

Oklee Precipitation		
By Einar Kvasager		
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Jan. 14	Trace	Trace
Jan. 15	Trace	0.25
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Oklee Herald

...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

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The new Mayor, Lori Gulseth, and re-elected council persons, Matthew Genova and Paul Cyr signing their Oath of Office paperwork at the first meeting of the 2021.

Lori Gulseth is new Oklee Mayor

On January 11, 2021, the Oklee City Council meeting was held. Present was Larry "Snook" Olson, Paul Cyr, Matthew Genova, and Lori Gulseth. Others attending were Clerk Derek Cross, Toni Burthwick, Darrell Tougas, Brody Grove, Kelly Brekke, Gail Schmitz, Sheriff Bernstein and Bonny Cote.

The meeting was called to order by past Mayor George Burthwick. George Burthwick called for a motion to approve the minutes from the December meeting. Olson made a motion to accept the minutes and Cyr seconded, motion carried.

Cross then handed out the Oath of Office papers and the three new officers signed them, George Burthwick then handed over the gavel to Mayor Gulseth.

Financials were gone over and there were a few questions on the difference from past year's contracted services compared to this year, explanation is that everything was closed in March 2020 so a lot of things were not used such as port-a-potties. Olson made a motion to accept the financial report, Cyr seconded roll call - all in favor, carried.

Bills were presented and Cyr made a motion to pay the bills, Genova seconded, all in favor, carried.

Sheriff Bernstein reported to the Council that more money is coming in to the county from the state and Auditor Bob Schmitz is applying for the funds. This money is to help out the businesses in Red Lake County and more news will be coming on this.

Bernstein also reported that there has been no trouble with the Pipeline at this time, been very quiet, though there was

some minor vandalism near Plummer. There is a person in Oklee that makes many complaints to the Sheriff's department and seems to have no tolerance for any noise at all.

The Council received one written application for the vacated spot on Council. George Burthwick said he had told, Derek when the ads were in the paper that he was interested also in the position. The other person was unable to attend and the council members decided to table it until they could meet him at the next meeting.

The Council went through the Commissions for the City. The only item changed was the Skid Steer rental rate from \$65 to \$75 for an hour (driver included). Genova was added to the EDA Board as the Council person. Motion to accept changes was made by Cyr, seconded by Olson, carried.

Darrell Tougas, Head Maintenance person brought to the council the quotes for the Well Control System which needs to be replaced or fixed. Tougas presented three quotes. One was to replace what needed to be fixed and was the lowest price. The other two were for replacing the entire Well Control System.

George Burthwick was asked his opinion on the quotes also. He said he thought it should all be replaced and brought up to date.

There is potentially a \$10,000 grant available for this project also. After much discussion it was decided that the council were prefer to replace the entire system. Tougas was asked which company he recommended and he said he has worked with both IPS and Rooster. IPS is the company that originally installed the

Well Control System.

Olson made a motion to accept the quote from IPS (\$42,000). Cyr seconded. Motion carried.

Tougas also updated the Council on the plans to update the outside of the City Building. There is fascia, siding and windows that need to be replaced. Insulation should be added also. He will be getting quotes of this and present at the next meeting. Most of the florescent lighting has been replaced in the building and rebates will be received. E & L had a quote in for the last of the lighting upgrades for the Fire Hall and the Firemen's office. Was decided to table that job until later.

An owner of two trailer lots in Oklee presented a question via a letter. If she were to remove the trailer, would the City be willing to purchase the two lots for the same price she paid for them. They said they may consider it, but made no commitment.

Genova brought to the Council his concerns over some of the lots/owners in Oklee should receive a letter from the City to clean up their lots.

Toni Burthwick stated, using profanity, that she feels Genova is singling out a family member's property and asked what about the property of someone where they had gardens.

Genova asked her to please stop using the profanity and expressed that he was not singling out any individuals, that there are many places in town that need to clean up their places.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The next meeting is set for February 8th at 6 p.m.

2020 Year In Review...

January 1:
The area was shut down due to a Winter Storm that moved through the area starting Saturday night and continuing until Monday morning. Church services through out that area were closed on Sunday and business on Monday morning were delayed opening while clearing the approximate 12 inches of snow.

There was a delicious spread of treats and beverages for everyone attending the Open House at Security State Bank/ Agency on December 18th.

Plummer Lions passed out candy bags to the Red Lake County Central elementary School students on Tuesday, December 17th. Lions members helping were Andy Fougner, Wade Westlake, Don Fox, Jim & Debbie DuChamp.

January 8:
Employees of Red Lake County were recognized for their years of service. They were Steve Hauert, Kari Moyer, and John Burthwick.

January's High School Student of the Month Tristyn Ferguson and Damon Ferguson.

RLCC's AAA winner: Sidney Olson. Sidney received this award for outstanding achievements in regards to academics, athletics, and fine arts.

RLCC Academic All-State Winners: Derek Peterson for football, and Calyssa Eskeli for volleyball.

The New Year has arrived and we have tons of snow to look at.

January 15:
Longtime Educator Rodger Quist was featured in the paper. A school was named after him. He served over 20 years in School District 27J (in Colorado), as a school principal, interim superintendent and director of finance and operations. After retiring, he continued his support by leading community campaigns for Bond and Mill Levy school funding.

On January 3rd, RLCC's wrestling team competed at Mahnomen. RLCC had four wrestlers go 4-0 during that meet, in addition to Damon Ferguson being awarded Wrestler of the Night.

The Red Lake County Central Mustangs defeated the Red Lake Falls Eagles in Red Lake Falls, on Tuesday, January 7th. The final score of the game was 56-50.

January 22:
The Winners in the Plummer Spelling Bee were (Runner Up) Alexa Chervestad, (Champion) Emma Hendrickson. The event prizes for 1st & 2nd places are donated by the Plummer Lions Too.

The Oklee Volunteer Fire Department received a donation of \$7,500 from Enbridge. Tyrone Olson received check from Enbridge Employee Laura Kircher.

14 students participated in the Oklee Moonlighters Snowmobile training program. The RLCC Mustangs beat Goodridge-Grygla 60-44 on Jan. 13th.

The weather turned miserably cold on Thursday. And a storm on Friday to top it off.

January 29:
With perfect weather the 53rd Annual Oklee Moonlighters Snowmobile Safari was held on January 25th. Due to two storms that came through

the area leaving more than sufficient snow and the mild 20 degree temperatures, the riders couldn't have asked for better conditions for a Safari.

The Red Lake County Central Girls' basketball team played Laporte in Plummer on January 21st. They won 94-14.

Nicer weather has visited us these past few days. It was a breather from the harsh holiday season we had. More of that to come but keep those long Johns handy it will be really cold again.

An ice fishing adventure can teach patience, respect, and value. It's a shared tradition that mixes fun and fishing! A group of 20 4-H youth and adults participated in a one-day ice fishing trip to "Ballard's Resort" at Lake of the Woods on Sunday, January 19, 2020.

