

Oklee Precipitation		
By Einar Kvasager		
	Rain	Snow
Jan. 31		2.00
Feb. 4		0.50
Feb. 5		0.25
Total	0.00	2.75

Oklee Herald

...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

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2020 Year In Review...

June 24:

On Flag Day, June 14, the Plummer American Legion Post 623 held a flag disposal ceremony next to the Legion Post. Past Commander Clarence Gagner served as emcee and began the program by welcoming everyone.

Since 1970 there has been activities to celebrate the 4th of July in Trail. But this year, they decided that they wouldn't celebrate this year due to coronavirus.

Wednesday night the weather got quite wild. There were strong winds, thunder and lightning for hours. We got one inch and three tenths in town.

Wednesday evening, Rick, Bonnie, Gracie and Carter brought supper to Mike and Sandy Greenwald's. It was a kind of birthday celebration for Sandy. Her 70th birthday was Thursday.

July 1:

Both sides of Falls Cinema are looking quite different these days. The business, owned by Jeff Lund and his son, Daniel, is getting completing renovated on both sides of the theater, which will soon house luxury loungers...take a minute to appreciate how comfortable that sounds...In addition to the new seating, bigger, wider, taller screens will be in place, along with new curtains and updates to the sound system.

On a beautiful Sunday evening in Oklee, people who had been cooped up due to lots of rain, wind and heat over several days were out enjoying what Oklee has to offer! All 3 pickleball courts were busy as Oklee area people came to play pickleball. The Lady Rebels volleyball team was taking advantage of the sand courts near the pickleball courts.

Sunday afternoon, Jerry Mattison rode his horse into town and visited his brother Alan. His dog came along also.

July 8:

The construction work is almost over for the city of Oklee. Work has been going on for several weeks putting in the new fiber optic lines. Fiber optics are expensive and time consuming and Garden Valley is getting the job done.

Derek Peterson with his 1447 Rebel career point basketball. Derek also received and Minnesota State Academic All State plaque.

One of the few places in our area that had Fireworks on the Fourth of July was Trail. They started at around 10:30 and it was well attended.

Emma, Natalie, and Lola Hendrickson recently competed in a Junior Golf Tournament at Mahnommen. Natalie got 1st place, and Emma got 3rd place in their division.

Well, the Fourth of July is over and we are all back to normal if you can call it that. Well, it is normal for the times.

July 15:

Ron and Sharon Weiss started farming in 1977. They have been growing asparagus for the last 15 years. The family's 13 acres of asparagus is in addition to about 1,100 acres of wheat and soybeans raised on the Weiss farm in northwestern Minnesota. The Weiss family sells fresh and pickled asparagus at the Mentor Farmers Market and area grocery stores.

McIntosh Senior Living had some exciting news. MSL is now being allowed by the department of health to allow outdoor visits!!

We had the nicest weekend of the summer this past weekend. The temperatures were perfect, the humidity was perfect, etc. No rain, no windy conditions. Perfect!

July 22:

On Friday evening Oklee was hit with a derecho storm that caused damage around NW Minnesota. Oklee was lucky with very little damage. Thief River Falls and Argyle were hit with power outages and lots of damage.

Benjamin and Mikayla Tabert, Red Lake Falls, received special recognition on June 30th, during an online recognition event for the Emerging Leadership Program. They, along with individuals from 15 other counties in northwestern and west central Minnesota, were honored for completing the leadership program and for their commitment to leadership in their community.

Local Grygla artist publishes children's book, titled Jacob Goes to the Moon.

Iona Berry will have her last column in the Oklee Herald for the Senior Site News & Other Things. She has done a great job of keeping everyone apprised of the activities and going on at the Senior Site and the area. She has been a big part of the Senior Site over the years, and been a part of Oklee in other roles also.

We were fortunate to get very little rain this week and last. It's hard to say what Friday will bring or Saturday. The crops look pretty good in some areas.

Many friends and other relatives went to Moorhead to help Father Duane Pribula celebrate his 50th Anniversary of priesthood. At St. Joseph's Church, where masks are mandatory, social distancing was practiced and a beautiful day all lead into a very wonderful celebratory event for Father Duane.

July 29:

The Knights of Columbus held a Junior Golf Tournament on July 20, 2020. There were 45 participants, 40 boys and 5 girls. They came from 10 different towns.

It was announced that the Oklee Market Day went ahead with plans to hold it on August 1st, 2020. They will be following the CDC guidelines and everyone's safety is their first concern.

Watchdog organizations like the Better Business Bureau warn against donating to charities over the telephone, but reports indicate that fraudsters are still utilizing robocalls to great effect as they prey on donors' generous natures.

Ione Berry wrote her "Good-bye" to writing the "Senior Site News and Other Things." When she came to Oklee she was hired by Mr. Beito for a position at the Oklee Bank. It was scary as she had a lot to learn. She had just finished graduation at Fosston High School.

Well, the Governor has asked us to all wear masks in public. I hope this tamps down the epidemic some for the hospitals and health care units to be able to keep up. We were told that a couple of people in Red Lake Falls has contracted the virus. It seems they went to a funeral out of the area and

brought it home.

