Freddy.

Our community was saddened to learn that Rebecca Routier, formerly of Terre-

bonne, has passed away. She is the daughter of Clarence and Barb Guzek. Please know that our prayers and sympathy go out to all of her family.

Ian Ellenson visited with Jerome and Barb Novak on Friday evening. He came to accompany Jerome Novak to the Robotics competition at the Alerus Center in Grand Forks. His brother, Phillip Ellenson, was involved in the robotics show that the Warroad team put together. The Warroad Team once again are going to the Semi-finals. They placed 8 out of 60 teams .

We hope you have a great week, there will be a mix of weather I gather from TV, but we can weather it out I am sure.

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

A birthday party for Melvin Hesse's 90th was held at the Plummer Legion on Saturday from 2-5. His sister Doris Malwitz also had her 94th on Wednesday. Meatballs, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, bun and birthday cake was serviced to a large crowd of friends and relatives. Loretta Hesse and Lorna Jesme, Neil and Linda Mattison of TRF came, also Billy Peterson. The afternoon was spent visiting with relatives and friends.

Friday, Alice Jobe went to the Plummer School and talked to the kids about "Respect for the Flag." February is Americanism month. It included Kin-

dergarten through 6th grade. Mrs. Bergeson's kindergarten class recited the Pledge to the flag following the presentation. It was nice. The 5th & 6th grades were on a field trip to Grand Forks so their talks were given on Monday.

On Saturday, Anna DeHate, Jill, Bernie, Blake and Brandie went to the Wrestling tournaments in Crookston. Paul wrestled. Winning in the heavy weight division was George Duden and three other boys. The State Tournament was held Friday the 28th in St. Paul. George is the son of Bradd and Vickie Duden.

Alice Jobe visited with Bunny DuChamp and Jean Carpenter at Greenleaf apartments on Monday morning.

On Wednesday, Diane came from Warroad and joined her siblings for Bingo. Suzie Zimpel, Lynn Gallant, John & Nancy Bray and visited her mom, Arlene Zimpel.

On Friday evening, Alice Jobe when to the contest at

Lincoln High School. She joined Micki Duden of TRF. The name of the concert was "Around the World in 80 Minutes." Terry Barber was the singer. Cat Cantrell played various wind instruments and Johanna Ballou played the piano. All were excellent performers. The music varied from French, Spanish, Italian. Some classics he sang were "Loch Lomond", "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot", "Hallelujah", "Danny Boy", "Shenadoah", and "Bridge Over Troubled Water." There were 20 songs in all. It was very good.

The weather sure has warmed up. We made it through February with very little snow. The snow has melted nicely on roofs and on the ground.

I went skiing three times since I wrote the news last. It's really nice after the groomer goes through.

I hope you are well and haven't had the flu. Several had it in the area.

Who's Dat?



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This week's photo is of a group of Vacation Bible School kids from the 60's at Saron Church south of

Brooks.

I don't know all the children, so I need help on this one.

Here is what I have so far. Front row (L to R): Jeff Qualley, Nancy (Qualley) Gustafson, Carol (Ness) Lindseth Debbie (Qualley) Rewertz, Dianna (Qualley) Piper, Mike Qualley, Darlene Sivas, Linda Tuenge, and Susan Tonsfeldt.

Middle row (L to R): ????, Julie (Noyes) Derosier, Tim Cote, ????, Steven Tonsfeldt ???, Larry Cote, Brenda Plante Wang.

Back row (L to R): Lonny Cote, Susan (Hamrum) Heller-Bailey. ????, Paul Noyes, Gary Tuenge, Lowell Hamrum, Opal Jo Tonsveldt, ?? Tonsveldt.

I am always in need of more photos - please send

or bring some more of your great old photos. School days, church events, sports, etc.

Everyone has a photo or two that would be great for this column. Please share them with our readers as it is one of most popular columns of the Oklee Herald.

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

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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 Winter Reading Program "Book Blizzard" coffee mug last week was Mary Derosier. Winners of the last coffee mugs and three red NWRL Book Blizzard hoodies will be drawn on February 29 and published in next week's column.

New titles in adult nonfic-

tion: "The American Women's Almanac: 500 Years of Making History" by Deborah G. Felder; "Chunky Knits: Copy Hats, Scarves and More Made Simple with Extra-Large Yarn" by Allyssar-haye Graciano; "The Healthy Compulsive: Healing Obsessive Compulsive Personality Disorder and Taking the Wheel of the Driven Personality" by Gary Troclair; and "Organic Gardening for Everyone: Home-grown Vegetables Made Easy, No Experience Required!" by CaliKim. And in fiction: "All Fired Up" by Lori Foster; "Forever Hidden" book 1 in the Treasures of Nome series by Tracie Peterson and Kimberley Woodhouse; "The Heartless" by David Putnam; and "Spy" by Danielle Steel.