February 5:
Benjamin and Mikayla Tabert, Red Lake Falls are Red Lake County's representatives in the Red River Valley Emerging Leadership Program. Alumni of the program from the county nominated them to take part in the program because of their involvement in their community.

RLCC's One Act competed on Friday, January 24th and performed in Oklee on Jan. 28. Participating were: Daniel Guillemette, Remi Rathsack, Faith Hanson, Jonathan Roue, Emily Kolstoe, Karena Melby, Lilly Hanson, Luci Svendsen, Oliver Russillo and Ruben Osborn.

The Rebels traveled to Karlstad to face the Northern Freeze on Tuesday January 28th. The Rebels came out on top in that game with a score of 60-47.

February 12:
The Red Lake County Board of Commissioners recognized employees at the December 24, 2019 board meeting. John Burthwick, Heavy Equipment Operator, 5 years; Kari Moyer, Highway Admin Assistant/ Accountant, 5 years; Steve Hauert, Mechanic, received a plaque for 25 years.

Oscar Duden and Gunnar Sandeen received 1st place in the JV Wrestling Tournament in Fertile on Feb. 1st.

Mariah Peterson and Daniel Guillemette placed on Sat. Feb. 1st at the DGF Speech Competition.

It has been a good February so far. The temperatures have been fairly likable - not too cold and some days almost warm.

The City of Oklee project is scheduled for 2021 on CSAH 53 & 22 (the county roads that go through Oklee). Erik Hove met Monday, February 9th, with the City of Oklee and a six page agreement will be signed about who's responsible for each part of the project.

Junior High January student of the month is Ryan Tvedt and Senior High is Zach Howard.

February 26:
Junior Kia Bachand of the RLCC basketball team scored her 1,000 point on Feb. 18 against Mahnomen-Waubun.

On Saturday, February 15th, the Plummer Snowmobile Club had their Annual Safari. The temperature was 20° with a sharp west wind, but sunny. John Baker won the sled guess of 115 sleds. They put on 40 miles. In the afternoon following the safari, they came into town to the

Legion and had chili, pulled pork sandwiches, etc.

March 4:
A nice warm February 19th evening brought a large crowd into the Oklee Firemen's Blizzard Bonanza for a delicious Walleye Fish dinner and great entertainment.

Tristyn Ferguson, Damon Ferguson, Zach Howard, and George Duden all qualified for state this year in their respective weight classes.

The RLC speech team competed at Bemidji on Feb. 22, and four students placed. Mariah Peterson, Jayden Iverson, Danny Guillemette, and Sage Hartman.

We are into thinking spring these days, but we are not there yet. March is fickle and she tries to fool us into thinking spring. Mother Nature does her best to dash our hopes in March.

March 11:
Oklee local Cliff Melby has been busy in his retirement years working on a book which is now available on Amazon.com and at Oklee Lumber. Cliff has a knack for telling stories so it is no surprise that he would start putting his words down on paper for publishing.

The RLCC Girls Basketball team won second place at subsections on March 2nd at the Ralph Engelstad Arena in Thief River Falls.

The weather has been perfect for slow spring melting. Warm days and cool nights. Some corn is being harvested around the country though there are places where the snow prevents harvesting around the edges of the fields where it is piled up to four or five feet in the field.

March 18:
On Wednesday, March 11th President Trump in an effort to slow the spread of the corona virus has issued a 30-day ban on travel from European countries to the United States with a few exceptions, though since then have changed the exemptions to no travel from Europe.

The World Health Organization has announced that they have classified the corona virus as a pandemic.

RLC Speech team walked away on March 7th with lots of victories! Juliana Armentrout, Mariah Peterson, Autumn Houghtaling, Mykayla Peterson, Hannah Dudycha, Jayden Iverson, Danny Guillemette, and Sage Hartmann.

March 25:
Maureen Bartelt, earned a real estate brokers license, adding to her credentials and better qualifying her to assist buyers and sellers of real estate throughout the region. She is the daughter of Tim & Kaye Munt of Oklee.

The new Cenex Station in Red Lake Falls was open for business in February 2020 and the old building was closed for business. On March 18th, I noticed that the old building was gone.

Derek Peterson was selected for the 2019-2020 Minnesota Boys' Basketball All-State Team.

One day at a time. Everyday gets a little closer to spring, and the snow fall has been cooperating. Let's hope that continues. I enjoy the fast heated days of spring but do not enjoy hearing about flooding in the area so this has been nice of Mother Nature and her handiwork.

Next week watch for more Year In Review...

Covid-19 updates for Polk, Pennington & Red Lake

Daily Inter-County Nursing Service Covid-19 updates:

January 16th - 18th:
There are 24 new cases to report in Pennington County, the individuals age range from 20's - 90's, 2 additional hospitalizations.

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

January 14th - 15th:
Due to technical difficulties, no update was provided yesterday.

These numbers include both days.

There are 21 new cases to report in Pennington County, the individuals age range from 19 - 90's.

There is 1 new case to report in Red Lake County, the individual is in their teens.

January 13th:
There are 9 new cases to report in Pennington County, the individuals age range from 20's to 60's.

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

January 12th:
There are 7 new cases to report in Pennington County, the individuals age range from a child under 10 to 90's.

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

January 9th - 11th:
There are 11 new cases to report in Pennington

County, the individuals age range between 20's and 90's. 2 additional hospitalizations. It is with sadness we report another death in Pennington County, the individual was in their 80's. Our hearts go out to their family and loved ones at this difficult time.

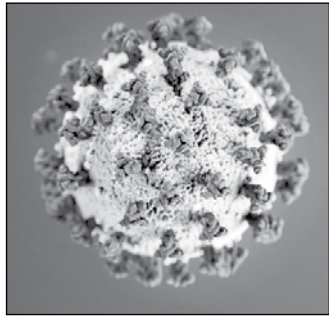
There is 1 new case to report in Red Lake County, the individual is in their 50's.

COVID-19 Vaccine Update

January 14th, the Minnesota Department of Health informed hospitals, health care systems and other vaccination partners that they can offer doses to broader categories of Minnesotans - including Minnesotans age 65 and older - based on updated guidance from the federal government.

Inter-County Nursing Service is still working with very limited supply of vaccine and will be completed with health care workers and first responders soon. Once we get more supply, we are ready and will work with partners to get more people vaccinated.

In the coming days, there will be more detail on how newly eligible Minnesotans can access the vaccine. We ask that the community remain patient as we wait on more vaccine supply.



