

Oklee Precipitation
By Einar Kvasager

	Rain	Snow
Nov. 13	0.06	1.00
Nov. 17	0.06	
Nov. 18	0.59	
Nov. 19		1.00
Nov. 20		0.50
Total in.	0.71	2.50

Oklee Herald

...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

OKLEE (RED LAKE COUNTY) MINN. 56742

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Have a Blessed Thanksgiving

When Thanksgiving comes around this year...may wondrous blessings flow.

May candles set the centerpiece...set faces all aglow.

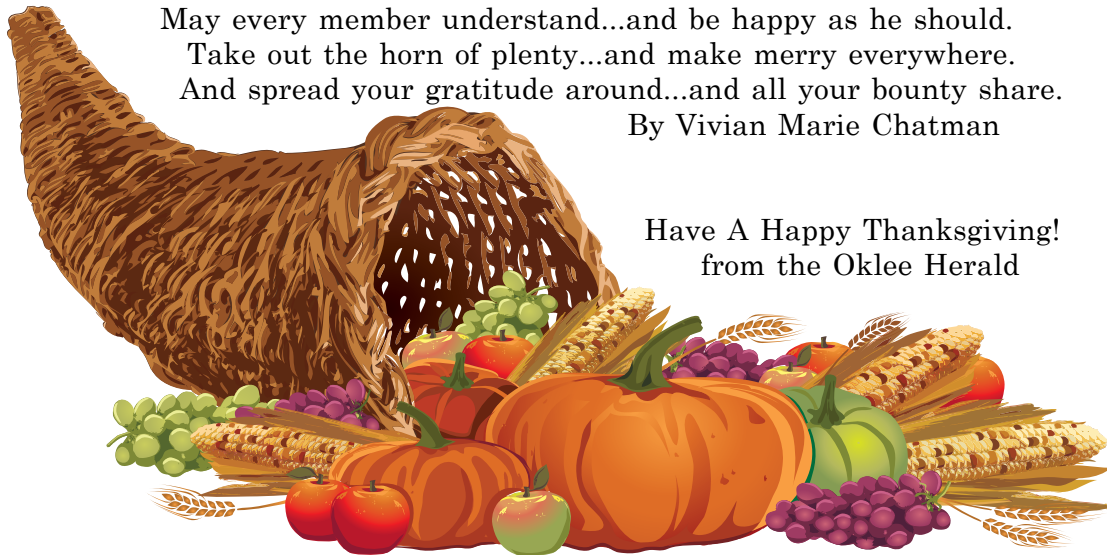
And may a prayer of thanks go up...for bounty and for good.

May every member understand...and be happy as he should.

Take out the horn of plenty...and make merry everywhere.

And spread your gratitude around...and all your bounty share.

By Vivian Marie Chatman



Have A Happy Thanksgiving!
from the Oklee Herald

RLC Commissioners meeting

The Red Lake County Commissioners met on November 10, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

First on the agenda was Tanya Hanson from the Red Lake County Soil Water & Conservation District (RLC SWCD). Hanson was reporting to the commissioners on a Feedlot Performance grant she was applying for and she needed their signature. The board approved with a motion made by Commissioner Dave Sorensen and it was seconded by Commissioner Chuck Simpson. Motion carried.

Before Hanson left the table, the Commissioners asked her about the status of the buffer strip legislation. Hanson had gone to a meeting recently and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is developing a map, but she felt that it will continue to be the same for most ditch systems, with a 16 foot riparian area between field and a waterway as it is now, but some areas will have to implement the up to a 50 foot area planted with perennial vegetation buffers along rivers, streams and ditches to filter out nitrogen, other chemicals and sediment. Hanson was sure if the law would be challenged or if it would be left as signed.

The minutes were approved from the last meeting with a motion from Commissioner

John Lerohl, seconded by Simpson. Motion carried.

Nick Knott, County Treasurer reported to the commissioners about the Investment Policy requirements. The 12 section document was handed out to the commissioners and covers safety, which is the foremost objective of this investment policy; management of investments; delegation of authority; authorized depositories, investment institutions and dealers; prudence of the treasurer; ethics and conflict of interest; authorized investments and portfolio composition; reporting; diversification; and safekeeping and custody.

A motion by Lerohl and a second by Commissioner Anthony "Chuck" Flage. Motion carried.

The bills were approved for payment with a motion from Lerohl, seconded by Sorensen. Motion carried.

Kristi Nelson, Social Services Director, came before the board to get signatures on the Live Well at Home Grant Agreement to secure approximately \$122,334.00 in program funding. The document, signed at the September 22 meeting, had been lost and needed to be replaced. The MNSure contract also needed to be signed.

Committee reports were given by the Commissioners. Flage began with his meeting at the Soil Water and Conservation District (SWCD). There were about 600 students at the NW Water Festival. SWCD has applied for more grants and a new employee has been hired. Flage also had a Safety Meeting at the Courthouse. Wellness Works program was discussed. If half of the 42 employees signed up, the county would get additional Wellness money. They will be doing more checking on this.

Sorenson had gone to the Tri County Correction Center (TCCC) meeting. There are 3 persons from Red Lake County incarcerated. A good share of TCCC inmates are paying customers. An employee had received a letter of thanks from the Moorhead Police Department on information the employee sent to them on a murder which helped led to an arrest, based on conversations recorded during inmate visiting.

Other business at TCCC

included notification of a new drug and alcohol testing for new and existing employees. The FCC is putting a cap on inmate phone calls. The way it is set up with the company the jail uses, it costs approximately \$14.00 a call. But we get a percentage of that and could cost TCCC \$22,000.00 in lost income. TCCC is having problems keeping kitchen staff and the inspection did not go well. It is hard to get employee willing to work in a jail system.

Sorensen had a MRCC meeting right after the TCCC meeting. Basically it was about the MRCC & AMC and getting the language is correct with all the programs, ideas, etc. Right now there are 29 counties in MRCC and how big do we want to get. There is population maximum requirement, though Clay has been grandfathered in, they were one of the original counties that joined.

Lerohl reported on the District 3 AMC meeting he attended. They are looking to increase local government aid (LGA) by looking at the formula for local government aid. It won't be so uneven, making budgeting better. Enbridge formula was discussed briefly, and Minnesota's way of figuring out the tax formula, but when Enbridge asked for a reduction, than county gets cut, but state doesn't replace LGA funds used to pay back Enbridge.

Commissioner Ron Weiss had nothing to report as he had attended AMC meeting which Lerohl already reported on.

Angie Lundeen, Human Resources, informed the board that a Social Services worker has resigned and is going to work at RDC. The new office assistant has started at Social Service office, and will get the advertisement for the SS Worker in papers soon. Lundeen also mentioned that she heard that Phil Greer, the former executive director of correction for TCCC had resigned from the job he took in New Mexico.

