

Oklee Precipitation
By Einar Kvasager
Dec. 6 Rain Snow
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Oklee Herald

...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

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Wednesday, December 16, 2020



Red Lake County Commissioner, Charles "Chuck" Simpson, will retire at the end of the year. The Red Lake County Board of Commissioners presented Chuck with a plaque for his 9 years of service with the County at the December 8th board meeting.



Al Remick, Red Lake County Board Chairman, presented Bob Schmitz, County Auditor, with a plaque for 25 years of service at the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners December 8th board meeting.



The Red Lake County Board of Commissioners recognized employees at the December 8, 2020 board meeting. Pictured is Jayson Sletten, Deputy, 15 years of service and Al Remick, Red Lake County Board Chairman.



Al Remick, Red Lake County Board Chairman, presented Mary Derosier, Legal Secretary, with an engraved watch for 30 years of service at the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners December 8th board meeting.

Red Lake Count Service Award Recipients

Each year the County Board of Commissioners recognizes employees for their dedication and years of service to Red Lake County. Under the guidelines of the recognition program employees receive recognition awards in five (5) year increments. In order to receive your recognition award you must have completed your 5th, 10th, 15th, etc., year of employment with the County by December 31st of the year in which the awards are being presented.

This year there were 8 individuals who will be recognized for their years of service with Red Lake County.

Others recognized but were not present were: Jessica Jurina, Eligibility Worker, 5 years; Casey Roisland, Deputy, 5 years; Kurt Philipp, Heavy Equipment Operator, 10 years; Jeremy Johnson, Lead Engineering Technician, 10 years; Jeff Kelley, Senior Engineering Technician, 15 years.

Commissioners approve several items regarding 2021 Oklee Project

On Tuesday, December 8th, the Red Lake County Commissioners meet at the Courthouse for their regular meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Al Remick.

Tanya Hanson from the RLC Soil water Conservation District office presented the 2021 RLC Aquatic Invasive

Species (AIS) Plan. Red Lake County will allocate \$6,784.00 in 2021. This will pay for webinars, workshops, conferenced, etc related to the AIS Program. Newspaper articles, mailings as needed, Public Awareness & Education, develop a plan for 2022 and other items. The Commissioners approved the plan. Hanson also updated the commissioners on a number of items RLC SWCD have been working on such as the Red Lake County Geological Atlas, Buffer Law compliance, Construction projects, the virtual NW Minnesota Water Festival, Virtual Statewide Envirothon for 2021 planning, and Public Education/Outreach.

Red Lake County Engineer Erik Hove had a number of items for approval from the Commissioners.

Item #1: Approval of Parking Layout for the Oklee Sidewalk Project: State Aid requires that the City and County both formally approve the parking layout before advancing the project. The proposed project will maintain the same parking configuration that is in town today. Motion by Chuck Flage, seconded by John Dudycha. Carried.

Item #2: Approval to Advertise for Oklee Sidewalk Project (SAP 063-653-002 & SAP 063-622-004): Hove requested approval to advertise for the Oklee sidewalk project. This project will bring all sidewalks up to ADA standards along with a bituminous overlay for the roadway surface. We have completed the public input and final design and are ready to advertise for bids. The proposed letting will be January 26th pending State Aid approvals. This was approved with a motion by Dudycha, seconded by Chuch Simpson, carried.

Item #3: Approval of Professional Services Contract for Oklee Sidewalk Project: Hove wanted approval to contract with WSB to assist with survey and construction inspection on our Oklee project. County staff will oversee the project, however due to multiple construction projects they will need assistance to adequately staff this project. The contract fee is to be billed hourly not to exceed \$93,595. All of these fees are budgeted for and eligible for state aid construction funding. Motion by Ron Weiss, seconded by Flage, carried.

Item #4: Approval of Final Payment for CSAH 13 Bridge Project (SAP 063-613-016): Hove said this project replaced a narrow bridge with new concrete box culverts and corrected stopping sight deficiencies with the vertical road alignment. The project had quantity overruns including additional pipe bedding material to create a suitable foundation for the box culverts. Overall, the project turned out well and came in below our 5-year plan budget. The Contractor was Riley Brothers Construction from Morris, MN.

Original Contract \$908,984.30

Final Contract to be approved \$969,541.30

This was approved with a motion by Flage, seconded by Weiss, carried.

Item #5: Review County Equipment Rates:

• Current Motor Grader Rates are \$95/hr

• Current Plow Truck Rates are \$95/hr. The last increase was in 2015 from \$85. to \$95 per hour.

Sheriff Mitch Bernstein asked the Board for a Resolution to authorize him to go ahead with Updating the County's Hazard Mitigation Plan.

This plan is required to receive any emergency services grants or any FEMA funds. Red Lake

Commissioners
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Numbers keep rising - Polk, Pennington & Red Lake

Daily Inter-County Nursing Service Covid-19 updates:

December 14th:

There are 2 new cases to report in Pennington County, the individuals are in their 30's.

There are 2 new cases to report in Red Lake County, the individuals are in their 50's.

There continues to be a discrepancy in with our numbers and the numbers on the Minnesota Department of Health website and will look into the situation further.

December 13th:

There are 2 new cases to report in Pennington County, the individuals are in their 20's & 30's.

There are 4 new cases to report in Red Lake County, the individuals are in their 20's, 60's & 80's.

We are sad to report that there has been an additional death in Pennington County. The individual was in their 80's. Our thoughts go out to the individual's family and friends at this time.

