

Oklee Precipitation		
By Einar Kvasager		
	Rain	Snow
Jan. 23		0.25
Jan. 24		1.00
Jan. 25		Trace
Jan. 26		0.25
Total	0.00	1.50

Oklee Herald

...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

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Red Lake County Business & Non-Profit Business Relief Grant Program

In response to the economic hardships experienced by small businesses and non-profit business organizations resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, the MN Legislature recently provided additional State funding to all MN Counties for allocation to small businesses and non-profit organizations in an effort to retain jobs and stabilize the business community. Red Lake County has received \$250,000 from the State of MN, and has established a Small Business and Non-Profit Business Relief Grant Program in order to get this money allocated as soon as possible. The program is designed to provide emergency funding for businesses/organizations located in Red Lake County that have lost revenue as a result of the various Executive Orders issued by MN Governor Walz.

In order to be considered for the program funding, each business/organization must complete the required Application Form and either mail it to the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office; PO Box 306, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750; or submit the form via email to: mbernstein@sheriff.co.red-lake.mn.us; or deliver it to the Sheriff's Office at the Red Lake County Courthouse. Forms and Program Guidelines are available on the County Website at: www.co.red-lake.mn.us or obtained by calling the County Sheriff or County Auditor Office. Questions may be directed to the County Sheriff's Office at (218) 253-2996 or County Auditor's Office at (218) 253-2598.

APPLICATION DEADLINE is 4pm on Friday, February 19, 2021.

2020 Year In Review...

May 13:

RLCC Commencement is set for Friday, May 22 at 5:30 p.m. in the HS gym in Oklee. Except for it isn't. "We have spent a number of weeks in trying to plan for just how a Graduation ceremony might play out," states Randy Pederson, RLCC HS Principal.

Ross Arlt from Plummer was surprised for this 40th birthday on April 30th when three fire trucks and many friends did a drive by birthday surprise for him.

Mother's Day is a little different with Covid-19 being here. Many were not able to get together with their mothers or daughters due to this. So across the country, many were visiting via phone calls or video chatting.

The weather has been cool but it should be warming up now this coming week. Looking forward to the warmth of the sun and the furnace not running.

May 20:

Red Lake County Central High School's Class of 2020 will have their "curbside" Diploma Presentation starting at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, May 22. The 29 Graduates and their parents will be lining up east and north of the school prior to the start of the ceremony. Cones with pictures of the Graduates will be in alphabetical order at designated positions for the cars to be on the ready for the presentation.

There was no American Legion Memorial Day presentation so the Honor Roll of names was in the paper.

At the April 14th board meeting, Red Lake County Board Chairman, Al Remick, recognized Nancy Amberson, County Assessor, for 40 years of service and acknowledged her retirement effective April 3, 2020. Nancy received an etched clock for her 40 years of service.

Some of the farmers have been seeding this past week such as wheat and corn. The rainfall was minimal which helped for those that were seeding.

May 27:

On Sunday, May 17, Salem Church held a drive thru reception for their high school

graduates, Sidney Olson and Sophia Linder. The short program was held outside on the north side of the church while folks stayed in their cars or near them, keeping in mind the social distancing of the day.

At the May 8th Red Lake County Commissioner Board Meeting, Shelly Nelson was sworn in as the County Assessor.

On a beautiful Friday night, May 22nd, the Red Lake County Graduates were led through Oklee after receiving their diplomas from Principal Randy Pederson and taking a photo with their parents in front of the RLCC School sign in front of the High School. Afterwards the headed to Plummer. Congratulations to the Class of 2020!

There is no party to attend, the the children of Norman & Ione Nelson wished them a Happy 65th and encouraged people to wish them a happy Anniversary.

On Thursday the 13th, there was a surprise birthday parade for Wavell Sorenson's 80th. Her daughters Sheila and Becky passed out doughnuts and cupcakes while cars passed through the yard.

June 3:

Plummer American Legion hosted Memorial Day 2020 with some new twists because of the Covid19 pandemic. The location was changed from the park as in past years to Main Street. The program was presented in the open space to the east of the Legion Club. Audience members sat on benches, chairs or vehicles on the other side of the street, each family social distancing from others.

June is bursting. The trees are blooming especially the flowering crabs. They are so beautiful this year and so are all the flowering trees. The blossoms are why we plant them and bring joy every time I see them. Many people have had time this year, so I will admire the gardening they did this year.

Some churches have opened up after so many weeks of closure during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Governor Tim Walz announced on May 20th the phases in his Stay Safe Plan, including a cautious, strategic turn of the dial to allow limited outdoor dining at restaurants and bars starting June 1, 2020. The Governor also announced that salons and barbershops will be allowed to open June 1 at 25 percent occupancy to ensure the safety of both the employees and the customers inside.

June 10:

Leona Eleanor Christianson's family encouraged people to drive by her home honking and waving to wish her a happy 100th Birthday on June 15th. Summer weather is here and it came in like a bang It seems we never get a gradual warming up of our area. It is cold and the snow is here and then we get a cold spring, and then bang, it's hot & humid.

I think we got enough rain now too, but more is predicted until Wednesday. Hope it decides to miss our area. Farmers and gardeners are now delayed until the fields and gardens dry up.