Bob Schmitz handed out worksheets showing the expenses and coding from the Civil Defense and Sheriff's Departments. The Commissioners had asked to see a breakdown of their spending and coding. Everything looked ok was the consensus.

Next meeting is scheduled for November 24th at 10:00 a.m. at the Red Lake County Courthouse.



The Oklee Senior Citizen Site was surprised by Matthew Genova when he came in and donated a \$1000 to the site. Pictured accepting the generous donation is Vi Cote, Iona Berry and Leona Christianson.



A Charlie Brown Christmas Postmark

On November 30th, the Oklee, MN Post Office, 202 2nd Ave, will offer a special pictorial postmark celebrating the 50th anniversary of the holiday classic TV show "A Charlie Brown Christmas."

The collectible postmark will

be available 8am to 2:30pm at the Post Office.

"Commemorative postmarks are a great, inexpensive way to remember the important people, places and events in our lives," says Oklee PTF Madchen Mero "A Charlie

Brown Christmas' is an annual holiday classic, and I encourage anyone with fond memories of this iconic program to stop in and see us on November 30th.

This special postmark is a must-have. Can't make it to the Oklee Post Office on November 30th? The postmark is also available for 30 days after by mail. To request by mail, affix First-Class postage to an envelope or postcard of your choice, using any stamps that were issued before October 1st, Place in a larger envelope (along with a large self-addressed stamped envelope for the return trip) and send to:

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Oklee, MN 56742-9998

Pole Decorating Winners!



First prize - Tracy & McKenzie Hamm



Second prize - Krista Bernstein



Third prize - Stacey Bahmann



Fourth prize - Oklee Quilting

The Oklee Community Club thanks everyone for participating. Look for more information coming on a Snowman building contest for Santa Claus Day, Dec 12th.

Santa Day's planned for all three communities

Plans are in place for Brooks, Oklee and Plummer's Santa Days.

Brooks is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, December 6th. A light lunch, fun and games for everyone.

Oklee's is planned for Saturday, December 12th. Salem Cookie Sales start the event at 9:00 a.m. with Santa coming around 10:00.

Plummer's is once again planned for the Holiday Train celebration on December 13th. Watch for more details on all three in next week's paper.



Calendar of Events

Wed, Nov. 25:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
Thu, Nov. 26:
Thanksgiving Day!
Fri, Nov. 27:
-No LSS Senior Meals.
Sat, Nov. 28:
-Support your local business - Shop Locally!
Sun, Nov. 29:
-Worship at the church of your choice.
Mon, Nov. 30:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
Tue, Dec. 1:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. - Cards
Wed, Dec. 2:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. - Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
Thu, Dec. 3:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. - Bingo.
Fri, Dec. 4:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
Sat, Dec. 5:
- Shop Locally!
Sun, Dec. 6:
-Worship at the church of your choice.
Mon, Dec. 7:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.

St. Francis Xavier Church Thanksgiving

Do you have a place to go and celebrate Thanksgiving this year? Well, if you don't, you are invited to St. Francis Xavier on November 26th, serving from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

St. Francis Xavier plans to celebrate Thanksgiving with a full meal with all the trimmings for anyone that will be spending Thanksgiving alone or would like to share a meal with someone else. Also meals will be delivered to the homebound (delivery between 11:30 a.m and 12:00 p.m.).

The homemade meal is free and the fellowship is free. The menu includes a traditional Thanksgiving meal with turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, roll, pie, cranberries, pickles and beverages.

RSVP by calling the Parish office at 218-796-5375, call Don or Annette at 218-796-5256.

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Margaret Jacobus
Wed, Nov. 25: No Confirmation.
Sun, Nov. 29: 9:00 a.m. Zion. No SS at Salem. No SS at Zion. 10:30 a.m. Salem.
Mon, Nov. 30: 9:00 a.m. Quilting at Zion.
Wed, Dec. 2: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH OKLEE
Fr. Adam Hamness
Sun, Nov. 29: 7:30 a.m. Confessions 8:00 a.m. Mass. 7:00 p.m. Ecumenical Service at Zion.

BROOKS – RED LAKE FALLS CATHOLIC PARISH
Fr. Bill DeCrans
Sat, Nov. 28: 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph - RLF
Sun, Nov. 29: 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph – Brooks. 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph - RLF.

IMMANUEL–EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Thu, Nov. 26: 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Worship at Ebenezer.
Sun, Nov. 29: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer. No Sunday School Immanuel. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Immanuel. 11:30 a.m. Worship at Immanuel.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Bethany–Ekelund–Faith Robert W. Dahlen, Pastor
Wed, Nov. 25: 7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving services at St. Ann's.
Sun, Nov. 29: 8:30 a.m. Faith; 9:30 a.m. SS. 9:45 a.m. Bethany; 10:30 a.m. SS. 11:00 a.m. Ekelund; 9:45 a.m. SS.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

November 30 – December 4
Call 796-5666 to order a meal.

If you are over the age of 60 and would like to eat with other seniors at the Senior Site, please call the Café at 796-5666 to reserve your meal. A \$4.00 per meal donation is suggested.
Monday: Goulash, corn, toast, dessert, and milk.
Tuesday: Shrimp, hash browns, vegetables, dessert and milk.
Wednesday: ½ hot pork, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetables, dessert and milk.
Thursday: ½ Patty melt, hash browns, vegetables, dessert and milk.
Friday: Fish, baked potato, vegetable, dessert and milk.

Tri-Valley Public Transportation

To reserve a seat, please call by 3:00 p.m. the day before - 1-800-951-9363. All routes arrive approx. between 10 and 11 a.m. at the destination.
Wed, Nov. 25: Bemidji – Crookston, Red Lake Falls, Plummer, Oklee/Brooks, Trail/Gully, Fosston.
Mon, Nov. 30: Grand Forks – Fosston, McIntosh, Erskine, Mentor, Crookston.
Tue, Dec. 1: Shooting Star Casino/Mahnomen – Crookston, Mentor, Erskine.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive – Nazareth Oak Park – St. Petri Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Wed, Nov. 25: No Wednesday School/Confirmation. Thanksgiving Services: 5:00 p.m. Mt. Olive. 7:00 p.m. Oak Park.
Thu, Nov. 26: Thanksgiving Services: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri. 9:30 a.m. Nazareth.
Sat, Nov. 28: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive. 10:15 a.m. SS/Confirmation.
Sun, Nov. 29: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri, 9:15 a.m. SS; 9:45 a.m. Nazareth; 9:45 a.m. Oak Park SS, 11:00 a.m. Oak Park. 3:30 p.m. Nazareth Ladies Aid Christmas party.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Nov. 25: 7:00 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Service at Hope.
Sun, Nov. 29: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.
Tue, Dec. 1: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study. 10:30 a.m. Quilting.
Wed, Dec. 2: 6:30 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund Sand Valley Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, Nov. 29: 9:00 a.m. Lund. 10:30 a.m. Sand Valley.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston
Jon Marx, Lead Pastor
Seth Johnson, Assist. Pastor
Sun, Nov. 29: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship.