Statistics (01-18-21)

- 447,349 Positive Tests
- 6,173,664 Complete Tests
- 3,152,124 People tested
- 429,325 Patients Who No Longer Need Isolation
- 5,939 Total Deaths
- 23,428 Total Hospitalized
- As of this printing - Total Confirmed Cases in surrounding Counties:
- Pennington County: 992
944 recovered cases
33 active case
- 2 current hospitalization
15 death
- Red Lake County: 316
310 recovered cases
2 active case
- 1 current hospitalization
4 death
- Marshall County: 703
- Clearwater County: 685
- Beltrami County: 3,094
- Polk County: 3,267
(as of 1-14-2021)
96 active cases
0 current hospitalizations
54 deaths

Calendar of Events

- Wed, Jan. 20:**
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
- Thu, Jan. 21:**
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news
- Fri, Jan. 22:**
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order
- Sat, Jan. 23:**
-Support your local business - Shop Locally!
- Sun, Jan. 24:**
-Worship at the church - check inside for church times and places.
- Mon, Jan. 25:**
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.
- Tue, Jan. 26:**
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.
- Wed, Jan. 27:**
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.

COVID-19 vaccine update

Minnesota is aware of media reports from yesterday (Jan. 12) that the federal government has changed their guidance on vaccine distribution to include people 65 and older and those 18-64 with underlying conditions that make them more susceptible to complications from COVID-19. We are waiting for more details and guidelines from the federal government on these reports.

At this point no additional vaccine doses have been made available for Minnesota. Until there are more details about how much vaccine Minnesota will receive and when it will arrive, the State continues to distribute the extremely limited vaccine supply allocated each week. Our focus continues to be immunizing for impact - targeting those most at risk of contracting COVID-19 and those most at risks of serious complications if they get it.

If the vaccine supply increases in the near term, we

are ready for it. We have been planning for vaccines to be more broadly available for months. The next group most likely will include people whose age puts them at higher risk for serious health complications if they contract COVID-19. The changes we've heard about from the federal government are consistent with our thinking and planning.

As we learn more, we will work to make sure everyone who is eligible for a vaccine knows how, where, and when they can get their shots. Everyone's opportunity to get vaccinated will come; it will just take some time.

Learn more at COVID-19 Vaccine. <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/vaccine/index.html>

Check out the new Minnesota COVID-19 Vaccine Data dashboard. <https://mn.gov/covid19/vaccine/data/index.jsp>

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
www.okleelutheran.org
Wed, Jan. 20: 7:00 p.m. Confirmation.
Sun, Jan. 24: 9:00 a.m. Salem. 9:00 a.m. Zion SS. 10:15 a.m. Salem SS. 10:30 a.m. Zion. Zion Annual meeting to follow.
Wed, Jan. 27: No Confirmation.
 If you don't feel comfortable attending church at this time, 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 Hanness
www.oggcatholic.org
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. St. Francis – Oklee. 10:15 a.m. – Grygla. 12:00 p.m. – Goodridge.

BROOKS – RED LAKE FALLS CATHOLIC PARISH
Fr. Bob Schreiner
Brooks – Red Lake Falls Catholic Parish
Fr. Bob Schreiner
<https://go2joseph.org/>
Saturday: St. Joseph RLF 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: Brooks 8:00 a.m. St. Joseph 10:00 a.m.

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun, Jan. 24: 9:00 a.m. Immanuel. 10:30 a.m. Ebenezer.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Pastor Kristen Oster-camp

In person worship is currently suspended. Links to online services can be found at www.goodridgeparish.org/worship or on the Parish Facebook page. An announcement regarding a return to in person worship will be made following the Parish and Congregation Council meetings.

Wed, Jan. 13: 7:00 p.m. Grade 6 Zoom Confirmation.
Sun, Jan 17: Drive up Communion at Faith 2 – 3 p.m. Faith Council at 3:00 p.m.
Wed, Jan. 20: 7:00 p.m. Grade 8 Zoom Confirmation.

Oklee Area

Veterans' Memorial

Recently a donation was received for the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial from Richard and Karen Mathson of Florida. The Mathson's made this contribution in memory of their friend, Elmer Hanson, Brooks, whom they describe as being a historian of Oklee, and a proud veteran as they recall he assisted in placing flags at the grave sites of deceased veterans for Memorial Day. Elmer Hanson served in the U. S. Army in Salzburg, Austria from 1952-1954.

The volunteer committee for the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial is proud to recognize the RLCC Student Senate, under the supervision of Mr. Randy Huie, for their commitment in lowering the flags at the Veterans' Memorial on days designated by Presidential or Governor proclamations. The students have been very conscientious in taking care of this important mission.

Donations to the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial may be sent to Security State Bank, Box 69, Oklee, MN 56742, Attn: Lori Melby. Questions regarding the Memorial should be directed to Mary Lynn Bachand at marylbachand@gmail.com.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive – Nazareth Oak Park – St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Wed, Jan. 20: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School.
Sat, Jan 23: Mt Olive: 9:00 a.m.
Sun, Jan. 24: St. Petri: 8:00 a.m. Worship, 9:15 a.m. SS; Oak Park: 9:15 a.m. Worship, 8:30 a.m. SS; Nazareth: 11:00 a.m. Worship, 10:00 a.m. SS.
Wed, Jan. 27: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Jan. 20: 6:30 Youth Group (Online).
Sun, Jan. 24: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.
Tue, Jan. 26: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions. 10:00 a.m. Quilting.
Wed, Jan. 27: 6:30 Youth Group (Online).

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, Jan. 24: 10:30 a.m. at Bethany, followed by annual meeting. Potluck TBD.
CDC safety guidelines for COVID-19 will be followed.

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



Oklee Senior Site Dining

January 25 - 29

No congregate meals served. The meals are coming from Erskine this week. Oklee Café is open on the 25th, but needs time to get supplies in. If you are over the age of 60 and you want a meal delivered to your home, call Jo Lambert at 796-4527 or LSS Erskine at 687-2262 to order a meal. A \$5.00 per meal donation is suggested.

Mon: Sausage gravy over buttermilk biscuit, peas & carrots, applesauce, oatmeal cookie and milk.

Tue: Meatballs, mashed potatoes, gravy, carrots, wheat bread, fruited gelatin w/whipped topping, and milk.

Wed: Goulash (beef macaroni hotdish), green beans, bread, tropical fruit, and milk.

Thu: Beef barley vegetable soup, crackers, ham on bun, pears, frosted cake, and milk.

Fri: Chicken chow mein over rice, chow mein noodles, oriental vegetables, pineapple tidbits, and milk.

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Red Lake County Commissioners Minutes

RED LAKE COUNTY Regular Meeting Held December 8, 2020

Pursuant to adjournment of its last meeting the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners duly met in regular session at the Court-house in Red Lake Falls, MN on November 24, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Chairman Remick called the meeting to order. All Commissioners were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Tanya Hanson of the SWCD met with the board regarding the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Plan for the county. Hanson provided data on the current year accomplishments and reviewed items being incorporated into the 2021-year AIS plan. The county must complete and adopt such plan to receive state funding. The AIS dollars are used to promote public awareness and education about AIS. Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Simpson and carried unanimously to approve the Red Lake County AIS Plan document as presented. A copy of the plan is available at the local SWCD office.