Wilma Arlt celebrated her 94th birthday on May 28th, Friday. Mary and Lee Arlt, Cindy and Lowell, Gary and



Every year the Moonlighters Snowmobile Club offers Snowmobile training and certification. The students take their class online and then have the driving test at the RLCC High School. This years students were: Back row: Logan Vetteson, Atley Vetteson, Isaac Palecek, and Oscar Duden. Upper Middle: Kendra Christianson and Brody Rystad. Lower Middle: Hank Jones, Abbie Morinville, Kendra Morinville, Jackson Morinville, Dylan Lundeen, and Garret Halvorson. Front: Hayden Wilde, Andrew Austin, and Matthew Tofstad.



Cindy Arlt came as well as some grandchildren. They had lunch and birthday cake.

What a storm last night. We were lucky that all we need to pick up is branches but I am sure others are busy with even more work. Another storm is predicted. It hit at about 10:20 pm. The wind howled for about 10 minutes which seems an interminable time when you are in it. Maybe this will settle the weather once it is all over. Sure do not care for all the windy days.

June 17:

The RLCC Girls Basketball Team recently presented their team awards: HUSTLE AWARD: Brandie DeHate - MOST IMPROVED: Cari Bachand - FREE THROW PCT AWARD: Kia Bachand-73%/Calyssa Eskeli-74% - CO-MVP: Jenna Pahlen and Kia Bachand - TOP DEFENSIVE PLAYER: Jenna Pahlen - MUSTANG PRIDE AWARD: Sidney Olson and Calyssa Eskeli - SENIOR AWARDS: Presented to Sophie Linder--Manager, Jenna Pahlen, Calyssa Eskeli, Brandie

Over 3 inches of rain hit the area for a number of days with cold temperatures in the 60's. The Lost River was not over the banks, but it was close.

Things are rather quiet around the area but things are starting to open up. Unfortunately, the numbers of Covid are going up also, sometimes quite fast. That is what many states are experiencing and some have started to pull back some, trying to keep the number low.

Continued Next week...

Covid numbers down - keep wearing masks & distancing

Daily Inter-County Nursing Service Covid-19 updates:

Jan. 30th - Feb. 1st:

There are 2 new cases to report in Pennington County, the individuals are in their 60's and 70's.

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

Total case numbers have been adjusted due to cases being reassigned to a different county.

January 29th:

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

January 27th-28th:

There is 3 new cases to report in Pennington County, the individuals are in their 20's and 30's. There is 1 new case to report in Red Lake County, the individual is in their 20's.

January 26th:

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

January 23rd-25th:

There are 4 new cases to report in Pennington County, the individuals age range from their 30's to 70's. One previous case has been reassigned to another county. There is 1 new cases to report in Red Lake County, the individual is in their 30's.

January 21-22nd:

There are 11 new cases to report in Pennington Coun-

ty, the individuals age range from their teens to 60's. It is with great sadness we report another death in Pennington County, the individual was in their 60's. Our hearts go out to their family and loved ones at this difficult time. There are 2 new cases to report in Red Lake County, the individuals age range from a child 10 and under to 40's.

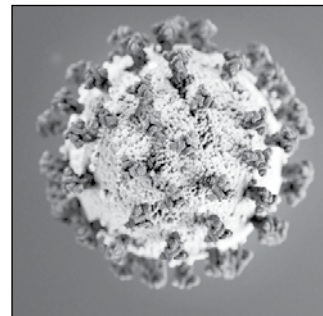
COVID-19

Vaccine Update

Pennington and Red Lake Counties will not be receiving any additional Covid-19 Vaccines for this week.

Those who have already had their first dose and are scheduled to receive their second dose this week will receive them as originally scheduled.

Please continue to watch our page for further updates on upcoming vaccine clinics.



Statistics (02-01-21)

- 462,528 Positive Tests
- 6,597,842 Complete Tests
- 3,270,895 People tested
- 447,420 Patients Who No

Longer Need Isolation
• 6,202 Total Deaths
• 24,352 Total Hospitalized
As of this printing - Total Confirmed Cases in surrounding Counties:

- Pennington County: 1,017
998 recovered cases
3 active case
1 current hospitalization
16 death
- Red Lake County: 322
317 recovered cases
1 active case
1 current hospitalization
4 death
- Marshall County: 708
- Clearwater County: 689
- Beltrami County: 3,209
- Polk County 3,317
(as of 1-28-2021)
84 active cases
3 current hospitalizations
60 deaths

Calendar of Events

Wed, Feb. 3:

-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.

Thu, Feb. 4:

-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news

Fri, Feb. 5:

-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.

Sat, Feb. 6:

-Support your local business - Shop Locally!

Sun, Feb. 7:

-Worship at the church - check inside for church times and places.

Mon, Feb. 8:

-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.

Tue, Feb. 9:

-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.

Wed, Feb. 10:

-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Tue, Feb. 2: 7:00 p.m. Zion Council meeting.
Wed, Feb. 3: 7:00 p.m. Confirmation at Zion.
Sun, Feb. 7: 9:00 a.m. Zion, 9:00 a.m. SS at Salem. 10:00 a.m. SS at Zion. 10:30 a.m. Salem.
Tue, Feb. 9: 7:00 p.m. Salem Council meeting.
Wed, Feb. 10: 7:00 p.m. Confirmation at Zion.
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 Haggness
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. St. Francis - Oklee. 10:15 a.m. - Grygla. 12:00 p.m. - Goodridge.
Go to: <http://www.oggcatholic.org/> for service times.