December 12th:

There are 5 new cases to report in Pennington County, the ages of the individuals are 8 - 60's.

There are no new cases to report in Red Lake County.

December 11th:

There are 7 new cases to report in Pennington Coun-

CDC makes changes to Quarantine guidance

Updated Quarantine Guidance

For months, CDC had recommended a quarantine period of 14 days for people exposed to someone with COVID-19, also known as close contacts. Quarantine is one of several public health tools used to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19 to others. This guidance was based on evidence showing that close contacts can develop a COVID-19 infection as many as 14 days after being exposed.

Last week, CDC announced an update to that long-standing guidance that includes options for 10-day or seven-day quarantines under certain conditions. After reviewing the available information, we updated our guidance to integrate these new recommendations.

The safest option is to stay away from others for 14 days.

- In certain situations, you may end your quarantine after 10 days, or after seven days with a negative COVID-19 test result.
- You cannot end your quarantine before seven days for any reason.
- Some work settings, like health care, have different rules about quarantine. Check with your employer.

You should stay away from others for 14 days if:

- Someone in your home has COVID-19.
- You live in a building with other people, where it's hard to stay away from others and easy to spread the virus to multiple people, like a long-term care facility.

14-Day Quarantine - the safest option.



You may consider being around others after 10 days if:

- You do not have any symptoms.
- You have not had a positive test for COVID-19.
- No one in your home has COVID-19, and you do not live in a building with other people, where it's hard to stay away from others and easy to spread the virus to multiple people, like a long-term care facility.

Even after 10 days you must still:

- Watch for symptoms through day 14. If you have any symptoms, stay home, separate yourself from others, and get tested right away.
- Continue to wear a mask and stay at least 6 feet away from other people.

10-Day Quarantine



You may consider being around others after seven days only if:

- You get tested for COVID-19 at least five full days after you had close contact with someone with COVID-19, and the test is negative.
- You do not have any symptoms.
- You have not had a positive test for COVID-19.
- No one in your home has COVID-19, and you do not live in a building with other people, where it's hard to stay away from others and easy to spread the virus to multiple people, like a long-term care facility.

Even after seven days you must still:

- Watch for symptoms through day 14. If you have any symptoms, stay home, separate yourself from others, and get tested right away.
- Continue to wear a mask and stay at least 6 feet away from other people.

You cannot end your quarantine before seven days for any reason.

7-Day Quarantine - requires a negative COVID-19 test.



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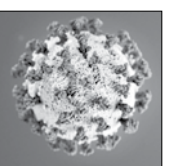
Oklee Herald Deadline

The Oklee Herald's deadline will be Thursday at noon for the next three weeks due to Christmas & New Years holidays.

Calendar of Events

Wed, Dec. 16:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.
Thu, Dec. 17:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.
Fri, Dec. 18:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
Sat, Dec. 19:
-Support your local business - Shop Locally!
Sun, Dec. 20:
-Worship at the church - check inside for church times and places.
Mon, Dec. 21:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.
Tue, Dec. 22:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.
Wed, Dec. 23:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.
Thu, Dec. 24:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.
Christmas Eve
Fri, Dec. 25:
-Christmas Day.

We are reminding people to take extra precautions during this time and avoid large gatherings, practice social distancing, wear a mask when out in public, stay home if you are sick, and practice good hand hygiene. Stay safe everyone!



Statistics (12-14-20)

381,841 Positive Tests
• 4,933,794 Complete Tests
• 2,774,930 People tested
347,077 Patients Who No Longer Need Isolation
• 4,462 Total Deaths
• 19,638 Total Hospitalized
As of this printing - Total Confirmed Cases in surrounding Counties:
• Pennington County: 827 recovered cases
24 active case
11 current hospitalization
10 death
• Red Lake County: 275 recovered cases
9 active case
2 current hospitalization
3 death
• Marshall County: 630
• Clearwater County: 611
• Beltrami County: 2,627
• Polk County 2,965 (as of 12-10-2020)
280 active cases
44 current hospitalizations
35 deaths

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Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Wed, Dec. 16: 7:00 p.m.
 Online Confirmation.
Sun, Dec. 20: Online Services.
Wed, Dec. 23: 7:00 p.m.
 Online Confirmation.
 Sermons are on GVTEL Channel 35 (10 am Sunday & 2 pm Tuesday), also on Facebook or YouTube.

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OKLEE, GRYGLA & GOODRIDGE
Fr. Adam Hamness
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. St. Francis – Oklee. 10:15 a.m. – Grygla. 12:00 p.m. – Goodridge.
 Go to: <http://www.oggcatholic.org/> for service times.

BROOKS – RED LAKE FALLS
CATHOLIC PARISH
Fr. Bob Schreiner
Brooks – Red Lake Falls Catholic Parish
Fr. Bob Schreiner
Saturday: St. Joseph RLF 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: Brooks Sunday 8:00 a.m. St. Joseph 10:00 a.m.