Hanson provided an update on projects completed in 2020. An update was also provided on local landowner compliance with requirements of the State Buffer Law. Hanson informed that there are currently thirteen (13) buffer law violations within the county. Letters were sent to landowners in violation; they have eleven (11) months to complete corrective action.

The County Board recognized nine (9) employees who reached years of service milestones during 2020. Chairman Remick presented longevity awards to: Casey Roisland and Jessica Jurina for 5-years; Jeremy Johnson, Kurt Phillip and Chuck Simpson for 10-years; Jeff Kelley and Jason Sletten for 15 years; Bob Schmitz for 25-years, and Mary Derosier for 30-years. Chuck Simpson was also presented with a plaque in recognition for his service as County Commissioner. Simpson is retiring effective January 2021.

County Engineer Erik Hove met with the board regarding the following items:

Item #1: Approval of Parking Layout for the Oklee Sidewalk Project.

Hove distributed a map of the proposed project. Mn State Aid requires that the City and County both

Deadline: Fridays at noon!

Sudoku Solution

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

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formally approve the parking layout before advancing the project. The proposed project will maintain the same parking configuration that is in town today. Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried unanimously to approve the parking layout design as presented. The Auditor and Board Chair are authorized to sign the document.

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. The project will bring all sidewalks up to ADA standards along with a bituminous overlay for the roadway surface. Hove mentioned that his department has completed the public input and final design, and are ready to advertise for bids. The proposed letting will be January 26, 2021 pending State Aid approvals. Commissioner Dudycha moved, seconded by Simpson and carried unanimously to advertise for bids for the Oklee Sidewalk Project.

Item #3: Approval of Professional Services Contract for Oklee Sidewalk Project

Hove requested approval to contract with WSB to assist with survey and construction inspection on the Oklee project. County staff will oversee the project, however Hove stated due to multiple construction projects, his office will need assistance to adequately staff the project. The contract fee is to be billed hourly not to exceed \$93,595.00 and all of the fees are budgeted for and eligible for state aid construction funding. Hove mentioned that the project design came in approximately \$125,000.00 under budget. Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Flage and carried unanimously to approve the services contract with WSB.

Item #4: Approval of Final Payment for CSAH 13 Bridge Project (SAP 063-613-016).

The project involved replacing 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. Hove commented that the project turned out well and came in below the 5-year plan budget. The Contractor was Riley Brothers Construction from Morris, MN.

Original Contract Final Contract

\$908,984.30 \$969,541.30
 Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Weiss and carried unanimously to approve final payment for the CSAH 13 Bridge Project as recommended by Engineer Hove.

Item #5: Review County Equipment Rates;

Hove presented data from other area counties regarding hourly county rates used for invoicing out county grading and snowplowing services. Hove mentioned that county rates were last changed in 2015 from \$85.00 to \$95.00 per hour for both Motor Grader or Plow Truck.

Official City of Oklee Minutes

City of Oklee Council Meeting Monday, December 14th 2020, Oklee Café 6.00PM

Roll Call: Mayor Burthwick, Cyr and Olson, also present Sherriff Bernstein, Matthew Genova, Tougas and Cross. Also present. Lori Gulseth, Kelly Brekke and Brady Groves

Meeting called to order at 6.00 PM

November Minutes
 Motion to accept by Olson and seconded by Cyr, motion carried.

November Financials
 Motion to accept by Cyr and seconded by Olson, motion carried.

November Bills
 Motion to accept by Olson and seconded by Cyr, motion carried.

Erik Hove/County Engineer
 Erik Hove gave an overview of the time scale for the new sidewalks. January 26th 2021 bids opening for the formally approved bronze option. Parking layout formally approved. Planning to start May 1st 2021 up to September 1st 2021. Parking lines will be ground into the road surface. Decision to only replace existing sidewalks and not extend east of the City. Street lights reused if possible, with new LED heads.

Sheriff's Report
 Sheriff Bernstein reported that nothing noticeable had happened around town. 2500 calls up to now for 2020 Bernstein reported he was in court the following day regarding a local resident. Around town has been good. Casey Roisland has moved back to town. Next problem house will be probably the old Heath residence, it is believed to be in really tough shape. Matthew Genova did say we should maybe have extra funds put aside to take care of these houses. The council felt we have the funds to deal with these problems.

Keith Sogla
 Keith Sogla came to the meeting to give a presentation on his plans to start a new business in the Kinsley Kiosket building on Main Street. Frozen North Hemp will be the name of the business, it will deal wholesale

Hove presented (4) four different proposals for the County Board to consider. Commissioner Dudycha moved, seconded by Weiss to approve a \$10.00 increase in rates to \$105.00 per hour effective January 1, 2021. Voting aye: Commissioners Flage, Dudycha, Weiss and Remick. Opposed: Commissioner Simpson. Motion carried.

Commissioner Weiss moved and seconded by Simpson to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held November 24, 2020 and minutes of the TNT meeting held December 3, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Bernstein met with the County Board. Bernstein asked that he be allowed to increase the Sheriff's Civil Process Service fees from \$45.00 to \$60.00 with the changes to take effect on January 1, 2021. The fees are for the Sheriff's Office charges for serving civil process papers. The \$45.00 fee has been unchanged since 2016. Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried by unanimous vote to approve **Resolution No. 01-01-20 "Sheriff Fees for Service"**. The Board Chair and County Auditor are authorized to sign on behalf of the county. A complete document is available at the County Sheriff Office.

Bernstein requested authority to begin the process of updating the County's Hazard Mitigation Plan. A hazard Mitigation Plan document is required to receive any Emergency Services grants or any FEMA funds. Red Lake County has a current plan but it is required to be updated every 5 years. Bernstein asked that the county adopt a formal Resolution to authorize himself to be the county's representative for this process. The cost of the update is covered by grant funds and the required 20% county match is covered by "in kind" hours. This update process will not cost Red Lake County any dollars. Commissioner Dudycha moved, seconded by Flage and carried by unanimous vote to approve **Resolution No. 12-02-20 "Authorize Hazard Mitigation Planning Process"**. Auditor Schmitz is authorized to sign the agreement. A complete copy is available at the County Sheriff Office.

Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried unanimously to approve the following expenditures for the period:

Vendor	Amount
Auto Value	\$ 2,408.41
Counties Providing Technology	4,310.00
Election systems & Software, Inc.	6,175.59
End-X Systems	2,644.86
Garden Valley Telephone	2,872.29
Geo-Comm Corporation	3,999.00
Independent Testing Tech, Inc.	20,155.00
Moore Engineering, Inc.	26,926.25
Northern Garage Door, LLC.	5,925.15
Red lake County Co-op	18,310.02
Riley Brothers Const.	9,695.41
Titan Machinery	2,450.31
WSB & Associates, Inc.	

with the extraction of oils from Hemp. Keith Sogla just wanted to be open about his plans and keep everyone informed on what he is doing. He will be installing a commercial kitchen, the only concern was if the smell was severe, Keith did say carbon filters would be installed if this became an issue. Wholesale only at first, possible retail store front too. Security cameras will be in place to protect the premises. Start up with 50 plants dehumidify drying it down to 10%, drying for month, manufacture all year round. Test plants 10-14 days before harvest, Adams independent testing of Fargo will be doing the testing.

Maintenance
 Ambulance floor bids, tear out concrete and get fall from doors, Motion to accept bid for 3172.50 Olson and seconded by Cyr, motion carried. Lift station impeller, still waiting. Water tower control problems, possible grant to help with renewing the electronic control equip of up to \$10,000.00. Water tower controls systems, get quotes. Prices for windows and siding for City Hall, North side and east side, check for grants. Tractor good after repair to oil seal.

Levy/Budget.
 Motion by Olson and seconded by Cyr to accept the budget and have no raise in the levy, motion carried. Matthew Genova asked if extra could be put aside for taking care of nuisance properties, Olson and Cyr both said there is no need as we do have the funds to take care of these matters if they should arise. Proposed 2% pay raise for Darrell Tougas and Derek Cross, Larry Olson proposed a 1% raise. Motion to accept 2% pay raise by Cyr. Olson voted against, Mayor Burthwick voted for the 2% pay raise, motion carried.

Motion to close the meeting by Olson and seconded by Cyr, motion carried.

Meeting closed at 8.09PM

Mayor Burthwick

Derek Cross/City Clerk
 O44C

15,171.00
 34 Vendors less than \$2,000.
 \$866.54

FINAL TOTAL \$129,891.83
 The motion included the following additional bills: \$103.50 Decatoh Paper; \$176.34 Holly Crandall; \$2,421.00 MCIT; \$900.00 Office of MNIT; \$231.89 Quill; \$6.90 expenses and \$160.00 per diem Allen Remick.

Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Dudycha, and carried by unanimous vote to approve reimbursement of \$6,693.78 to the Huot Park Board for 2020 annual operating expenses of the county park.

Commissioner Dudycha discussed the 4H Program Coordinator position that will be vacant due to retirement of Sharon Weiss effective January 2021. The current agreement with University Extension Services is for four (4) days per week (80% fte) as a state employee. The county provides for one (1) day per week (20% fte) as a county employee. There was discussion with continuing only with the 80% state position in the MOA for Sharon's replacement, but would consider an additional day as a county employee. Regional Director Lisa Loegering is recommending a 100% fte with the University rather than under the current arrangement as it would be easier to fill the position at five (5) days as a University employee instead of four (4) days. And, since the one day per week county position pays a lower rate that could also be a hindrance to someone seeking the position. Additional discussion ensued. Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Dudycha to continue with the .80% fte University and 20% County 4H Program Coordinator arrangement. Motion carried unanimously.

The following Commissioner/Committee reports were shared:

Commissioner Meeting/Report
 Dudycha: -County Extension meeting.

Flage: -Inter County Nursing Service.

Weiss: -County Personnel meeting.

Simpson: -None.
 Remick -County Extension and County Personnel meeting.

Environmental Officer Kurt Casavan met with the County Board to request approval of the 2021 Solid Waste Haulers License for Sanitary Service of Red Lake Falls. Casavan mentioned that all the required paperwork has been received. Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Weiss and carried unanimously to approve the 2021 Solid Waste Haulers License with Sanitary Service.

The board discussed salary for the County Auditor. Board members concurred to make no changes.

The board acknowledged a note of appreciation from Inter County Community Council for the Food Shelf.

There being no further business the regular board meeting adjourned to December 22, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

Attest:
 Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

Allen Remick, Chair,
 Board of Commissioner
 O44C

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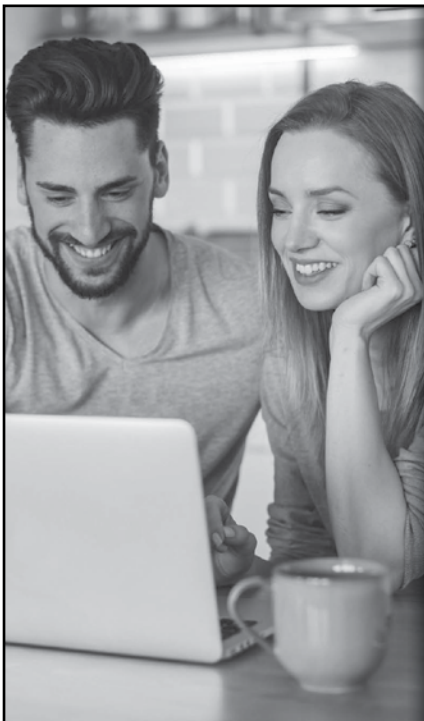
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RLCC Menus

January 25 - 29
Oklee

Monday: Breakfast: Ham & cheese croissant, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Pulled pork or BBQ chicken, whole grain, baked beans, chips, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Coffee cake, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken burger w/bun, cheesy hash browns, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Hot subs, chips, fresh vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Pancake on a stick w/syrup, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, dinner roll, vegetable, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken fajita, rice, refried beans, fruit, and milk.

Plummer

Monday: Breakfast: Bagel w/toppings, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Sloppy joes, pickles, baked beans, celery w/ranch, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Grilled chicken w/bun, tator triangles, mixed vegetable, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Waffles, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Pork riblet w/bun, salad, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Cereal, yogurt, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Super nachos, toppings, corn, Dixie cup, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Apple filled donut, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken chili, tortilla chips, cheese sandwich, fruit, and milk.

CONGRATULATIONS to Rae Martinson our "2021" Spelling Bee Champion and to Alexa Chervestad who came in 2nd place.



Spelling Bee Participants: Back row (left to right) Lexus Waldal, Arlo Svendsen, Graceyn Kvasager, Benji Bramer, Alexa Chervestad, Kaleb Bakken, Natalee Hendrickson, Avery Nelson. Front row (left to right) Parker Klasen, Mya Arlt, Willa Klamm, Rae Martinson.



Lion's Too of Plummer donated \$50.00 to the winner Rae Martinson, and \$25.00 to the 2nd place winner Alexa Chervestad. Debbie DuChamp (left) represented the Lion's Too and (right) is Spelling Bee Coordinator, Laura Conneran with the winners.

Speech 2021 Season for RLCC/RLF Team

By Leilah VanDam

They started practice on Monday, January 11 2021. Head Coach: Ms. Jesse Hamrum and Assistant Coach: Mrs. Roberta Aakhus. Most or all of the tournaments are gonna be virtually held, the RLCC/RLF team is meeting at the RLCC High School for the tournaments virtually. Lot of kids are coming back for the season and some new kids are joining. New

materials were ordered for this year such as scripts. The head coach, Ms. Jesse Hamrum said that the virtual meets might be a challenge but it should go well, they feel lucky just to be able to participate.