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

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun, Feb. 7: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Immanuel. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Wed, Feb. 3: 9:30 a.m. Faith WELCA. 7:00 p.m. Gr. 6 Confirmation, Faith.
Sun, Feb. 7: 9:00 a.m. Parish Worship at Faith.
Mon, Feb. 8: 9 a.m. Quilting at Faith.
Tue, Feb. 9: 9:30 a.m. Shalom Circle.
Wed, Feb. 10: 7:00 p.m. gr. 7 Confirmation, Faith.

Sudoku Solution

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

Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial Update

Recently donations were received for the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial in memory of Laverne (Jim) Lussier, Summerville, SC. Contributions in Jim's memory were given by Jeanie O'Neill, Oklee, Jim's sister, and Carol Bachand, Brooks, and Mike and Grace Dessellier, Oklee, family friends.

Jim grew up in the Brooks, MN area and was one of 3 Lussier brothers who served in the military. Jim served in the Army during the Korean War and was listed as MIA for a short time.

Donations to the Oklee Area Veterans Memorial may be sent to Security State Bank, Box 69, Oklee, MN 56742, Attn: Lori Melby. Any questions 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, Feb 3: 5 p.m. Wednesday School.
Sat, Feb. 6: Mt Olive: 9:00 a.m. LYS Ski Trip - Buena Vista.
Sun, Feb. 7: St. Petri: 8:00 a.m. Worship. 9:15 a.m. SS; Oak Park: 8:30 a.m. SS. 9:45 a.m. Worship; Nazareth: 10:00 a.m. SS. 11:00 a.m. Worship.
Wed, Feb. 10: 5 p.m. Wednesday School.
Find services and past sermons at www.facebook.com/clearwaterlutheranparish

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Feb. 3: 6:25 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Sun, Feb. 7: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.
Tue, Feb. 9: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions.
Wed, Feb. 10: 6:25 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, Feb. 7: 9:00 a.m. Lund, 10:30 a.m. Bethany.
CDC safety guidelines for COVID-19 will be followed.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston
Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor
Sundays: 10:00 a.m.
Services will continue to be live-streamed on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/bethelfosston>) as an alternative to attending in person.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

February 8 - 12

No congregate meals served. If you are over the age of 60 and you want a meal delivered to your home, call Jo Lambert at 796-4527 or Oklee Cafe 796-5666 to order a meal. A \$5.00 per meal donation is suggested.

Mon: Goulash hotdish, corn, bread, milk, and dessert.

Tue: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, cream gravy, peas & carrots, milk, and dessert.

Wed: Ham & Swiss w/bun, coleslaw, tator tots, milk, and dessert.

Thu: Grilled chicken, hash browns, carrots, milk, and dessert.

Fri: Cold turkey sandwich with mayo & lettuce, broccoli cheese soup, milk, and dessert.

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Red Lake County Commissioners Minutes

RED LAKE COUNTY Board Reorganization Meeting Held January 5, 2021

Pursuant to adjournment of its regular meeting the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners duly met in reorganizational session pursuant to Minnesota Statute 357.07 at the courthouse in Red Lake Falls, MN on January 5, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Members present were: Commissioners Chuck Flage and Allen Remick and Commissioner's Elect Tony Gerardy and Ron Weiss. Commissioner John Dudycha was absent. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

County Auditor Robert Schmitz called the meeting to order. Deputy Court Administrator Missy Sletten administered the Oath of Office to the following elected county officials: Commissioners Tony Gerardy and Ron Weiss. The officials were presented with their Certificates of Election.

Auditor Schmitz then called for nominations for the position of County Board Chairperson for 2021. Commissioner Weiss nominated Commissioner Flage. Auditor Schmitz called for additional nominations three times, and hearing none called for a motion to cease nominations. Commissioner Remick moved and seconded by Weiss that nominations cease and the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Flage as the 2021 Chairperson of the Red Lake County Board. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Flage assumed the position of Chair and called for nominations for Vice-Chairperson. Commissioner Remick nominated Commissioner Weiss. Chair Flage called for additional nominations three times, and hearing none called for a motion to cease nominations. Commissioner Gerardy moved, seconded by Remick that nominations cease and the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Weiss as Vice-Chairperson of the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners for 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Auditor Schmitz conducted bid opening for the legal county newspaper for 2021. The Oklee Herald submitted the following bids based on per column inch:

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

Deadline: Fridays at noon!

Red Lake Falls Library

Last week's winner of a Book Blizzard ceramic coffe mug was Shirley Hanson. One more month remains of the adult reading program where adult patrons are encouraged to use the library and can register to win prizes: coffee mugs, tote bags and sweatshirts.

During the month of February the Snip 'n Stich Quilters of RLF area will have a quilt display in the RLF Library which they are calling "Quarantine Quilts:" quilts and other quilted projects that have been created during the shelter-at-home months. As with past displays, this one will be an array of beautiful, colorful and creative pieces. Thank you to the quilters for sharing their

artwork! Everyone is invited to stop in this month to view the quilts, and while there register for Book Blizzard prizes and/or enjoy a hot beverage from the Keurig station.