IMMANUEL–EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH
ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun, Dec. 20: 9:00 a.m.
 Worship at Immanuel. 7:30 p.m. Worship at Ebenezer.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Wed, Dec. 16: 6:30 p.m.
 Bethany.
Sun, Dec. 20: 8:30 a.m.
 Ekelund.
Wed, Dec. 23: 6:30 p.m.
 Faith.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive – Nazareth
Oak Park – St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseth
Wed, Dec. 9: 5:00 p.m.
 Wednesday School.
Sat, Dec. 12: Mt Olive: 9:00 a.m.
Sun, Dec. 13: St. Petri: 8:00 a.m.
 Worship. 9:15 a.m. SS; Oak Park: 8:30 a.m. SS. 9:45 a.m. Worship; Nazareth: 10:00 a.m. SS. 11:00 a.m. Worship.
Wed, Dec. 16: 5 p.m.
 Wednesday School.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Dec. 16: 6:30 Youth Group (Online).
Sun, Dec. 20: 9:30 a.m.
 Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.
Tue, Dec. 22: 9:30 a.m.
 Ladies Devotions. 10:00 a.m. Quilting.
Wed, Dec. 23: 6:30 Youth Group (Online).

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, Dec. 20: 9:00 a.m.
 at Lund. 10:30 a.m. Sand Valley.
CDC safety guidelines for COVID-19 will be followed.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY
Fosston
Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor
Sunday: 8:00 a.m.
 Radio service continues on 96.7FM 10:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service. And on Facebook Live as well, Sunday at 10AM.

Red Lake Falls Library

New adult nonfiction includes "A Cat's Tale: A Journey Through Feline History Hardcover" by Dr. Paul Koudounaris; "Rock Force: The American Paratroopers Who Took Back Corregidor and Exacted MacArthur's Revenge on Japan" by Kevin Mauer and "The Unofficial Disney Parks Cookbook: From Delicious Dole Whip to Tasty Mickey Pretzels, 100 Magical Disney-Inspired Recipes" by Ashley Craft.

In adult fiction from Minnesota author Lin Enger, "American Gospel" - a novel. "On a small farm beside a lake in Minnesota's north woods an old man is waiting for the Rapture, which God has told him will happen in two weeks, on August 19, 1974. When word gets out, Last Days Ranch becomes ground zero for The End, drawing zealots, curiosity seekers, and reporters—among them the prophet's son, a skeptical New York writer suddenly caught between his overbearing father and the news story of a lifetime. Into the mix comes Melanie Magnus, a glamorous actress who has old allegiances to both father and son. Meanwhile, Nixon's resignation has transfixed the nation. Writing with clear compassion and gentle wit, Lin Enger draws

us into these disparate yet inextricably linked lives, each enacting a part in a drama forever being replayed and together moving toward a conclusion that will take all of them—and us—by surprise. Set during a time that resonates with our own tension-filled moment, American Gospel cuts close to the battles occurring within ourselves and for the soul of the nation, and in doing so radiates light on a dark strain in America's psyche, when the false security of dogma competes with the risky tumult of freedom." (amazon.com) Lin Enger has published two previous novels, Undiscovered Country and The High Divide, a finalist for awards from the Midwest Booksellers Association, the Society of Midland Authors, and Reading the West. His stories have been published in literary journals such as Glimmer Train, Ascent, and American Fiction. A graduate of the Iowa Writers' Workshop, he has received a James Michener Award, a Minnesota State Arts Board Fellowship, and a Jerome travel grant.

He teaches English at Minnesota State University Moorhead.

Sudoku Solution

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1	3	2	5	7	8	9	4	6
9	8	7	4	2	6	1	5	3
3	2	8	9	4	1	5	6	7
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 Notice is hereby given to qualified voters of Garnes Township, Red Lake County, State of Minnesota, that filing for town office will be held for a two week period beginning December 29, 2020. Affidavits of Candidacy shall be filed with the Town Clerk at the Clerk's home at any reasonable hour from December 29, 2020, to January 12, 2021.
 Filing will close on January 12, 2021, at 5:00p.m. The office will be open that day from 1PM-5PM.
 Filing fee-\$2.00
Offices to be filled at the March Annual Election are:
 1- Supervisor for a Three Year term
 1- Treasurer for a Two Year Term
 Diane Kolstoe
 Clerk, Town of Garnes
 038-39C

Oklee Senior Site Dining

December 21 - 25

No congregate meals served.
 If you are over the age of 60 and you want a meal delivered to your home, call Jo Lambert at 796-4527 or Erskine LSS at 687-2262 to order a meal. A \$5.00 per meal donation is suggested.
Mon: Sloppy Joe on bun, macaroni salad, baked beans, pineapple tidbits, and milk.
Tue: Ginger citrus chicken breast, rice, oriental vegetables, pears, fruit crisp, and milk.
Wed: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, green beans, peaches, bread, rice krispie bar and milk.
Thu: Turkey, potatoes, gravy, broccoli, rolls, apple pie, and milk.
Fri: Closed – Merry Christmas.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

This wish goes out to all the wonderful families I babysat for over the years. I think about you all and enjoyed all the children and am so proud of them all.
 Vi Cote
 039C



Humbleberry Farms, east of Brooks on Hwy 92, is having a very Merry Christmas with a Live Manger scene in the barn, the quonset store is open, there is hot cocoa, fire pits to warm up and caroling. It is a wonderful way to spend a few hours enjoying the season. They will be open again on December 20th and everyone is welcome to stop by to this free event from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
 Dress warm and enjoy the evening at the Farm.

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FIRST PUBLICATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTES 375.17 IN 2021.
 The bidders must comply with the legal requirements of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 331A, and the legal requirements for publication of this material, and the bidders should make themselves familiar with these requirements.
 Bids must be submitted on the form provided by the County Auditor's Office, and all bids must comply with the additional specifications on the bid form.
 The words "Bid for Publishing" must be written on the outside of the bid envelope.
 The Red Lake County Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any irregularities in the bidding process.
 Dated at Red Lake Falls, Minnesota, this 2nd day of December, 2020.

