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Santa Day In Oklee

On Saturday, December 4th, the weather was fine and warm for December. Santa was expected at 10:30 a.m. but before Santa came, the Oklee Community Hall was busy.

Many people came out for the Salem Cookie Sale. The WELCA holds this fund raiser every year, except for last year, and as usual there was a nice variety of cookies, donuts, and other items for sale.

The Oklee Community Club sponsors the event furnishing coffee, hot chocolate, apple cider, cookies and donuts for anyone wanting a treat while waiting for Santa. People gathered and had a good time visiting.

The children have crafts to make while waiting for Santa to arrive and afterwards they all got a gift before they left.

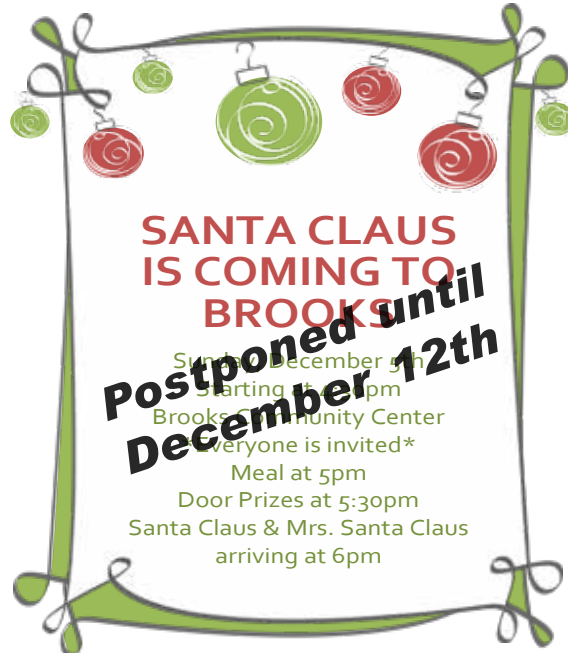
Sydney Melby lead a sing-along with the children with all the favorite songs like Jingle Bells, Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer and many others.

Santa came at 10:30 a.m. and had many children anxiously waiting to tell him what they wanted for Christmas. As usual a few didn't want to get too close to the jolly fellow dressed in red. Santa received a few letters and gifts from the children and the children received a treat bag with an apple and candy inside.

It was a good day for all!



Sydney Melby led the children waiting for Santa with many favorite songs.



Also the Humbleberry Farm event that was scheduled for December 5th has also been postponed until the 12th.



One of Santa's youngest visitors wasn't real sure what this bearded person was, but didn't cry. Just looked at him intensely.



Queintin O'Neill was busy telling Santa about the things he would like Santa to bring on Christmas Eve.



Ava Kolstoe was telling Santa what she wanted for Christmas on Saturday at the Oklee Hall.



Kinsley Halvorson and Lola Hendrickson with Santa on Saturday, December 4th at the Oklee Hall. They had a good time singing and telling Santa what they wanted for Christmas.

Christmas tree tips and tricks

Christmas trees are an iconic symbol of the holiday season.

Whether they are personal trees nestled in the corner of a living room for families to enjoy or towering evergreens serving as the focal point of a town square, Christmas trees are a wonder to behold.

Many people have fond memories of time spent around the Christmas tree sharing gifts and family traditions. Live trees and their pinelike aroma can be especially nostalgic trees to include in holiday plans.

The National Christmas Tree Association says that approximately 25 to 30 million real Christmas trees are sold in the United States every year. North American trees hail from all 50 states and are a source of pride for many.

While freshly cut trees can be particularly beautiful and aromatic additions to the season, they require a bit more work than artificial trees in order to remain beautiful and thrive throughout the holiday season.

Maintenance can help keep Christmas trees as perfect as possible.

- Even though it is tempting to buy a real tree as early as possible, their shelf life is limited even with the best care. Dural Christmas Tree Farm advises that, under the best conditions, a real tree should last up to four weeks before drying out.

- Consider the needles when looking for a real tree. Pull your hand toward your body along the branches. If many needles fall off, the tree is past its peak.

- Think about the room in which the tree will be located. Leave at least 6 inches between the tip of the tree and the ceiling, accounting for the height of the tree stand as well.

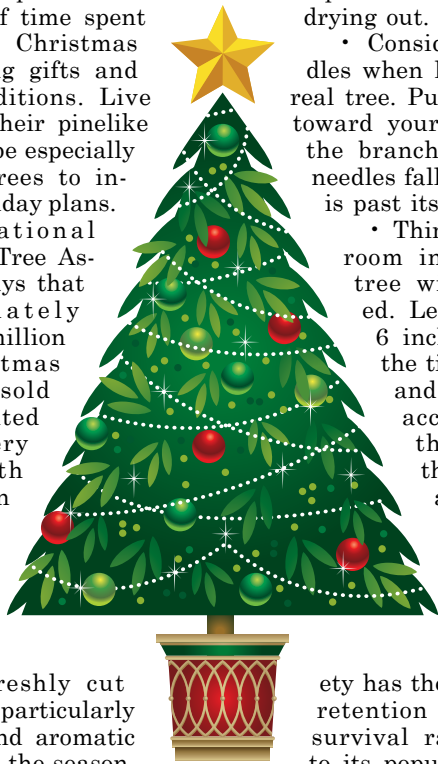
- If needle retention is a goal, the Scotch pine variety has the best needle retention and a high survival rate, lending to its popularity, offers Precision Tree and Landscape. Douglas fir and balsam fir are other durable trees.

- If possible, buy a freshly cut tree from a reputable nursery or tree farm, advises The Old Farmer's Almanac. Many pre-cut trees sold elsewhere were likely cut weeks before and may not be fresh.