New in adult nonfiction are "Desert Person" by Claire Saffitz - recipes and guidance for baking with confidence; "Inferno" by Joe Palparto - the true story of a B-17 gunner's heroism and the bloodiest military campaign in aviation history; and "Stand Up to the IRS" 14th edition by Frederick W. Daily and Stephen Fishman, J.D. - covers latest tax law changes, -stop collection efforts, -deal with audits, -work out payment plans."

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partment of Natural Resources has confirmed in writing that they are conditionally approving Red Lake County's draft Floodplain Management Ordinance as it substantially complies with state floodplain management rules. Casavan informed that the county ordinance is being amended to incorporate the pending flood insurance study for the county and incorporated areas; including the flood insurance rate map panels, with an effective date of March 9, 2021. Casavan mentioned that the next step is to conduct a public hearing to accept comment before adopting the amended ordinance. Commissioner Remick moved, seconded by Weiss and duly adopted to proceed to the Public hearing process. Casavan will advertise the Notice of Public Hearing in the two local newspapers with a hearing date yet to be determined.

Casavan informed that he received a letter from David and Ken Ulrich notifying that the trash rack on the CD #62 outlet to the Red Lake River is severely damaged. Costs to repair the unit will be significant. Casavan will discuss with the SWCD whether some financial assistance might be available to assist with repairs. Casavan will report back to the board once he has a cost estimate.

Commissioner Remick presented cost estimates on remodeling work being requested by District Court Administrator Kathy Narlock. Consensus of the County Board members is that costs are excessive for the project. Board members asked Auditor Schmitz to contact Narlock to attend the next County Board meeting to discuss further.

The Following Commissioner/Committee reports were shared: Commissioner Meeting/Report Remick -NW Mental Health meeting attended by Zoom discussing the financials and new Bylaws.

Flage: -MRC meeting discussing dedicated tax monies to the gas tax fund with gas tax collections expected to decrease from 10% to 15% in year 2021.

Auditor Schmitz informed that the state has approved a COVID Relief Grant package to assist small businesses and non-profit businesses affected by the COVID pandemic. Counties must make application for the grant and administer funding according to program guidelines. Stipulations of the grant allow counties to utilize some of the dollars, up to 2.5%, to pay for administration costs. Board members concurred that staff involved will be compensated for the extra work in administering the program. The board instructed Schmitz to submit the grant application to the state.

Bernstein asked members if courthouse doors are to remain locked and if services are to stay by appointment only. Bernstein commented that its very time consuming for his office staff to be constantly interrupted to unlock the north door for those with appointments. The board concurred that the north entrance to the building be open to the public; but masks are still required and appointments for services are being encouraged.

Commissioner Remick moved, seconded by Weiss and duly adopted to approve the legally constituted annual county board assignments and for 2021:

County Board Assignments:
Board of Health, County Law Enforcement, County Zoning and Ordinance, Ditch, Finance, Job Evaluation, Road & Bridge, Solid Waste, Union Negotiations - The Board.
Advisory Board to Red Lake Watershed District - Dudycha (alternate)

and Weiss (delegate)
Area Agency on Aging - Dudycha (alternate) and Weiss (delegate)
Association MN Counties-Environment/Natural Resources - Remick
General Government - Weiss
Health & Human Services - Dudycha
Public Safety - Gerardy
Transportation - Flage
Citizen Advisory Committee (RLWD) - Weiss
County Economic Development Board - Flage and Gerardy
County Extension - Dudycha and Flage
County Fair Board - Dudycha and Gerardy
County Parks - Flage
County Roads Committee - Gerardy and Weiss
County Safety Committee - Remick
County Water Res. Advisory Committee (SWCD) - Remick
County Weed Advisory Committee - Weiss

Courthouse Purchasing and Maintenance Committee -Flage
Emergency Management Committee - Gerardy
Household Hazardous Waste - Dudycha (alternate) and Gerardy (delegate)
Inter County Community Council - Dudycha
Inter County Nursing Service - Flage

Joint Counties Watershed Board - Flage (alternate) and Weiss (delegate)
Joint Ditch Board - Gerardy, Remick, and Weiss
Law Enforcement Committee - Remick and Weiss
Law Library - Flage
Minnesota Rural Counties Caucus - Flage (delegate) and Gerardy (alternate)

NW Mental Health - Remick
NW Apartments Board - Flage
NW Regional Development Commission Executive Board - Weiss
NW Regional Development Commission Board - Dudycha
NW Regional Development Sub Groups -Dudycha (Loan Enterprise); Flage (TAC & RTCC) Weiss (Aging)

NW Regional Emergency Radio Board - Gerardy (alternate) and Remick (delegate)

Personnel Committee - Remick and Weiss

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

Red Lake County Affordable Housing Committee - Remick

Regional Corrections - Dudycha and Weiss

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

Red River Basin (Int. Coalition) - Remick

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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned until January 26, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Attest:
Robert Schmitz, Auditor

Chuck Flage,
County Board Chairman
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Oklee Centennial Cookbook Recipe Corner - From page 66

White Chili Jon Lindquist

6 cups chicken broth (not bouillon)
2 cans Great Northern (white) beans - well drained
4 cups cubed and cooked chicken breast
2 cans (4 oz) rinsed finely chopped green chili peppers - not drained
1/2 cup finely chopped white onions
2 cloves minced garlic
1 Tbsp dried oregano
1 Tbsp ground cumin (or to taste)
1/2 tsp ground red pepper (or to taste)
salt and pepper to taste



Bring to boil and then simmer or combine in crock pot on low setting and serve after 8+ hours. Serve over pasta (i.e. elbow noodles) or simply top with shredded cheese when served.