Robert Schmitz
 Red Lake County Auditor
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Legal Notice

Notice to Residents of Terrebonne Township

The dates of filing affidavits of candidacy for township offices are December 29, 2020 – January 12, 2021.
 Offices open are: 1 Supervisor- three year term, 1 Supervisor- two year term, 1 Treasurer- two year term
 Filing may be done at the Clerk's office at any reasonable time by calling 698-4615. The Town Clerks Office will be open on January 12th from 1-5 p.m. Filing closes at 5:00 p.m. on January 12, 2020. Filing fee is \$2.00.

Josie Myhre,
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It was a chilly evening, but there was cocoa for anyone who wanted to get a nice warm drink as they were wandering around Humbleberry Farm.

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RLCC Menus

December 21 - 25

Oklee

Monday: Breakfast: Ham & cheese croissant, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** BBQ on bun, baked beans, chips, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: S'Mores, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, cranberries, dinner roll, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Bakery rolls, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Cheesy bread, pizza sauce, lettuce salad, cottage cheese, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Christmas Eve - No School.

Friday: Christmas Day - No School.

Plummer

Monday: Breakfast: Bagel with cream cheese, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, fries, macaroni salad, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Variety, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** French toast sticks, sausage, green beans, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Waffles, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Sub sandwich, peas, cookie, fruit, and milk.

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Angel Bergeson in the RLCC Elementary

By Leilah VanDam

Mrs. Angel Bergeson switched her position in the Elementary this year, she was a fourth grade teacher to a librarian/STEM/Art teacher. She said "I always loved teaching reading in my classroom as well as doing "hands on" activities, and art...so I thought this would be a perfect fit for me. I was also interested in teaching all grade levels because for the past 20 years I have only taught grades 3-6, with the majority being 4th grade, and thought it would be fun to work with the younger students as well!"

We asked her what kinds of activities with STEM and Art do the students do. She said, "The students are building at

least once a week using different items. The students LOVE to build electrical circuits to make sounds and different lights light up. They also love using a screwdriver and wrench to build everything from robots to chickens! For Art we are doing different trees for each season with each class this year. We are currently working on our winter trees right now!"

Mrs. Bergeson went to school in Oklee for grades K-12. After she graduated high school she attended Northland Community College in Thief River Falls, then went to Bemidji State University where she graduated with a degree in elementary education.

Her students seemed a little surprised that she changed positions. She said, "I honestly believe that every class I ever taught became like our own little family for a year. There are so many good memories from each and every year, I think it is hard for them to imagine me not being in a classroom all day with the same group of kids."

Mrs. Bergeson is married to Skip Bergeson, who recently became a janitor at the RLCC High School. They have four kids who keep them on their feet everyday, Guy the oldest is in 8th grade, Bronco is in 5th grade, Clark is in 3rd grade, and Summer is in Kindergarten and they all attend RLCC. They also count their miniature horse, Ginger, their four goats, Goatie, Phoebe, Gabby, Arnold, their dog Spud, and their cat, Kat as part of their family.

Mrs. Bergeson's favorite hobby is working in her flower gardens in the spring and keeping up with it until she can no longer can for the year. She loves her yard in the summer and loves the warm weather. She will be outside from morning until the night, although in the winter you might never see her outside unless she needs to be.

She believes her students will benefit from her switching positions, she says "Even though I don't spend a whole day with the students, I get to know them starting in Kindergarten and that will continue until 6th grade. I believe the most important aspect of teaching is making meaningful relationships with my students. I think that since I am getting to know them in Kindergarten, they will eventually know that if they ever need someone to talk to or someone just to listen as they go through their years in Plummer, they can always come to me!"



Skip Bergeson is the New Head Custodian at RLCC High School

By Andrew Gryskiewicz and Peyton Fish

Skip Bergeson is the new head custodian of Red Lake County Central High School. He attended Oklee High School and went to Northwest Technical College in East Grand Forks. Skip came to work at the school because he is an alum of RLCC, and he thought it was a good opportunity. Skip's wife is Angel Bergeson, the librarian and STEM teacher in

the elementary school. Guy is his oldest son, he is in eighth grade, his son Bronco is in fifth grade, Clark is in third grade, and Summer is in kindergarten. All of his children attend RLCC. Skip's favorite hobby is working on cars. Before working for the school he worked as the manager of the feed mill in Brooks. Skip has been a great addition to the Red Lake County Central High School staff.



Schedules subject to changes - please check the school web site at <https://www.rlcc2906.org/>

Basketball:

Girls Varsity

Thu, Dec 17: 6:00PM Sacred Heart High School @ Oklee School

Fri, Dec 18: 6:00PM Stephen-Argyle Central @ Oklee School

Tue, Dec 22: 6:00PM Away vs. Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears @ Clearbrook-Gonvick High School

Tue, Jan 5: 6:00PM Red Lake Falls @ Oklee School

Basketball:

Boys Varsity

Tue, Dec 22: 6:00PM RLC vs. Goodridge-Grygla @ Oklee School

Thu, Jan 7: 6:00PM RLC vs. Fosston @ Fosston High School

Tue, Jan 12: 6:00PM RLC vs. Climax Shelly @ Red Lake Falls High School

Mon, Jan 18: 6:00PM RLC Basketball vs. Goodridge-Grygla @ Goodridge.