There are 13 categories for speech. Creative Expression, Discussion, Duo Interpretation, Extemporaneous Reading, Extemporaneous Speaking, Great Speeches, Humorous

Interpretation, Informative Speaking, Original Oratory, Serious Drama Interpretation, Serious Poetry Interpretation, Serious Prose Interpretation, and Storytelling.

Members of the 2021 speech season: Mariah Peterson (senior), Danny Guillemette (senior), Remi Rathsack (junior), Halie Thompson (junior), Autumn Houghtailing (junior), Juliana Armentrout (freshman), Mykayla Peterson (freshman), Leif Vasend (8), Hannah Dudycha (8), Anne Dolan (7), and Lillie Chapman (7).

Red Lake County Central Drama presents "Stuck" by Jon Jury

By Aurimy Olson

Director Tyrell Hamrum and his cast will present their One Act Play, "Stuck" by John Jury this year at a virtual competition. "Stuck describes people's experiences with the quarantine of Covid-19 and is comedy/drama written in monologues. The following is a list of actors and monologues they will be presenting.

Karena Melby in "The Thing Ss" and "First Base"

Emma Hendrickson in "Anthropology"

Jonathan Roue in "Home Arrest"

Luci Svendsen in "Red Shorts"

Faith Hanson in "Bitten"

Anne Dolen in "Dogs"

Oliver Russillo in "Lingenberry Caper"

Emily Kolstoe in "Those who came before and Photosynthesis"

Peyton Williams in "Dilemma"

Ruben Osborn in "The Box"

Most practices have been held in a Google Meet. They started practicing after Thanksgiving. This is the third week of in-person practice.

Emily Kolstoe, Karena Melby, Danny Guillemette, and Faith Hanson are the four seniors in One Act. According to the seniors, "Being in Distance Learning and practice was a setback and took the fun out of it because we didn't get to hang out and talk."

When asked about favorite memories from One Act, Kolstoe said "There are countless favorite memories from my four years in theater. My favorite part about One Act is always the moments before the competition. The energy in our locker room is indescribable and is always different. We can never tell who is more nervous, us or Tyrell. I also love building friendships with my castmates and will miss all of them next year!" Melby added, "I've made many memories in theater throughout the years. My favorite thing about it is the friendships I've made" Guillemette agreed, "All the practices were so much fun. Even though 'Somethings Afoot' was my favorite play, I really loved all of the practices for 'The Struggles.'" Faith Hanson giggled, "My favorite

memory is watching Tyrell put makeup on everyone!"

The seniors agreed that they will miss the underclassmen next year but gave them the following advice. From Karena Melby, "Show up as much as you can and cherish your time with everyone, it goes by faster than you'd think." Faith Hanson stressed, "Read your lines every night, so they get stuck in your head." Danny Guillemette stressed recruitment, "Keep at it! You all are pretty great performers! Inspire more people to become involved." Emily Kolstoe summed it up with, "Enjoy it, it goes so fast. Let loose, though it may feel embarrassing or awkward at the time, I promise no one cares! I would encourage anyone to build bonds with their castmates, it makes it that much more fun! And finally, please give Tyrell a hard time for me!"

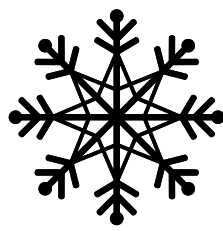
On January 22nd, they are going to record the play and submit it to the competition. Mr. Hamrum said the performance should be available for public viewing via a link that will be published on the school website.



By Jeremiah Baker

Aiden Miller is a new student at Red Lake County Central. Aiden is the son of Dustin Miller. They moved to Oklee, MN when they bought a farmstead just outside of Oklee where they can keep their horses and enjoy outside activities. Aiden enjoys country living and is glad he lives close to town. Aiden enjoys gaming with friends and likes group projects. His teachers appreciate his positive atti-

tude. Aiden is looking forward to becoming more involved with school activities as the year progresses. Aiden has been a great addition to the eighth grade class at RLCCHS.



MEET THE KINDERGARTEN OF RED LAKE COUNTY CENTRAL



Name: Harper Morinville.
Parents: Chris & Robyn Morinville

Siblings: Keira, Jackson, Easton, Brooklyn (twin)

What does your MOM do for a living: she works at home and at the bank. At the bank, she does papers and makes money.

What does your DAD do for a living: He works at the shop, drives tractor and works the field.

What do you want to be when you grow up? A doctor.

Favorite movie: Jasmine

Favorite food: Cheeseburgers and burritos

Favorite school activity: Do Phy-Ed

Favorite color: Blue and Green.

Favorite toy: American Girl Doll & Rapunzel doll.



Name: Brooklyn Morinville
Parents: Chris & Robyn Morinville

Siblings: Keira, Jackson, Easton, & Harper (twin)

What does your MOM do for a living: Makes money

What does your DAD do for a living: Fixes stuff like tractors.

What do you want to be when you grow up? I don't know but I want to have a kitty.

Favorite movie: Elsa and Anna part 2.

Favorite food: Subs

Favorite school activity: Go on iPads

Favorite color: Purple

Favorite toy: The llama I got from my Grandma.

Harper added: My favorite cat is brown. It passed away and it was my most favorite cat. It was at the shop. It's name was Char.



Name: Chayton Lamb
Parents: Kristina Finn and Randy Lamb.

Siblings: Charlie

What does your MOM do for a living: She goes to A & W and works.

What does your DAD do for a living: He goes to work and then buys us a milkshake at the gas station.

What do you want to be when you grow up? A teacher.

Favorite movie: Sonic the Hedgehog

Favorite food: Meatballs.

Favorite school activity: Play with Playdough

Favorite color: Pink

Favorite toy: Nintendo Switch.



Name: Tucker Kruchowski
Parents: Jacob and Nicole Kruchowski

Siblings: Logan

What does your MOM do for a living: She works at teh daycare with kids.

What does your DAD do for a living: works on furnaces and stuff.

What do you want to be when you grow up? A farmer.

Favorite movie: Jurassic Park with Indominus Rex

Favorite food: Pizza with ranch..

Favorite school activity: Playtime.

Favorite color: Pink & purple.

Favorite toy: A tractor

December Elementary Student of the Month



5th & 6th: Parker Klasen



3rd & 4th: Reese Lambert

Red Lake Falls Library

Winner of a "Book Blizzard" ceramic coffee mug for the first week of the adult winter reading program was Cindy Pahlen.

There are plenty of Book Blizzard prizes left to be given away; stop in the RLF Library to register.