Centennial Recipe Corner

Milk Chocolate Caramel Bars

Audrey Bachand

1-1/4 cups all purpose flour
1/2 cup brown sugar, firmly packed
1/2 cup butter, softened
3/4 cup caramel ice cream topping
1 pkg (3 oz) softened cream cheese
1 tsp vanilla
1 egg
1 cup walnuts, chopped or pecans
1 cup milk chocolate chips



Combine flour and brown sugar in mixing bowl. Cut in the butter until mixture is crumbly. Remove 2/3 cup of crumb mixture and reserve. Press remainder into an ungreased 9 x 9 baking pan. In the same bowl, place the softened cream cheese. Gradually stir in the ice cream topping, then the vanilla and egg, mixing well with spoon or fork until creamy. Stir in the reserved 2/3 cup crumb mixture and chopped nuts. Spoon and spread over crust. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 – 35 minutes until firm. Remove to rack and sprinkle at once with the chips. Let them soften and spread. Cool completely and cut into small squares.

Red Lake Falls Library News

The Red Lake Falls Library will be closed this Friday after Thanksgiving, but will re-open the following day for the usual Saturday hours of 10 to 3. Happy Thanksgiving to all our patrons and residents of the Northwest Regional Library area.

To all those who have made recent memorial donations or by making purchases or donations to the book sale,

NOTICE TO OKLEE RESIDENTS

Starting December 7th, garbage pickup will move to the street.



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR SNOW REMOVAL

You are invited to submit a proposal to Inter-County Community Council for snow removal services for the 2015-2016 seasons with option for up to two additional years. Proposals will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. on December 4, 2015.

For a copy of the Request for Proposal contact Catherine Johnson at Inter-County at 218-796-5144 ext. 27 or e-mail CJohnson@intercountycc.org.

NOTICE

The Red Lake County Board of Commissioners is seeking persons interested in being appointed to serve as a County Representative on the Red Lake Watershed District Board of Managers for a 3-year term commencing January 10, 2016. Interested individuals may submit their names to: County Board of Commissioners, P.O. Box 367, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750. Deadline is 4:00 p.m. on December 10, 2015.

Red Lake County Commissioners Minutes

RED LAKE COUNTY Regular Meeting Held October 13, 2015

Pursuant to adjournment of its regular meeting the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners duly met in regular session at the courthouse in Red Lake Falls, MN on October 13, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. Chairman Weiss called the meeting to order. All commissioners were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

HR Director presented the names of six employees to be recognized for years of service with the county. Chairman Weiss issued awards on behalf of the county to employees: Jeremy Johnson 5-years; Jason Sletten and Gary Anderson 10-years; Mary Derosier and Micky Brekke 25-years; Nancy Amberson for 35-years.

Tanya Hanson of the SWCD met with the board to request approval of the 2016/2017 fiscal year NRBG (Natural Resources Block Grant). The grant in the amount of \$74,211.00 is administered by the local SWCD and County Environmental Officer. The programs SWCD administers are: Local Water Management, Wetland Conservation Act, and County Shoreland. Septic System programs are administered by the County Environmental Officer. Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Sorensen and carried unanimously to approve the document as presented. Chair Weiss signed as the county representative.

Hanson presented a Shoreland Permit for Byron Wilson to build a garage along the Clearwater River in the City of Red Lake Falls. Hanson mentioned that a permit is needed as the building will be located within the 300 foot Shoreland area, however no variance is being requested as Wilson is beyond 100 feet of rivers edge. Hanson noted that a public hearing granting a variance is required before any construction can occur within 100 feet of a waterway. Commissioner Sorensen moved, seconded by Lerohl and carried unanimously to approve the permit for Byron Wilson as presented.

Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Flage and unanimously carried to approve expenditures for the period as follows:

Vendor Name	Amount
ACS	\$5,368.95
Cardmember Services	2,439.74

Dacotah Paper	2,618.03
Plummer Co-op Creamery	3,080.10
Red Lake County Co-op	7,825.67
University of MN	
Extension Service	17,844.99
Vatthauer Farm Supply	6,718.29
60 Payments less than \$2,000	24,770.91
Final Total	\$70,666.68

The motion includes the following additional bills: \$11.85 to Dept. Human Services; \$50.00 to Eagle Square; \$295.00 to Insight; \$42.09 to Marco; \$25.00 to Mikes Bottle Shop; \$80.00 to Plummer Co-op Creamery; \$30.00 to Oklee Quilting; \$466.12 to Kelly Rogalla; \$119.60 expenses and \$490.00 per diem to Chuck Flage.

Orville Knott, County representative on the RLWD Board was present to provide an update on activities of the Watershed District. Knott informed that the amended drainage ordinance was approved with an effective date of October 1, 2015. The amendment mainly addresses changes to sub-surface drainage and the tile drainage permitting process. Knott provided comments on WOTUS or "Waters of the United States" federal ruling, and concerns about a dike being installed in the ditch along County No. 49 a few months ago. The County Engineer has been aware of the situation and is to be reporting back to the County Board.

Knott informed that his current appointment as the county representative expires in January 2016 and that he is not interested in another 3-year appointment. Auditor Schmitz informed that state statute requires that notice be published before the County Board can officially appoint a county representative. The notice will be published in December for appointment at the January 5, 2016 board meeting.

Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Flage and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held September 22, 2015 as presented.

The following Commissioner/Committee reports were shared:

Commissioner	Meeting/Report
Simpson	None
Flage	Met with Commissioner Sorensen, County Engineer and a landowner to discuss a culvert installation issue.
Sorensen	Correction

meeting in Crookston discussing union contract, 2016 budget, and income generated from housing inmates from other counties; NW Mental Health meeting discussing Fair Labor Standards Act changes.

Lerohl NW Regional Development meeting discussing Aging Program, State Highway No. 11 project, and toured the College Unmanned Aircraft facility at the Thief River Falls Airport; NW HRA meeting in Mentor discussing restructuring debt, using Down Payment housing program dollars to be used for a county housing rehabilitation program; ICCC personnel meeting discussing salary increases and ICCC regular meeting reviewing employment training, budget and the audit report.

Weiss Tri County Corrections discussing budget, 3-year union contract and income from outside sources.

HR Director mentioned that Denise McCarthy has been hired as a new Social Worker and Jim Nystul as the Deputy Assessor/Recorder.