MUSTANG STAMPEDE

RLCC Menus

February 8 - 12

Oklee

Monday: Breakfast: Biscuit & gravy, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken fajita, potato olés, corn, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Coffee cake, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Grilled chicken patty w/bun, potato wedges, vegetable, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Quesadilla, lettuce salad, fresh vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Banana bread, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Hamburger w/bun, baked beans, chips, fruit, and milk.

Friday: No School.

Plummer

Monday: Breakfast: Pancakes on a stick, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Hot dog w/bun, baked beans, chips, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, au gratin potatoes, corn, cookie, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Apple turnover, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chili, cornbread, carrots, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Egg omelet, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Taco in a bag w/toppings, black beans, yogurt, fruit, and milk.

Friday: No School



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

Basketball:

Girls Varsity

Fri, Feb 5: 6:00PM Away vs. Sacred Heart High School @ Sacred Heart High School

Fri, Feb 12: 6:00PM Away vs. Goodridge-Grygla @ Goodridge High School

Tue, Feb 16: 6:00PM Mahnomen/Waubun @ Oklee School

Tue, Feb 23: 6:00PM Climax Shelly @ Oklee

Thu, Feb 25: 6:00PM Goodridge-Grygla @ Oklee.

Mon, Mar. 8: 6:00PM Northern Freeze @ Oklee School

Basketball:

Boys Varsity

Thu, Feb 4: 6:00PM Sacred Heart High School @ Sacred Heart High School

Tue, Feb 9: 6:00PM Northern Freeze @ RLFs High School

Fri, Feb 12: 6:00PM Sacred Heart High School @ Red Lake Falls High School

Tue, Feb 16: 6:00PM Fertile-Beltrami @ Fertile-Beltrami High School

Fri, Feb 19: 6:00PM Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears @ Oklee School

Mon, Feb 22: 6:00PM Win-E-Mac @ Win-E-Mac High School

Fri, Feb 26: 6:00PM Northern Freeze @ New Folden.

Wrestling: Varsity

Fri, Feb 5: Triangular TBD Away vs. Multiple Schools Greenbush-Middle River High School

Thu, Feb 11: Triangular TBD Away vs. Multiple Schools @ Fosston

Sat, Feb 13: Triangular TBD Multiple Schools @ Crookston High School.



Emily Kolstoe is RLCC Triple A Winner

By Shyla Styles

The Triple A is a Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) Award. The students need at least a 3.0 g.p.a and they also need to participate in athletics and also the arts at some time during their HS years. Some of the schools can

Red Lake County Central Mustangs on a Solid Streak!

By Marissa Thomas and Gerald Melin

The Red Lake County Central Mustangs traveled to Warren to play Warren-Alvarado-Oslo ponies on Friday, January 7th. The Varsity team lost with the score of 56 to the Ponies with 64. Leading the Mustangs team with field goals include Kia Bachand with ten rebounds and twenty-five points, Cari Bachand with fifteen points with five rebounds, Shawna Majeres with seven points, and Marissa Thomas with six points.

On Thursday, January 21st, the Red Lake County Central Mustangs traveled to Argyle to

have their standards higher up and our school is one of those schools. The boys or girls at RLCC must have at least a 3.25 g.p.a and also must participate in athletics and the arts all 4 years of high school. If the students are eligible, students must apply and then they are chosen based on their grades, participation, and also their personal essays.

This year we had three qualifiers for The Triple A Award, Emily Kolstoe, Kately Suchy, and Karena Melby. This year's winner of the award was Emily Kolstoe. Emily said when she got the award that "I was obviously excited and honored as it is a high achievement". So, to qualify for the award you must have a 3.25 g.p.a and also must participate in athletics and the arts all 4 years of high school. Emily participated at varsity level in Volleyball, Golf for her athletics, and for her arts she was in 1 act. We asked Emily if she had any advice for someone considering applying for the award and she said, "Be real, don't try to be someone you aren't just for the award. Also take the time to fill it out. Don't rush through the application".

play the Stephen-Argyle storm. The varsity team lost with the score of 36 to the storm with 70. Leading the Mustangs team with field goals include Kia Bachand with twelve points and nine rebounds, Shawna Majeres with seven points, and Maissa Thomas with six points.

The Red Lake County Central Mustangs are Coached by Head Coach Mitch Bernstein and assistant coach Kory Baril. Next week the Mustangs host Fosston on Tuesday, January 26th and travel to Red Lake Falls on Thursday, January 28th. Garden Valley will broadcast the Oklee game on Channel 35.

