

Oklee Precipitation
By Einar Kvasager

	Rain	Snow
Dec. 1		0.50
Dec. 2		1.50
Total in.	0.00	2.00

Oklee Herald

...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

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Casual Fridays brings benefits to others



Anthony Holthusen, Executive Vice President Security State Bank/Agency with Phil Fore, Basketball program.

Over ten years ago, it was decided to change the dress code for just one day a week at Security State Bank and Security State Agency of Oklee. The employees of the Bank and Agency have since had the option of wearing jeans and casual clothing on Fridays. However, the privilege isn't free. Part of the agreement was that the employees pay \$1.00 for each Friday they dress casually.

So what is the money collected used for? The

employees all get to put a name on the list and then they have to vote on it. In past years the Red Lake County Relay for Life, the RLCC Youth Wrestling, Mikayla Morinville and many others groups have benefited.

The money collected is donated to a place that all the employees agree on. This year the money was split. Half of the money was given to the Oklee Ambulance Service and the other half was given to the Youth Basketball Program.



Wyatt Vetteson, Security State Bank/Agency employee with Wanda Wright, Oklee Ambulance Service.



Saturday brings Santa

Santa is coming to town! Updated news from the North Pole has come to the Oklee Herald office about Santa visit to the area.

Santa will be in Oklee at the Oklee Community Hall 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 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 crafts for the children to do. And at 1:00 p.m. sleigh rides are available for anyone wishing to go on a sleigh ride.

New this year, for the month of December, the Oklee Community Club is holding a snowman building contest with the winner chosen on December 28th. From what this office has been told, you have to register where your snowman is being built, because you can build it in your own yard. The prize amounts are: 1st Place Award - \$100.00; 2nd Place Award - \$75.00 and 3rd Place Award - \$50.00.

On Sunday, December 13th, the Holiday Train is coming back to Plummer for another fun evening of food, fun and Santa too!

Santa and Mrs. Claus visited Brooks



On Sunday, December 6th, Santa and Mrs. Claus stopped by Brooks to visit with the children. The fun began with a supper of hotdogs or pulled pork, crab salad, beans, beverages and a cupcake/cookie. Everybodys names were added into a drawing and everyone received a gift from under the tree, children and adults alike. And lots of visiting with friends and neighbors was done with the hall buzzing with conversations.



CP's Holiday Train ready to brighten communities and warm hearts for the 17th year

Plummer is once again one of the stops on December 13th

Every year, the CP Holiday Trains travel through dozens of communities, raising food and cash donations for North American food banks.

Again this year, the Holiday Train program is encouraging people attending events to bring heart healthy donations. Heart health education and awareness is a tenet of CP's community investment program, CP Has Heart, which focuses on improving the heart health of men, women and children in communities across North America.

The two brightly lit trains were kicked off in the Montreal area on November 27 and 28, on their way to visit approximately 150 communities. The "Canadian Train" travels west

across Canada finishing its journey in Port Coquitlam, British Columbia. The "US Train" visits communities across the U.S. Northeast and Midwest, and returns back to Canada for shows in Saskatchewan and Alberta.

The concerts are always free, but you're encouraged to make a donation to the local food bank -- either a non-perishable food item or a cash donation. All contributions will stay within your local community.

The entertainment scheduled for the Holiday Train on December 13th is Kira Isabella and Doc Walker.

On December 13th, the CP Holiday Train begins in Glenwood, MN (10:00 a.m.) in the morning, traveling north

to Alexandria (12:00 p.m.), Henning (1:00 - 1:20 p.m.), to Detroit Lakes (3:45 - 4:15 p.m.), and the stop most of us have been waiting for is Plummer (6:30 - 7:00 p.m.). After the stop in Plummer, it is on to Thief River Falls at the City Hall, 2017 Highway 59 SE (8:00 PM - 8:30 PM) for the last show of the evening.

Kira Isabella
Ottawa-born Kira Isabella is Canada's brightest young Country Music star. Kira has been nominated for two JUNO Awards and in 2013 she was crowned 'Female Artist of the Year' at the CCMA's, just one year after her first CCMA win for 'Rising Star.'

Her debut album Love Me Like That, boasts four hit

singles including the smash "A Little More Work." In 2014, Kira released her second album, Caffeine & Big Dreams.

Doc Walker
Canadian country legends Doc Walker are back with their new album "The 8th"! This long celebrated band has just released the albums third single "That's What I Call Love" to country radio to critical acclaim -- fans are thrilled to have Doc Walker back!

With over 20 Top 10 singles, Doc Walker is one of the most recognized Canadian country acts of the past two decades.

City of Plummer
The City of Plummer has been busy getting their Holiday plans in place for the CP Holiday Train. On December 13th, the festivities begin at 5:00 p.m. with a light lunch, coffee, cookies, hot chocolate at the Tri Rivers Pioneer Museum. The children's fun starts at 5:30 p.m. with Santa arriving at the Gazebo. Wagon rides will also begin at that time. At 6:00 p.m. the Red Lake County Elementary Choir will sing outside at the Tri Rivers Pioneer Museum. 6:15 p.m. is the scheduled time for the CP Holiday Train to come to Plummer, with the show starting approximately at 6:30 p.m. And don't forget to bring a donation for the local food shelf.

The organizations sponsoring the Holiday event are the Lions, Lions Too, Inter-County Community Council, Tri Rivers Pioneers and the City of Plummer.