August 5:

On August 1, 2020, the statewide tobacco sale age will change to 21. Minnesotans for a Smoke-Free Generation celebrates the landmark Tobacco 21 law, which is the result of broad efforts from bipartisan leaders, local communities and a nationwide movement to protect kids.

The Cozy Bar and Grill in Brooks, MN has been updated once again with great new look on the outside and inside, some features which the customer doesn't see, but it makes the business of providing delicious meals run smoother. A Grand Re-Opening is planned for August 7th.

Oklee Market Day had a great day for weather and a good turnout of people. As usual there were old fashioned games, a car show, craft show, sidewalk caulk contest, and other fun stuff. The quilt show as a virtual quilt show and the winners were featured in a poster on the front of Oklee Quilting.

Sample ballots for the Primary were in the papers.

We have had a spate of great weather these past few days. The cool mornings and nights are refreshing and the not so hot days have allowed at least comfortable temps for working outside. Kudos to mother nature these days. We could use rain though, at least a half of an inch.

August 12:

The winners of the Hero Hustle 5K at Oklee Market Day were: 1st place winners: 12 & Under: Men: Callen Carriere (34:07). Women: Alexa Chervestad (27:18). 12-29: Men: Owen Chervestad (21:15). Women: Kate Holmstrom (25:13). 30-49: Men: Greg Melin (45:58). Women: Andi Sherman (32:44). 50 & Up: Men: Dave Olson (30:21). Women: Holly Spong (29:51).

Venders at Oklee Market Day were: Bridget Erlandson from Oklee, a Thirty-One dealer and had a nice display of bags; Jodi's County Side Creations, from Goodridge, had beautiful pieces of jewelry and other items; and Jessie Hamrum and Natalie Hamrum had many beautiful handmade cards for sale, just to name a few.

The rain yesterday saved a few gardening dreams. The tomatoes got a much needed drink as did the flowers. It has been a nice summer for gardening. From some of the reports on food supplies we may need more gardening in the future.

August 19:

Carlson (Fossilid) celebrated being a Century Farm and has been in the family since 1902.

There were three spots in Oklee where the "Yield" signs were changed to "Stop" signs. This was done because there have been concerns that motorists are not yielding properly at these corners and stopping traffic at those corners would help.

Yes, as of now, RLCC Schools will begin on September 8th. The School Board approved the "In Person" Learning model as the base model to start the school year with.

Cornhole Tournament winners were 1st: Zeke & Worm; 2nd: Nick & Tyler; and 3rd: Eric & Derek.

It had rained one inch and three tenths the previous Sunday. It was a hard fast rain but the ground absorbed it like sponge. I would guess wheat will be combined soon.

Continued Next week...

Keeping Tradition Alive



Keeping the Scandinavian tradition alive is Norman Anderson, age 93 1/2 years old. He is shown shredding potatoes for Klub that is served every Tuesday at the Dudley Cafe in Leonard.

So every Tuesday morning he is up and ready to go to work by 6:30 am! He helps peel and shred the potatoes and even helps with some of the dishes!

Each spring he plants about 300 hills of potatoes and other vegetables. This garden is spotless! He keeps it clean by doing his own hoeing and tilling. His potatoes are enjoyed by his family and friends. He lives just south of Leonard where he also has a very large raspberry patch.

-Submitted article

Swanson Closes S&S Rehab Products + located in TRF



S&S Rehab Products +, a locally owned and operated Medical Equipment and Supply provider located in Thief River Falls, has closed its doors. Lisa Swanson, owner and operator, has spent her entire career (32 years) working in some aspect of healthcare. After college, she worked as a Long-Term Care Administrator; then transitioned into Assisted Living and Home Care services to eventually operating S&S Rehab providing medical equipment and supplies to people in their homes. That journey began on January 1st, 2005, and has come to an end on December 31st, 2020.

S&S Rehab Products, a Medicare certified Durable Medical Equipment Supplier (DMEOPS) provided medical equipment and supplies throughout Northwest Minnesota including communities in Pennington, Marshall, Roseau, Kittson, Red Lake and Polk Counties. Everything from bathroom safety products to walking aids; to hospital beds and wheelchairs; power wheelchairs and scooters; lift chairs; diabetic shoes; post-mastectomy products; and monthly patient supplies of incontinence products; nutrition, ostomy and urological supplies. Everything except respiratory products, such as oxygen. Mostly items that allowed people to maintain their independence, in their own home for as long as possible.

Independently owned DME providers are almost non-existent in this day. The majority of providers are hospital based or owned by a major health system. Lisa commented, "A small business such as S&S Rehab can't compete on an equal level with major health systems, but

we found our niche in providing services to the rural areas and smaller clinics and hospitals in the region by being the "mom and pop" shop who knows its customers by name and is willing to accommodate individual needs as much as possible." Swanson said health insurance coverage and reimbursement have been the biggest challenges over the years and have driven changes to the entire healthcare system. "Over time the amount of paper work required by insurance companies to obtain approval for products has increased, but the reimbursement for those products has decreased. However, the requirements for maintaining Medicare certification have stayed constant, the same for a small independent business as a for multi-billion-dollar health system," she added.