The board concurred that Commissioners Flage and Sorensen will receive per diem for a meeting with the County Engineer and a landowner in Red Lake Falls Township to discuss a culvert installation issue.

Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Lerohl and carried unanimously to approve Resolution No. 10-01-15 as requested by the Oklee Moonlighters Snowmobile Club. The resolution requests that the county enter an agreement with the State of Minnesota DNR to act as the trail sponsor/fiscal agent to receive funding on behalf of the Moonlighters for maintenance of its snowmobile trail system. Auditor Schmitz is authorized to sign the documents on behalf of Red Lake County. A complete document is available at the County Auditor's office.

There, being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until October 27, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

Attest:
Bob Schmitz, County Auditor

Ron Weiss, Chair,
Board of Commissioners
O35C

City of Oklee

Emergency Numbers
City Clerk 218-277-0131
Maintenance 218-684-0124

Statepoint Crossword

Theme: Holiday Songs

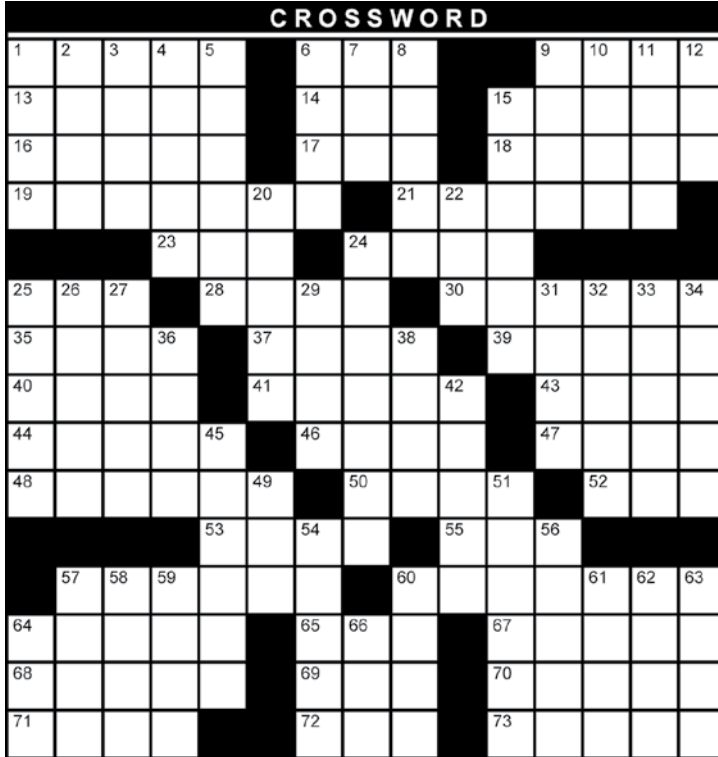
ACROSS

1. Boreal bursts
6. Soldier's bed
9. Microbrewery product
13. "We all will be together if the fates ____"
14. Romanian money
15. Plural of pupa
16. Stupid and silly
17. Eyeball shape
18. Bornean ape
19. "Feliz ____"
21. "...with your nose so ____, won't you guide my sleigh..."
23. Gourmet mushroom
24. Windows to the soul?
25. "Hee ____" variety show
28. Persian backgammon
30. Knowledgeable
35. Shining armor
37. Oriental ware, pl.
39. One of seven dwarfs
40. St. Louis' Gateway
41. "Mele Kalikimaka is the ____ to say"
43. Singer-songwriter Amos
44. Scout's mission
46. End of line
47. Mint product
48. Mrs. Potts of "Beauty and the Beast"
50. Falling-out
52. Lamb serving
53. Thomas the Engine's warning
55. Plays for pay
57. Part of a flower, pl.
60. "The weather is frightful but this is so delightful
64. Natural talent
65. Nightcap rocks

67. Run ____ of the law
68. Full of curd
69. "Jolly Old Saint Nicholas, Lean your ____ this way"
70. First light, pl.
71. Algonquian people
72. Dashboard acronym
73. Wipe it clean to start fresh

DOWN

1. No this without pain?
2. Longer forearm bone
3. Member of people of eastern Europe
4. Second T in T&T
5. ABBA's home
6. Doofus
7. "____ the fields we go laughing all the way"
8. Short and plump
9. Town
10. Sashimi choice
11. "____ Buy Me Love"
12. Liquor store pony
15. Composed and self-assured
20. Like exes
22. Christian minister, abbr.
24. Most avant-garde
25. "It" in "...but the very next day you gave it away"
26. Come to terms
27. Neopagan religion
29. German industrial valley
31. Drilling group
32. Thread holder
33. Chill-inducing
34. "The fire is slowly ____, and my dear, we're still good-byeing"
36. Do this until you drop?
38. Finger move



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A Time To Give Thanks

"O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good."

-PSALM 106:1

Thanksgiving, what a wonderful time of year.

It's a time to give thanks for our many blessings, and a time to celebrate with family and friends.

We hope you and your family have a wonderful Thanksgiving.



The Security State Bank will be closed Thursday, November 26th in observance of Thanksgiving Day.





MUSTANG STAMPED

RLCC Menus

Nov. 30 – Dec. 4

Oklee

Mon: Breakfast: Biscuits & gravy, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Chicken Quesadilla, Spanish rice, refried beans, fruit, and milk.

Tue: Breakfast: Waffle sticks, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Ribetts, oven browns, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Wed: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, scalloped potatoes, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Thu: Breakfast: Egg bake, muffins, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Pork fritters, mini bakers, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Fri: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Pulled pork, baked beans, chips, fruit, and milk.

Plummer

Mon: Breakfast: Egg omelet, toast, PB & jelly, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Pizza, salad, string cheese, Go-Gurt, fruit, and milk.

Tue: Breakfast: Cook's Choice, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Seasoned shredded pork w/bun, Kettle corn, rice medley, vegetable, fruit, and milk.

Wed: Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, sausage, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Super nachos (hamburger, cheese, tomatoes, salsa, sour cream), mini corncob, strawberry shortcake, and milk.

Thu: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Baked chicken drumstick, mashed potatoes, gravy green beans, bread fruit, and milk.

Fri: Breakfast: Blueberry bagel, maple cream cheese, Go-Gurt, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Pork riblet, au gratin potatoes, broccoli, dinner roll, fruit, and milk.

Sports Schedules

RLC Rebels

Boy Basketball

Mon, Nov. 30: Win-E-Mac at Erskine 5:00 p.m.

Thu, Dec. 3: Grygla/Goodridge at Goodridge 6 p.m.

Mon, Dec. 7: NCTC at Northland CC TBD

Tue, Dec. 8: NCTC at Northland CC TBD

Thu, Dec. 10: NCTC at Northland CC TBD

Fri, Dec. 18: Stephen/Argyle at Plummer 5:00 p.m.