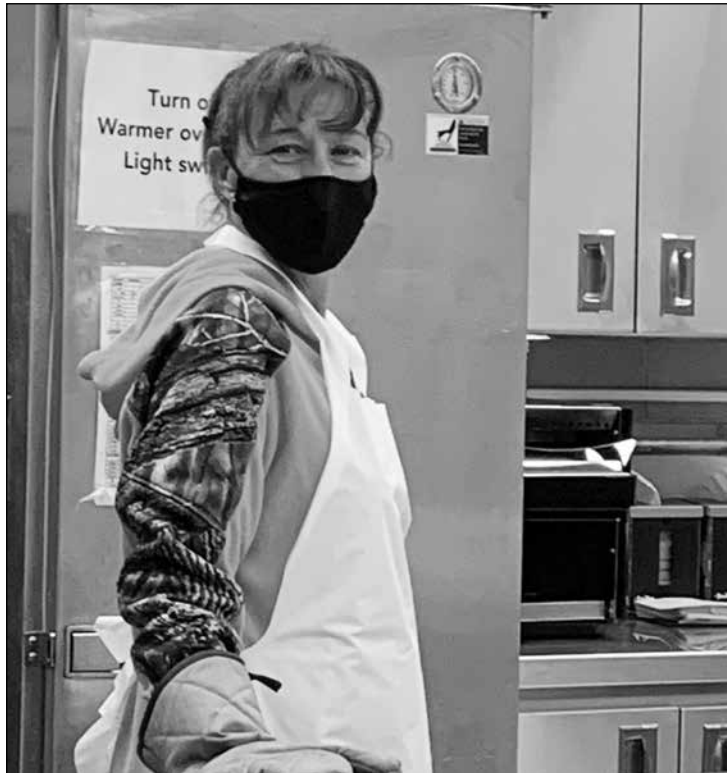
Tue, Jan 19: 6:00PM RLC Basketball vs. Kittson County Central Red Lake Falls High School

Thu, Jan 28: 6:00PM RLC Basketball vs. Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears Clearbrook-Gonvick High

Wrestling: Varsity
Thu, Dec 17: Tri TBD Away vs. Multiple Schools

Tue, Jan 5: Tri 5:00PM Away vs. Multiple Schools Walker-Hackensack-Akeley High School

Tue, Jan 12: Triangular TBD Away vs. Multiple Schools @ Mahnomen High School



Kristie Peterson

Written by Lauren Jones

Kristie Peterson is the new cook at Red Lake County Central High School. Kristie works in the kitchen with Val Paradis and Char Gagener. She wanted to work at the school because it is close to home, and she gets summers off.

She attended Herman-town High School in Herman-town, Minnesota. Peterson's thoughts on the school is that the students and staff are a joy to be around. Kristie also says, "The students at RLCC are very polite."

Kristie Peterson's family

is a small one, consisting of three brothers. She has one son who is an ITT Tech in Duluth, Minnesota and she is very proud of him.

Her favorite hobbies are gardening and canning. Kristie Peterson did not work in another school as a cook, but she did work in the cafeteria for high school credit and she also got paid.

The students and staff of Red Lake County are happy to see Kristie in the lunch line everyday. "She's a great addition to our kitchen," both Val and Char agreed.

Oklee Centennial Cookbook Recipe Corner - From page 6

Hot Spinach Dip Shelly (O'Neill) Rerick

1 pkg (10 oz) frozen chopped spinach, thawed and drained
1 cup mayonnaise
1/2 cup grated parmesan cheese
1 clove garlic minced
2 Tbsp chopped roasted red peppers

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix mayo, spinach, cheese and garlic until well blended. Spoon into a 9 inch pie plate. Bake 20 minutes or until heated through. Sprinkle with peppers and serve with crackers.



COVID-19 Test at Home

The at home saliva test is now available to all counties in MN

Minnesota and Vault Medical Services have teamed up to offer at-home COVID-19 saliva testing for everyone, with or without symptoms, at no cost.

This saliva test is just as accurate as the nasal swab test. The saliva test checks whether you have COVID-19 right now and can spread it to others. It is not an antibody test that looks for whether you have had COVID-19 in the past.

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/testsites/athome.html>

Together, we can slow the spread of COVID-19 in Minnesota

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The free COVIDaware MN app notifies you if you have been near someone who tests positive for COVID-19. The app will also notify people you have been near if you have a positive COVID-19 test. Your privacy is always protected. No information that will identify you will ever leave your phone.

About the app
COVIDaware MN uses COVID-19 exposure notification technology developed by Apple and Google in partnership with the non-profit PathCheck Foundation and the State of Minnesota. COVIDaware MN helps to protect you and our community, while ensuring your privacy. The app uses Bluetooth Low Energy technology to quickly notify you if you've been near someone who has a positive test for COVID-19. That's how you can help reduce the risk of infection for your friends and family, and help Minnesota slow down the spread of the virus.

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positive COVID-19 test result in the app.

<https://covidawaremn.com/>

Thirdhand Smoke may bring Lead into Homes

Lead is dangerous to young children, and many parents are aware of how to protect their children from the most common sources of lead exposure in the home. San Diego State University researchers

report on an overlooked source of lead exposure: tobacco smoke residue, also known as thirdhand smoke. Secondhand smoke is the precursor to thirdhand smoke, the toxic residue that remains on surfaces and in the air after smoking stops. Children who live with a smoker are exposed not only to secondhand smoke but also to toxic thirdhand smoke.