Now add COVID, Swanson says S&S Rehab has seen a decrease in customers due to people not going in to see their physicians, cancelled surgeries, self-isolation, etc. Manufacturing plants have experienced closures and product availability has been an issue, as well as an increase in cost of those products once they do become available. Most items now costing more than insurance reimburses for those items.

In regards to closing her business, Lisa shared, "I knew at the beginning of 2020 that I had a difficult decision to make as our re-accreditation process would need to begin in order to stay Medicare certified by November 2020. The Accreditation process is a \$8,000-\$10,000 investment and is a 6-8-month process. As the months continued and as the first wave of shutdowns occurred in March it was evident that the future

of S&S Rehab, along with other small businesses, would be uncertain. Although S&S Rehab has stayed open throughout the pandemic as being deemed essential; the deeper implications of COVID began to hit the business. The uncertainty of not knowing when there will be an end to COVID or when life will get back to normal or what that new normal will look like made the final decision to close inevitable. The original plans were to be closed by October 31st, however, in order to accommodate customers and transition them to other providers, that deadline was pushed back to December 31st."

Lisa continued on, "The last few months have been difficult saying good-byes to customers who have become more like family, many that have received products and services from S&S Rehab over the last 15 years. Also saying good-byes to Case Managers in the hospitals and county agencies in the region that seem more like friends than colleagues. Being a business owner is not for the faint at heart. It requires a huge commitment that impacts family; financially, physically and emotionally. This journey has had its share of ups and downs, but I hope in the long run we were able to make a difference in people's lives."

"So, what's next?" is the ultimate question. Lisa said retirement would be great, but probably not realistic. "For a short time, some rest and time to take care of myself, something that's always come second to work. I've learned over the years that life can change in an instant. There are no guarantees and when you least expect it an opportunity will come your way," she concluded.

Covid numbers going up again!

Daily Inter-County Nursing Service Covid-19 updates:

February 6th-8th:

There are 25 new cases to report in Pennington County, the individuals are between ages of their teens to 70's. There are 4 new cases to report in Red Lake County, the individuals are in their 30's, 50's, & 80's.

February 5th:

There are 9 new cases to report in Pennington County, the individuals are between ages of a child under 10 and 50's. There is 1 new case to report in Red Lake County, the individual is in their 70's.

February 4th:

There are 4 new cases to report in Pennington County, the individuals are in their 20's, 60's and 80's. There are no new case to report in Red Lake County.

February 3rd:

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

February 2nd:

There are no new cases to report in Pennington County. There is 1 new case to report in Red Lake County, the individual is in their 20's.

January 30th - February 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.

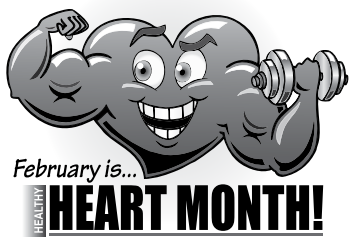
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Vaccine Update

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

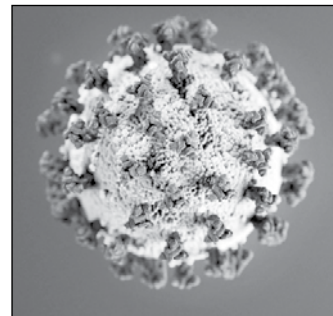
Those who have already had their first dose and are scheduled to receive their second dose this week will receive them as originally scheduled.

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



February is American Heart Month. Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the United States.

Make a point this month to focus on a heart-healthy diet, get active, and know your risk of heart disease. For information on heart disease check out <https://www.heart.org/>



Statistics (02-01-21)

- 468,682 Positive Tests
- 6,798,547 Complete Tests
- 3,321,315 People tested
- 454,290 Patients Who No Longer Need Isolation
- 6,302 Total Deaths
- 24,780 Total Hospitalized
- As of this printing - Total Confirmed Cases in surrounding Counties:
 - Pennington County: 1060
 - 1,009 recovered cases
 - 35 active case
 - 1 current hospitalization
 - 16 death
 - Red Lake County: 328
 - 328 recovered cases
 - 4 active case
 - 0 current hospitalization
 - 4 death
 - Marshall County: 720
 - Clearwater County: 697
 - Beltrami County: 3,251
 - Polk County 3,345
 - (as of 2-4-2021)
 - 91 active cases
 - 1 current hospitalizations
 - 62 deaths

Calendar of Events

Wed, Feb. 10:

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

Thu, Feb. 11:

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

Fri, Feb. 12:

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

Sat, Feb. 13:

- Support your local business - Shop Locally!

Sun, Feb. 14:

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

Mon, Feb. 15:

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

Tue, Feb. 16:

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

Wed, Feb. 17:

- 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. 9: 7:00 p.m. Salem Council meeting.
Wed, Feb. 10: 7:00 p.m. Confirmation at Zion.
Fri, Feb. 12: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation/Mentor meeting at Zion
Sun, Feb. 14: 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. 16: 7:00 p.m. Mutual Ministry meeting.
Wed, Feb. 17: 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday 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 Hamness
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. St. Francis – Oklee. 10:15 a.m. – Grygla. 12:00 p.m. – Goodridge.
 Go to: <http://www.oggcatholic.org/> for service times.