- Cut the bottom of the tree trunk before bringing it home to facilitate the uptake of fresh water daily. Trees can absorb as much as a gallon of water in a day, so make sure the tree gets fresh water every day.

- Keep trees away from any heat sources as possible and away from direct sunlight to prolong longevity.
- According to Karabin Farms in Connecticut, to make a Christmas tree last longer, boil a gallon of water and then dissolve one cup of sugar in the water. Allow to cool. After freshly cutting the trunk, pour in the warm sugar water. Continue to add fresh, cool, plain water to the tree stand afterward.

Once needles begin to fall off with frequency, the tree is reaching its prime. Remove it so it does not become a fire hazard.



Now Taking Tree Orders for Spring 2022

Red Lake County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) is taking tree orders now for springs' tree planting season. Anyone interested in purchasing trees from the Red Lake County SWCD should have their order in by December 31, 2021. Tree order forms are available at our office, on our website www.redlakecounty.org

on the front page or we can mail you a form. The SWCD office is located in the basement of the MN Wheat Grower's Building south of Red Lake Falls.

If you are interested in placing a tree order, for springs' tree planting season, please call the Red Lake County SWCD office at (218) 253-2593.

Inter-County Nursing Service Visit us on Facebook

These are stressful times, if you or someone you know is dealing with a mental health crisis, there is help. The Crisis Text Line is a free mental health text-based service available to all Minnesota residents 24 hours a day, seven days a week. People who text "MN" to 741741 are connected to a trained counselor/volunteer who will help defuse the crisis and connect the texter to local resources.

December 3rd: The County vaccination rate will now include all eligible to receive the vaccine, that will include 5-11 year old's. We do have our first pediatric hospitalization, they are a resident of Red Lake County and in their teens.

There are 14 new reported cases for Pennington County, 4 children under 10, 1 teen, 20's, 40's and 50's.

There is 1 new reported case for Red Lake County, 1 teen.

December 2nd: There are 26 new reported cases for Pennington County, 1 child under 10, 5 teens,

and 20's - 50's. 3 additional cases have been hospitalized, they are in their 50's and 70's.

There are 4 new reported cases for Red Lake County, 1 child under 10, 1 teen and 20's - 30's.

December 1st: There are 11 new reported cases for Pennington County, 1 child under 10, 3 teens, and 20's - 40's.

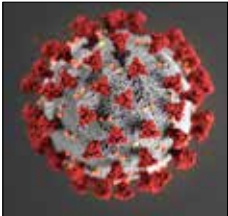
There is 1 new reported case for Red Lake County, 1 teen.

November 30th: There are 3 new reported cases for Pennington County, 20's, 30's and 50's.

There are 2 new reported cases for Red Lake County, 30's and 50's. 1 additional case has been hospitalized, they are in their 70's.

November 25th - 29th: There

Please take precautions whether you are vaccinated or not. Wear a mask in indoor public spaces, social distance, stay away from crowds, stay home if you are sick, wash your hands frequently and get vaccinated.



	Pennington	Red Lake
• Total # of confirmed cases	2561	719
• Total # of Hospitalizations	125	37
• # Currently in Hospital	6	4
• # of Active Cases in Isolation	78	13
• Deaths	30	11

Calendar of Events

Wed, Dec. 8
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
Thu, Dec. 9:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.
Fri, Dec. 10:
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news
Sat, Dec. 11:
-Support your local business - Shop Locally!
Sun, Dec. 12:
-Worship at the church - check inside for church times and places.
Mon, Dec. 13:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.
Tue, Dec. 14:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.
Wed, Dec. 15:
-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
Wed, Dec. 8: 7:00 p.m. Confirmation.
Sun, Dec. 12: 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, Dec. 14: 7:00 p.m. Salem Council meeting.
Wed, Dec. 15: 7:00 p.m. Confirmation.
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
Wed, Dec. 8: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation at Immanuel.
Sat, Dec. 11: 9 a.m. SS Program practice.
Sun, Dec. 12: 10:30 a.m. Joint Worship at Immanuel (SS Program).
Wed, Dec. 15: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation at Immanuel.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Wed, Dec. 8: 7:00 p.m. Advent Service at Eklund.
Sun, Dec. 12: 8:00 a.m. Ekelund – SS 9:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. Faith – SS 10:30 a.m., 11 a.m. Bethany – SS Program-Meal following, 12 p.m. Bethany Council. 4:00 p.m. Ekelund SS Program.
Tue, Dec. 14: Shalom Circle.
Wed, Dec. 15: 7:00 p.m. Advent Service at Faith.



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Red Lake Falls Library

Stop by the RLF Library on Saturday, December 11 - Santa Day in Red Lake Falls - when local children's author Wanda Nelson will host a special Holiday Storytime beginning at 11:00 am. Wanda is author of four books for children. She will read several Christmas and other favorite stories, do some simple playtime activities, and read selections from

her own books. Her books will be available for purchase and signing. There will be complimentary coffee, cocoa and cookies available. New Christmas movies include "Five Star Christmas," "Ace and the Christmas Miracle," "Christmas in Evergreen: Bells are Ringing," and for children, "Spirit Riding Free: Spirit of Christmas."



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Legal Notices

NOTICE OF MAIL BALLOT PROCEDURES TO VOTERS OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2906 (RED LAKE COUNTY CENTRAL), MINNESOTA

The special election held by Independent School District No. 2906 (Red Lake County Central), on February 8, 2022, shall be conducted by mail. The procedures for the special election shall be as specified below.

