

Oklee Precipitation
By Einar Kvasager

	Rain	Snow
Nov. 21		Trace
Nov. 22		0.50
Nov. 26	Trace	
Total in.	0.00	0.50

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RLCC Fall Music Concert



The Red Lake Central County Junior High Choir sang a variety of songs at the fall concert held on November 23rd.

By: Asia Davis

Red Lake County Central's music students in junior and senior high choir and band performed their fall music concert on November 23, 2015.

The junior high choir sang four songs in the beginning of the concert. The first song they sang was "Tuxedo Junction" followed by "Aya Ngena," "The River," and "Pass It Along."

Next, the senior high choir also sang four songs including "Danny Boy," "Shady Grove," "Batoto Yetu," and "Make Them Hear You." Following the performance was a duet by Holly Vettleson and Kjersten Walton singing "Fly."

The junior high band performed four numbers followed by the senior high band. The junior high band performed "Declaration and Dance," "Southwind," "Trumpet Tribute" which featured Brock Tvedt, Brody Moen, Eric Gieseke, Tristyn Ferguson, Katelyn Suchy, and George Dude. They ended by playing the school song "Minnesota Rouser."

Lastly, the senior high band finished the concert off with four songs which were "Hues of Blue," "Red Rock Canyon," "(Risk) Everything for a Dream," and "Land of a Thousand Dances."



The Red Lake County Central High School senior high choir singing at their concert.



Santa is coming to town!

News from the North Pole has come to the Oklee Herald office. He wants to let everyone know he plans on visiting the area soon.

His first stop will be on Sunday, December 6th at the Brooks Community Center. The festivities start at 4:30 p.m. and everyone is welcome. A meal is served at 5 p.m., door prizes at 5:30 p.m. and Santa said he would be there at 6 p.m.

The following week, Santa

will be in Oklee on Saturday, December 12th. The festivities in Oklee start at 9:00 a.m. with the Salem Ladies Christmas Cookie Sale, then the children gather, singing songs of Christmas to lead Santa to the Oklee Community Hall. His arrival is expected at 10:00 a.m. Coffee and cookies are served for a morning treat. After Santa and the children have gotten their Christmas wishes taken care of, there is sleigh rides beginning at 1:00 p.m. and for the month of December, the Oklee Community Club is holding a snowman building contest with the winner chosen on December 28th. Prizes will be given out for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd places and you have to register your snowman. More details about the sleigh & snowman contest next week.

On Sunday, December 13th, the Holiday Train is coming back to Plummer for another fun evening of food, fun and Santa too! The Tri River Museum will be the site



RLCC Junior High band played four pieces at their Music Concert.

for droppin off canned goods for the food shelf, and there sounds like there will be food/treats along with beverages. The Honor Choir is supposed to sing again this year, but will be located closer to the museum. And the CP Holiday Train will be pulling in around 6:00 p.m. from what I heard.

All the details are not available at this printing of the paper, but will be in next week.

So plan on making a stop on one of the three Santa Days this year.

It's the Germiest Time of the Year

As the headline says, this is the time of year, where colds and flu's get passed on very easily. What can a person do to minimize the transferring of these wonderful germs? According to articles I have been reading this fall/winter, the worst thing you can do is a handshake. Why? Because your palm is a great place for the germs and a handshake has full contact between persons. If you do shake hands, you should wash up afterwards as soon as possible.

So next on the list is the High Five. This is listed as bad also, basically because it is the same contact area, the palm of the hand. It doesn't stay in contact as long as a handshake, so it doesn't transfer as many germs, but wash your hands afterwards also.

A Cheek Kiss or Hug is safer

but there again, it depends on if the person is sick or not. So they were rated at Ok/Good as long as both parties are healthy. And don't hug too vigorously, as you don't want to squeeze too much, you could help some germs escape leading to airborne particles. Yuk.

So the better person to person contact if contact is needed to express your greetings is the Fist Bump. This is what many people do if they are wary of germ contact. Germ transfer is very low compared to a handshake.

And the best rated in the articles I have read is to Smile and Wave, avoiding all contact. It might seem a little unfriendly, but isn't it better if we don't spread the germs to others? Sure will make for healthier holidays.

By Bonnie Cote



RLCC Senior High band students playing at their music concert.



Above: Holly Vettleson and Kjersten Walton sang a duet "Fly" at the Red Lake County Central choir concert on November 23.

Left: Junior High singers Jena Pahlen and Abby Walton (pictured), Sidney Olson and AJ Jones featured at the RLCC High School Music Concert.

Calendar of Events	
Wed, Dec. 2:	
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.	
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.	
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.	
Thu, Dec. 3:	
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.	
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.	
Fri, Dec. 4:	
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.	
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.	
Sat, Dec. 5:	
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!	
Sun, Dec. 6:	
-Worship at the church of your choice.	
-Santa Day at Brooks 4:30 p.m.	
Mon, Dec. 7:	
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.	
Tue, Dec. 8:	
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.	
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards.	
-Scandinavian Day at Senior Site-Oklee Hall.	
Wed, Dec. 9:	
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.	
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.	
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.	
Thu, Dec. 10:	
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.	