Calendar of Events

- Wed, Dec. 9:**
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. - Bridge.
- Thu, Dec. 10:**
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. - Bingo.
- Fri, Dec. 11:**
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
- Sat, Dec. 12:**
-Support your local business - Shop Locally!
- Sun, Dec. 13:**
-Worship at the church of your choice.
- Mon, Dec. 14:**
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
- Tue, Dec. 15:**
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. - Cards
-LSS Sr. Evening Meals 5:00 p.m.
- Wed, Dec. 16:**
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. - Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.

USDA Announces Enrollment Period for Safety Net Coverage in 2016

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Val Dolcini announced that producers who chose coverage from the safety net programs established by the 2014 Farm Bill, known as the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) or the Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs, can begin visiting FSA county offices starting Dec. 7, 2015, to sign contracts to enroll in coverage for 2016. The enrollment period will continue until Aug. 1, 2016.

"The choice between ARC and PLC is completed and remains in effect through 2018,

but producers must still enroll their farm by signing a contract each year to receive coverage," said Dolcini.

Producers are encouraged to contact their local FSA office to schedule an appointment to enroll. If a farm is not enrolled during the 2016 enrollment period, producers on that farm will not be eligible for financial assistance from the ARC or PLC programs should crop prices or farm revenues fall below the historical price or revenue benchmarks established by the program.

The two programs were authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill and offer a safety net

to agricultural producers when there is a substantial drop in prices or revenues for covered commodities. Covered commodities include barley, canola, large and small chickpeas, corn, crambe, flaxseed, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, dry peas, rapeseed, long grain rice, medium grain rice (which includes short grain and sweet rice), safflower seed, sesame, soybeans, sunflower seed and wheat. Upland cotton is no longer a covered commodity. For more details regarding

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Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH

Zion and Salem
Pastor Margaret Jacobus

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

Sun, Dec. 13: 9:00 a.m. Zion. 9:00 a.m. SS at Salem. 10:15 a.m. SS at Zion. 10:30 a.m. Salem.

Mon, Dec. 14: 9:00 a.m. Quilting at Zion. 7:00 p.m. Zion Board meeting.

Wed, Dec. 15: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH OKLEE

Fr. Adam Hamness

Sun, Dec. 13: 7:30 a.m. Confessions 8:00 a.m. Mass.

BROOKS - RED LAKE FALLS CATHOLIC PARISH

Fr. Bill DeCrans

Sat, Dec. 12: 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph - RLF

Sun, Dec. 12: 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

Wed, Dec. 9: 6:30 p.m. Immanuel Church Council.

Sat, Dec. 12: 9 - 11 a.m. SS School Program practice at Immanuel.

Sun, Dec. 13: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer. No SS - arrive at 10:00 a.m. for 10:30 a.m. Worship/Christmas program at Immanuel. Refreshments following service.

Wed, Dec. 16: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation at Immanuel.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA

Bethany-Ekelund-Faith

Robert W. Dahlen, Pastor

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

Sun, Dec. 13: 8:30 a.m. Bethany; 9:30 a.m. SS. 9:45 a.m. Faith; 11:00 a.m. SS. 11:00 a.m. Ekelund SS Program; 9:45 a.m. SS practice. 4:00 p.m. Bethany SS program.

Mon, Dec. 14: 9:30 a.m. Rachel Circle.

Wed, Dec. 15: 7:30 p.m. Advent Services at Ekelund.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH

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

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

Sat, Dec. 12: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive. 10:15 a.m. SS/Confirmation.

Sun, Dec. 13: 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. 16: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School/Confirmation.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH

Josiah Hoagland, Pastor

Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor

www.newjourneyfosston.com

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

Thu, Dec. 10: 12:00 p.m. Rotary meeting.

Fri, Dec. 11: 8:00 a.m. Friday School.

Sun, Dec. 13: 9:30 a.m. Children's Christmas program. 6:00 p.m. Peder Eide Concert practice. 7:00 Peder Eide Concert.

Tue, Dec. 15: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study. 10:30 a.m. Quilting.

Wed, Dec. 16: 9:30 a.m. Christians Women's Club. 6:30 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group Caroling.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH

Bethany * Lund

Sand Valley Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister

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

Sun, Dec. 13: 9:00 a.m. Lund. 10:30 a.m. Bethany. 2 p.m. Sand Valley SS Christmas Program.

Wed, Dec. 16: 2:00 p.m. Sand Valley WELCA.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY

Fosston

Jon Marx, Lead Pastor

Seth Johnson, Assist. Pastor

Sun, Dec. 13: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship.

Deadline: Fridays at noon!

Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir or Madam
Public Information
Oklee City Residents, shortly after I wrote my letter to the Oklee Herald Newspaper and before it was published, Sheriff, Mitch Bernstein informed me that Oklee City Clerk, Derrick Cross called the Sheriff's Office asking that a Sheriff Officer be at the December 12th City Board meeting. The City Clerk stated that the Ladies on the City Board requested this action as well as the City Clerk Derrick Cross. The so called City Advisor to the Oklee Board was influential in this decision to request the Sheriff's Department to be present. It is the Clerks right as well as the Cities board members right to request the Sheriff be present. However, the sitting board members and the City Clerk, as well as their so called advisor will not keep me from the board meetings on December 12th. I hope that some of the City Residents and Taxpayers will also attend the December 12th board meeting to see firsthand how its elected City Council and their appointed City Clerk and so called City Advisor conduct these City Board meetings.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,
Matthew Genova

Oklee Senior Site Dining

Oklee Senior Site Dining
December 14 - 18

Call 796-5666 to order a meal.