Mon, Dec. 21: Warroad at Warroad 6:00 p.m.

RLCC Mustang Wrestling

Thu, Dec. 3: East Grand Forks at EGF 6:00 p.m.

Sat, Dec. 5: Al Olson Tournament at Fosston 11:30 a.m.

Sat, Dec. 12: Rodd Olson Invitational at Crookston 11:30 a.m.

Tue, Dec. 15: Crookston/West Marshall at Crookston TBD

Fri, Dec. 18: Big Bear Tournament at Cass Lake 11:30 a.m.

Sat, Dec. 19: Big Bear Tournament at Cass Lake 11:30 a.m.

Girls Basketball

Tue, Dec. 1: Sacred Heart at EGF 6:00 p.m.

Thu, Dec. 3: Ada/Borup at Plummer 6:00 p.m.

Mon, Dec. 7: Fisher/Climax at Fisher 6:00 p.m.

Thu, Dec. 10: Blackduck at Blackduck 6:00 p.m.

Mon, Dec. 14: Tournament at NCTC TBD

Tue, Dec. 15: Tournament at NCTC TBD

Thu, Dec. 17: Tournament at NCTC TBD

Mon, Dec. 21: Fosston at Fosston 6:00 p.m.

Tue, Dec. 29: BGMR at Greenbush 6:00 p.m.



RLCC HIGH SCHOOL

1st Qtr Honor Roll

7th Grade: "A" Honor Roll

: Kia Bachand, Adriel Bakken, Bailey Culkins, George Duden, Tristyn Ferguson, Emily Kolstoe, Karena Melby, Janae Olson, Katheryn Suchy, and Brock Tvedt. **"B" Honor Roll:** Dominica Bernstein, Jillian Booth, Wakely Bryl, Levi Flatgard, Gavin Galkowski, AnaRosa Gibbs, Eric Gieseke, Andrew Gryskiewicz, Faith Hanson, Heather Longtin, Bryan Meyer, Brody Moen, Morgan Plante, Elijah Rath sack, and Isabella Russillo.

8th Grade: "A" Honor Roll:

Madison Carlson, Calyssa Eskeli, Adrienne Jones, Sophie Linder, Christopher Longtin, Derek Peterson, Garrett Qualley, and Rickey Ulrich. **"B" Honor Roll:** Britain Arlt, Zach Benson, Matthew Bergerson, Brandie DeHate, Tyler Hanson, Jayden Iverson, Kaitlyn Morris, Jacob Olson, Sidney Olson, Jenna Pahlen, Courtney Rude, Natalia Snegireff, Tanisha Srnsky, Gunnar Thompson, and Abby Walton.

9th Grade: "A" Honor Roll:

Adam Cater, Sydnie Gunderson, Marie Johnson, Connor Lambert. **"B" Honor Roll:** Jarisa Bailey, Julia Bernstein, Grace Gieseke, Justin Nemec, Alex Peterson,

Zoe Russillo.

Dawson Rystad.

10th Grade: "A" Honor Roll:

Erin Jones, Hannah Kolstoe, Kara Longtin, Sydney Melby, Katie Olson, Matthew Vettleson. **"B" Honor Roll:** Jayden Fore, Billie Jo Gryskiewicz, Tyler Jensen, Holly Johnsrud, Nicholas Pahlen, Seth Paradis, Jade Person, Megan Smith, Lindsey Thompson, Ethan Vettleson.

11th Grade: "A" Honor Roll:

Ana Almeida, Mary Auman, Megan Berberich, Taylor Bushelle, Ashley Longtin, Nikki Schmitz, Kelsie Sirjord. **"B" Honor Roll:** Natalie Aakhus, Makay Berns, Kyle Gagner, Shelby Gunderson, Dylan Gustafson, Carolyn Kehn, Brandon Lee, Talon Porter, Tera Qualley, Marcus Styles.

12th Grade: "A" Honor Roll:

Asia Davis, Brandi Jensen, Seth Johnson, Devin Lambert, Alan Nemec, Kayla Olson, Samantha Smith, Michelle Sundquist, Holly Vettleson, Austin Waliser. **"B" Honor Roll:** Chase Agnes, Morgan Bushelle, Marcus Christensen, Katherylene DeHate, Shelby Haugen, Brendan Krueger, Levi Linder, Tristan Larson, Miranda Magnell, Austin May, Katie Pendelton, Wyatt Waldal.



Impact 20/20 speakers talked to RLCC students about college and their future.

Impact 20/20 presentation

By: *Nicholas Plante and Nicole Riendeau*

Red Lake Country Central High School students in grades 9-12 attended a presentation called Impact 20/20 on Tuesday, November 17. It included a group of speakers representing area colleges including Bemidji State University, White Earth Tribal College, Northland College, and University Of

Minnesota Crookston.

The guest speakers talked about our future after college and what we are looking at to do or what college we want to tour. They spoke about "how the future is up to you" and to "go for a career you enjoy, not one you don't like."

The speakers suggested learning more about the college you may be interested in attending. Some colleges may or may not have the degree for

the job you want. To show how college could impact life after high school, they handed out a sheet showing wages of many jobs around our area.

Colleges look at students holistic, their entire scope in high school starting at ninth grade. Everyone gets done with college at different times. They encouraged students to take college tours and to ask questions.



Red Lake County Central Student of the Month was Julia Bernstein for grades 7-9 and Miranda Magnell for grades 10-12. Mr. Michael Swenson nominated both of them.

RLCC Students of the Month

By: *Asia Davis and Ethan Vettleson*

Every month Red Lake County Central High School staff votes on two students who have showed great ambition and responsibility throughout the school year. For the month of October the Student of the Month for grades 10-12 went to Miranda Magnell from Mr. Michael Swenson.

When giving out the award Mr. Swenson stated, "Miranda has been in my classes for the last four years and has excelled in my English classes and in theater. I have worked with her in theater since she was in fourth grade. She has become an excellent actress. She has shown leadership in her class such as when they needed help for the blood drive, she was the first to volunteer. She is fun to work with and she does have a dry sense of humor that makes rehearsals fun."

Magnell is a senior at RLCC and is 18 years old. She is the daughter of Danielle and Dennis Magnell and has six siblings by the names of

Nolan, Nathan, Jarren, Jenna, Jillian, and Jessica. Magnell participates in theater and loves watching Netflix and hanging out with friends.

RLCC Student of the Month for grades 7-9 was Julia Bernstein who is in ninth grade and is 15 years old. Her parents are Mitch and Krista Bernstein. She has one sister DJ (Dominica) Bernstein. Bernstein is involved in three school activities which are basketball, volleyball and track. Her hobby in her free time is watching hockey.