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH

Zion and Salem
Pastor Margaret Jacobus

Wed, Dec. 2: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation. 7:00 p.m. Salem WELCA Christmas Party.

Sun, Dec. 6: 9:00 a.m. Zion (C). 9:00 a.m. SS at Salem. 10:15 a.m. SS at Zion. 10:30 a.m. Salem(C).

Mon, Dec. 7: 9:00 a.m. Quilting at Zion.

Tue, Dec. 8: 7:00 p.m. Salem Board meeting.

Wed, Dec. 9: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

OKLEE
Fr. Adam Hanness

Sun, Dec. 6: 7:30 a.m. Confessions 8:00 a.m. Mass.

BROOKS - RED LAKE FALLS

CATHOLIC PARISH
Fr. Bill DeCrans

Sat, Dec. 5: 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph - RLF

Sun, Dec. 6: 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph - Brooks. 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph - RLF.

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH

ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson

Sun, Dec. 6: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Immanuel (C). 10:15 a.m. Sunday School Immanuel. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer(C).

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH

ELCA

Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Robert W. Dahlen, Pastor
Wed, Dec. 2: 7:30 p.m. Advent Services at Faith.
Sat, Dec. 5: 5:00 p.m. Shalom Circle supper at Faith.
Sun, Dec. 6: 8:30 a.m. Ekelund; 9:45 a.m. SS. 9:45 a.m. Faith; 11:00 a.m. SS. 11:00 a.m. Bethany; 9:45 a.m. SS. Ekelund Council meeting. Faith Council meeting.

Mon, Dec. 7: 12:30 p.m. Ekelund Ladies Aid at Goodridge Café.

Tue, Dec. 8: 6:30 p.m. Shalom Circle.

Wed, Dec. 9: 7:30 p.m. Advent Services at Bethany.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY

Fosston

Jon Marx, Lead Pastor
Seth Johnson, Assist. Pastor
Sun, Dec. 6: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH

Mt. Olive - Nazareth
Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseth

Wed, Dec. 2: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School/Confirmation. 7:00 p.m. LYS Caroling.

Sat, Dec. 5: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive. 10:15 a.m. SS/Confirmation.

Sun, Dec. 6: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri. 9:15 a.m. St. Petri SS; 8:30 a.m. Nazareth. 9:45 a.m. Nazareth SS; 9:45 a.m. Oak Park SS, 11:00 a.m. Oak Park.

Wed, Dec. 9: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School/Confirmation.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH

Josiah Hoagland, Pastor

Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneynyfosston.com

Wed, Dec. 2: 6:30 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

Thu, Dec. 3: 12:00 p.m. Rotary meeting.

Fri, Dec. 4: 8:00 a.m. Friday School.

Sun, Dec. 6: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.

Tue, Dec. 8: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study. 10:30 a.m. Quilting.

Wed, Dec. 9: 6:30 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH

Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister

Sun, Dec. 6: 9:00 a.m. Lund. 10:30 a.m. Bethany. 2 p.m. Sand Valley SS Christmas Program.

Wed, Dec. 9: 2:00 p.m. Lund WELCA.



Loom knitting class at Oklee Quilting - Aurim Olson, Kiera Morinville, Jennifer Johnson, Molly Smith, Payton Rystad, Taya Morinville, Ella Moen, Jamie Flatgard, Victoria Sipper, Matilda Sipper, Shelby Gunderson.

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Grandma Oli's Cut Out Sugar Cookie
Connie Kriel

1 cup shortening (1/2 butter)
1 cup sugar
1 egg
1/3 cup cream (sour or sweet)
1/2 tsp baking soda
1 tsp baking powder
1 tsp almond flavoring
3 cups flour

Cream shortening and sugar. Add egg, cream and almond flavoring and beat well. Sift flour with leavening. Stir in flour. Add more flour as needed. Chill dough. Roll out on cloth covered floured board. Cut into desired shapes. Bake at 350 degrees for 8 - 10 minutes.



Who's Dat?



Who's Dat?
This week's photo is from one of the business in Oklee.

A couple of weeks ago the photo was of Andrew Dessellier. A life-long resident of Oklee who raised a large family here,

NOTICE

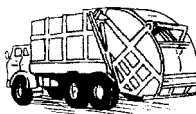
The Red Lake County Board of Commissioners is seeking persons interested in being appointed to serve as a County Representative on the Red Lake Watershed District Board of Managers for a 3-year term commencing January 10, 2016. Interested individuals may submit their names to: County Board of Commissioners,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

035-36C

NOTICE TO OKLEE RESIDENTS

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

034-36C



Tri-Valley Public Transportation

To reserve a seat, please call by 3:00 p.m. the day before - 1-800-951-9363. All routes will arrive approximately between 10 and 11 a.m. at the destination. All routes need at least five persons signed up.