If you are over the age of 60 and would like to eat with other seniors at the Senior Site, please call the Café at 796-5666 to reserve your meal. A \$4.00 per meal donation is suggested.

Monday: Pancake, sausage patty, 1 egg, dessert, and milk.

Tuesday: Evening meal: Baked ham, raisin sauce, parsley buttered potatoes, squash, dessert and milk.

Wednesday: Grilled cheese sandwich, potato bacon soup, dessert and milk.

Thursday: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, dessert and milk.

Friday: Hamburger patty w/fried onions, hash browns, vegetables, birthday cake, and milk.

Tri-Valley Public Transportation

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

Fri, Dec. 11: Bemidji - Winger, Erskine, McIntosh.

Mon, Dec. 14: Grand Forks - Fosston, McIntosh, Erskine, Mentor.

Tue, Dec. 15: 7-Clans Casino/Theft River Falls - Crookston, Fertile, Winger, Erskine, Brooks.

Wed, Dec. 16: Fargo-Moorhead - Red Lake Falls, Plummer, Oklee, McIntosh, Mentor, Crookston.

The Oklee American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 159, celebrated American Education Week November 16 - 20, by serving cupcakes made by the Auxiliary members to the RLCC faculty and staff. Pictured serving are Auxiliary members: L to R: Rose Skallet, Mary Lynn Bachand and LaVonne Brown.



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HOLIDAY TRAIN

5:30 Santa arrives at the Gazebo

5:30 Wagon Rides for Kids at the Gazebo

6:00 Elementary Choir sings outside at the Museum

6:15 Train Arrives

5:00-7:00 Light lunch and coffee, cookies, hot chocolate at the Tri Rivers Pioneer Museum.

Sponsored by Lions, Lions Too, Inter-County Community Council, Tri Rivers Pioneers and the City of Plummer.

Please bring a donation to the food shelf.

Sunday,
Dec. 13,
2015

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS OF TOWNSHIPS HAVING MARCH ELECTIONS

The dates of filing affidavits of candidacy for township offices are Tuesday, December 29, 2015 through Tuesday, January 12, 2016. Offices open are Supervisor and Clerk. The filings may be done at the Clerk's office at any reasonable time. Filings close at 5:00 pm on January 12, 2016. Filing fee is \$2.00.

Red Lake County Township Officers Ass'n.

Marie Chaput, Secretary

037-38C

In Memory of Doris Hanson

I said, God I hurt.
And God said, I know.
I said, I cry a lot.
And God said, That's why I gave you tears.
I said, Life is so hard.
And God said, That's why I gave you loved ones.
I said, But my love one died.
And God said, So did Mine!
I said, It's such a great loss!!
And God said, I saw mine nailed on the cross!!
I said, But your loved one lives!!
And God said, So does yours!!
I said, Where is she now??
And God said, My Son is by my side and your wife is in my arms!!

Elmer and families 037C

Christmas Cookie Sale

It's time for the annual

SALEM CHURCH CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE FUNDRAISER

Saturday, December 12th
9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Oklee Community Hall during Santa Claus Days

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

Red Lake County Commissioners Minutes

RED LAKE COUNTY Regular Meeting Held October 27, 2015

Pursuant to adjournment of its regular meeting the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners duly met in regular session at the courthouse in Red Lake Falls, MN on October 27, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. Chairman Weiss called the meeting to order. Commissioner Flage was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The board members reviewed information submitted by Tanya Hanson of the SWCD regarding a request from the Enbridge Energy/ North Dakota Pipeline Company for a shore land permit to complete a land alternation/maintenance project within County Ditch 2 (the Beau Berlot Creek). The work area is located approximately 6.2 miles southwest of Brooks in section 36 of Terrebonne Township. Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Sorensen and carried unanimously to approve the permit as presented.

Commissioner Flage arrived at 10:20 a.m.

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

Vendor Name	Amount
H & L Mesabi	\$6,076.16
O'Day Equipment	\$5,605.00
Thygeson Construction	\$90,834.28
Truenorth Steel	\$5,313.04
20 Payments less than \$2,000	\$3,678.17
Final Total	\$111,506.65

The motion includes the following additional bills: \$53.43 to Ace Hardware; \$238.23 to AT&T; \$14.58 to Colonial Life; \$103.10 to Creative Forms; \$59.80 to Jim Nystul; \$6,683.00 to NW Regional Library; \$614.51 to Quill; \$20.74 to Red lake County Highway Dept.; \$210.00 to Tyler Technology; \$2,035.50 to University of North Dakota.

County Engineer Kleven was present and distributed the 2014 Annual Report of the Highway Department to board members.

The following Commissioner/Committee reports were shared: Commissioner Simpson County Economic Development Committee meeting; toured the Enbridge Energy pumping station at Plummer.

Flage County Extension Committee; Red Lake County Rural Housing Authority meeting on the Down payment Assistance Program.

Sorensen County Econom-

ic Development Loan Committee; Town Officers meeting in Plummer; Inter County Nursing Executive Board discussing the budget and change in Health Insurance to BCBS, and a Corrections Advisory Committee meeting.

Lerohl Town Officers meeting; County Extension; Enbridge tour of the Plummer pump station.

Weiss Area Agency on Aging and Corrections Advisory Committee meeting.

Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Simpson and carried by unanimous vote to approve minutes from the regular board meeting held on October 13, 2015 as presented.