Mr. Swenson presented Bernstein with the Student of the Month plaque. "Julia has been extremely active in three sports. The coaches commented that she was hard working and she was one who listened carefully to the coaches." She does her work well and never complains. Her writing has really improved since seventh grade. He also stated that Bernstein "is willing to help others and has earned the respect of her peers."

Hello, Dolly! Jr. High Choir Trip

By: *Wyatt Waldal*

Friday, November 13th Red Lake County Central Junior High choir attended the "Hello, Dolly!" musical at the Historic Chief Theater in Bemidji. It was a production of the Bemidji Community Theater. The set was described as a rotating stage with three different scenes. The three sets were Vandergelder's Mercantile, Hat Shop, and Harmonica Garden Restaurant. All the dresses were made. Some of the costumes were re-made from older costumes. The only purchased dress was the one Dolly wore at the Harmonica Restaurant. All the ladies' hats that were worn were made or

re-made

Comments from several students that attended were the rotating stage, when two cast members pretended to hide from their boss at the restaurant, how unique the costumes were, and Dolly's solos. Students enjoyed the show and had a lot of fun.

Thanksgiving break at RLCC

By: *Ana Almeida*

The Red Lake County Central Elementary and High School will not have classes Thursday and Friday, November 26 and 27. This will be due to the Thanksgiving holiday.



RLCC Softball Team Awards were awarded to Brandi Jensen, Billie Jo Gryskiewicz, Morgan Bushelle, Taylor Bushelle, and ones not pictured are Brittney Bray and Megan Berberich.



The letter winners for the RLCC softball were (back) Morgan Bushelle, Michelle Sundquist, Brandi Jensen, Taylor Bushelle, (front) Mary Auman, Billie Jo Gryskiewicz, Jayden Fore, and not pictured Brittany Bray and Megan Berberich.

RLCC Mustangs Softball Awards

By: *Ana Almeida*

The Red Lake County Central Spring 2015 Softball players were recognized Monday, November 16. The letter winners were Brittney Bray, Brandi Jensen, Morgan Bushelle, Michelle Sundquist, Angel Auman, Megan Berberich, Taylor Bushelle, Billie Gryskiewicz and Jayden Fore. Other participants included Jarisa Bailey, Sarah Christensen and Sydnie Gunderson.

Team Awards were presented. The awards included Plate Discipline for

Morgan Bushelle with 28 walks, Rookie of the Year for Billie Gryskiewicz, Defensive Player of the Year for Taylor Bushelle and RBI Champion for Brandi Jensen. Batting Champion, Pitching Staff Ace and MVP went to Brittney Bray. Most Stolen Bases (nine) and Most Runs Scored (21) was given to Megan Berberich.

Brittney Bray was awarded All Subsection 8A North, All Section and 2015 Agassiz Valley All Conference Team. Taylor Bushelle received the Agassiz Valley Honorable Mention.

NDSU representative to visit area school

A representative from the Office of Admission at North Dakota State University is scheduled to visit Red Lake County Central High School on Monday, Nov. 30, at 11 a.m., in Oklee, Minnesota.

The representative will help high school students learn about earning a degree from NDSU, which is recognized as a leading student-focused, land-grant, research institution.

Information will be shared about NDSU's outstanding academic programs, how students can get involved through more than 300 student organizations and how the NDSU experience can help prepare them for career and life.

"Each student follows a different path that leads to NDSU," said Merideth Sherlin, director of admission. "During



RLCC Softball player Taylor Bushelle was given the Agassiz Valley Honorable Mention award and Brittney Bray (Not pictured) was given the 2015 Agassiz Valley All Conference Team.

high school visits, our staff works with students to understand their individual interests and needs, and then helps them find the opportunities at NDSU that will challenge them and prepare them for the future."

The university is comprised of the College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources; College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences; College of Business; College of Engineering; College of Human Development and Education; College of Health Professions; College of Science and Mathematics; College of University Studies; and the Graduate School.

For more information about NDSU, visit www.ndsu.edu.

The Oklee Herald

will be **CLOSED** on Thursday, November 26 for Thanksgiving. Deadline will be November 25th.

Happy Thanksgiving

Oklee Herald Early Files

Seventy Years Ago

November 22, 1945

Miss Mary Jane Fortier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I Fortier and Ferdinand A. Mandt, son of Mr. and Mrs. O.M. Mandt, were married at the Catholic Rectory in Oklee on Thursday.

Miss Cecilia Dessellier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Dessellier and Selmer Christianson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Christianson, were married at the Lutheran Parsonage on Friday afternoon.

Miss Emma Mostrom, daughter of Mrs. John Jazdyzk of Trail and Arne Dahle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ole E. Dahle of Oklee, were married on Saturday, November 17 with Reverend H. Lien officiating.

Sixty Years Ago

November 24, 1955

Pvt. Richard L Rustan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rustan of Oklee, is assigned to the Aggressor Force in Exercise Sage Brush, the largest joint Army Air Force maneuver since WWII, now being held in Louisiana.

Lonnie Schiefert, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Schiefert of Terrebonne, was injured Saturday afternoon at their family farm when a gun he was hanging up in the barn discharged.

A men's organization was formed within the Oklee Lutheran Parish at a meeting in Zion Lutheran Church of this village. Known as a Lutheran Brotherhood chapter, the unit will affiliate with the national

organization.

Fifty Years Ago

November 25, 1965

Five of the eleven buildings in the Oklee Community Homes complex are shown as complete. They are built to house Senior Citizens and all are occupied but one at this time.

Mrs. Ray Jensen of Brooks attended the all male Lake Region mink show in Detroit Lakes. She took first place price in the standard dark, first place on the Stewart Pearl double and second place on Pearl triple. There were 76 entries.

Gayle Hofstad (King) and Virginia Lerohl (Queen) were crowned royalty for the 1965 carnival and variety show.

Forty Years Ago

November 20, 1975

Patricia Christianson became the bride of Dwight Brekkestran at St. Francis Xavier Church in Oklee on September 13th.

Albert and Goldie Boucher celebrated their 50th anniversary on November 16th.

A shower was held for Mrs. Roger Konickson and son Paul Michael who was born November 1st.

Thirty Years Ago

November 20, 1985

The Farmer's Club, a well-known Café in Oklee, is now open under the ownership of Melvyn and Ilene Bergerson.

Ruth Olson and Bernice Torkelson drove to Alvarado, Oslo, Warren, back to Thief River Falls and home on an adventurous trip through the back roads of Northwest

Minnesota.

A fire at the Driscoll Brothers farm claimed about 5,000 bushels of confectionary sunflower when a drying bin caught fire.