Fri, Dec. 4: Crookston - Thief River Falls, Plummer, Red Lake Falls.

Tue, Dec. 8: Grand Forks - Fosston, McIntosh, Erskine, Mentor, Crookston.



Oklee Am. Legion Auxiliary to meet

Legion Auxiliary pot luck and Food Shelf donation Wednesday, Dec. 8 at 11:30 a.m. Oklee Community Hall.

Statepoint Crossword Theme: Year in Review

- ACROSS
- C in ROTC
 - A Bartholomew Cubbins accessory
 - From a great distance
 - Dickens's Heep
 - Credit card acronym
 - Falstaffian in body
 - One with lowest voice
 - South Pacific welcome
 - Capital territory of India
 - *Escaped Mexican drug lord
 - *Formerly Bruce
 - This is well if it ends well
 - Make over
 - Public health promoting org.
 - "____ and sound"
 - Brilliant or magnificent
 - Fast time
 - Australian palm
 - Sometimes done to a relationship
 - Medley
 - *Presidential candidate and celebrity
 - Printing unit
 - Mandarin's headquarters
 - ____ crazy
 - Gulf War missile
 - Based on two
 - Change to copy
 - Give it a go
 - Wine and cheese descriptor
 - Jersey call
 - *He visited U.S. with great fanfare
 - *New late night host
 - Hawaiian veranda
 - *____ Paul teamed with Rihanna and Kanye
 - Madagascar primate
 - Set straight
 - ____ you sure?
 - Like one of eight in college basketball
 - Phoenix suburb
 - Swerve
 - Scatterbrained
 - DOWN
 - 27 to 3
 - Kind of account
 - Reduced Instruction Set Computer
 - Turkish bigwig
 - Sandbanks
 - Beyoncé's 2008 hit
 - Tarzan's adoptive mom
 - Jiffy or instant
 - Lend a criminal hand
 - Succumbed to gravity
 - Zombie's skin color
 - Bit attachment
 - Unequivocally detestable
 - Manufacturing site
 - Online pop-ups
 - Reckoned
 - *Major fight winner
 - Flying nuisance
 - True inner self
 - Evergreen trees
 - Livens up
 - Give a boot
 - Happen again
 - *Deflategate star
 - Three-____ sloth
 - In the middle of

- Best of its kind
- One of B-vitamins
- Computer-generated imagery
- What the bell did?
- English homework
- Plural of obelisk
- Kind of drumbeat
- Respiratory rattling
- Black tropical cuckoo
- Hindu serpent deity
- *They went down with the El Faro
- Discharge
- Tracks after rain
- *Stephen Curry was a master at hitting this shot
- Easter Rising product

Solution:

Holiday Songs

G	U	S	T	S	C	O	T	B	O	C	K
A	L	L	O	W	L	E	U	P	U	P	A
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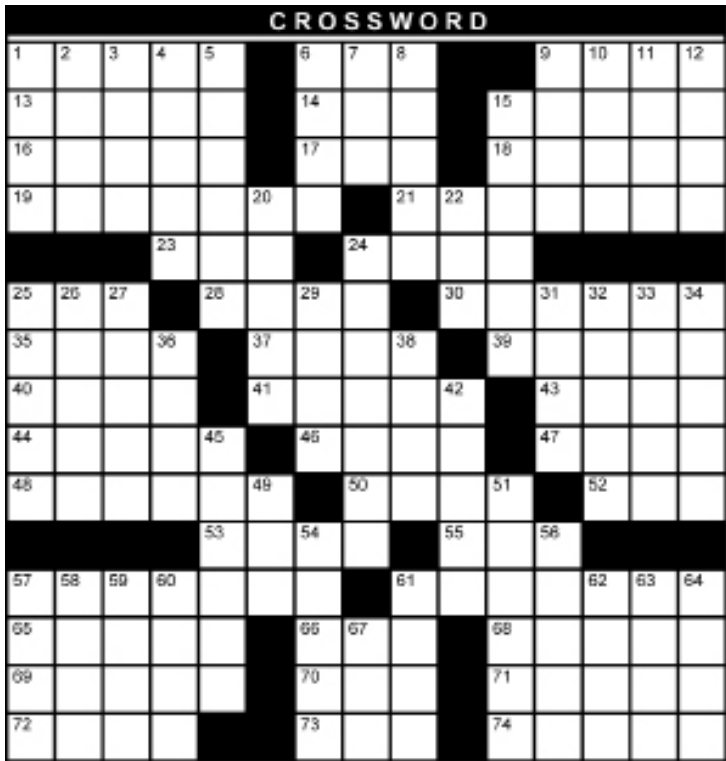
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RLCC Menus

December 7 - 11

Oklee

Mon: Breakfast: Apple turnover, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Hot dog or polish, baked beans, chips, fruit, and milk.