The NW Regional Development is seeking nominations from Red Lake County for appointment to the RDC (Regional Development Commission). The RDC selects an appointee from nominations submitted by counties for the open positions. Sorensen moved, seconded by Simpson and carried unanimously to nominate Commissioner Lerohl to the RDC Loan Enterprise Fund.

Commissioner Sorensen moved, seconded by Lerohl and carried unanimously to nominate Ron Weiss as a public interest representative to Watershed Districts.

The NW Regional Library informed that as of years end Betty Halverson has served a maximum of three, 3-year terms as county representative on the library's Board of Directors and is not eligible for re-appointment. Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Sorensen and carried by unanimous vote to appoint Marjorie LaCourse, Red Lake Falls, as county representative for a 3-year term commencing January 1, 2015.

Treasurer Knott met with the board to provide a county investment report. Knott reviewed the investment portfolio and interest earnings on county funds.

Colleen Hoffman of Hoffman, Philipp, & Knutson, LLC met with the board to present the 2014 financial audit report for the county. Hoffman reported that the county again was issued an unqualified opinion due to its excellent audit and strong financial position. However, the need for a county investment policy as mentioned in last year's audit, is still not resolved. The state requires all counties to have an investment policy for County Treasurer's to follow. Hoffman suggested that the County Treasurer discuss with the County Board and a policy be adopted to be in compliance. Hoffman informed that GASB No. 68 on PERA Liability

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these programs, go to www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc.

For more information, producers are encouraged to visit their local FSA office. To find a local FSA office, visit http://offices.usda.gov.

The ARC and PLC programs were made possible by the 2014 Farm Bill, which builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past six years, while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for taxpayers. Since enactment, USDA has made significant progress to implement each provision of this critical legislation, including providing disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; strengthening risk management tools; expanding access to rural credit; funding critical research; establishing innovative public-private conservation partnerships; developing new markets for rural-made products; and investing in infrastructure, housing and community facilities to help improve quality of life in rural America. For more information, visit www.usda.gov/farmbill.

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#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!

Senior Site Christmas Meal

The Senior Christmas Meal will be held on December 15th, at 5:00 p.m. There will be entertainment provided for the evening.

takes effect for the 2015 audit, and that an actuary might have to be hired to provide cost figures for the period of July 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. Cost is an issue as the requirement applies to all city and counties in the state. More information will be available later in the year on the requirement. The board thanked Hoffman for the report.

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

Attest:
Bob Schmitz, County Auditor

Ron Weiss, Chair,
Board of Commissioners
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MUSTANG STAMPEDE

RLCC Menus

December 14 - 18

Oklee

Mon: Breakfast: Egg, cheese & sausage biscuit, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** BBQ chicken quesadilla, lettuce salad, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Tue: Breakfast: Coffee cake, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Corn dogs, macaroni & cheese, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

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

Thu: Breakfast: Pancakes on a stick, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Ham patty, tator tots, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Fri: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Cold subs, chips, fresh vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Plummer

Mon: Breakfast: Hot oatmeal/cold cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Scalloped potatoes & ham, corn, string cheese, bread, fruit, and milk.

Tue: Breakfast: Cinnamon streusel coffee cake, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Cheeseburger on bun, oven fries, green beans, fruit, and milk.

Wed: Breakfast: Egg omelet, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** French toast sticks, sausage patty, tropical fruit, yogurt, and milk.

Thu: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Chili or chicken noodle soup, cheese/crackers, grilled cheese, PB sandwich, salad, fruit, and milk.

Fri: Breakfast: Egg wrap, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Quesadilla, sour cream, salsa, lettuce, tomatoes, carrot dippers, Teddy Grahams, sherbet, and milk.

Sports Schedules

RLC Rebels

Boy Basketball

Thu, Dec. 10: NCTC at Northland CC TBD

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

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

RLCC Mustang Wrestling

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

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

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

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

Girls Basketball

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

Mon, Dec. 14: Tournament at NCTCTBD

Tue, Dec. 15: Tournament at NCTCTBD

Thu, Dec. 17: Tournament at NCTCTBD

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

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

Mustangs lose first game to Sacred Heart

By: Katie Pendelton

The Red Lake County Central Mustangs girls' basketball team had their first game on Tuesday, December 1. They played against East Grand Forks Sacred Heart Eagles. In the first half of the game the Mustangs scored 13 points and the Eagles scored 48 points. In the second half Mustangs had 4 more points and the Eagles had 42 more points. The final score for the game were 17-90 with the Eagles winning.

Scoring for the Mustangs were Taylor Bushelle with seven, Brandi Jensen with six, and Nikki Schmitz and Michelle Sundquist each with two.

The Eagles scorers were Michele Remer with 19, Ivy Edwards with 15, Anya Edwards with 14, Jessica Remer with nine, Hannah Reimer with eight, Hannah Hollcraft and Abby Smidt each

RTI Math and Reading at RLCC

By: Nicole Riendeau and Katie Pendelton

Response to Intervention, usually referred to as RTI, has been implemented in many schools as a way to reach children who need a little extra help in either math or reading. At RLCC Elementary School, two teachers along with three



Dan Brustad, Math RTI instructor and the Math Corps Coach at RLCC Elementary

others work with RTI. They are Dan Brustad and Stacey Fougner along with Clare Olson, Linette Clifton, and Joanie Simpson.

Dan Brustad is the Response for to Interventions Math instructor and the Math Corps internal coach. The math corps tutor is Mrs. Clare Olson.



Clare Olson, Math Corps tutor at RLCC Elementary

This is his first year for both positions after serving 34 years in a regular education classroom. RLCC elementary has had these programs for two years, but this is the first year there has been separate math and reading RTI departments.