- These mail ballot procedures shall be applicable to the special election of Independent School District No. 2906 (Red Lake County Central) (the "District") to be held February 8, 2022 ("Election Day").
- This special election will be conducted by mail. Ballots will be mailed to all registered voters in the school district who are registered by the 21st day before the election.
- The ballots will be mailed no earlier than forty-six (46) days and no later than fourteen (14) days before Election Day. The ballot will be addressed to the voter at the voter's residence as shown on the registration file unless the voter requests, in writing, that the ballot be mailed to the voter at a different address.
- A registered voter who will be absent from the District when the ballots are to be mailed may file a request, in writing, to the School District Election Clerk at the School District Office located at 201 Governor St., Oklee, Minnesota 56742 (the "School District Office"), at least twenty-one (21) days before Election Day requesting that the ballot be mailed to the voter at a different address.
- A voter who is not registered to vote in the District on the 21st day before Election Day may submit by mail or in person an application for absentee ballots to the School District Clerk at the School District Office and receive voter registration

forms and an absentee ballot for this special election. The mail balloting process for voters whose registrations are incomplete will be administered as if the voter is not registered to vote.

6. Mail or absentee ballots must be returned to the School District Election Clerk at the School District Office by mail (a postage prepaid return envelope is included when the ballots are mailed), in person or by designated agent no later than 8:00 o'clock p.m. on Election Day. If by mail, the ballots must be returned in the ballot secrecy envelope and return envelope provided by the School District. The mail voter's certificate on the return envelope must be completed by the voter and the voter's witness. If in person or by designated agent, the ballots must be returned to the School District Office at 201 Governor St., Oklee, Minnesota 56742. At least one assistive voting device will be available at the School District Office; allowing for persons with disabilities to vote privately and independently.

7. The polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the School District Office, on Election Day.

8. **NOTICE OF POLLING PLACE CHANGE.** The location of your polling place has changed. The only polling place for the special election is the School District Office, located at 201 Governor St., Oklee, Minnesota 56742.

9. The ballots will be counted at the School District Office after 8:00 o'clock p.m. on Election Day. The mail and absentee ballots must be counted together and be reported as one vote total.

10. Additional information concerning this election may be received from Suzie Gunderson, School District Election Clerk at (218) 796-5136 ext. 112; sgunderson@rlcc.k12.mn.us.

BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

/s/Jody Duden,
School District Clerk
O38C

NOTICE OF FILING FOR GARNES TOWNSHIP ELECTION

Notice is hereby given to qualified voters of Garnes Township, Red Lake County, State of Minnesota, that filing for town office will be held for a two week period beginning December 28, 2021.

Affidavits of Candidacy shall be filed with the Town Clerk at Clerk's home at any reasonable hour from December 28, 2021, to January 11, 2022.

Filing will close on January 11, 2022, at 5:00p.m. The office will be open that day from 1PM-5PM.

Filing fee-\$2.00

Offices to be filled at the March Annual Election are:

1- Supervisor for a Three Year term

1- Clerk for a Two Year Term

Diane Kolstoe
Clerk, Town of Garnes

Red Lake County Commissioners Minutes

RED LAKE COUNTY Regular Meeting Held November 9, 2021

Pursuant to adjournment of its last meeting the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners duly met in regular session at the Courthouse in Red Lake Falls, MN on November 9, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Chairman Flage called the meeting to order with all Commissioners present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried unanimously to approve the agenda.

Social Service Financial Assistant Supervisor Peggy Nord met with the board to review the MFIP (MN Family Investment Plan) biennial service agreement for years 2022-2023 and request its approval. Nord explained how the funding is used and the safeguards in place to monitor the program. Commissioner Remick moved, seconded by Gerardy and carried unanimously to approve the 2022-2023 MFIP biennial plan as presented.

Colleen Hoffman and Marit Martell of Hoffman, Philipp & Martell, PLLC were in attendance to review the 2020 County Financial Audit. Hoffman mentioned that since the county received some federal COVID grant funds and in turn distributed to non-profits, the county must now follow-up with those organizations to determine if the money was spent according to program stipulations. Martell stated that the county will also need to adopt a Subrecipient Determination/Monitoring Policy for Federal Awards to be used as a guideline for administering future federal grant programs Auditor Schmitz informed that he has already drafted such a policy for board approval. Hoffman highlighted a couple of other items and mentioned that the overall county audit was very good. Hoffman encouraged the Commissioners to read through the audit and call her if any questions.

Auditor Schmitz distributed a copy of the Federal Award-Subrecipient Determination and Monitoring Policy to board members. Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the policy as presented.

Commissioner Gerardy moved and seconded by Remick to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held October 26, 2021 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Environmental Officer Kurt Casavan was present regarding a proposal discussed among area counties about submitting a joint application for the "Greater Minnesota Grant". The grant is in the amount of \$250,000.00 and will be used to complete a feasibility study about moving from operating local county landfills and onto utilizing a regional facility concept. The regional site will be located somewhere within the (9) nine county area. The analysis will determine what are the pros and cons associated with closing local landfills and operating a regional facility instead. Casavan stated that the group would like to explore options as the MPCA is getting stricter and it's getting very difficult and costly for counties to comply with state requirements. Some issues to consider in the study are: landfill usage, costs to close local facilities, lining landfill cells and installing monitoring wells at local landfills as a requirement to remain open, etc. The regional concept idea is that the counties can pool their resources together instead

of each completing their own study. Casavan informed that each county in the region is being asked to contribute up to \$6,000.00 for the joint feasibility study and requested Red Lake County do the same. Commissioner Dudycha moved, seconded by Weiss and carried unanimously to approve up to \$6,000.00 towards the landfill joint feasibility study as requested.