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

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun, Feb. 14: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Immanuel.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Wed, Feb. 10: 7:00 p.m. gr. 7 Confirmation, Faith.
Sun, Feb. 14: Online Worship – Family Ski Trip
Mon, Feb. 15: 9 a.m. Quilting at Faith.
Wed, Feb. 17: 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday at Bethany.

Sudoku Solution

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

Oklee Senior Site Dining

February 15 - 19
 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: Cold meatloaf sandwich, tator tots, carrots, milk, and dessert.
Tue: Taco on fried bread w/ all the trimmings, milk, and dessert.
Wed: Baked chicken, American fries, peas & carrots, milk, and dessert.
Thu: Drummies, hash browns, corn, toast, milk, and dessert.
Fri: Tator tot hotdish, coleslaw, toast, milk, and dessert.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive – Nazareth Oak Park – St. Petri Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Wed, Feb. 10: 5 p.m. Wednesday School.
Sat, Feb. 13: Mt Olive: 9:00 a.m.
Sun, Feb. 14: 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.
Tue, Feb. 16: St. Petri: 6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service.
Wed, Feb. 17: 5 p.m. Wednesday School. 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday at Oak Park.
Thu, Feb. 18: 5:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday at Mt. Olive.
 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. 10: 6:25 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Sun, Feb. 14: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.
Tue, Feb. 16: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions.
Wed, Feb. 17: 6:25 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, Feb. 14: 9:00 a.m. Lund, 10:30 a.m. Sand Valley. 1:00 p.m. Youth Ski Trip meet at Lund.
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.

Deadline: Friday's at noon!

COUNTY PROJECT – BIDS CLOSE Tuesday, March 9th, 2021 RED LAKE COUNTY RED LAKE FALLS, MN 56750

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS – Bids will be received until 10:00 AM, Tuesday, March 9th, 2021, by Robert Schmitz, County Auditor, at the Auditor's Office in the Red Lake County Court House, 124 Langevin Ave, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750, for the construction of the project listed below. Bids will be opened publicly by Erik Hove, County Engineer, or a designated representative, on behalf of the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners.

S.A.P. 063-599-030 – Culvert Replacement for Garmes Township

The Major quantities of work include 12' x 6' PC CONCRETE BOX CULVERT CL. II – LF 42; 12' x 6' PC CONCRETE BOX CULVERT END SECTION CL. II – EACH 2; RANDOM RIPRAP CL. II – CY 170; AGGREGATE BASE, CL.5(CV) – CY 190; MOBILIZATION – LS 1; TRAFFIC CONTROL – LS 1

Plans and proposals may be procured by purchase from the Red Lake County Highway Department, 204 7th Street Southeast, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750.

Complete Plans, Bid Proposals and Specifications:
 Counter Price: \$50.00 (includes tax)
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Bids must be accompanied by a cashier's check or bidder's bond made payable to the Red Lake County Treasurer in the amount of at least 5% of the total bid.

The Red Lake County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept any bid or reject any or all bids, waive irregularities, and award the contract in the best interest of Red Lake County.

Robert Schmitz – Red Lake County Auditor 047-49C

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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. O47C

Red Lake Falls Library

Last week's winner of a Book Blizzard ceramic coffee mug was Cheryl Matzke.

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S.A.P. 063-626-005
 C.P. 63-21-02

Stabilized Aggregate Base & Pipe Culverts

The Major quantities of work include AGGREGATE BASE CLASS 1 MOD.- TON 50,780; CALCIUM CHLORIDE SOLUTION – GALLON 66,340; 81" SPAN CS PIPE-ARCH CULVERT – LF 40; 24" CS PIPE CULVERT – LF 122; TRAFFIC CONTROL – LS 1.0

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Oklee Centennial Cookbook Recipe Corner - From page 129

Braised Short-Rib Casserole Barbara Weberg

1 Tbsp salad oil
 4 lbs beef chuck short ribs
 1 (16 oz) bag carrots, cut into 1-inch pieces
 2 large onions, sliced
 2 Tbsp all purpose flour
 1 cup water
 1 (14-1/2 oz) can Italian-style stewed tomatoes
 1-1/2 tsp salt
 2 (15 to 19 oz) cans great northern or small white beans, rinsed and drained
 chopped parsley and grated lemon peel for garnish

In 5 quart Dutch oven over medium-high heat, in hot salad oil, cook short ribs, half at a time, until browned on all sides; remove to bowl as they brown. In drippings remaining in Dutch oven, cook carrots and onions until lightly browned.

In cup, stir flour with water. Return short ribs to Dutch oven; stir in flour mixture, stewed tomatoes, and salt. Over high heat, heat to boiling. Cover Dutch oven and bake in 350 degrees oven 2 hours, stirring occasionally.

Stir in great northern beans; bake 30 minutes longer or until short ribs are fork-tender. Sprinkle with chopped parsley and grated lemon peel for garnish. Serves 6.



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Security State Bank will be CLOSED
 February 15th President's Day

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RLCC Menus

February 15 - 19

Oklee

Monday: No School.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Hot dog or polish w/ bun, baked beans, chips, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: French toast w/syrup, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Cheesy bread w/sauce, lettuce salad, fresh vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken spaghetti hotdish, bread stick, vegetables, string cheese or yogurt, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Pollack (fish), mashed potatoes w/ butter, vegetables, ice cream or cookie, fruit, and milk.