<https://thirdhandsmoke.org/thirdhand-smoke-may-bring-lead-into-homes/>

Food Safety Tips for the Holidays

Follow these simple tips to help prevent food poisoning, or foodborne illness, during the holidays.

Cook food thoroughly. Meat, chicken, turkey, seafood, and eggs can carry germs that cause food poisoning. Use a food thermometer to ensure these foods have been cooked to a safe internal temperature.

Keep food out of the "danger zone." Bacteria can grow rapidly in the danger zone between 40°F and 140°F. After food is cooked, keep hot food hot and cold food cold. Refrigerate or freeze any perishable food within 2 hours.

Use pasteurized eggs for dishes containing raw eggs. Salmonella and other harmful germs can live on both the outside and inside of nor-

mal-looking eggs.

Do not eat raw dough or batter. Dough and batter made with flour or eggs can contain harmful germs, such as E. coli and Salmonella. Do not taste or eat raw dough or batter that is meant to be baked or cooked..

Keep foods separated. Keep meat, chicken, turkey, seafood, and eggs separate from all other foods at the grocery store and in the refrigerator.

Thaw your turkey safely
Thaw turkey in the refrigerator, in a sink of cold water (change

Wash your hands. Wash your hands with soap and water during key times when you are likely to get and spread germs.

<https://www.cdc.gov/food-safety/communication/holidays.html>

Parenting Tips

As the Holiday season approaches, we should take a moment to reflect on what's important. With the trying times with COVID and the flu season we should think about what we are thankful for and what we can do for others less fortunate.

Involve your child or children with this.

Sit and make a list with them of what they are thankful for. Then have them make a list on ways they can help others. It's a valuable lesson to teach children compassion and empathy for others. It's important to explain the circumstances of those less fortunate to them. You will be blessed to know how big a child's heart is for others.

From everyone at Inter County Nursing Service we wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Stay safe and healthy!

Congrats to the Rebel football team

On their GOLD status from the MFCA on overall team GPA. RLC was one of 7 teams in Class A football to earn that this season. Great on the field boys and in the classroom.

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Red Lake County - Brian Remick

Upsala-Swanville-Area - Jay Loven

Randolph - Mike Schmidt

Martin County West - Tom Elliott

Murray County Central - Patrick Freeman

Wabasha-Kellogg - Tim Klingbell

Oklee Herald Early Files

Eighty Years Ago December 12, 1940

The Oklee High School basketball team lost to Fosston team at Fosston with a score of 36-17.

A nine-pound baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Orrin T. Melby on December 8th.

Vern Bergeron returned here last Thursday after spending the past five weeks in Detroit, Michigan and Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Lambert are the proud parents of a baby girl born on December 7th.

Lester LaJambe left here Tuesday for Anchorage, Alaska, where he will spend the winter with his sister, Mrs. Thomas Culhane.

George Vigen and Oscar Wahl left here last Thursday for Northome where they are employed.

Seventy Years Ago December 14, 1950

A near record 400 voters in the village of McIntosh went to the polls Tuesday and elected to become a "dry" municipality.

Oklee fell before Fosston and Gonvick on our own cart by scores of 71 to 37 and 45 to 29 respectively.

Mrs. Casimir Radniecki, Bonnie, Mary Ann and Michael, spent the weekend visiting Mrs. Radniecki's mother, Mrs. P. Stromberg in Thief River Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Radniecki are the parents of a son weighing 9 lbs 3 oz.

Gordon Qualey of Trail and Clarence Bakken of Goodridge were among four Pennington County selective service registrants scheduled to leave from Thief River Falls last week to Fargo to be inducted in the U.S. Armed Forces.

Sixty Years Ago December 15, 1960

The Rev. O.M. Simundson, pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Plummer and Ebenezer Lutheran Church in Mayville township has announced his resignation effective after Easter.

Mr. and Mrs. Alf Lund of Trail announced the engagement of their daughter, Virginia Eileen to Dennis J. Barstad, son of Mr. and Mrs. Helmer Barstad of Fosston.

Mrs. Burnell Myrum, Faye Stucy, Romona Chervestad and Mrs. Orlando Chervestad and Korydon attended the 4-H Leaders Council meeting in TRF on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Leining are the proud parents of a baby boy born December 6th at the Northwestern Hospital in TRF. He was named Scott Wayne.

Fifty Years Ago December 17, 1970

A half-million dollar "upgrading" project in the Red Lake Falls and Brooks telephone exchanges was completed last week by Garden Valley Telephone Company. More than a thousand subscribers in these areas now have the

availability of total one-party private line service. Nearly 98% of telephone users have elected this service.

The world-famous Santa Claus made a personal appearance in Oklee Saturday to distribute candy and peanuts to children of the community.

The 20 x 40 dining hall of the Ekelund church in the Goodridge community was moved last week to the Selmer Christianson farm north of Oklee to be remodeled into a dwelling house.

The grade and high school Christmas program was presented on Dec. 16th.

The Bobcats take down Goodridge, but lost to McIntosh.

The Plummer American Legion Auxiliary Unit 623 held its annual Christmas party and pot luck supper Thursday evening at the Plummer Hall with a large crowd attending.

Forty Years Ago December 18, 1980

The new apartment on the south side of Oklee is nearing completion. It is located on the golf course addition of Oklee. The building it being put up by a Moorhead firm.

The third and final hearing was held and options were discussed. The City council will be holding a special meeting on Dec. 22nd and hope to take some official action at that time.