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

Vendor	Amount
Avenue Holdings, LLC	\$6,224.20
Moore Engineering, Inc.	6,318.75
RDO Equipment Co.	50,497.58
Red Lake County Co-op	24,255.67
RJ Zavoral & Sons	11,729.55
WSB & Associates, Inc.	2,022.50
37 Vendors less than \$2,000	16,787.13
FINAL TOTAL	\$117,835.38

The motion included the following added expenses: \$27.02 to Community Co-op; \$4,314.00 to Counties Providing Technology; \$71.15 to Marco; \$26.75 to MNIT Services; \$139.00 to Wilcox; \$41.44 expenses and \$500.00 per diem to Al Remick; \$73.92 expenses and \$460.00 per diem to Ron Weiss.

The Following Commissioner/ Committee reports were shared: Commissioner Meeting/Report Dudycha: Tri-County Corrections Board meeting.

Gerardy: Highway Department Roads Committee meeting.

Remick: SWCD, a meeting regarding the old bank building, and a Personnel meeting to review applications for the SS Director position.

Flage: Attended an AMC District meeting in Thief River Falls and heard reports on PILT, staffing changes, individual county reports and legislative issues.

Weiss: NW Regional Development, Tri-County Corrections Board, Highway Department Roads Committee, review SS Director applicants, Clearwater 1W1P meeting in Bagley, and a Tri-Corrections Advisory Committee meeting.

HR Director Lundeen distributed additional information from Governmentjobs.com, Inc., dba NEOGOV for the software used to put employee personnel files in an electronic format as discussed at the prior board meeting. Lundeen commented that the cost quote is only good for until end of November. The board was asked to review the information so a decision can be made at the next meeting.

Lundeen informed of the proposed OSHA ruling for employers that have 100 employees or more. The ruling will mandate that their employees must be vaccinated for COVID-19.

There being no further business the regular board meeting adjourned until November 23, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Attest:
Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

Anthony Flage,
Board of Commissioners Chair
O38C

Sudoku Solution

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

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Oklee Centennial Cookbook Recipe Corner - From page 318

Pumpkin Ice Cream Pie Jenny (Tougas) O'Neill

1 cup canned pumpkin
1/2 cup packed brown sugar
1 tsp cinnamon
1/2 tsp ginger
1/4 tsp nutmeg
1 quart vanilla ice cream, softened
1 - 9" graham cracker pie crust

Mix pumpkin, brown sugar, cinnamon, ginger and nutmeg in a large bowl. Fold in softened ice cream. Pour mixture into crust. Freeze until firm, a few hours or overnight. Remove from freezer 15 minutes before serving.





MUSTANG STAMPEDE

RLCC Menus

NOTICE: Food shortages are nationwide, and our school district is also experiencing unavailable items or last-minute food replacements from our food distributors. Menus are subject to change, but we will do our best to notify you via social media/bulletin if/when there are menu changes. We appreciate your patience and understanding! We look forward to serving all of our students nutritious meals.

RLCC School District.

**December 13 - 17
Oklee**

Monday: Breakfast: Egg, cheese & sausage biscuit, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken fajita, Spanish rice, refried beans, potato olé, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Pancake on stick w/syrup, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Subs, chips, fresh vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Apple fritter, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken strips, cheesy hash browns, vegetables, crackers, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Muffins, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, dinner roll, cranberries, vegetables, pumpkin pie pudding, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chili, corn muffin, corn chips, fresh vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Plummer

Monday: Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Popcorn chicken, macaroni & cheese, peas, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Toast w/PB&J, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Hotdog w/bun, baked beans, carrots w/ranch, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Bagel, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken alfredo, green beans, dinner roll, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Waffles, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Soft shell taco w/toppings, rice, cucumbers, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Pizza, breadsticks, salad, fruit, and milk.

RLCC Sports Schedules

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

RLCC Girls Basketball

Thu, Dec 9: Girls JV 6:00PM Northern Freeze at Plummer.

Varsity 7:15PM Northern Freeze at Plummer.

Fri, Dec 10: Girls JH 4:30PM Bagley @ Oklee. Girls JV 6:00PM Stephen-Argyle Central @ Plummer.

Girls Varsity 7:15PM Stephen-Argyle Central @ Plummer.

Mon, Dec 13: Girls JH 4:30PM Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears @ C-G High School.

RLC Rebel Boys Basketball

Thu, Dec 9: Boys JH 4:30PM Win-E-Mac @ Red Lake Falls High.

JV 6:00PM Climax Shelly @ Red Lake Falls High School.

Varsity 7:30PM Climax Shelly @ Red Lake Falls High School.

Fri, Dec 10: JV 6:00PM BGMR @ Greenbush-Middle River High School Gym.

Varsity 7:30PM BGMR @ Greenbush-Middle River High School Gym.

Mon, Dec 13: JH 4:30PM Fosston @ Oklee.

Tue, Dec 14: Boys C 5:00PM Boys JV 6:00PM Boys Varsity 7:30PM EGForks Green Wave @ EGF High.

Wednesday, December 8, 2021



Caught Being Good: (Left to Right) Shawn Landrus, Hattie Moll, Archie Nelson, Maci Magnell, Caleb Jensen, Isabelle Paradis.

Varsity Girls Basketball Kicks Off Their Season



Cari Bachand with a 3 pointer.



Shawn Majores driving to the basket.

By Kya Morninville

Red Lake County Central varsity girls basketball kicked off their season on Monday, November 29, 2021. The team played Goodridge/Grygla that night in Oklee but ended up losing 55-68. Shawna Majores led the team with 16 points and 5 assists. Marissa Thomas had 12 points and 5 rebounds for the night. Quinn Graves, a freshman, had her first varsity basket in this game.

Varsity girls basketball played another game on Tuesday, November 30, 2021, against Climax/Fisher in Plummer and won the game, 63-28. Team members Carlee Whalen and Paige Olson both commented, "The best part of the game was watching Evelyn Klammer, a freshman get her first varsity point playing against Climax/Fisher and Quinn Graves getting her first point. It was so cool to see Cari Bachand lead us 21 points and 5 steals in this game." Carlee Whalen had 17 points and 8 rebounds, Marissa Thomas and 14 points and 12 rebounds for the night.