According to Brustad,

"These math programs were implemented to help better serve our students at RLCC, who are in need of a little extra instruction to get them up to grade level, and also to help students who do not qualify for Special Education services but are in need of further mathematic interventions." In his role, Brustad works with 16 students in grades K-6 and Math Corp works with 12 students from grades 4-6.

Both programs work with their students five days a week. Brustad stated, "The students are taught using research based data based interventions that will enhance the student's skill level in many areas of



RLCC Elementary RTI Reading teacher Stacey Fougner

mathematics, especially in numbers and operations."

He enjoys working with small groups of students and noted it is much different than working in a classroom. He likes the small grouping because "students can be assured of the attention needed and receive immediate feedback to the quality of their knowledge on the concepts of being taught each day."

RLCC Elementary has had the RTI reading program at the school for a long time, but the current reading program has been at the school for three years. The school decided to implement the program to close the achievement gap between General Education (Tier 1) and Special Education. The reading RTI is classified as Tier 3 Instruction. In the reading RTI students are provided with intensive, individual interventions that are

with six, Jocelyn Adolphson with five, and Anna Koponen and Rachel Hatcher each with four.

Mustangs vs. Sacred Heart in Wrestling

By: Nicole Riendeau

Red Lake County Central wrestled against Sacred Heart December 1, 2015. At 113 pounds Bryce Bergerson won by forfeit. Tyler Sandahl pinned Jaden Fjestad in 3:05 at 120 pounds. At 132 pounds Ben Knolling pinned Evan Bridgeford in :26. Dylan Gustafson pinned Will Rohrich in 1:33 at 138 pounds. At 160 pounds Tristyn Ferguson won by forfeit. Kyle Gagner was pinned by Cameron Bridgeford in :39 at 170 pounds. George Duden won by forfeit at 195 pounds. At 220 pounds, Nick Pahlen was pinned by Iasse Flores in 1:12. Tristan Larson at heavyweight pinned Grant Sullivan in :43.

At 106 and 126 pounds there was a double forfeit. At 145, 152, and 182 pounds East Grand Forks won by forfeit.

Rebels Advance to 3-0

By: Wyatt Waldal

November 30 the Red Lake County Rebels went to Erskine to play the Win-E-Mac Patriots. The score at halftime was 29-28, Rebels leading. At the end of the close battle the score was 58-57 with a Rebel victory.

The leading scorer for the Rebels was Drake Engelstad with 22 followed by Austin Waliser-15, Will Duden-13, Austin May-four, and Talon Porter-four also. The Rebels struggled with shooting all game long but managed to stay in it until the end of the game. The Rebels shot 35% on the night out of a total of 71 shots.

The leading scorer for the Patriots was Alex Kiecker with 17 points followed by Brekken

research based. The purpose of the Reading Corps is to help students "below target" in reading which is classified as a Tier 3 Instruction. The Reading Corps works one-on-one with K-3 students. The RTI reading program benefits the students by giving them intensive Leveled Literacy Intervention (LLI) so students are able to make gains in reading.

Stacey Fougner is the RTI reading teacher. The RTI



RLCC Elementary Reading Corps Tutor Joanie Simpson.

Reading assistant is Mrs. Linette Clifton and the Reading Corps is Mrs. Joanie Simpson. Fougner has been involved in RTI for two years. She enjoys "working with small groups of students and helping them use strategies to use in reading and ultimately becoming successful readers." Fougner and Clifton work with 30-40 students in grades K-6 in small groups for 30 minutes daily. Simpson works on an individual basis with up to 20 students in grades K-3 for 20 minutes a day.



Linette Clifton, RTI Reading assistant at RLCC Elementary school.

2015 Leadership Conference

By Ana Almeida

Ten students from Red Lake County Central High School's 10th grade attended the 2015 Region 8-A Team Up Leadership Conference in Bemidji on Wednesday, December 2nd. Students from across Section 8A had the opportunity to be engaged with Craig Hillier, a nationally recognized leader in teaching Positive Student Leadership, and also received a copy of his

latest book "Playing Beyond the Scoreboard".

The RLCC students selected to attend were Jayden Fore, Erin Jones, Hannah Kolstoe, Kara Longtin, Sydney Melby, Katie Olson, Nick Pahlen, Jade Person, Linsey Thompson and Matthew Vettleson. They were involved with activities to prepare them to return to their schools and apply the leadership skills at their school.



RLCC sophomore Jayden Fore participated in one of many activities to learn about leadership and qualities of leadership at the Leadership conference.



Craig Hillier (back left), Team-Up Leadership speaker, involved area students including RLCC in games and activities focusing on leadership.



Red Lake County Central sophomore students at the Team-Up Leadership Conference: (from left to right): Nick Pahlen, Linsey Thompson, Sydney Melby, Katie Olson, Matt Vettleson. Front: Kara Longtin, Erin Jones, Jayden Fore, Hannah Kolstoe, and Jade Person.

RLCC plays Ada-Borup

By Taylor Klasen

RLCC girls' basketball first home game of the season was held Thursday, December 3. The Mustangs lost to Ada-Borup in Plummer. In the first half Mustangs had a score of 11 and the Cougars had a score of 55. In the second half the Mustangs scored six points and the Cougars scored 28 for a final score of 83 to 17.