RLC Rebels Coach Interview

By: Aurimy Olson

The Red Lake County Rebels basketball season has officially started. When the head varsity coach Steve Philion was asked about how he thinks this season will go he said, "Should be a lot of fun! Very glad that we are able to allow the players to have a season and I am sure that everyone is happy that they can be with their teammates and have some fun." Philion

Red Lake County Central Mustangs Wrestling Host Park Rapids and Roseau

By Zach Howard and Damon Ferguson

On Thursday the 21st the Red Lake County Central Mustangs hosted Park Rapids Area and Roseau. The RLCC Mustangs started the duel against Park Rapids. The dual started out at 106 pounds and went to 145 lbs without the Mustangs having anyone to compete. First up for the Mustangs was Gunnar Sundeen who fought hard in the first round. He was pinned in round two at 3:07 seconds in the match. The RLCC team didn't have anyone up until Trystin Ferguson competed at 182 lbs. Trystyn put in the work and pinned his competition in 1:07 seconds of the first round. The Mustangs had Paul Dehate up at 195 who won the match 9-2. The last match of the first dual was Zach Howard who pinned his competition in the second round at a time of 1:32 seconds. The Mustangs also had a few JV matches for Eli Magnell who fought hard for his first year in high school.

The RLCC Mustangs faced up against Roseau in the last matchup of the night. The Mustangs started out with Eli Magnell who lost in the second at a time of 2:59. Gunnar at 145 who fought hard again. He lost due to a pinfall in 1:28 seconds in the 1st round. The Mustangs then had Trystyn Ferguson who won by forfeit. The Mustangs then had Paul Dehate who stayed at 195 and won in the 3rd round in 4:28. The last match was Zach Howard who won by forfeit at 220. Eli Mangell also won his first high school match in JV.

The Red Lake County Central will travel to Crosby Iron-ton Friday the 29th.

MEET THE KINDERGARTEN OF RED LAKE COUNTY CENTRAL



Name: Spencer Gerholdt
Parents: Brent and Samantha Gerholdt

Siblings: Isaac & Theis.
What does your MOM do for a living: She makes food, she makes hotdish, she makes bacon and eggs.

What does your DAD do for a living: He rides his dirt bike.

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

Favorite movie: Cars.

Favorite food: Chicken.

Favorite school activity: iPad.

Favorite color: Black.

Favorite toy: Toy phone.



Name: Gwenth Nelson
Parents: Tyler and Kristina Nelson

Siblings: Archie, Colin, and Conner.

What does your MOM do for a living: She helps children in her school.

What does your DAD do for a living: He works at the shop, farming.

What do you want to be when you grow up? A teacher, just like you! (Mrs. Converse)

Favorite movie: Heroes

Favorite food: Noodles and brownies for dessert.

Favorite school activity: Play around the world.

Favorite color: Purple and pink.

Favorite toy: Dinosaurs.



Name: Evelyn Whalen
Parents: Timothy & Anisia Wahlen.

Siblings: Natalia, Logan & Nick.

What does your MOM do for a living: She goes shopping.

What does your DAD do for a living: He goes and fixes stuff. He fixes cuts wood from a tree.

What do you want to be when you grow up? Want to fix couches.

Favorite movie: Frozen

Favorite food: Chips.

Favorite school activity: Play with friends.

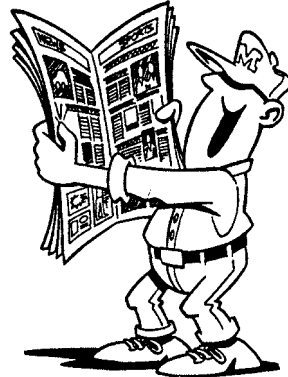
Favorite color: Red.

Favorite toy: A dragon.

RLCC Elementary January Student of the Month Winners



Easton Morinville (3rd/ 4th) and Leah Pahlen (5th/6th)



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daily and reach that goal, our destination of succeeding in the playoffs will be achieved." Although this season should go very well and be fun for the team and the fans, many challenges will be faced. Philion said, "The wearing of a mask is the biggest challenge, but it allows us to participate. Hopefully, there are no pauses or shutdowns in the season."

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Paraprofessional Appreciation Week

By Lauren Jones and Leilah VanDam

A paraprofessional is very important to schools. A paraprofessional or para for short is a person to whom a particular aspect of a professional task is delegated but who is not licensed as a teacher. Most paras help kids with IEPs (individualized education programs). They make sure students are safe and are being appropriate.

They help make sure students are doing their work and making sure they turn it in on time. With the coronavirus being restrictive in schools, they make sure every student is safe by wearing a mask.

At lunch, they make sure tables are equally sanitized. Some para's help out at breakfast and lunch to count the number of students who eat. Paras have to make sure they

help their special ed students with learning, including distance learners. This year, paras have created Google Classrooms for students with IEPs to join during distance learning. It's essential to continue to meet and help students when students are at home.

There are so many benefits to being a para, such as helping others, getting one-on-one time to help students in the

best way possible, and most importantly, being someone a student can trust if they need to talk. Some paras even help with bus monitoring to make sure kids respect each other and help the bus driver if they need it.

Thank you, paras, for being you. We appreciate you so much! Happy paraprofessional week!



The paraprofessionals at RLCC High School are: Back Row: Kristie Olson, Lisa Gagner Sorenson, Kristina Nelson, Kelly Melin, Lindsey Roisland, and Sue Smith. Front row: Lori Voeltz, Tracy Lee, Nancy Gunderson, Sandra Tougas, and Stephanie Halland.

February is

Black History Month

Wednesday, February 3, 2021

Oklee Herald Early Files

Eighty Years Ago January 30, 1941

Miss Ardella Gjernes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Gjernes of Thief River Falls, formerly of Oklee, became the bride of Clayton Taylor at a candlelight ceremony at the home of the brides parents last week.