Tue: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Chicken strips, rice pilaf, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Wed: Breakfast: French toast sticks, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Ham patty, curly fries, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Thu: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, vegetables, fruit, dinner rolls, and milk.

Fri: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Chili, corn muffins, corn chips, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Plummer

Mon: Breakfast: Muffins, cereal, yogurt parfait, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Corn dogs, macaroni & cheese, peas & carrots, Craisins, and milk.

Tue: Breakfast: Pancakes, Go-Gurt, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Chili, corn chips, veggies w/ranch, garlic breadstick, fruit, and milk.

Wed: Breakfast: Breakfast, scramble bacon pizza, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Tator Tot hotdish, broccoli, fruit, plain or PB bread, and milk.

Thu: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Fish shapes, mashed potatoes, country gravy, coleslaw, dinner roll, fruit, and milk.

Fri: Breakfast: Strawberry granola, yogurt, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Bosco sticks, dipping sauce, salad or salad bar, hash browns, fruit, and milk.

Sports Schedules

RLC Rebels

Boy Basketball

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

Mon, Dec. 7: NCTC at Northland CC TBD

Tue, Dec. 8: NCTC at Northland CC TBD

Thu, Dec. 10: NCTC at Northland CC TBD

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

RLCC Mustang Wrestling

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

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

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

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

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

Girls Basketball

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

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

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

Mon, Dec. 14: Tournament at NCTC TBD

Tue, Dec. 15: Tournament at NCTC TBD

ISD 2906 Red Lake County Central

Minutes-November 2015

The ISD 2906 Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at the Brooks Community Center

Trontvedt was absent.

Request for Non removal of hazardous materials during school year.

Motions were carried to approve financials, approve snow removal, Section 403B plan language, FY 2016 financial budget, wrestling coaches, 2015-2017 Master Agreement, Workforce Report Summary, and hiring a high school paraprofessional.

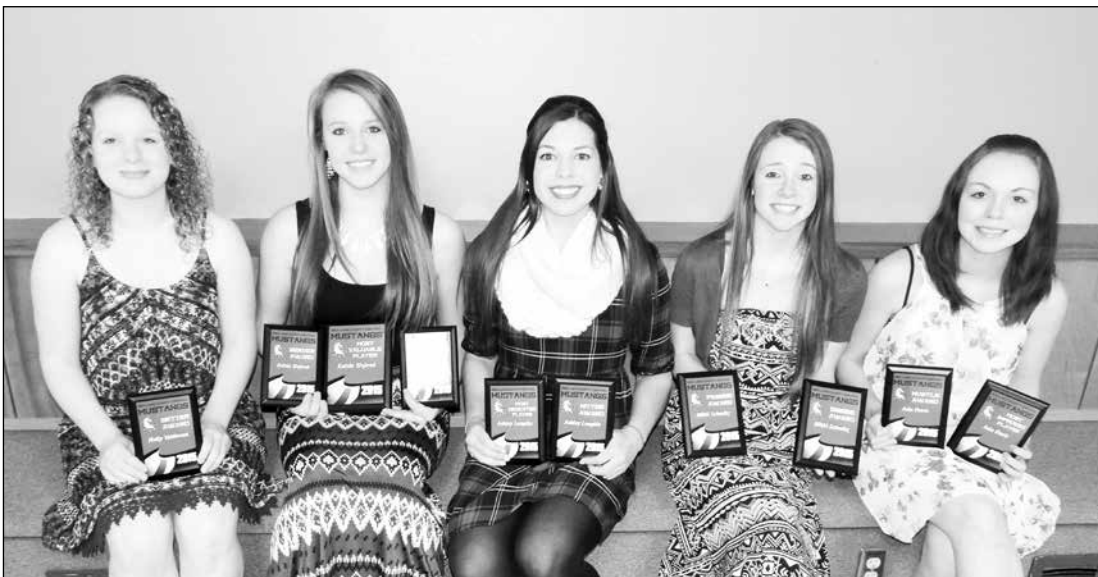
(Complete minutes may be seen in the district office at 201 Governor Street, Oklee, MN or on our school website at www.rlcc2906.org.)

Darby Trontvedt
ISD 2906 School Board Clerk
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Wednesday, December 2, 2015



Red Lake County Centrals Mustang Volleyball Awards Night letter winners went to (top) Julia Bernstein, Holly Vettleson, Ashley Longtin, Nikki Schmitz, Calyssa Eskeli, Shelby Gunderson, (middle) Michelle Sundquist, Kelsie Sirjord, Megan Berberich, Taylor Bushelle, Sydnie Gunderson, (bottom) Sami Smith, Taylor Klasen, and Asia Davis.