On the Mustang side Ashley Longtin scored five, Julia Bernstein four, Katherine DeHate two, Taylor Bushelle two, Holly Vettleson two, and Brandi Jensen two points. For the Cougars, Lexi Nelson scored 22, Morgan Miller 19, Julia

Brainard 10, Emma Kroshus eight, Elizabeth Birkemeyer six, Tianna Hilde five, Lana Soen three, Brooklyn Erickson two, and Brooke Ruebke scored two points.

RLC defeats Goodridge/Grygla

By: Ethan Vettleson

Red Lake County beat Goodridge/Grygla 66 to 41 in boys' basketball. The game was played December 3 in Grygla. The Rebels shot 25-53 from the field and the Chargers shot 15-61. First half of the game the Rebels scored 37 points and the Chargers scored 17 points. RLC had 29 points in the second half to the Chargers 24.

Drake Engelstad led the

Rebels in points with 20. Will Duden had 18, Austin Waliser nine, Austin May seven, Talon Porter seven, Ethan Vettleson three, and Ethan Johnson two. May led the Rebels with rebounds. He had eight and Waliser had seven. Engelstad had three assist along with May and Waliser. Duden and Englestad both had four steals. Waliser blocked four shots and May had two.

For the Chargers, Blain Kriel led the team with 10 points. Dylan Walker had eight, Ben Groven seven, Ty Jelle seven, Jesse Wiseth three, Tyler Stinar two, Benji Wilebski two, and Cameron Naeseth two. Walker had 12 rebounds, Groven had eight, and Ty Jelle had seven.

Oklee Herald Early Files

**Seventy Years Ago
December 6, 1945**
Sgt. Emil Singer, son of Mrs. Anna Singer of Oklee, was given his discharge from the Army in November. He entered the service in 1941.

William B. Seeger, defeated Nap L. Miller for the office of president of the village council in the election that was held on December 4th.

Lawrence L. Fortier, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. Fortier of Oklee returned to his home here last Saturday, having been given his discharge from the Army.

The village took on a little Holiday atmosphere the other day with the hanging of several steamers of colored lights across three of the streets.

**Sixty Years Ago
December 8, 1955**
A bridal shower was held in Immanuel Lutheran Church Sunday afternoon for Mrs. George Spong, Jr.

Oklee High School will hold its annual Christmas Program on December 16th and Plummer will hold theirs on December 21st.

Army Pvt. Darrel Christopherson, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Helmer Christopherson of Trail, recently was assigned to the 9th Infantry Division in Germany.

**Fifty Years Ago
December 9, 1965**
Village elections were held Tuesday in Oklee & Brooks: Councilman Milo Larson and Mayor O.M. Sundrud were re-elected in Oklee and in Brooks, Aurel Parenteau was elected Mayor with 33 write-in votes. Larry O'Neill's egg factory near Oklee was the subject of

an article by Harry Franta in a recent issue of the Grand Forks Herald.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Fore announce the engagement of their daughter, Judith to Roger Hoffman, son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Hoffman of Goodridge.

**Forty Years Ago
December 4, 1975**
Elmer Hanson was the emcee at the Bi-Centennial Talent Show that was held in Oklee last Saturday night.

The winners of the Bi-Centennial Talent Show were: 1st prize: Suellen Berry, Janet Brown and Margaret Bronken, singing "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy"; 2nd prize: Richard Lindquist and Marcia Radniecki, singing "Monday, Monday"; 3rd prize: Mary Cyr and Mark Fornier for a "Raggedy Ann & Raggedy Andy" act.

Early Saturday morning, two churches in Oklee were broken into. Zion Lutheran had one microphone and stand taken and St. Francis had two microphones, one stand and two candle holders taken. Two adults have been caught and the items have been returned.

**Thirty Years Ago
December 4, 1985**
Sandra Rustan of Oklee will be among the 500 student musicians performing in concert on December 6-8 at the 74th annual St. Olaf College Christmas Festival.

After preparing a meal for 31 people on Thanksgiving Day, the Morinville sisters and their mom met at the Oklee Recreation Center on Friday for a quiet lunch together. On December 2nd, the town of

Oklee was awakened by the fire whistle blowing. The volunteer firemen headed out to the Ingvald Olson farm where they found a small barn which had burned to the ground. Two hogs were lost in the fire.

**Twenty Years Ago
August 23, 1995**
Einar Kvasager, local precipitation recorder, stated that we had 23.5 inches of snow in November and the area is getting hit with more snow due to a winter storm.

Gary Johnson returned home on Sunday. He had hip surgery at a hospital in Fargo.

The bitter cold weather was hard on the annual 10th annual snowmobile races held last week at Pin Lake.

Sheila Kay Sebenaler and Travis Lowell Ness were united in marriage on August 12th, 1995 at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church.

**Ten Years Ago
December 8, 2005**
Withdrawal from Tri-County Corrections contract need a unanimous vote from all parties according to a letter from the Attorney General's office.

On Saturday evening, the Plummer Lions held their annual Christmas party. Special recognition was given to Louis Lallier, Mike Greenwald, Ferd DeHate and Kevin Longtin.

Oklee Music Jam Sessions are held in Oklee on Saturday evenings and performers come from all around. Playing this evening were Sue Lee, Patti & Eric Mickelson, Bonnie Hallett, Marlyn Haugen and Clay Haugen.

Alice Jobe had Thanksgiving Day dinner at brother Jack's at Badger. His girl friend Sherrie cooked. Brother Loren and his son Mike, brother Allan, Angie and Bradd, Phyllis and Joe Unruh of Warroad, niece Kari, Noah, and beau Greg. Sylvia (mom) of Roseau also came. A friend of Jack's came from near Bousejour, Manitoba and enjoyed the day as well. Later brother Gerald came for a while and names were drawn for Christmas.