Miss Ellen Kolstoe, Lloyd Green and George Spong returned here recently from Fergus Falls where they had served on Federal jury duty.

The Oklee High School basketball team lost a fast game to Bagley on the local floor Monday evening. The final score was 60-23.

Rosalind Russell, Brian Aherne and Virginia Bruce had the cast of "Hired Wives", which come to the Oklee Theatre on Saturday and Sunday.

Seventy Years Ago February 1, 1951

Remodeling of two rooms at the rear of the Security State Bank here for use by the Soil Conservation Service was completed. The office will serve as headquarters for the RLC Soil Conservation District staff.

A large number of friends and neighbors gathered at the home of Mrs. Lena Boe last Sunday to honor her on her eighty-ninth birthday.

Garden Valley loan of 2 million Okayed - The rural electrification administration approved of \$2,065,000 to the Garden Valley Telephone Co., to build a modern rural telephone system to serve more than 7,000 subscribers in NW Minnesota.

Gloria and Ilene Voxland and Cecelia Johnson visited with Twyla Bjornaraa Saturday afternoon.

Talent Program and Polio Dance at the VFW in Trail - Music by Jimmy Lussier and his Band.

Sixty Years Ago February 2, 1961

Mrs. Rolland Toupin and Mrs. Halvor Ophus were joint hostesses when the Birthday Club met to celebrated Mrs. Agnes Genereux and Mrs. Ferdie Mandt's birthdays.

Gary Radniecki, who is attending Moorhead State College, spent the weekend at his parental home.

Mrs. Russell Pahlen entertained Friday afternoon at her home in honor of her son Scott's 4th birthday.

Russell, Lyle and Gary Austad were Saturday overnight guests of Ronald Edwardson. Visiting the Austad boys Sunday were Gerald Mack and Ron Edwardson.

Karen Karel has been named the 1961 Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow at Oklee High School. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lanis Karel.

Fifty Years Ago February 4, 1971

Snowfall to date in Oklee totals 33.5 inches according to Otto Bakke, official weather observer.

The Bobcats were trounced by the McIntosh Scots by a score of 60-31 on Tuesday.

Louie Wichterman was the honored guest when his wife entertained in honor of his birthday.

UND Dean's Honor List: College of Engineering: Byron Flatland; College of Education: Betty Johnson and Kathleen Stenberg; College of Nursing: Jill Flatland; and University College: Virginia Stenberg.

Mrs. Russell Huotari and children and Mrs. Dick Dalziel visited last Tuesday afternoon at the Jesse DuChamp home where they helped Candy DuChamp celebrate her 13th birthday.

Forty Years Ago February 5, 1981

Rene and Ardis Hofstad have been hosting Darmes Piva Filho, an foreign exchange student from Brazil. He has been able to trying out a few new hobbies like snowmobiling and skiing.

The Oklee-McIntosh Bobcats wrestlers upset the Blackduck Drakes in a triller of a match at Oklee on January 29th.

A fire on the Duane Cantwell farm north of Oklee destroyed the ban last Friday morning. They were awakened by the dog barking. They lost seven pigs as well as numerous items that were being stored in the barn and loft.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Hofstad and family brought birthday greeting to grandmother, Pearl Poppenhagen of TRF.

The Oklee B Squad Boys Basketball got its first win of the year on January 27th over the Mentor Trojans with a score of 44-33.

Thirty Years Ago February 6, 1991

Equality Township, rural Oklee, built a new town hall this past year and its first official function took place on November 6, 1990. Dale Brekke was the first registered voter to

use the facility in the November general election.

The Kindergarten class learned out to make bread. The student ground the wheat and helped add in the ingredients. They also got to take home the recipe.

Helen Sorenson celebrated her 80th birthday on January 20 at her home with many relatives and friends attending.

Sara Radniecki was selected as the District 30 Triple (AAA) Award winner for 1990. The Triple AAA Award recognizes excellence in arts, academics and athletics.

Twenty Years Ago February 1, 2001

Students of Oklee's art teacher, Vickie Kolden, are painting a new wall mural in the Oklee School lunchroom. The mural has a jungle theme. Mrs. Kolden's advanced art class senior students working on the mural are Becky Brekkestan, Ashely Gunderson, Cindy Lambert and Amber Agnes. Also, junior Colton Determan is working on it.

34th Annual Snowmobile Safari drew in 91 sleds who enjoyed the perfect weather on the 32-mile ride.

Edna and Roger Hyde went to Moorhead Sunday where they attended a swimming pool birthday party for Amy Swanson who turned 6.

Phillip Ophus celebrated his 90th birthday with the help of friends and family at Third Base in Brooks.

Ten Years Ago February 2, 2011

The One Act Play put on a dress rehearsal for the Red Lake County High School student body on January 27th. The compete on Feb 5th and one goes on to state.

December students of the month were Madison Thompsonason, Matt Abrahamson and Shania Haugen at the High School and at the Elementary were Issac Eskeli and Ashley Longtin.

On Friday many gathered at the Oklee Café to help Oklee's Mayor Clay Haugen celebrate his 70th birthday. His wife made a delicious carrot cake.

Nicole Kiesow, PA, from Goodridge, accepted a provider position at Essentia Health in Fosston.

In a historic vote on January 16th, the membership of Fosston Baptist Church changed the name of their church to New Journey Church by a 76.4% vote. The church was organized in 1895 as Rosebud Baptist Church.

Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteers Jo Lambert & Bonny Cote

It is good to have the Oklee Cafe open again as it brings people in to the building. For the past month is has been so quiet, and quite lonely.

Seniors - If you want to order a Senior Meal call the Oklee Cafe at 796-5666. 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.

We are not officially open but if you are looking for a gift, you can call Bonny at the Oklee Herald office or Jo Lambert. and make arrangements.

People 65 and older are now able to get the Covid-19 vaccination when its available. Watch the news in your area. Different areas are setting up their vaccination policies. If you are a patient of Essentia or Sanford they will be contacting you . Follow their instruction. Otherwise, you can contact Inter-County Nursing in RLF or TRF for information on their vaccination policies.

We have been spoiled by

the nice weather lately, but from reports it sounds like we have snow coming. Thursday morning snow showers but looks like it will be good the rest of the week from snow, but then by Friday, I think I heard there will be below zero temperatures.

Dates to Remember

Feb. 3: National Missing Persons Day.

Feb. 4: National Homemade Soup Day.

Feb. 6: National Frozen Yogurt Day.

Feb. 9: National Pizza Day.

Words of Wisdom

"Not everything that can be counted counts, and not everything that counts can be counted." - Albert Einstein

Peanut butter can help maintain a healthy blood sugar level since it is low in carbohydrates and can be made without added sugar.

"You make a living by what you earn; you make a life by

what you give." - Winston Churchill

Jokes

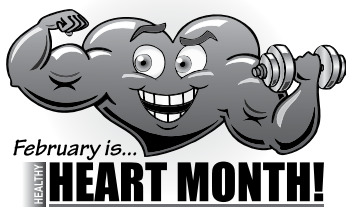
"Father doesn't approve of my seeing you," the pretty young lady told her current boy friend, "so I'm afraid we won't be able to see each other anymore."

"But on what grounds does your father object to me?" the young man asked.

"Well, frankly," the girl replied, "on any grounds within a mile of our house."

Al: "how do you meet expenses?"

Pal: "My wife introduces them to me."



Plummer News

By Alice Jobe
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Sunday morning, Anna DeHate and Alice Jobe enjoyed caramel rolls and coffee at Karen Tvedt's.

On January 23rd, Bunny DuChamps birthday, she was able to talk to and see her kids, Janna, Candy, Lenny and Cathy by way of Zoom. She really enjoyed that. Debbie and Jim and Marcie and Steve were there and enjoyed cake and ice cream. She is 99 now.

Shirley Vettleson celebrated her birthday on January 25th with her friends at the apartment building with a special lunch in the afternoon.

Glynn Close, 94 years old movie start, passed away Wednesday, January 27th. She had been in many movies and had been on "Dancing With

the Stars" at age 82. She was a real character!

Major and Champ are President Biden's German shepherd dogs. They arrived on the 25th at the White House.

Hank Aaron died January 22nd. He was 86 years old. He played for the Milwaukee Braves for 23 years. They won the world series in 1957 when he was 22. His nick name was "Hammering Hank." He developed strong wrists from helping his dad as a kid lifting ice chunks that his dad sold.

The pipeline workers finally got a taste of Minnesota freezing temperatures on Wednesday when we had 18 below 0. But it warmed up the next day.

On January 28th, it was 35 years ago the space shuttle

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

This morning I wakened to a masterful frosting to all the trees and anything outside. The rime on the branches is so large that I don't think more could be piled to stay on them. They are thick and absolutely beautiful. Tiny twigs are about a half inch thick and the tree near my back door looks like

it has been flocked in a store, Jack Frost worked overtime last night. What a wonder.

Messages of sympathy go out to the Whalen family in Oklee, and those living in Brooks and Terrebonne. Tim Whalen died last week suddenly. The Whalens had a large family and lived in Oklee. We hope that you know that you are in our prayers. God rest his soul in peace.

Joe Goulet who used to live in Brooks also died last week And was buried in the Brooks cemetery. Our prayers and sympathy go out to the family He will be missed by them and his friends. May his soul rest in peace.

Yesterday after church Joanne Bradley was serenaded by Joyce Morinville and Barb Novak when she got in the car to go home from church. It seems street singing is Covid safe these days so Happy Birthday was sung to her as a surprise. These days one has to grab every opportunity to make someone happy. Happy Birthday Joanne.

Another bit of news is that St. Joseph's church never had a lone statue of St. Joseph before but a donation to the church was a beautiful statue of St. Joseph. Being the year of St. Joseph, it is fitting that we had this statue given to us, I often wondered being the Church that is named St. Joseph, it did not have a statue to him alone. Now it does and is a beautiful addition to the worship space.

We lost two really talented actresses this past week both very long lived, and both terrific in their many movies. Cloris Leachman, and Cecily Tyson. They both deserved more honors than they received. I remember them both for their grace and honor they took to their roles and cherish their work in the movie industry. They do not make actresses like these easily these days.

I hope you have a great week. Keep masked and stay away from crowded places. We need you in our lives.

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Who's Dat?



Who's Dat?

This week's photo is of a fellow who lived NE of Oklee.

Last week's photo was of Jill (Radniecki) Chervestad. She was posing for a business brochure for Erskine Manufacturing. She graduated from Oklee in 1993 and is married to Aaron Chervestad. And I have been informed that she recently had a birthday.

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.

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