Mustang Volleyball Team awards were given to Holly Vettleson-Setter Award; Kelsie Sirjord-Blocker, Most Valuable, and Server; Ashley Longtin-Hitter and Most Dedicated; Nikki Schmitz-Passer and Digger; and Asia Davis-Hustle and Most Improved.

2015 Volleyball Awards

By: Taylor Klasen

The Red Lake County Central volleyball team held their awards banquet November 19, 2015 to award the letters and team awards to the players. The letters winners of 2015 were seniors-Asia Davis, Taylor Klasen, Michelle Sundquist, Holly Vettleson, Sami Smith, juniors-Megan Berberich, Taylor Bushelle, Shelby Gunderson, Ashley Longtin, Nikki Schmitz, Kelsie Sirjord, freshmen-Julia

Bernstein, Sydnie Gunderson, and eighth grader-Calyssa Eskeli.

The team awards were given to Passer: Schmitz, Setter: Vettleson, Hitter: Longtin, Blocker: Sirjord, Digger: Schmitz, Hustle: Davis, Most Valuable: Sirjord, Most Improved: Davis, Most Dedicated: Longtin, and Server: Sirjord. Vettleson received the All State Academic Award. The volleyball team received the Silver Academic Award.



Holly Vettleson from RLCC received the All State Academic Award for volleyball.



RLCC SADD students AJ Jones, Tanisha Srnsky, Sophia Linder at Northern Air.



The RLCC SADDs group went on a trip to Northern Air including Lynsey Morris, Deidra Walton, Erin Jones, Garrett Qualley and Tera Qualley.

RLCC ECFE

Events for December

By: Ethan Vettleson

Red Lake County Central Early Childhood Family Education program is open to anyone who has children under kindergarten age. Children and parents are invited to come to the special activities planned for families with young children. Join us for four fun events being planned for December.

Thursday, December 3: "Infant/Toddler Class Sensory Learning Night #3" at 6:00-7:00 pm at the Oklee School. Use your senses to explore and learn about the world.

Thursday, December 10: "Holiday Sign Making with Kelly" at 6:00-7:30 pm at the Plummer School. This will be a fun project for adults to make a keepsake and be creative at the same time! Cost will be \$10 per project, and there will be two or three choices to pick from with sign designs. Children will also be making a project with cinnamon ornaments and good smelling dough, as well as play time in the room. Soup and bread supper will be available at 6:00 pm. Be creative and make an individualized gift for someone special this year! Call in to register at 465-4222 ext. 18.

Saturday, December 12: "Santa Days at the Oklee Community Center" at 10:00 am. RLCC ECFE along with the Oklee Community Club will be having a sing-a-long and meet Santa on this special day. We will start out with special songs with Susan Lee and then Santa will come at about 10:30. The Oklee Community Club will have goodie bags for each child and donuts, cookies, cider and coffee for everyone. While children are waiting to see Santa they will be able to make special projects for the holiday season. See you there!

Thursday, December 17: "3-5 year old Literacy Night #2" featuring "Book Bingo" at 6:00-7:00 pm at the Plummer School. Soup and bread supper will be available. A Jan Brett story will be read, and book bingo played to earn FREE books!

All-Section

8A Football

By: Wyatt Waldal

Two seniors from the Red Lake County Rebels football team were named to the all section 8A football team. They were Bailey Schmitz and Austin Waliser. Schmitz played on the offensive line and defensive end. Waliser played running back and safety for the Rebels.

RLCC Early Out,

December 7

By: Nick Plante

Red Lake County Central High School and Elementary School are having an early out on Monday December 7, 2015. School will be dismissed three hours early with busses running early.

SADDs Trip to GF

By: Katie Pendelton

The SADDs (Students Against Destructive Decisions) from Red Lake County Central High School had a fun trip to Northern Air on Wednesday, November 18th. The trip took place in Grand Forks. The SADDs advisor Mrs. Margo Peterson planned the trip. Northern Air has inflatables, trampolines, foam pits, and more.

The juniors who went on the trip were Brandon Lee, Dylan Gustafson, Nick Plante, Lynsey Morris, Angel

Also a reminder to all students and families that mid-quarter is Wednesday December 9. The mid-quarter reports will be sent home with high school students Thursday, December 8.

Rebels Win Over

Fertile-Beltrami

By: Nicole Rienneau

Red Lake County boys' varsity basketball played their first game against Fertile-Beltrami on November 20 at Red Lake Falls. The Rebels finished the game with a win of 76-65. The first half they led 42-35 and in the second half outscored the Falcons 34-30.

RLC's Drake Engelstad had a total of 35 points, Will Duden 17, Austin Waliser 16, Marcus Christensen six, and Devin Lambert two points. Waliser was 4-8 for three pointers. Engelstad was 8-9 in free throws. Engelstad and Austin May each had at total of nine rebounds. Engelstad had six assists and Waliser had four. Duden had six steals.