In the next week's Oklee Herald, the Mustang Stampede will report on Thursday night's game against Clearbrook/Gonvick Bears, Mondays' game against the Bagley Flyers. The Mustangs host The Northern Freeze on Thursday night, December 9th, and Stephen Argyle Storm on Friday night, December 10th, 2021. Both games will air on Garden Valley Channel 35. Mitch Bernstein is the Mustangs' Head Coach and is assisted by Kory Baril.

RLCC vs Goodridge/Grygla

Shawna Majores: 16 pts, 1 Rebound, 1 steal
Marissa Thomas: 12 pts, 3 Rebounds, 1 block
Cari Bachand: 9 pts, 6 Rebounds, 1 asst, 1 steal, 2 blocks
Carly Vetteson: 5pts
Carlee Whalen: 5pts
Jamie Flatgaard: 3pts
Paige Olson: 2pts
Maddie Inda-Valdez: 2pts
Quinn Graves: 1 pt

RLCC Elementary Students of the Month



Red Lake County Central Elementary Students of the Month were: 3rd & 4th: Jacob Lee and 5th & 6th: Isabelle Paradis.

Rebel Boys Basketball



Season Opener Game for the Red Lake County Rebels - At Attention for the National Anthem

The Red Lake County Rebels played a non-conference game on Thursday, December 2nd. The final score of the game was 53-67, with the Prowlers of Thief River Falls taking the victory. This was the first game of the season for the Rebels. The Rebels were able to get to a hot start early in the first half, taking a 10 point lead at one point. The Prowlers would answer with two quick threes and defensive stands and be able to take the lead by 8 at the half. The Prowlers would

keep the lead during the second half, and both teams would trade off points throughout the half. The Prowlers ended up with a 14-point victory. The Rebels were able to lead the game in defensive rebounds, but their struggles came in transition and the Prowlers gained offensive rebounds.

The Rebels will play the Goodridge-Grygla Chargers on Monday, December 6th. The Rebels are coached by Head Coach Steve Phillion and Assistant Coach Randy Huie.

ATTENTION

RED LAKE COUNTY SMALL BUSINESS AND POTENTIAL STARTUP ENTERPRISES

The Red Lake County Economic Development Corporation can help you start your own business or expand an existing one. We are here to assist with a five (5) year loan for an amount up to \$20,000 at 2% APR. The business must be located in Red Lake County.

For more information, contact the Red lake County Economic Development home office at 1-218-253-2897. Allen Bertilrud 218-684-1315, Dave Ste. Marie 218-686-4019 or Kelsey Gervais 218-686-5114.

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Monday's Game against the Chargers, Carlee Whalen makes a Free Throw. Paige Olson and Cari Bachand cheer her on.

Students attend Creativity Festival November 24, 2021

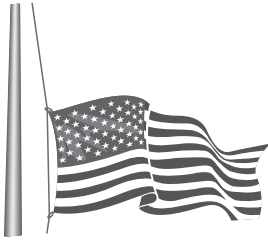
On Wednesday, November 24, 2021, Mrs. Laura Conneran and Ms. Kristie Olson brought Red Lake County Central students to the Creativity Festival at Bemidji State University. Attending from the High School were McKenzie Hamm, Natalee Hendrickson, Keenan Hopper, Lille Lundeen, Jackson Morinville, Arlo Svendsen, Thor Thompson, and Peyton Williams. Also attending from the Elementary School included Eli Grove, Parker Lundeen, Brielle Reinbold, Maiya Arlt, Keanna Landrus, Jordan Johnson, Leanna Wattenphul, and Willa Klamm. This program is promoted by the Northwest Service CO-OP and offered to regional schools. This event is geared for students in grades 5-8 and is designed to celebrate the arts, nature, science, creativity, and problem-solving. The 2021-2022 Creativity Festival inspired our students to express themselves, be creative, and think creatively. self-expression, critical thinking, and creativity.



Peyton Williams and Natalee Hendrickson display their artwork after one session.



Willa Klamm, Mya Arlt, Eli Grove, and Keanna Landrus,



Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial Update

A donation to the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial was received from Mike and Audrey Bachand, Brooks, in memory of long time friend and former Oklee resident, Marge Stenberg. Marge's husband Arnold was an Army Air Corps veteran serving in WW II. The flags at the Veterans' Memorial have been lowered to half staff by the RLCC Student Senate under the direction of Mr. Randy Huie as proclaimed by the President of the United States. "As a mark of respect for Robert Joseph Dole, a statesman like few in our history and a war hero among the greatest of the Greatest Generation, I hereby order, by the authority vested in me as President of the United States by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, that the flag of the United States shall be flown at half-staff at the White House and upon all public buildings and grounds until sunset, December 9th. A Christmas tree has been placed at the Veterans' Memorial and is lit in honor and in memory of all veterans. Any donations to the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial may be sent to Security State Bank, Box 69, Oklee, MN, attn: Lori Melby.