The Christmas lights were put up before Thanksgiving in town. They look very nice. Some homes also have lights on.

The snowfall was nice, but we need more. The ice fishermen are getting antsy. Be careful! I'm ready to ski also.

Remember Christmas Holiday Train on December, 13th at 6:30 p.m. Sunday night.

Red Lake Falls Library News

Nantucket historian Nathaniel Philbrick's seafaring thriller "In the Heart of the Sea" is among the book-made-movie titles, a nonfiction read based on the tragic and true story of the 19th-century whaleship Essex which was rammed and sunk by an enraged whale in the South Pacific. The 1820 ordeal itself was the inspiration for Herman Melville's classic story "Moby-Dick," and has been portrayed most recently in the BBC film "The Whale" from February 2015, and in a film of the same name as Philbrick's book which is set for release in theaters this December.

"Nathaniel Philbrick brings an incredible story to life within these pages, from Nantucket's whaling economy and the mechanics of sailing a square-rigger to the often mysterious behavior of whales. But it is his portrayal of the crew of the Essex that makes this a heart-rending book." The adult nonfiction volume of 300+

pages was published in 2000, but Philbrick later developed a juvenilized version entitled "The Revenge of the Whale" for younger readers to enjoy.

These titles are all available at the RLF Library, as well as several of Philbrick's other books: "Mayflower: a Story of Courage Community and War," and the juvenilized version "Mayflower and the Pilgrim's New World," "Sea of Glory: America's Voyage of Discovery, the U. S. Exploring Expedition, 1838-1842," "The Last Stand: Custer, Sitting Bull, and the Battle of Little Bighorn," "Bunker Hill: a City, a Siege, a Revolution," and "Why Read Moby-Dick?"

Stop by the library this Saturday, December 12 for a little pre-Christmas cheer during our holiday open house, with refreshments and a "big book giveaway" -- all booksale items will be free. Many "new" books have been added to this one-day-only giveaway table, including many gently-used

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some really loved the sugar. Then Santa came and made all their hopes come true. Everybody got to eat and have a good time.

Our sympathy to the Novak family who lost another cousin to cancer. Ronald Vanyo died on Friday and his funeral is on Wednesday of this week. He lived in Larimore, North Dakota. Our sympathy to Walter, and Jerome Novak and Reinette Walter of Plummer.

chapter books for children and some kids' computer software games. On Wednesday afternoons during December,

Christmas-themed movies will be shown in the children's room and popcorn & hot cocoa will be available.

A simple storytime for toddlers is held on Saturday mornings at 10:30. Parents of young children are reminded of the Northwest Regional Library policy on unattended children at the library: "Parents and caregivers may not leave children under age 8 unattended in the library" and "the safety and welfare of children rests with the parent, guardian or their caretaker and not with NWRL staff." Additionally,

"If visiting the library without an adult, children ages 8 to 18 should make arrangements to be picked up by closing time. If children are left unattended 15 minutes prior to closing, staff will call parent/caregiver. If they have not arrived by closing or could not be reached, staff members will notify local police."

Our wish to you is that your week goes well, and that you get many things ready for the holidays this week.

Our kudos go out to Joyce Morinville and the crew, I believe Deb Champagne, Jan Johnson, and many others helped put on the Santa Day festivities and made it a success. Joyce and her crew did a spectacular job. They are the people of the week.

Regional Ag News Jim Stordahl, Extension Educator

Projecting Farm Bill Payments
NDSU has developed a new calculator that will show producers their PLC and ARC-CO payments under different Market Year Average (MYA) price and county yield scenarios. Both of these numbers are still unknown, but relatively close estimates can be made.

Farmers and lenders are trying to understand what safety net payments might be provided under the 2014 farm bill for the 2015 crop year. A new Excel worksheet, "2015 ARC-PLC Calculator," is available at <http://bit.ly/payment-calculator> to project those payments.

The 2015 ARC-PLC Calculator will show producers their Price Loss Coverage (PLC) and Agricultural Risk Coverage - County (ARC-CO) payments under different 2015 marketing year average (MYA) price and county yield scenarios.

"The 2015 MYA price is the one unknown for determining the PLC payment," says Andrew Swenson, North Dakota State University Extension Service farm and family resource management specialist. "Even at this early date, I believe you can get a fairly good range of possible PLC payments for many crops."

Swenson adds, "Currently, we are five months into the marketing year for wheat and its latest projected national average price is \$5. That would provide a 50-cent payment per

bushel of PLC payment yield." Corn and soybean national 2015 MYA prices are less certain because they are only two months into the 2015 marketing year. The U.S. Department of Agriculture is projecting a \$3.65 per bushel corn and \$8.90 per bushel soybean MYA price. At this level, the corn PLC payment would be a nickel per bushel of PLC yield, but the soybean price would have to drop another 50 cents per bushel before a PLC payment is triggered.

The benchmark revenue and revenue guarantees for the 2015 ARC-CO program have been determined for most crops. The actual 2015 MYA price and county yields are not known yet. However, producers should receive significant ARC-CO payments for most crops unless 2015 county yields are much higher than typical yields. County average yields are typically released late winter.

Producers cannot receive PLC and ARC-CO payments for the same crop on a farm. They had to make a choice in which program to enroll each crop on the FSA farm number. For more information about the farm bill, including an explanation of ARC-CO payments, visit <https://www.ag.ndsu.edu/farmmanagement/farm-bill>.