Plummer

Monday: No School.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Pancakes, sausage patty, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Grilled chicken w/bun, triangle tators, green beans, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Super nachos w/ toppings, corn, churro, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Muffin, yogurt, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Hamburger rice hotdish, peas, dinner roll, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Sausage egg biscuit, hash brown patty, carrots, yogurt, fruit, and milk.

February is
**Spay/Neuter
Awareness Month**



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.

Wednesday, February 10, 2021

RLCC HIGH SCHOOL 2nd QTR HONOR ROLL 20/21

7th Grade - "A" Honor

Roll: Jacob Cater, Anne Dolan, Will Gieseke, Gunnar Halverson, Hailey Hanson, Emma Hendrickson, Nolan Lundeen, Kendra Morinville, Lucas Olson, Masen Pahlen, Nickolas Suchy, Colin Taggart, and Atley Vettleson. **"B" Honor Roll:** Ava Arlt, Connor Duden, McKaelyn Frizzle, McKenzie Hamm, Brody Hammer, Leif Hofstad, Ethan Johnson, Daulton Kezar, Eli Magnell, Oliver Melin, Abigail Morinville, Kassidy Torgerson, Logan Vettleson, Dylan Wichterman, and Peyton Williams.

8th Grade - "A" Honor Roll:

Guy Bergeson, Owen Chervestad, Dylan Dahle, Hannah Dudycha, Ciara Mitzner, Ruben Osborn, Luke Peterson, and Ryan Tvedt. **"B" Honor Roll:** Kendra Christianson, Hunter Dudycha, Quinn Graves, Evelyn Klamm, Landon Klasen, Kane Nelson, Oliver Russillo, Shelby Sherman, and Trevor VanDam.

9th Grade - "A" Honor

Roll: Jamie Flatgard, Sydney Fougner, Jennifer Johnson, Keira Morinville, Kya Morinville, and Bryn Vettleson. **"B" Honor Roll:** Caden Lee, Ella Moen, Isabelle Morinville, Peyton O'Neill, Everett Svendsen, and Carly Vettleson.

10th Grade - "A" Honor

Roll: Damon Ferguson, Carson

Lambert, Shawna Majeres, Aurora Mitzner, Cael Nelson, Aurimy Olson, Marin Peterson, Payton Rystad, and Natalie Vettleson. **"B" Honor Roll:** Kaleb Fougner, Natalie Lindemoen, Clowie Magnell, Gerald Melin, Jeffery Meyer, Caleb Nymann, Paige Olson, Kaleb Roussy, Gunnar Sandeen, Molly Smith, Izaiah Stordahl, Lucille Svendsen, Marissa Thomas, Carlee Whalen, and Nickita Whalen.

11th Grade - "A" Honor

Roll: Cari Bachand, Zachary Cater, Peyton Fish, Madeline Inda-Valdez, Taya Morinville, Leah Peterson, Jonathan Roue, Marissa Schiebe, Bailey Sherman, Erin Sundquist, Halie Thompson, and Leilah VanDam. **"B" Honor Roll:** Jedidiah Duden, Tyler Eskeli, Lauren Jones, Issabella Plante, Jeremiah Rath sack, and Shyla Styles.

12th Grade - "A" Honor

Roll: Kia Bachand, Adriel Bakken, Bailey Culkins, Tristyn Ferguson, Daniel Guillemette, Emily Kolstoe, Karena Melby, Janae Olson, Isabella Russillo, and Katelyn Suchy. **"B" Honor Roll:** Wakely Bryl, Eric Gieseke, Zachariah Howard, Jeremy Kruchowski, Morgan Plante, Elijah Rath sack, and Brock Tvedt.

Red Lake County Central Mustangs on a Solid Streak!

By Marissa Thomas and
Lauren Jones

The Red Lake County Central Mustangs hosted Fosston in Oklee on Tuesday, January 26th. The Varsity team lost with the score of 54 to the Greyhounds with 61. Leading the Mustangs team with field goals include Kia Bachand with seventeen points, ten rebounds and seven assists, Shawna Majeres with sixteen points, Cari Bachand with eleven points, five assists, Jaime Flatgard with seven rebounds. The Mustangs had thirty-nine rebounds all together, out rebounding Fosston.

On Thursday, January 28th, the Red Lake County Central Mustangs traveled to Red Lake Falls to play the Lafayette

Agles. The varsity team lost with the score of 44 to the Eagles with 54. Leading the Mustangs team with field goals include Cari Bachand with eleven points, Shawna Majeres with eleven points, and Kia Bachand with ten points and eleven rebounds. The Mustangs scored Forty-one rebounds all together, out rebounding Red Lake Falls.

The Red Lake County Central Mustangs are Coached by Head Coach Mitch Bernstein and assistant coach Kory Baril. Next week the Mustangs will travel to New Folden to play the Freeze on Monday, February 1st and travel to East Grand Forks to play Sacred Heart on Friday, February 5th.