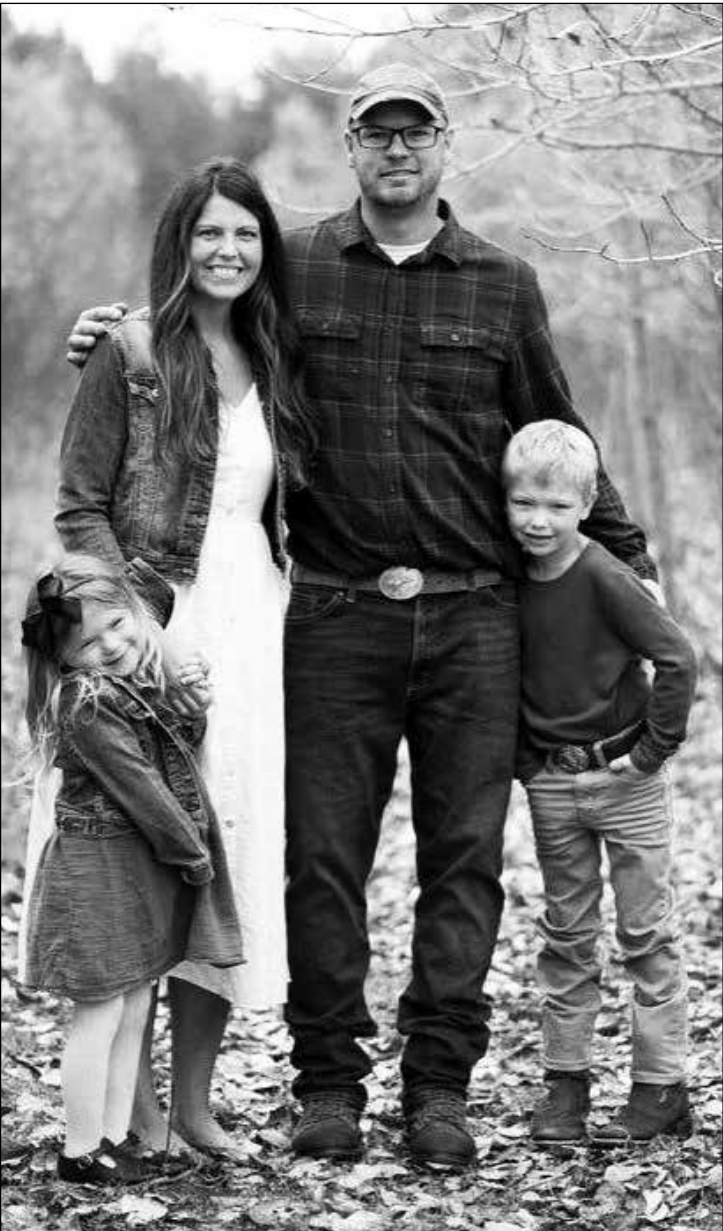
A “farm-to-family” business located in rural Grygla



The following interview was conducted by the Grygla Eagle with Jennifer Sundberg of Phoenix Family Farms, located in rural Grygla. Matt & Jennifer Sundberg have started a new business venture selling pasture-raised meats and poultry, and it's truly a “farm-to-family” way of life. Matt and Jennifer have two children, Clayton (age 6) and Maple (age 4), both of which are already great farmhands. Enjoy the interview below and take notice of the Phoenix Family Farms ad on page two. Name of your family business? Phoenix Family Farms What is your family business? We sell pasture-raised meats and poultry. What are your current occupations in addition to Phoenix Family Farms? Matt is in his 9th year as the

Industrial Technology (shop) teacher at Marshall County Central High School in Newfolds. I had been the FACS teacher in Newfolds for the past 5 years but decided to resign this year to be able to focus more on the homestead, business, and home life. A little background info to share with our readers: Matt and I have been married for 7 years. Matt has lived in Grygla his whole life with the exception of a few years spent in Moorhead and Bemidji for school and work. I grew up on the Iron Range and then spent some time going to school and working in different parts of the world, including India, Uganda, Thailand, and Fiji. I came back to Bemidji to work at the Bemidji Middle School. Matt was working as the Technology teacher there at the time, which