Twenty Years Ago

November 29, 1995

Karen's Kitchen, the former Hanson's Café is under new ownership in Plummer. The new owner is Karen Longtin and her husband, Donald Longtin.

Fire destroyed a machine quonset and machinery inside at the Gary Purath residence in rural Red Lake Falls.

Elizabeth Klammer, a Junior Senior High School Science Teacher at Oklee received the Lauren Kupcho Lignite Education Award.

Operation Roundup grants totaling \$11,000 were made by the Red Lake Electric Cooperative Trust Board.

Ten Years Ago

November 24, 2005

Centennial Logo contest begins this week and entries need to be in by January 31, 2005.

Celine Fabrequette, age 15, of Chalon Sur Saone, Burgundy, France, is an exchange student being hosted by Krista and Mitch Bernstein.

Basketball coaches were hired for the winter season: Rick Koivisto, Angel Mickelson, and Phil Zimpel for the girls' teams; Randy Huie and Jason Schuster for Boys Basketball. Wrestling coaches were Aaron Nelson and Ethan Marquis.

Senior Site News and Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

This has been a cool week. Today I visited with my sister-in-law at the Fosston. I also visited with the Barsness' and Orlien Sollie. I left for home while it was snowing quite a bit so had to drive slowly. However, after I turned at McIntosh it was definitely better.

Last Monday at the Site, Matthew Genova came and presented the Site with a \$1,000. He stated he considered Oklee his town and wants to support the Site. Thank you Matthew, it is very much appreciated.

We had our early Thanksgiving meal this past Tuesday night. There will be many things happening at the

Site in the next weeks before Christmas. There will be no Bridge at the Site this week.

Dates to Remember

Nov. 26: Thanksgiving Day
Dec. 8: Scandinavian Day (Sue in charge)
Dec. 15: Christmas Evening Meal
Dec. 17: Site Council Meets

Words of Wisdom

To forgive someone is the best use of any day.
Miracles don't discriminate, nor does misfortune.

Joke Time

A farmer who grew watermelons was being plagued by local children

who would sneak them. He devised what he thought was a foolproof plan to deter the trespassers. He put up a sign, which read, "Warning, One of the watermelons in this field has been injected with cyanide."

Sure enough, when the kids read the sign they headed straight home but instead of giving up altogether, they prepared a sign of their own which they planted right next to the farmer's.

The following day when the farmer inspected the field, he was pleased to find that none of his watermelons were missing. But then he spotted the new sign next to his. It read, "Now there are two."

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

After a cold end to last week, and a bit of snow on the ground now, it promises to be nice for two days and then hit us over Thanksgiving with more rough weather and cold temps. I hope all of our guests traveling are able to have good roads and careful driving. But we have to look at the reality. It is November, it is winter, and it is inevitable that we will get colder weather and snow as the end of the year approaches. We live in Minnesota. Get the snuggies out and keep warm. Good luck.

The Red Hat ladies went out this past week. They went to Irishman's Shanty in Crookston and the wait staff was ready for them in the dining room. The ladies ordered what they wanted, some took the buffet, others ordered off the menu. Some ladies had soup, a wild rice creamy soup with shrimp in it. They raved about it. The taco salad was delicious. The quarter pot was won by Barb Novak, and everyone said it was rigged. The decision was that because of the winter weather, we would try to have the next meeting at Ness Café in Erskine on December 9. We hope to see you there and bring a friend.

Speaking of red, the man in the red suit and white beard, is coming to town and all the kids are on their best behavior these days. Yes, Santa is going to be at the Brooks Community Hall on December 6th, which is St. Nicholas Day. Come one come all to see Santa and give him your wishes. Lunch will be served and goodies will be available.

Kelsey Paradis had a great weekend. She and Ryan held a birthday party for their little Isabelle who turned 5 years old already. She had many people wish her a Happy Birthday. Happy Birthday Isabelle.

After Isabelle's party, Ryan held a surprise birthday party for Kelsey at the Cozy bar and Grill. Kelsey has turned ?? And many people came to wish her a happy birthday. Happy Birthday to you Kelsey from all of us.

Another birthday hit over the weekend. Aaron Determan turned 30 and he and his wife Meg came to Cindy and Del Determan's home to celebrate his birthday. Cindy was doing Grandma time with Jess's children so Aaron not only had Devin, Macie, Aubrey and Meg, but also Emma Elizabeth, and

Mikayla to help him celebrate. He had a great time teasing the girls about his birthday wish. There were little sad faces after they found out that the Vikings were on the losing end of the game.

Jess and Heidi Determan went to see the Wild on Saturday and then went to the Vikings game on Sunday. So Cindy Determan had Grandma time all weekend.

Thanksgiving is here. We hope that your Thanksgiving Day is one that is full of family, love, friendship and food. Sometimes we get to focus on what we don't like, of what we don't have in comparison to what others have. We tend to focus on what is wrong in our lives, but at this time of year we need to focus on what is right in our lives and how lucky we are to have such a full life. We don't have to be stars and famous to be happy, but we are stars to someone in our lives and we need to appreciate that. We all are blessed in some way that others aren't. Count your blessings there are many. Eat big servings of turkey and all of the trimmings. Enjoy all of your family and friends. Happy Thanksgiving.

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

Amanda and Shane Roff, Evan and Lauren, of Delano, MN, were here for deer hunting and visited at Arne and Barb Schmitz'.

Plummer Auxiliary met Saturday, the 14th, with 8 members present. Dee Ann treated with cinnamon rolls. It is the 96th birthday of the Auxiliary this year.

Paul DeHate and his sister Brandy both got a doe this past weekend. They were hunting with their dad Bernie DeHate.

Alice Jobe visited her mom at Roseau on Sunday and enjoyed dinner with her. She also visited brother, Jack at Badger. Later, she visited Fern Eskeli and Jean Matt at Oakland Park Nursing Home.

Brett DuChamp, Erskine, daughter of Chris and Bobbi DuChamp got her first deer this past week. She is the granddaughter of Jim and Debbie DuChamp and great granddaughter Bunny DuChamp.

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Fruit that is destined for processing into juice, sauce or sweetened dried cranberries is wet harvested. For wet harvesting, beds are flooded with eight to ten inches of water. A machine with a circular beater mounted on the front is driven through the bed to remove berries from the vines. Alternatively a "slipper" is drawn through a bed to remove fruit from the vines. The berries float to the water's surface are corralled into a corner, and then conveyed or pumped out of the bed to a waiting truck and delivered to a processing plant.

As you enjoy your cranberry sauce this Thanksgiving, appreciate the toil by cranberry farmers that provide this colorful fruit that has been a constant at Thanksgiving meals since the Pilgrims first shared their bounty in 1621 with Wampanoag Indians in Plymouth, an event regarded as America's "first Thanksgiving."