For more information, contact me at 800-450-2465 or stordahl@umn.edu. This information was provided by Andy Swenson, NDSU.

Plummer News By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

Mike and Sandy Greenwald are the excited grandparents of a baby boy born to Sheena and Adam Buckhouse of Aberdeen, SD. He was born Thanksgiving Day. He weighed 7 lbs, 12 oz. and is named Joseph Adam. He is welcomed by his two sisters. Mike and Sandy's daughters each have 2 girls and a boy. They have nine grandchildren. Congratulations to them!

Alice Jobe and Jean Carpenter visited Jean Matt and Fern Eskeli on Sunday afternoon at Oakland Park.

Enjoying Thanksgiving Day dinner at Steve Eskeli's were Melvin Eskeli, Lisa and Ryan Thompson and boys, Wesley Eskeli and Jeannie and Steve's kids.

Brandie DeHate celebrated her 14th birthday on Sunday at Anna DeHate's. Bernie and Jill DeHate and family were invited for an egg bake breakfast. In the evening,

they went to Grand Forks, ate supper, watched the Parade of Lights and saw the fireworks. What a fun birthday!

Ryan Ulrich, George Ulrich, Orin and Phyllis Linder, Inga Linder, Ted Linder and Scott Peterson were Thanksgiving Day dinner guest of Mark Davis' in Thief River Falls.

Congratulations to Lee Halvorson, who retired Wednesday from DigiKey!

Wavell Sorenson visited Inga Linder on Tuesday, December 1st.

Jerry Frietag and Carolyn, and Loretta Hesse had Thanksgiving dinner at Neal and Linda Mattison's in Thief River Falls.

Bunny DuChamp enjoyed Thanksgiving Day dinner at Jim and Debbie DuChamps. Some Vettlesons were there as well. They had around 40 people or more. It's quite a get together.

Bonny's Bits...

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Life will be busy for all of us until the Christmas Season is over. There is shopping for gifts and meals, cleaning of the homes, decorating, wrapping, programs to go to, cards to write and mail out in time for December 25th, etc. The list goes on and on. Went shopping on Saturday and got a good start, but still more to do. Sunday night was Santa Day in Brooks and they had a good turn out as usual. They have a light meal and gifts for everyone. Santa comes and visits with all the children and there is arts and crafts for the children to do also. And of course, after their visit with the Jolly old fellow, a treat bag is handed out to the children and adults if there is extra. A pretty nice night for visiting with friends and family while the children have fun.

Here is something from my email. At first when I saw the title was apprehensive, but once you read it you will appreciate it.

OLD PERSON PRIDE
I'm passing this on as I did not want to be the only old person receiving it. Actually, it's not a bad thing to be called, as you will see.

Old People are easy to spot at sporting events; during the playing of the National Anthem. Old People remove their caps and stand at attention and sing without embarrassment. They know the words and believe in them.

Old People remember World War II, Pearl Harbor, Guadalcanal, Normandy and Hitler. They remember the Atomic Age, the Korean War, The Cold War, the Jet Age and the Moon Landing. They remember the 50 plus Peacekeeping Missions from 1945 to 2005, not to mention Vietnam.

If you bump into an Old People on the sidewalk he will apologize. If you pass an Old

Person on the street, he will nod or tip his cap to a lady. Old People trust strangers and are courtly to women.

Old People hold the door for the next person and always, when walking, make certain the lady is on the inside for protection.

Old People get embarrassed if someone curses in front of women and children and they don't like any filth or dirty language on TV or in movies.

Old People have moral courage and personal integrity. They seldom brag unless it's about their children or grandchildren.

It's the Old People who know our great country is protected, not by politicians, but by the young men and women in the military serving their country.

This country needs Old People with their work ethic, sense of responsibility, pride in their country and decent values.

We need them now more than ever.

Thank God for Old People
Pass this on to all of the "Old People" you know.

I was taught to respect my elders. It's just getting harder to find them.

Have fun getting ready for the Christmas Season, enjoy the family time you get and make it the best ever.

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This week is of some children who were raised in the area.

Last week's photo was of Iona Berry and Jance Toulouse at the Berry Cafe.



Centennial Recipe Corner

Pumpkin Bars Pat Asselin

2 cups flour
2 cups sugar
1 tsp soda
2 tsp baking powder
1/2 tsp salt
2 tsp cinnamon
1 cup oil
4 eggs
1 cup nuts, chopped
1 can pumpkin, 2 cups

Mix all except nuts together. Beat with a mixer until blended. Add nuts. Bake in a 15 x 10 pan 25 minutes at 350 degrees. Make sure to use a big pan.

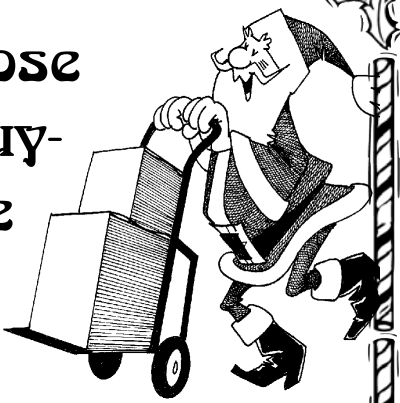
Frosting:

3 oz pkg cream cheese
3/4 stick margarine (6 Tbsp)

Put in a glass bowl and melt to mixable in the microwave. Add 1 Tbsp milk and 1 tsp vanilla. Add 1-3/4 cup powdered sugar. Mix well and spread on cooled bars.



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