Fertile-Beltrami's Brady Steffes had a total of 31 points, Jordan Leiting 23, Garret Dufault three, Isaiah Horgeshimer two, Vincent Benesh two, Jordan Vandeneinde two, Athan McCollum one, and Dylan Vandeneine one point. Steffes had 5-9 three pointers, was 10-12 in free throws, five steals, and had a total of nine rebounds. Leiting had a total of eight rebounds. Tanner Solie had three assists. Leiting had two blocks.

Rebels Off

to a 2-0 Start

By: Wyatt Waldal

November 24 the Red Lake County Rebels hosted the Sacred Heart Eagles in Red Lake Falls. The Rebels were 1-0 going into this game while the Eagles were 0-1. The Rebels scored a total of 66 points on the night to the Eagles 44.

The leading scorer for the Rebels was Drake Engelstad with 17 then followed by Austin Waliser-15, Will Duden-13, Austin May-11, Ethan Vettleson-four, Marcus Christenson-two, and Devin Lambert-two also.

The Eagles lead scorer was Devin Evavold-18 followed by Brenden Bethke-11, Dylan Brander-five, Riley Wavra-four Jack Bloom-three, Nick Bergum-two, and Jack Gerber-one.

Some highlight stats for the Rebels were Engelstad pulling down 10 rebounds and dishing out six assists, and Waliser with 10 rebounds also, and two steals. May recorded three steals and two blocks. Talon Porter also had two blocks on the night. Some highlight stats for the Eagles were Evavold with nine rebounds, Wavra with seven rebounds, and Nolan Hallaway also with seven rebounds and two steals.

The Rebels won 66-44 to proceed to 2-0 on the beginning of the season while the Eagles fall to 0-2.

Auman, Tera Qualley, and Dede Walton. The sophomores who attended were Erin Jones, David Clifton, Holly Johnsrud, and Josh Kelley. The eighth graders who went were Sidney Olson, Chris Longtin, Derek Peterson, Tanisha Srnsky, Sophia Linder, Abby Walton, Britain Arlt, Madison Carlson, Garrett Qualley, AJ Jones, Rickey Ulrich, Brandie DeHate, and Zach Benson. The seventh graders included Faith Hanson, Katelyn Suchy, Tristyn Ferguson, and Andrew Gryskiewicz.



RLCC SADD students enjoyed jumping into the Foam Pit on the trip to Northern Air.

Oklee Herald Early Files

Seventy Years Ago
November 29, 1945
Therese Fortier and Virgil Radniecki were married on November 26th at St. Francis Catholic Church in Oklee.
Arthur Klasen returned home from the Army. He had been overseas for 30 months, in Ireland, Wales, Scotland, Belgium, Germany, England, France, Luxemburg, Czechoslovakia and Austria.
AT the school carnival last week, Joy Thompson and Orville Hanson were chosen as Queen and King of the Carnival.
Sixty Years Ago
December 8, 1955
Janice Grimm and Alvin Turner were married in Immanuel Lutheran Church in McIntosh.
Dan Lynch won the Assessor position in the Village election on a write-in vote. Out of 35 votes, 23 went to Lynch.
Tax valuation for Red Lake County hits high figure of \$2,613,296 according to the County Auditor Arthur Prenevost.
Fifty Years Ago
December 2, 1965
Milo Larson and Glenn Tasa were named to the advisory board in connection with the new Junior College in Thief River Falls.
Marlene Johnson and Virginia Stenberg of Oklee

took first and second in the 10th annual Make It With Wool contest.
Donald Larson, of Oklee, headed up the Red Lake County Crippled Children's appeal.
The Junior Class of Oklee presented the play, "Me and My Shadow" under the direction of Mr. Hietala.
Forty Years Ago
November 27, 1975
Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Wertish and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Solie announce the engagement of their children Mary and Danny. The wedding was planned for April 1976 in McIntosh.
Phillip Knott was awarded a trophy for outstanding agronomy exhibitor. The award was presented by Red Lake County Coop Imp. Assn.
Gordon Foss accused of shooting five elk on his property was found not guilty of a crime. The jury held that he was justified in taking the elk.
Thirty Years Ago
November 27, 1985
Oklee first snowfall came on Monday night, November 18th, and it came big, causing meetings to be canceled and Tuesday, more of the same. According to Einar Kvasager we had 9 inches of snow from the 18th to the 24th.
Mr. and Mrs. Orlando Chervestad and Robert Flaten were Friday evening guests at the Gary and Barb Anderson

home in Thief River Falls.
A bridal shower was held for Nancy Traxler on Friday evening at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Plummer.
Twenty Years Ago
December 6, 1995
Karolina Svensson is a foreign exchange student at the Oklee School. She is from Stockholm, Sweden and is staying with the Barb & Don Bernard family.
The Plummer Meal Site was the recipient of \$100 recently from the Home Health Agency of First Care Medical Services. Birthday visitors for K.B. Knutson included his son, Gary and wife Kristy from Wisconsin.
Ten Years Ago
December 1, 2005
The Bell Choir performed chime music at the Ecumenical Thanksgiving services held at Zion Lutheran on Wednesday night. The Ecumenical Choir, comprised of members from both Zion and St. Francis Xavier churches, also performed many songs.
Roy and Carolyn Rystad were honored with the Fan of the Year for the Fall of 2005.
A winter storm blew into northwest Minnesota, with rain starting at noon on Sunday. Travelers were warned to get an early start to avoid the slippery roads.