RLC Boys Basketball

Written by: Molly Smith and
Gerald Melin

January 29th, the RLC Rebels boy's basketball team played at Oklee and went up against WAO Ponies, the varsity team coming out on top with a score of 68-52. The Rebels had Bailey Hince with 28 points and 13 rebounds, Eric Gieseke with 12 points and 3 assists, Gerald Melin with 11 points and 3 assists.

The WAO Ponies had a score of 52, Jackson Woinarowicz with 18 points and 15 rebounds, Gavin Gullikson with 12 points and Kaden Pierce

with 11 points.

The RLC Rebels are coached by Head Coach Steve Philion and Assistant Coach Randy Huie. This week, the Rebels are heading to sacred heart to play the eagles on thursday january 4th. On Friday, February 5th, the Rebels host the Mahnomen-Waubun Thunderbirds in Red Lake Falls Robert Matzke gym at the highschool. The game will be streamed on Channel 34.

The Red Lake County Rebels are coached by Head Coach Steve Philion and Assistant Coach Randy Huie.

Junior High December Student of the Month



By Leilah VanDam and
Andrew Gryskiewicz

The Red Lake County Central High School Junior High December Student of the Month is Lily Hager. She is in 9th grade. Her parents are Mike and Sarah. She has 3 siblings Tiana (5), Sophie (10) and Gavin (17). Her favorite class is Physical Science or science in general. Her favorite hobbies are Rollerblading and Basketball. She was nominated by Mr. Steven Strutz for junior high student of the month. Mr. Strutz picked Lily because she stood out to him as a student. He said "She's a good kid and has a good heart. She helps students out the best she

can. Peers respect her. She's always ready to go right when class starts and when he has a question in class, she knows the answer and doesn't blurt it out, she raises her hand. She's been one of the best students I've had."



Katie Suchy at the freethrow line. -Submitted.

MEET THE KINDERGARTEN OF RED LAKE COUNTY CENTRAL



Name: Kenzee Bergeson
Parents: Scott & Jenna Bergeson

Siblings: Walker.

What does your MOM do for a living: She makes pasta.

What does your DAD do for a living: My dad goes to work, while my mom makes pasta.

What do you want to be when you grow up? I want to be a princess.

Favorite movie: The Thunders Sisters two.

Favorite food: Orange, red, yellow peppers.

Favorite school activity: Minecraft.

Favorite color: Rainbow.
Favorite toy: A whale.



Name: Teagan Lee
Parents: Adam & Sarah Lee

Siblings: Caden, Trevor & Jacob.

What does your MOM do for a living: She works in her garden.

What does your DAD do for a living: He works on his computer all day.

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

Favorite movie: Angry Birds 2

Favorite food: Steak.

Favorite school activity: Recess.

Favorite color: Red.
Favorite toy: Nerf gun.



Name: Orin Weber
Parents: Dillion Webber and Mcaulli Berns

Siblings: Patrick.

What does your MOM do for a living: She works at home on her computer.

What does your DAD do for a living: He works at the farm.

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

Favorite movie: Star Wars.

Favorite food: Apple.

Favorite school activity: Playing on my iPad.

Favorite color: Blue and green.

Favorite toy: Tractors.

RLC Speech Team attended Virtual Meeting



Picture Left to Right, Mariah Peterson, Danny Guillemette, and Halle Thompson

The Red Lake County Speech team attended their first virtual meet on Saturday, February 6th. Attending were Anne Dolen, Peyton Williams, Hannah Dudycha, Mariah Peterson, Danny Guillemette, and Halle Thompson. Dilworth Glyndon Felton hosted the

meet which hosted around 250 attendees. Winning a first-place medal was Mariah Peterson. Winning a Superior Ribbon was Danny Guillemette, and earning an Excellent Ribbon was Halle Thompson. The junior high team will attend a virtual meet

on Monday, February 8, hosted by Cass Lake. The team will compete Friday, February 12 hosted by East Grand Forks Green Wave. The Rebel Team is coached by Head Coach Jessie Hamrum and assisted by Roberta Aakhus.

RLCC GBB played Stephen-Argyle on Jan. 1st.

This game was 1-21-21 against Stephen-Argyle Storm in Argyle, lost 36-70

Kia Bachand- 12 pts, 10 rebounds
Shawna Majores- 7pts, 3 rebounds
Marissa Thomas- 6pts, 4 rebounds
Cari Bachand- 4 pts, 7 steals
Carlee Whalen- 4pts, 5rebounds
Katie Suchy- 3pts, 4rebounds



Kia Bachand- jump shot. - Submitted.

Oklee Herald Early Files

Eighty Years Ago

February 6, 1941

The Oklee High School basketball team lost a hard fought game to Plummer, there, last Thursday night.

It is estimated that over 1,000 farmers attended the John Deere day which was held in Oklee last Friday.

The Gully Independent basketball team lost to McIntosh on the local floor by a score of 36-28, Wednesday evening.

Some cases of whooping cough, mumps and flu have been reported in the vicinity.

Torkel Gunderson, Rolf Hofstad and others have been busy the past week storing ice for summer use.

Seventy Years Ago

February 8, 1951

The Plummer village council recently authorized the purchase of a 1951 ½ ton fire truck at a special meeting. Two Plummer men will go to Chicago and pick up the truck the latter part of this month.