New adult nonfiction includes "Dessert Person" by Claire Saffitz: Recipes and Guidance for Baking with Confidence. New York Times Bestseller; in her first cookbook, Bon Appétit and YouTube star of the show Gourmet Makes offers wisdom, problem-solving strategies, and more than 100 meticulously

tested, creative, and inspiring recipes, with large, full-color photographs. "Mozart: The Reign of Love" by Jan Swafford: from an acclaimed

composer and biographer comes the definitive

biography of one of the most lauded

musical geniuses in history, Wolf-

gang Amadeus Mozart. And

"Olive, Mabel & Me: Life and

Adventures with Two Very

Good Dogs" by Andrew Cotter:

the story of Olive and Mabel,

Labrador retrievers who rose

to internet fame as the subjects

of Andrew Cotter's BBC sports

parodies.

Oklee Herald Early Files

Eighty Years Ago January 16, 1941

After a close first quarter the Orioles out played the Goodridge high school basketball team here on Friday night with a score of 26-16.

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ellickson on January 9th.

Mr. and Mrs. Omer F. Gibeau of Lambert are the proud parents of a baby boy born January 9th.

M. S. Gray of Grand Forks arrived here this week to assume the McCormick Derring Agency formerly held in Oklee by Gunsten Gunstenson. They are making their home at the Mrs. Joe Bergeron home.

Mrs. Peter Rutkowski and children and Kenneth Forsberg motored to Fargo last Saturday. Returning with them was Mr. Rutkowski who last week underwent a minor operation there, having a bone removed from his knee.

Seventy Years Ago January 18, 1951

Sherman Mandt of McIntosh has been hired to succeed Eldon Rost as agricultural extension agent in Red Lake county.

The Bobcats traveled to Mentor where they fell at the hands of the Trojans 46 to 55.

Ronald Fore, Arnold Tanner and Robert Mikkelsen were guests of honor at an assembly at the Clearwater church last night. The boys left for Grand Rapids, MN where they had been attending the Agricultural College, that same evening. From there they will join the National Guard to go to Alabama for military training.

Visitors at the Thorwald Bjornaraa home were Olof and Einar Bjornaraa and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bergh and Darlene.

Sixty Years Ago January 19, 1961

Dr. Ralph Heiser announced at the meeting of the Oklee Community Club Tuesday night that he expects to open his dental practice in the Oklee clinic next weekend.

The Oklee Community Club meeting decided to stage a community social event in the evening that will feature the color motion pictures taken at eh July 2-3-4 Golden Jubilee last year.

JoAnn Christianson exchanged vows with Allen Christopherson at Zion Lutheran on December 31st.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Don Mercil at Northwestern Hospital on January 14th.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rustan are the parents of a baby girl born Tuesday night, she was named Glenda Rae.

Mr and Mrs. Irving Flatgard have moved this his homeplace near Oklee. They were staying at the Ole Gunderson home.

Fifty Years Ago January 21, 1911

Arnold Person was named Vice Chairman of the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners at the organization meeting. Neil Prenevost of Red Lake Falls as named Chairman.

Oklee Manufacturing Company recently installed numerous complex machines. The one featured in the paper this week was "Die-Electric" a device which electronically stamps de-

signs into the surface of vinyl.

Mr. and Mrs. Bjarne Kvasager of Oklee were honored as Conservation Farmer recently at the state convention of the MN SWCD.

The 1970 Region 8 runners up came to town on Friday and although they had lost two straight games, the Bobcats found out they still had some punch as they Mentor Trojans defeated Oklee 80-45 on the home floor.

Tons of snow were being hauled off the streets in Plummer Monday after being graded into a windrow in the center of the street to be trucked away.

East Side Service of Plummer, burned out in a fire January 10, is back in business in a limited way.

Forty Years Ago January 22, 1981

What happens when you schedule a SnoSafari and there is no snow? That's the question Moonlighters Snowmobile Club asked themselves last week. The answer came on January 28th when they gathered at Third Base. They still took a ride. The spectators outnumbered the riders - 56 machines, some three-wheelers. They still had fun and lots of door prizes.

Tim Olson, 14, son of John Olson, caught a beautiful 8 lb. 2 oz. Northern that was 31 inches long. He caught it at Turtle Lake.

Meet the Kindergarten featured Tracy Carriere, Tommy Gagner, and Arlen Rygg.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Howard are the proud parents of a baby boy weighing 9 lbs, 15.5 oz. He was named Brock Lyndon.

A fire destroyed the barn, grainery and well house on the Clara Knutson farm Sunday evening.

Postal employees in Trail were busy Sunday morning salvaging mail and postal equipment form the fire damaged Trail Post Office. Fire apparently started int eh roof of the building.

Thirty Years Ago January 23, 1991

Doris Malwitz and Jacki Christianson visited Loretta Hesse last Thursday and brought birthday cake to share over coffee.

Brett Rewertz, son of Barry and Deb Rewertz, celebrated Brett's 4th birthday on January 4th with many of his family attending.

The Mustangs traveled to Mahnomen to take on a tough team. The Mustangs started out cold and fell behind early, battled back to make the game close, but fell short with a final score of 67-66.

New City Council member Emily Bernier signed the Oath of Office with Mayor Roy Rystad standing beside her on January 14th at the first meeting of the year.

Lutheran Social Services presented Oklee Senior Meal Site cooks Vicky Vettleson and Eileen Olson with a Golden Apple award pin and certificate. Due to their effort, the Oklee Senior Meal Site passed the State Health Inspection recently with a 100% score.

Twenty Years Ago January 18, 2001

Dick McCloskey, newly elected assumed his duty as

City Council person at the January 8th meeting.

Oklee High School hosted the One-Act Play competition on January 13th. Moving on to sectional competition are Plummer & Red Lake Falls from our area.

The old Green's Bridge built north of Oklee in 1910 is slated for demolition.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrea Christianson are happy to announce the birth of their new little daughter, Sara Ann, born December 26th.

A surprise 50th birthday party was held in honor of Russell Gervais on Friday at the home of Russell & Carolina, rural Red Lake Falls.

Marine Sgt. Neil J. Horn recently invited his parents, Terry and Sheila (Vettleson) Horn to attend the 225th Anniversary Ball, celebrating the founding of the United States Marine Corps.

Mike and Dan Vesledahl from Winger started up a computer supply and support business called Minkota Technologies.

Ten Years Ago January 19, 2011

Oklee Moonlighter's held their 44th annual Safari ride and 29 sleds enjoyed a nice day of riding. Afterwards they gathered at TJ's for fun, dining and door prizes.

RLCC students completing the 12 Days of Christmas Vacation Workout were Matthew Vettleson, Marie Johnson, Serenity May, Aeranna Hruby, Avalene Tvedt, and Tristen Skjerven.

Red Lake County Central High Students of the Month were Mickala Morinville, Devin Lambert and Abby Gerardy.

The Red Lake County Rebels boys basketball team played WEM Patriots and took home a 84-73. Win.