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Variations in Crop Yields

What impact will future climate change have on our food supply? That depends in part on the extent to which variations in crop yield are attributable to variations in climate.
A new report from researchers at the University of Minnesota Institute on the Environment has found that climate variability historically accounts for one-third of yield variability for maize, rice and wheat and soybeans worldwide-the equivalent of 36 million metric tons of food each year. This provides valuable information planners and policy makers can use to target efforts to stabilize farmer income and food supply and so boost food security in a warming world.
* The work was published in February, 2015 in Nature Communications by Deepak Ray, James Gerber and others of the IonE's Global Landscapes Initiative.
* The researchers looked at newly available production statistics for maize, rice, wheat, and soybean form 13,500 political units around the world between 1979 and 2008, along with precipitation and temperature data. The team used these data to calculate year to year fluctuations and estimate how much of the yield variability could be attributed to climate variability.
* About 32 to 39 percent of year to year variability for the four crops could be explained by climate variability. This is substantial-the equivalent of 22 million metric tons of maize, 3 million metric tons of rice, 9

million metric tons of wheat, and 2 million metric tons of soybeans per year.
* The links between climate and yield variability differed among regions. Climate variability explained much of the yield variability in some of the most productive regions, but far less in low yielding regions. This means that really productive areas contribute to food security by having a bumper crop when the weather is favorable but can be hit really hard when the weather is bad and contribute disproportionately to global food insecurity. At the other end of the spectrum, low yielding regions seemed more resilient to bad weather years but didn't see big gains when the weather is ideal. Some regions, such as parts in Asia and Africa, showed little correlation between climate variability and yield variability.
* More than 60 percent of the yield variability can be explained by climate variability in regions that are important producers of major crops, including the Midwestern U S, the North China Plains, western Europe and Japan.
* Depicted as global maps, the results show where and how much climate variability. The research team is now looking at historical records to determine if the variability is attributable to climate has changed over time and if so, what aspects of climate are most pertinent. Yield variability can be a big problem from both economic and food supply standpoints. The results of the study and the follow up work can be used to improve food stability around the world

by identifying hot spots of food insecurity today as well as those likely to exacerbated by climate change in the future.
The University of Minnesota's Institute on the Environment seeks lasting solutions to Earth's biggest challenges through research, partnerships and leadership development. For more information, visit environment.umn.edu.
Source: University of Minnesota Press Release.

Senior Site News and Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

We were treated to a nice day on Thanksgiving. We really have been fortunate to be able to drive on good roads and temperatures have been very nice for November.
I didn't take advantage of "Black Friday" but it sounded like many people did. I thought of going shopping on Saturday, but decided I would shop on a day when there aren't as many people to contend with.
This week will be quiet at the Site but next week there are many activities taking place. The Scandinavian Day should be exciting as there will be so many of the wonderful Scandinavian goodies to taste. This year it will be held in the

Community Center as there is a nice kitchen and counter to serve guests.

Dates to Remember
Dec. 8: Scandinavian Day 3:30 or later
Dec. 15: Evening Meal Christmas Meal
Dec. 17: Site Council Meets

Words of Wisdom
To become someone's friend, offer dependability.
Good fortune may favor you but don't depend on it.

Joke Time
Two men --Tarquin and Kev - were waiting for a job interview. Tarquin spoke with

an educated accent and was immaculately dressed in a smart blazer and an Oxford University tie; Kev had an old jacket, frayed cuffs and greasy hair. After a few moments, Tarquin noticed Kev's tie.
"Oh," he said, "I see you're wearing an Oxford tie, too."
"Yeah", replied Kev.
"I hope you don't take this the wrong way," continued Tarquin, "but you don't look like the sort of a chap who'd have gone to Oxford"
"Nah", said Kev.
"So" said Tarquin, "when were you at Oxford? What did you do there?"
"Bought a tie" said Kev.