Twin sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Bachand at a Crookston hospital on Feb 6th. The babies weigh 6 lbs. 10x. And 7 lbs. 1 oz.

Maurice Miller recently completed a course at a Minneapolis barber school and has joined his father at the local barber shop.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Lundeen and Merle left Friday night for Anoka to visit their son Erling who had a few days leave. They returned Sunday night.

Sixty Years Ago

February 9, 1961

Students of Oklee High School will appear on the next telecast of "Teen Quiz," a television series sponsored by the Otter Tail Power Company. The three seniors representing Oklee are Francis Austad, Karen Karel and Arnold Kariere.

The new Kennedy administration and Secretary of Agriculture, Orville Freeman were commended on Monday for a "good start" towards more effective and workable farm and food policies.

Judy Austad celebrated her ninth birthday after school with her teacher and schoolmates.

Word has been received by friends that Miss Elsie Kval, a former resident of Plummer, attended the Inaugural Parade in Washington, D.C. She saw Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt and Harry Truman and talked personally to both President Eisenhower and President elect Kennedy. He is at present employed in Washington D.C.

Mr. and Mrs. George Spong Jr. are the parents of a son born to them February 4th. He weighed 6 pounds 9 ounces.

Fifty Years Ago

February 11, 1970

Oklee Soldiers meet in Vietnam – Shortly after arriving in Vietnam, Corporal Norman J. Olson of Oklee walked over to a drier working on a truck, tapped him on the shoulder and asked, "Do you know a Marine name Asselin?" The search ended right there for when the driver turned around it was Bernard Asselin, Nor-

man's best friend since grade school days. This is the second time Norman has found someone from home in a far away place. In October he met Ron Kaiser of Oklee in a mess line in Okinawa.

The Oklee Bobcat wrestlers got back on the winning trail with a 30-12 decision over Warren before a large hometown crowd.

Corporal James Willett of the U.S. Marines arrived here last Wednesday by plane from Vietnam where he has served for 18 months. He will send his 30 day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Willett, then will go to Quantico, Virginia.

Forty Years Ago

February 12, 1981

Since LaPiers' of Fosston purchased the Midland Coop Oil Station major remodeling has been in progress. Besides offering full garage services and machine shop work they are installing a NAPA Parts Store.

Early Tuesday morning, McIntosh firemen were called to the Donald Vasend farm northeast of McIntosh to fight a blaze which destroyed a steel pole truck shed and the semi-tractor inside it.

Staff Sergeant Alden Morinville, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emmitt Morinville of Brooks, has been awarded an Air Training Command Outstanding Maintenance Personnel Award.

Meet the Kindergarten featured Jared Hofstad, Kirsty Koralewski and Jonathan Sundrud.

On February 3rd, Erskine traveled to Oklee to take on the Bobcats. They game was in Oklee's control all throughout the game with final score 61-50.

Thirty Years Ago

February 13, 1991

Alvin Jensen has recently received a document he has felt entitled to for 45 years – a Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty from the United States Coast Guard – American Merchant Marine. It was dated August 15, 1945 and received by Alvin on February 7, 1991 in the mail.

Paul Marquis, rural postal clerk, has been recognized for 30 years of federal service as a postal employee.

Evelyn and Darrell Glass have been selected as the 1991 Valley Farm and Homemaker from Red Lake County.

The Mustangs hosted Red Lake Falls on Tuesday night in a North Tri County Conference match-up. The Mustangs cruised to an 82-44 victory.

Twenty Years Ago

February 8, 2001

Tenth grade students of Vicki Kolden experienced a demonstration in the art of wood carving by wood-carver Harold Cyr of Oklee. Harold mainly carves ducks, geese, and shorebirds.

Garnes-Go-Getters are again sponsoring a "Send your Sweetheart or Friend a Cupcake for Valentines."

Area birthdays in Plummer this week were Fern Whitney, Mick Greenwald, Kristine Jolly, Art Hagge, Corey Carpen-

ters, Joyce Burns, and Brandi Malwitz.

The Mustangs girls basketball team lost to Win-E-Mac on January 25th with the final score 65-51.

Ten Years Ago

February 9, 2011

New ordinance citations for Oklee were introduced at the City Council meeting. These will be used minor offices in the city for things such as "Dogs at Large", "Underage Snowmobiling/ATV operation", "Illegal Parking," etc.

There were twenty-five 4-H members and parents that participated in the Annual Ice Fishing trip to Lake of the Woods.

Red Lake County Speech members who placed at the East Grand Forks meet on January 29th were Nathan Magnell, Kayla Olson and Emily Riendeau.

Spelling Bee winners at the RLCC Elementary School were Shelby Gunderson (Champion) and Kelsie Sirjord (Runner-up).

Irene Dessellier and Robert Torkelson were chosen as the Queen and King 2011 at the Oklee Senior Valentine Meal.

The Red Lake County Rebels defeated Win-E-Mac Patriots on February 3rd with a score of 82-79.



Presidents' Day is a federal holiday celebrated on the third Monday in February; Presidents' Day 2021 will occur on Monday, February 15.