is how we met. Is this new venture a side business/full-time gig, or hobby? Phoenix Family Farms has slowly evolved into what it is today, which is pretty much a full-time gig. Matt is also working as a teacher and still does a few carpentry jobs here in there. What got you interested in this? Matt has been farming beef cattle with his family most of his life. From a young age, his parents instilled in him a great understanding and appreciation for the hard work that goes into raising animals and tending a large garden. As a married couple, we always wanted to raise meat animals for our own use. Not only do we see the value of raising and growing our own food, but we also see how this type of lifestyle bonds us as a family. Everyone, including the kids, have a role to play in keeping the farm running. There is a great sense of satisfaction to be able to sit down to a meal that has been fully produced by our own hands. We love being a part of the whole process. Two years ago, we decided to purchase three Mangalitsa gilt piglets and a Mangalitsa boar. This breed fascinated us because they are so unique! They are known for their exceptional meat quality (dark red and marbled), their ability to forage, and their wooly coat! We wanted a breed that worked well with our landscape and would be well suited to root around on rotating pastures. The fact that Mangalitsas are an old-world, heritage breed was another plus for us. This breed grows slower and is also considered a “lard” pig. For this reason, we have elected to omit corn and soy from their diet so that the end product isn't too fatty. Although we originally wanted these pigs to help work the land and feed our own family, we quickly became passionate about making the farm part of a business that would make us more self-reliant. Since that time, we've also added a small herd of Katahdin (hair) sheep and heritage breed Red Broiler chickens. This process has been so rewarding as a family. No matter how successful our business is, we feel that anything that brings our family closer together, is worth it. We're so grateful to be on this path and cannot thank God enough for being our steadfast guide. As JRR Tolkien writes, “Deep roots are not reached by the frost” - and deep roots are exactly what we are trying to put down with our way of running our farm and raising our family. What do you raise on your farm? We raise pigs, sheep, chicken (for eggs and meat), and cows. Do you have any animals as pets? We have two Great Pyrenees dogs (Lady and Finn) who are great livestock guardians. We also have a black lab named Otis, two barn cats, a few ducks, and a huge (and a bit ornery) African goose who the kids lovingly call Hector the Protector. What animals are raised for meat? Pork, lamb, chicken, and beef. What makes Phoenix Family Farms so unique? There has never been a better time to support small, local businesses. We are 100% family owned and run. Knowing the faces and names of the folks raising your food and knowing where your food comes from, is invaluable. Not only do our customers have the satisfaction of buying locally raised food, but they also have the peace of mind knowing that our animals are raised well and in a way that is sustainable. Since we are a small, local farm providing products that are heritage-breed and pasture-raised, we feel we are providing something unique and truly special. When customers purchase meat from us, the kitchen table in which their lovely slow-roasted pork roast sits is at the end of a very short chain. Our animals are born and carefully raised all in one place, and our goal is to work directly with the people who want to put quality, pasture-raised meat on their table. This is why we say we are a “farm-to-family” business! We are always open to providing farm tours (or just a visit!) for anyone who'd like to see more. How did you come up with the name of your business? Phoenix Family Farms, for us, is symbolic on a number of levels. The Phoenix is a mythical bird known for rising from the ashes and facing a newness of life. We have taken a huge leap of faith on a journey we truly believe in. We may make mistakes along the way (talk about on-the-job learning!), but with our whole beings we are striving toward what is good and real and whole. We want every aspect of our life and business to reflect that. The Phoenix is truly a magnificent, radiant, and fierce creature, and our little family farm is trying to blaze its way through in order to be and provide something truly wonderful. Meat bundles/sampler boxes: Phoenix Family Farms now has local pasture-raised meat bundle and sampler boxes available that are perfect for the holidays. See page two for the Phoenix Family Farms ad that lists product and pricing. Signature or custom boxes are available. Meat products are processed at USDA Inspected Heart O' Lakes Quality Meats in Pelican Rapids, MN. Poultry products are processed on-farm with MDA poultry processing registration. Meat Bundles and Sampler boxes are subject to change based on availability. If an item is sold out, it will be replaced by a comparable item(s). Weights of items listed are approximate. Boxes will be available for local delivery or on-farm pick-up. Orders can be placed online, by phone, or in-person. Contact: Matt & Jennifer Sundberg: 218-766-9582 or 218-294-6095; Website: phoenixfamilyfarms.com; Social Media: @phoenixfamilyfarms



Matt & Jennifer Sundberg, along with their children, Clayton and Maple are pictured above.



The Sundbergs raise Mangalitsa pigs, in addition to sheep, chicken and cows. They welcome farm-tours or a visit anytime. Photos courtesy of Jennifer Sundberg

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Oklee Herald Early Files

Eighty Years Ago December 11, 1941

Miss Dorine Fore, daughter of Mrs. Myrtle Fore and Herbert Bakke, son of Mr. and Mrs. E.A. Bakke were married at the Oklee Lutheran Parsonage in Oklee. Attendants were Virgil Fore and Miss Lillian Bakke.

Mrs. D.J. Bergeron entertained at a joint birthday party Sunday evening in honor of D. J. Bergeron and Mrs. Sam Gibeau. A delicious meal was served to the invited guests.

Mrs. Andy Knutson gave a talk on Defense Bonds. She said Defense Bonds and stamps will help to make America secure by helping to finance our National Defense program. An \$18.75 bond will be worth \$25 in ten years.

Relatives and friends gathered at the home of Mrs. Martin Short last Sunday afternoon to wish her a pleasant birthday.

Weekly News Analysis: Orient bristles with Military activity as U.S. and Japan end conferences; U.S. Planes aid British Libya drive; Nazis admit Russian recapture of Rostov.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Turgeon drove to Brooks where they were sponsors in baptism for the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Turgeon.

Seventy Years Ago December 6, 1951

Private First Class Marvin Rodman, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Rodman of Oklee, was wounded in action in Dorea on October 17th. No details were received.

Bjarne Kvasager reported back to camp in Washington Sunday evening after spending a furlough here.

Last Friday, the Oklee Bobcats in their first basketball game of the season defeated Fosston in a spine-tingling closely-contested game. The final score was 33-29.

Cpl. Floyd Haugan is home on furlough and is visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Haugan.

A preliminary report of big game hunting complied from estimates made by 75 game wardens indicates that area deer hunters were 45% successful in getting their deer.

Sixty Years Ago December 14, 1961

Bill Turgeon, 19, of Oklee, boarded a Yugoslavian freighter at New York yesterday en route on a solo voyage to Europe. A son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Turgeon, Bill is a 1960 graduate of Oklee High School and has completed one term at the University of Missouri at Columbia where his is majoring in journalism. He plans to resume his journalism studies upon his return in about 1½ years.

Emory LaCoursiere became the new mayor of Brooks last week by the flip of a coin. La-Coursiere and Aural Parenteau tied in the village election for mayor.

Loss was estimated at about \$10,000 in a fire when destroyed a 34x80 barn, some livestock, poultry and hay on the Juel Chervestad farm 15 miles northeast of Oklee on Wednesday night.

Mrs. George Rewertz entertained at her home Wednesday afternoon in honor of her son Terry's eighth birthday.

In a game played in Oklee last Friday night, the Oklee Bobcats won their first conference game since 1959 against Clearbrook with a score of 49-31.

Fifty Years Ago December 9, 1971

Alvin Jensen was elected mayor of Oklee in the annual village election held Tuesday afternoon. Re-elected to the Council was Arnold Stenberg who had filled for re-election.

Sgt. Ronald Kaiser arrived here Friday evening on leave from Twenty-nine Palms, CA to visit with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Norb Kaiser.

Annette Magnell of Oklee was a Tuesday over night guest of Janelle Bjerklie.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Delude and family of East Grand Forks were Sunday afternoon visitors at the Orlan Stolaas home.