Meet the Kindergarten featured Lisa Klasen, Tiffani Nelson and Bryan Champagne.

The Girl Bobcats won the December 11th game against Gonvick with a score of 26-15.

The Joyful Noise singing group from the Immanuel and Ebenezer church gave a farewell party Saturday in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Clifford Randall and Carrie at Immanuel. They are leaving to make their home in Moorhead.

Thirty Years Ago December 19, 1990

Santa made a special trip to the Head Start Christmas party. The children who were there are: Jena Dessellier, Brianna Determan, Sarah Halvorson, Tracy Burthwick, Betsy Halvorson, Mikkel and Charles Magnell, Mathew Verbout, Derek Gagner, Chelsey Paradis, Aaron Determan.

The Red Lake County Central Mustang girls basketball hosed a Holiday tournament. They were the winners after beating Goodridge on Thursday night and Climax on Saturday night.

David, Vickie, Al and Jeanette Ste. Marie from Red Lake County were honored as Conservation Cooperators at a luncheon sponsored by the "The Farmer" magazine at the 54th annual convention in Minneapolis.

Edwin and Raymond Halvorson visited with their uncle Ted Halverson at Clearbrook. They also celebrated Ted's 92nd birthday on Saturday.

The Patriot boys basketball team evened their season at 2

and 2 as they edged out a victory over the Red Lake County Central Mustangs 65-63.

Twenty Years Ago December 14, 2000

Seth Johnson, 2 ½ years old, told Santa he wants a John Deere tractor at Santa Day in Oklee on December 9th.

The Red Lake County Central High School held their Winter Concert. Woodwind Quartet featured Cathi Berberich, Michelle Halvorson, Megan Halvorson and Lindsay Hegge.

Red Lake County Highway Department is planning a open house at the new shop in Oklee.

Wavell Sorenson took early Christmas greeting to her aunt Marie Fjeld who is a resident at Oakland Park. While there she also visited with Ernie and Dorothy Pederson and Gladys Gutterud.

The RLCC Mustang girls had their first game of the season December 5th and lost to Fosston Greyhounds with a score of 65-36.

Patrick Jeffery Lundeen was welcomed home by sister Maisie. He was born on November 15th to parents Jeffery and Patricia Lundeen of rural Oklee.

Ten Years Ago December 15, 2010

On Saturday afternoon, a group of carolers from Zion and Salem Lutheran churches went to the Freedom Living Center in Oklee to entertain the residents.

On Saturday, December 11th, with a cold start, no snow, Santa came to visit at the Oklee Hall with all the children waiting to tell him what they had been wishing for.

The 4-H members and invited guests participated in the Annual Bake and Share Cookie Project at Sunview Center in Red Lake Falls.

None of the 1,618 deer that hunters harvested in and near northwestern Minnesota's bovine tuberculosis management zone displayed obvious signs of the disease, likely eliminating the need for additional hunting seasons this winter and late winter sharpshooting, according to the Minnesota Dept. of Natural Resources.

October Students of the Month at RLCC High School were Trishia Braaten, Holly Vettleson, and Kali Borene.



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Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteers Jo Lambert & Bonny Cote

Reminder: The Oklee Cafe is closed for a couple of weeks. Teresa is taking a vacation and the meals for our Senior Site will be coming out of Erskine's LSS kitchen. If you want to order a meal, you will have to call Jo Lambert at 796-4527 or LSS Erskine at 687-2262. Remember you have to call the day before in order to get a meal. And you have to call on Friday for Monday's meal. If you have questions, please call the Senior Site at 796-5149 or Jo Lambert at 796-4527.

With Christmas just a couple of weeks from now, here is some interesting information from Reference.com
Christmas is from the Old English words Cristes mæsse,

"the mass or festival of Christ." The first celebration took place in Rome about the middle of the fourth century. The exact date of the Nativity is not known, but even in pre-Christian times the period from December 25 to January 6 - now known as "The Twelve Days of Christmas" - was considered a special time of year. The abbreviation Xmas, thought as sacrilegious by some, is entirely appropriate. The letter X (chi) is the first letter in the Greek word for Christ.

Dates to Remember
Dec. 17: National Maple Syrup Day
Dec. 20: National Ugly Sweater Day
Dec. 21: Winter Solstice

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve
Dec. 25: Christmas Day

Quote of the week

"If you are too busy to laugh, you are too busy." - Proverb

Words of Wisdom

Just think how happy you would be in you lost everything you have right now...and then found it again.

Nolo Contendere is a legal term meaning, "I didn't do it, Judge, and I'll never do it again."

Interesting Facts

40 percent of Americans suffer from shyness.
99 percent of Americans own a television.
One in every four Americans has appeared on TV.

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe
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Amanda and Sean Roff, Evan, Lauren and Beckett of Delano, MN and Tait and Ashley Sorvig, Dawson and Katie visited Barb and Arnie Schmitz over the weekend. Also in the afternoon, Fr. Matt Schmitz of East Grand Forks visited.

Roger Gallant celebrated his 67th birthday on Monday, December 7th.

Clayton Larson, Red Lake Falls, formerly of Plummer, celebrated his 99th birthday on December 8th. Helping him celebrate at Red River Ag C-Store was Don Fox, Tony Gerardy, Kevin Yeggie, Alice Jobe and a couple of others came later. Kevin treated rolls.

Tony brought doughnuts and cookies Sheila had made. A couple of pictures were taken for the occasion.
On Thursday, Anne Traxler visited Ann DeHate and talked

over making a quilt.