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

We had a really nice Thanksgiving this year. The weather could have been so very bad but we lucked out with nice weather and not too bad in temperature. At least we didn't have to worry that our company who were on the roads didn't have to fight ice and snow. Just one more thing to be thankful for. There are many more things to be thankful for as well and if we really look at it, the list is never ending.
Elaine Radniecki visited with Keith Radniecki and family in Verndale for Thanksgiving. She returned home on Friday.
Diane and Clarence Gagner went to Maple Plain for Thanksgiving visiting with Stephanie and Craig Koralewski.
On Friday Clarence and Diane Gagner visited with Dan and Alicia Gagner in Farmington. On their way back to Brooks, they stopped at Wadena to visit their new little great grandson, Nolan Roy, the son of Tyler and Lynn Gagner of Battle Lake. Grandparents are Tim and Brenda Gagner of Fergus Falls. Congratulations to the Gagner family on their

new arrival, and a new baby to cuddle.
Anita Mattson of Bismarck, North Dakota visited with Reinette and Ray Walter of Plummer for Thanksgiving, and on Friday she and Reinette visited with Walter Novak at the farm. On Saturday, Anita Mattson visited with Jerome and Barb Novak and had supper with the Novaks and Ellensons. She left for Bismarck on Sunday.
Matt and Nancy Ellenson of Warroad, and their children, Ian, Phillip, Daphne, and Margaret, visited Jerome and Barb Novak of Brooks. They came on Thanksgiving and left on Sunday. They even managed to beat Grandpa at whist this time.
Rebecca Novak of Mankato came to visit Jerome and Barb Novak of Brooks. As usual she decorated the outside for Christmas. She loves to have things nice for Christmas.
Congratulations to Jason Yutrzenska of Argyle, grandson of Ray and Reinette Walter of Plummer for being named to All State 9 man football team. He is the nephew of Jerome Novak.
Deb Champagne and Ron Versdahl were the

Thanksgiving dinner caterers for the Brooks area on Thanksgiving. Thank you to them for delivering meals to the shut-ins who wanted a good Thanksgiving dinner. After they delivered the meals they visited with Cindy and Del Determan in the afternoon.
Cindy and Del Determan and Meg went to Brad and Lorrie Determan's home for Thanksgiving supper.
We are so blessed in this country and so many are not grateful for our surplus. Most people today have more than our ancestors would have dreamed of and they whine that they have it so bad. I sometimes go to historical homes and they are so simple and sparse and seem so empty. But they didn't have all the things we have today. Closets were tiny because the people had a set of work clothes and a set of Sunday clothes. So next time you whine about not having anything you think you need, remind yourself that your Grandma didn't have it and she lived.
People of the week are Deb Champagne and Randy Versdahl. Thank you for being the Thanksgiving catering crew for the shut-ins at Brooks. We appreciate your help and community service.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir or Madam
Notice to the Oklee Tax Payers
As you may or may not be aware of the City Board of Oklee meets every second Monday night at 6:00 p.m. each month in the Oklee Café. These board meetings affect each and every person in Oklee, from your newborn child to your parents, on up to your oldest grandparents. As you are aware these City Board members and the Mayor of Oklee are elected by yourself and myself to your neighbors to the left and right of where you live and work. However, there are maybe three to four citizens who attend these monthly meetings. Thus, the Board members, never have to deal with the people that elected them to the board. Taxpayers of Oklee, I know you are tired at 6:00 p.m. in the evening, and yes this time of year its cold outside, kids have homework and meals have to be made. But it is only one night during a month every second Monday of the month.

Minutes of these board meetings are public information but are seldom, if ever given to the Oklee Herald to be published, and the minutes are not posted by the City Clerks office to be viewed by the Public. Your City Clerk and the Special Advisor to the City Board, are free to function without being held accountable to the Taxpayers who elected them. Your Mayor needs you to come to the meetings, your families and you need to show an interest. Please for one minute do not believe that your elected City Board is serving in your best interest, they are not. However, I must give credit to Kent, he is looking out for you. The other board members have missed on the average three to four board meetings this year each, so how can the Mayor run effective meetings with no board members showing up. One monthly meeting had to be closed, no bills were paid for the city and no city business was conducted because board members, not one, but three never showed up. Come on People, come to the Board meetings. Your Mayor needs you, your City needs you.
Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.
Matthew Genova
Oklee Resident

Plummer News By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

is a Lions Service project. The plan is to have a penpal for a month. Then change to a new one. Those who wish, can still write to their penpals at home, while they start writing to a new one. My penpal is Graceyn Kvasager. She is in 1st grade. This is a great project.
Red Lake County Central Plummer had their Christmas Concert on Tuesday the 24th at 7:00 p.m. It was called "Jingle Bell Jukebox!" The 5th and 6th grade band played several songs, including "Good King Wenslaus." The 4th, 5th, & 6th sang "Jingle Bell Jukebox." It sounds like it was good and many came.
Hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving with your family! Remember December 13th, in Plummer, the Holiday Train

will be here at 6:30 p.m. Food for the Food Shelf can be brought to the Tri-River Museum. More details later. The boxcar opens up and the band performs. The cars are beautifully decorated. It is a very special occasion!

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RLCC junior high trumpeters playing "Trumpet Tribute" at the fall music concert were Brock Tvedt, Brody Moen, Eric Gieseke, Tristyn Ferguson, Katelyn Suchy, and George Duden.

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