Originally established in 1885 in recognition of President George Washington, the holiday became popularly known as Presidents' Day after it was moved as part of 1971's Uniform Monday Holiday Act, an attempt to create more three-day weekends for the nation's workers. While several states still have individual holidays honoring the birthdays of Washington, Abraham Lincoln and other figures, Presidents' Day is now popularly viewed as a day to celebrate all U.S. presidents, past and present.



Who's Dat?



Who's Dat?

This weeks photo is of a couple that lived east of Oklee.

Last week's photo was of a very cute baby. That was Lowell Enerson who used to live NE of Oklee with his wife LaVonne (Fossum), son Kevin, and daughter Joelle. Lowell now lives in Wisconsin with his wife Kathy.

Everyone has a photo or two that would be great for this column. Please share them with our readers as it is one

Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteers Jo Lambert & Bonny Cote

The Cafe has been open for a couple of weeks and things seem more normal with some foot traffic in the City Building.

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. Essentia or Sanford they will be contacting you if you are a patient. Follow their instruction. Otherwise, you can contact Inter-County Nursing in RLF or TRF for information on their vaccination policies.

Dates to Remember

Feb. 9: National Pizza Day.

Feb. 10: National Cream Cheese Brownie Day.

Feb. 11: National Make a Friend Day.

Feb. 14: Happy Valentine's Day.

Words of Wisdom

Stupidity won't kill you, but it can make you sweet.

Funny Times...

A reader sent this in and it is very cute. Thank you for sending. If anyone has some cute things, send them in. Email to okleeherald@gmail.com or send to Oklee Herald, PO Box 9, Oklee, MN 56742

The dumbest thing I ever bought was 2020 planner.

I got so bored I called Jake from State Farm just to talk to someone. He asked me what I was wearing.

2019: Stay away from negative people. 2020: stay away from positive people.

The world has turned upside

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe
218-465-4402

Adam and Crystal joined Roger and Lynn Gallant at the Legion for Bingo.

Thursday morning Alice visited Anne Traxler and got to see her beautiful quilt she has made for her granddaughter Brielle.

The weekend of January 31st Tony and Sheila Gerardy met Charlie and Mallory Bernstrom and Brett and Hannah and son Sawyer at Bed Medicine Lake.

Brodie and Brielle Traxler visited their dad, Bob, the weekend of the 31st.

I heard this news on the radio on February 2nd. A farmer from southern Saskatchewan had recently had two cows that each gave birth to triplet calves. They were from Grand Charolais cows, but even more so to happen the same week. They were all doing okay.

Captain Tom Moore, an

down. Old folks are sneaking out of the house and their kids are yelling at them to stay indoors.

Every few days try your jeans on just to make sure they still fit. Pajamas will have you believe all is well in the kingdom.

Does anyone know if we can take showers yet or should we just keep washing our hands?

This virus has done what no woman has been able to do. Cancel sports, shut down all bars and keep men at home.

I never thought the comment, "I wouldn't touch him/her with a six-foot pole," would become a national policy, but here we are.

I need to practice social-distancing from the refrigerator.

I hope the weather is good tomorrow for my trip to the backyard. I'm getting tired of the living room.

Never in a million years could I have imagined I would go up to a bank teller wearing a mask and ask for money.

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

It is 17 below and the sun is shining. We have had a wicked taste of winter this past week between the snow, its blowing so that the visibility was almost nil, making travel hard, and the extremely cold temperatures. It hasn't been picnic weather by any means. Spring is scheduled to come. We just have to be patient. We have tried hard to be patient this past year with the Covid virus and this is just another practice session we need to endure.

Trying to type for me these days is another one of those be patient times for me. I have a trigger finger and it locks up while I type, and it hurts like the dickens to unlock it after it decides to lock up. So bear with me on the typos.

Jerome and I went to get our first Covid shots on Thursday. I was so nervous, due to all the

allergies I have had on other shots. All went well though and I am okay so far. It was not something I got sick from, and the injection sight hurt the first day, but other than that it was fine. Go get the shot if you can.

Last weekend, Dianne and Clarence Gagner went to Vergas to visit Tim and Brenda Gagner in their new home. Joyce and Leroy Christianson, of Red Lake Falls also went to visit Tim and Brenda. They were all overnight guests. They celebrated Tim's birthday. After celebrating his birthday, they went to Battle Lake to visit with Tyler and Lynn Gagner for a baby shower for Britney Grunig. Trent and Allyson Gagner of Chandler Arizona flew in to put this shower on along with Lynn Gagner. The house was decorated with baby things and was very festive. Leroy and Joyce Christianson, Stephanie Koralewski, of Ma-

ple Plain, and Noreen Grunig of Hancock Minnesota, and an Aunt Kim Anderson all helped with attending and making the fun better. The rest of the guests were zoomed in. A good visit with all the guests was part of the fun. We live in difficult times but we are resilient people and this is a great example of that.

In other news we were able to have one of our snow birds up in the area this past week. Marc Parenteau and Yvonne Hager were here and are scheduled to leave this week. Wouldn't you know, they had to come home in the very coldest part of our winter. Marc's entire family came home to have a reunion. We hope that you are going to thaw out when you get back to the south Marc.

That is the news this week. Wear your mask, keep your distance, and stay warm. We need you around for a long time.

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