Our warm weather is coming to an end and winter will start soon.

I've been trying to get in the Christmas spirit. I got a good start on my cards. I don't send money anymore.

There have been may trucks in the area on Highway 59 and on 1 south of my place. The pipeline is flagged in the fields.

We miss having bingo here, don't know when it will return.

The kids are back to school. I hope it is going well.

Some of the items I have to write about are from TV or the radio.

There are 63 Christmas tree farms in Minnesota. Not surprising, Minnesota is a big state.

In Brazil, they now are using robots to dispense food to pigs. Also, there is classical music

for them to listen to. Isn't that something..

Chuck Yeager passed away at age 97 recently. He broke the sound barrier in 1947 in Arizona. He was 24 years old. At the time he flew he had two broken ribs after falling off a horse. Quite a guy!

County singer Toby Keith had a song in 1995 called "Santa's going to take it all back."

There was a hail in Lebanon lately. It has rained heavily and then hailed so it ran down the streets in ice chunks. No hail since 1968.

A lady from New Jersey had her 100th birthday December 4th. She and her daughter were on TV virtually and her picture was on the Smuckers jar. She will get jam with her picture on it. She said, "I had to wait 100 years to be on TV."

Have a good week.

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

It is really cold this morning. Right now it is three below zero. Oh my, winter has come. There is about an inch of snow on the ground too. That is no fun. We know what we have to look forward to now. It is not my imagination any more.

The Covid news is all over TV these days. The new vaccine is being shipped out and started yesterday from the Pfizer plants in Michigan. There is all kinds of technical information on how the boxes that are to be kept way below zero in temperatures and the safeguards to keep it under those temps, that the talking heads can go on and on. It is interesting the first time but after that is gets redundant and boring to listen to. Each box has

a chip in it to show where and how cold it is. They didn't have that in the 1918 pandemic. I hope this ends the danger of so many dying from this disease. It has been a scary time. I will keep my mask on for a while yet to be sure.

Happy Anniversary on Wednesday the 16th, to Kevin and Tiffany Tvedt of Terrebonne. They have two children and are a wonderful couple. We wish you both the very best and hope there is something special about your special day. They are married 19 years.. Congratulations.

Other Anniversaries wishes go out to Pam and Randy Gieseke who are celebrating their 25th Anniversary. Their silver year is kind of a bummer but we hope they find a unique way to celebrate this special anniversary. They have really great bunch of kids and Pam is busy in community service in Brooks and at the church. Congratulations to you, you are a great couple.

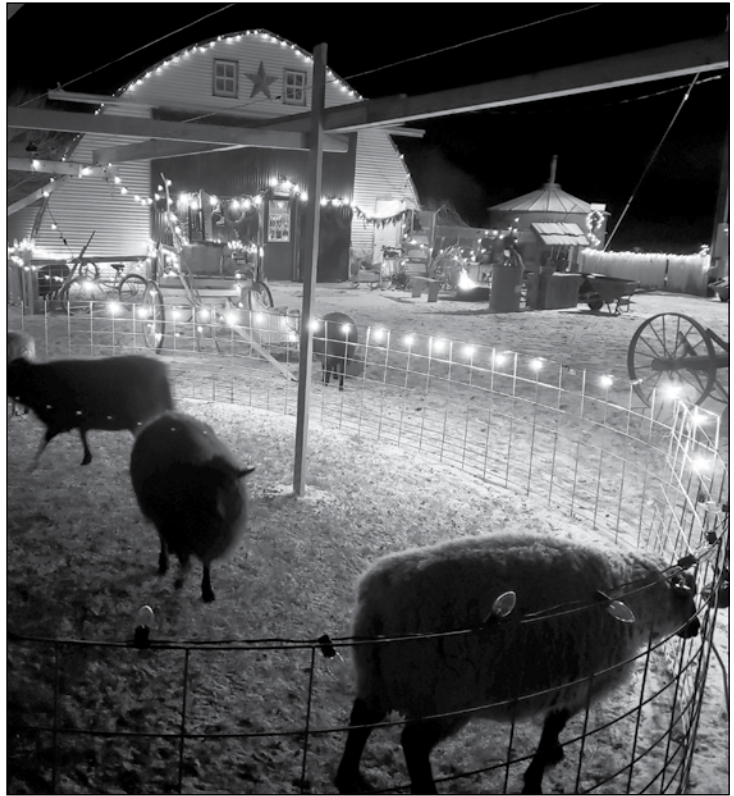
I have my Christmas cards out in the mail now, so that

is one of my yearly traditions to scratch off my to do list. I downsized the outdoor decorations because there is no traffic to see it. So I saved a lot of energy on that. The baking list is longer than normal because I have some new things I would like to try this year. There is still cleaning and shining to do and eventually I will get to that. I am not planning a big celebration this year, it is still too early even if we all get the vaccine. We will have time later to get together.

We hope you and yours are getting your plans to celebrate the Christmas holidays firmed up, and that you are on schedule for your plans. It is a joyous season and remember that Christ is the start of Christmas, not presents but the presence of the Child we all adore.

The first paid commercial in 1941 was for Bulova watches. It was on a New York TV station. It reached about 400 people. It cost 9 dollars.

Have a great week, and stay safe. Be kind.



Humbleberry Farms, east of Brooks held a Live Manger Scene and had their quonset store open and will be open next Sunday again from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.



The donkeys and ducks were toasty warm in the barn at Humbleberry Farms, east of Brooks.

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