The Red Lake Watershed District was named 2010 DNR's Watershed District of the Year which was awarded at the 22nd Annual MN Association of Watershed District Trade Show.

RLCC One Act Paly will be competing in Bagley on January 28th. The play is "Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon."

Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteers Jo Lambert & Bonny Cote

Teresa is opening on January 25th, but will not have senior meals until February 1st. So until then, if you want to order a Senior Meal call either 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 are looking for a gift, you can call Bonny or Jo and make arrangements. We are not officially open but will try to accommodate if possible.

RSVP Handyman Program is available to help seniors, age 60 and older, remain safely and independently in their homes. Volunteers will perform minor home maintenance such as installing grab bars and smoke alarms, fix leaky faucets, replace light bulbs, etc. For more information, call 218-281-8288.

Another program for seniors is **Senior LinkAge Line**. It is a program designed to connect you to the services you need. Transportation, Housing, Home Health Care, House-keeping (Chore) Help, Hospice, Home Delivered Meals, Snow/Lawn Care, Minor Home Re-

pairs, Senior Drug Program, Senior Assisted Living. Call 1-800-333-2433 -Call us! It's free!!

When you look on the Internet you can find a national day for everything. I don't think there is a day where their isn't something to celebrate.

Dates to Remember

Jan. 20: National Cheese Lover's Day.

Jan. 21: National Banana Bread Day

Jan. 23: National Pie Day

Jan. 24: National Compliment Day

Jan. 25: National Fun at Work Day

Jan. 27: International Holocaust Remembrance Day

Words of Wisdom

Gossip is like mud thrown against a clean wall. It may not stick but it leaves a mark.

Joy, suffering, confusion, disillusionment can all be good teachers.

The only answers for you are in you.

Jokes

A little girl was in her garden filling in a hole when her

neighbor looked over the fence. He politely asked, "Hi! What are you up to there?"

"My goldfish died," replied the girl tearfully, "and I've just buried him."

The neighbor was amazed. "Isn't that an awfully big hole for a goldfish?"

The little girl tamped down the soil and replied, "That's because he's inside your stupid cat."

Which insects are known as "arithmetic bugs?"

Mosquitoes. They add to misery, subtract from pleasure, divide your attention, and multiply quickly.

STORY TO SHARE!

If you have a story or photos you want to share, please send to: okleeherald@gmail.com

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe
218-465-4402

Peggy and Meloin Hesse recently were Wednesday afternoon guests for steak supper at Peggy's brother Clarence and Diane Dahl's home near Middle River.

Ethan Gallant spent the weekend with his grandparents, Roger and Lynn Gallant. He is the son of Adam Gallant of Grand Forks.

Monday evening supper guests at Anna DeHate's were Bernie and Jill DeHate and Paul.

The Legion had Bingo Wednesday night. The kitchen served food. There was a good turnout. It has been several weeks since the Legion was open.

On Thursday, Anna DeHate, Anne Traxler, Karen Tvedt

and Alice Jobe enjoyed lunch at Carol's Cafe. They had the special, Potato Klub (dumplings) with side pork. Dessert was apple crisp and ice cream.

Last Sunday, the youth group had their fundraiser after mass. They served coffee and muffins. It was a walk through. This is for the trip this summer.

We have been blessed with very mild weather this month. I went skiing last Sunday. Since then it's been almost too warm for skiing.

Minnesota Golden Gophers Hockey is 100 years old this year.

Many women are getting

cosmetic surgery after using Zoom conference calls and seeing what they really look like.

Cheerio's cereal celebrates 80 years this year. It was the first ready to eat cereal in 1941.

By the time this gets in the paper, the Inauguration will be over. Our country is in a serious situation. It is just very frightening and hopefully the days ahead will be better.

I continue to work on my puzzle of the Grand Canyon. It's 1000 pieces and has been the most challenging one I've ever done. I'm more than half done with.

Have a good week! Please pray for peace in our country.

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

It is getting cooler outside and winter is evident. I am glad we are not hitting the 30 below weather. That isn't so easy to navigate even in this day of great technology. But the days in the teens are tolerable.

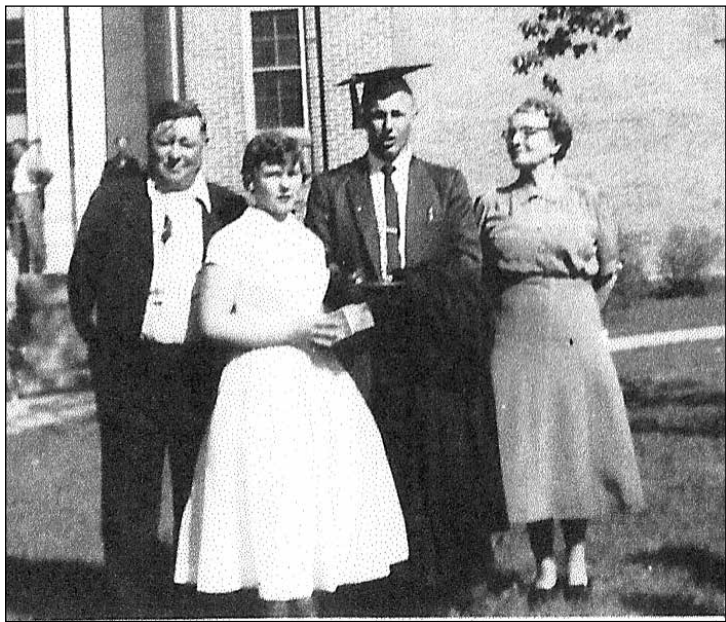
Our sympathy goes out to the Val Koralewski family of Brooks. Val was laid to rest on Saturday. Val enjoyed visiting with friends and playing cards at the Cozy, and he visited with everyone he could. He was a lifelong farmer in the area and had many interests. Once long ago I saw him in the store and he was buying gallons of vinegar. I asked him if he was planning on pickling his cucumbers and he said no he was trying to soften up the cattle. He explained that before

he butchered, he would feed the vinegar to the cattle with their portion of food for a week or so before butchering so that the meat was tender. He said it worked every time. Val was friendly and fun to know. He always had a smile. He will be missed by his family and friends. May he rest in peace. Our prayers go out to all of his family.

Cindy Determan went to the funeral of Val Koralewski on Saturday. She also went to the reception held in the Brooks Community Hall. Many grandchildren and children of Val were there and Cindy said that it was a big crowd.

Del, Brad and Jess Determan went to Florida to hunt iguanas, with blow guns.

Who's Dat?



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This weeks photo is an Oklee High School graduation.

Last week's photo was of Joe Beaudoin and Geroge Boucher standing by a Model "A" Ford pickup in 1929.

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

I am always in need of more photos - please send or bring some more of your great old photos. School days, church events, sports, etc. If you email a photo, please scan at 300 dpi (high quality) if you can.

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