Happy Thanksgiving, and remember to give thanks for all the blessings bestowed upon your family over this past year!

For more information, contact me at 800-450-2465 or stordahl@umn.edu. Sources: The Cranberry Institute and History Channel.

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Plants Poisonous To Livestock

Recognition of poisonous plants and the proper management of animals and pastures will help to minimize the potential for poisoning animals from poisonous plants. When an animal goes off feed, loses weight or appears unhealthy, poisonous plants could be the cause. Poisonous plants contain toxic compounds which can injure animals. Some contain compounds that kill, even in small doses. Others contain substances which cause a reduction in performance, such as weight loss, weakness, rapid pulse and unthriftiness. Poisonous plants should be given consideration as the potential cause especially if the following situations exist.

1. Forage supply in a pasture is sparse due to overgrazing, drought or poor early season growth.

2. Animals have recently been moved into a new pasture.

3. Animals have been released into a new pasture when hungry.

4. Herbicides have been used to control weeds.

5. Pasture has recently been fertilized with nitrogen.

6. A new forage has been fed. Most poisonings occur in the early spring or during a drought when feed is short. Plants that an animal normally would not touch, become a potential source of food and a potential source for poisoning, just because the animal is hungry and in search of feed.

Also some herbicides may increase the palatability of some weeds. Therefore, it is important to read the herbicide label and follow all grazing restrictions. Also, if there are poisonous plants in the pasture, it is best to keep all

livestock out until the plants have died. In Minnesota, the number one cause of poisoning in cattle is nitrate poisoning. Nitrates accumulate in certain plants when grown under drought stress and or have been fertilized with nitrogen. The crops sorghum-sudan grass and corn and the weeds red root pig weed and common lambs quarter cause much of the nitrate poisoning. Sorghum-sudagrass hybrids have been the number one cause of nitrate poisoning in Minnesota.

The other main causes for cattle poisoning in Minnesota rank as follows:

1. Gallotannins in Oak trees.
2. Cyanide poisoning caused by sorghum species and choke cherry plants.

3. Glycoside poisoning from nightshades and cockle bur.

4. Photosensitive skin reactions from St. Johns wort and buckwheat.

5. Cicutoxin poisoning from water hemlock.

6. Alkaloid poisoning from poison hemlock.

The top two causes of plant poisoning in sheep in Minnesota have been nitrates poisoning and photosensitive reactions. In horses ,the number one poisoning problem has been from maple tree leaves. During 1988-1989, 15 cases of horse poisoning occurred in Minnesota. The plants which rank next in poisoning of horses are hoary allyssum, when greater than 30% of the feed source has been linked to stocking up (swelling of the lower legs) and other problems in horses. White snake root has caused death. Other less common plants causing livestock poisonings are water hemlock, poison

hemlock, bracken fern and the night shades.

The key to avoiding problems with poisonous plants is proper identification and avoidance of these plants. Become familiar with the plants that cause the problems. Examine pastures, hay fields, roadsides and fence rows for poisonous plants. In a drought year or a year when feed is short, take extra precautions to look over new areas planned for grazing or haying such as roadsides, wooded areas or sloughs. Animals, under conditions of adequate feed, will avoid most poisonous plants. However when feed is short, or animals are hungry, plants normally avoided become a tempting source of feed, thus a potential poisoning problem. Some management tips to avoid problems include:

*Avoid overgrazing pastures.

*Avoid turning hungry animals into new pastures.

*Learn to identify poisonous plants.

*Fence off areas in pastures where toxic plants occur.

*Control and or manage plants to avoid poisoning problems.

*Follow herbicide grazing restrictions.

*Rotate pastures to prevent overgrazing.

*Supply adequate supplies of clean, fresh water.

*Consult your veterinarian about suspected toxic plants.

For more information on poisonous plants go to www.extension.umn.edu or e mail Lisa Behnken, Extension Educator for Crops at lbehnken@umn.edu with your questions.

Source: Lisa Behnken, U M Extension Crops Educator.

Cranberry, the Thanksgiving Fruit

Jim Stordahl

Regional Ag News

I'm not sure if Thanksgiving has an official fruit, but if it did, it would likely be the cranberry. This indigenous colorful fruit has graced the holiday dinner table as a tangy condiment, perhaps since the very first Thanksgiving.

Cranberries are a unique fruit. They can grow and survive only under a very special combination of factors. These factors include acid peat soil, an adequate fresh water supply, and a growing season that extends from April to November. Cranberries grow on low-lying vines in beds layered with sand, peat, gravel and clay. These beds are commonly known as bogs or marshes and were originally created by glacial deposits. Commercial bogs use a system of wetlands, uplands, ditches, flumes, ponds and other water bodies that provide a natural habitat for a variety of plant and animal life.

There are two basic types of cranberries grown. The North American cranberry, *Vaccinium macrocarpon*, is the standard for fresh cranberries and the cranberry juice cocktail. The European variety, which is grown in parts of central Europe, Finland

and Germany, is known as *Vaccinium oxycoccus*. The European type is smaller fruit with anthocyanin pigment profiles similar to that of the North American variety. The European variety, however, has a different acid profile in terms of the percentages of quinic, malic and citric acid levels present. In Europe, this fruit is commonly known as lingonberry or English mossberry.

Lingonberries are a common Scandinavian condiment served as a sauce, jam or jelly. Lingonberry, though closely related to the cranberry, grows quite differently. These fruits are produced on low-growing evergreen shrubs throughout Scandinavia's alpine forests. The tart red berries are much smaller and juicier than their cousin the cranberry. Indeed, Lingonberry jelly is always a special treat in our home.

Cranberry is grown much differently from most other crops. Considered a Native American wetland fruit, it grows on trailing vines like a strawberry. The vines thrive on the special combination of soils and water properties found in wetlands. Cranberries grow in beds layered with sand, peat and gravel. These beds are commonly known as bogs or

marshes and were originally formed as a result of glacial deposits.

Once the bed is prepared for planting, cranberry cuttings are spread on the sand at the rate of about two tons of vines per acre. After the vines are spread, they are pushed into the sand with a straight dull disk. The bed surface is then firmed with a cultipacker. The vines are then sprinkle-irrigated two or three times per day for several weeks. Within a few weeks the cuttings produce roots and new vine growth begins. It takes about four years to produce a good crop of fruit from a new bed, and up to six years before a new bed is in full production. Cranberry production is a long-term, expensive investment.

The harvest method for cranberries varies according to how the fruit will be used. Fresh fruit are harvested with a picking machine. Such machines have tines that comb through the vines and catch the fruit that are then lifted onto a conveyor then into a bin. After harvest, fruit for fresh use is dried in boxes with slatted bottoms and stored in refrigerated buildings. Later fruit are sorted and packaged for retail sale.

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