The Oklee Bobcat Wrestling squad opened their season with a 33-24 loss at the hand of Thief River Falls, November 30th.

The OHS Bobcats Basketball team opened their season in a winning note, beating Clearbrook with a score of 49-48.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Duden are the parents of a baby girl born November 27th at Northwestern Hospital in TRF. She was named Rose Marie.

Forty Years Ago December 3, 1981

From the Senior Site News – Tillie Berget was guest at our table on November 23rd. We all sang her the birthday song as she had just turned 87.

Olaf Stolaas celebrated his birthday on November 21st and many came over to have a birthday luncheon with him.

The family of Willie and Nora Delage came on Thanksgiving Day to help the celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary.

A baby shower was held at the Nazareth Dinning Hall on Sunday afternoon for Mrs. Gary Halvorson and baby Katie.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman T. Nelson, St. Paul, announced the engagement of their daughter Pamela to Mark David Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Lee of Oklee.

Thirty Years Ago December 4, 1991

Dixie Koskela and Cherly Greenwald, senior members of the Red Lake County Central Mustang volleyball team were named to the Academic All-State team

A black 12-foot screened satellite dish went up behind the Red Lake County Courthouse recently for the purpose of lining to points around the globe. County department will now be able to attend meetings in the Cities without leaving the county.

A large group of our Brooks community joined together Sunday evening and dedicated the new Crib Scene in Brooks with Mayor Clarence Gagner leading the group in song and Pat Larson read a prayer.

This week marked the 50th

anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

Kim and Rhonda Vettleson are parents of a baby girl named Cassandra who was born on November 12.

Eric Kolstoe was chosen for the All State Academic football team.

Twenty Years Ago December 6, 2001

Eddie Larson was presented a plaque of appreciation by Susan Mills, Northwest Regional Corrections Director, for the eleven years he served on the Board of Corrections.

The City of Oklee has taken on a new look – Winter – most of the snowbirds have left and the ones that stayed are now wearing long-johns.

The tenth grade American History class has been studying World War II. With their studies, they are working on a grad rule assessment package that accompanies American History course.

The Boys Basketball team played well, but still fell behind losing to the Grygla Eagles.

Lindsay Hegge of Oklee, daughter of Ronald and Ellen Hegge, received the 2001 Minnesota Farmers Union (MFU) Torchbearer award from MFU President Dave Fredrickson at the State Convention in Minneapolis.

Jerry and Bonnie Shaver and family of McIntosh and CAanksgiving guest of their parents, Joe and Laurel Neyes.

On Thursday, December 6th, Wertish Oil & Bait in McIntosh celebrated their 45 years in business in the same location. This family business has never been closed in 45 years and each member of the family has taken their turn behind the counter.

Ten Years Ago December 7, 2011

A benefit was held on November 19th, for Daryl Schumacher at the American Legion Post #20 in Crookston to help Daryl with expenses and medical bills after suffering a debilitating stroke in September.

Rebel Football players receiving awards were Matt Schindler, Jacob Magnell, Matt Eskeli, Garrett Schmitz and Jack Lee.

Myrtle Hamrum has had a special guest for the past 10 days, her daughter Susan is visiting from Delta Junction, Alaska.

The weather is very cold, but the snow has stayed away so far.

Mark G. and Amanda Gunning are proud to announce the birth of their twin daughters Faith and Grace. Proud grandparents are Wes and Lynn Flateland of Gully and Mark A. and Sarah Gunning of Clearbrook.



Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteers Jo Lambert & Bonny Cote

Thanksgiving has come and gone and the next holiday is Christmas. It will come fast as it is only 3-1/2 weeks from this date.

The Oklee Senior Site does have some interesting gifts of homemade items. If you are looking for table runners, quilts, mittens, hats, casserole carriers, jewelry, floral arrangements, etc. The Craft Shop will be open from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday this weekend for those shoppers that can't get there during the week. Or give us a call at 218-796-5149 or call Jo Lambert at 218-796-4527. The shops regular hours at this time are: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday and Friday. Other dates are by appointment.

We also have some new items for Dog lovers. Just brought last week.

Update on Father Hamness: This week Adam continues to make improvements and has been getting up to walk a small bit each day. He's been weaning off the vent and was just on oxygen for part of the day today, which is such wonderful news. He's getting stronger each day, and his stubbornness is making a return. (Katie Faken, his sister reported on the Caringbridge site).

There will be no Senior

Site meeting this month. We will have our next meeting in January on the 20th. More on that later in the month.

Activities: The regular activities have started up this week. Most of the seniors in our area have been vaccinated and feel they want to come back to the site for activities. Just remember, if you don't feel good to stay home.

Tuesdays: Rummikub will be held at 2 p.m. Fun tile game. Need 2 to four players.

Wednesdays: 1:30 p.m. the Card Players will be back and any card game is welcome.

Thursdays: Bingo at 2:00 p.m. Come play, visit and win some prizes.

Senior Meals: If you want to order a Senior Meal call the Oklee Cafe at 796-5666. Teresa is asking that Seniors call in their order for the week as soon as possible so she can order appropriately. So call in by Friday for the menu in this weeks paper, you will get a Cook's Choice meal instead.

Congregate Meals: If you want to eat in (congregate meal), please call the Cafe and arrange for your meal to be served in the cafe. We still do not have enough volunteers for dining in our site.

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

The weather out side was frightful on Sunday. Church rites will be held at 11am. Tuesday this week, and burial rites will be held at 10 am on December 10th at the Clearwater cemetery in Oklee. Our prayers and sympathy go out to Dianne and the family. Arlene was a wonderful mother and sister and was so welcoming to all she met. Keep the family in your prayers.

Cindy and Del Determan went to the Ag Expo in Fargo on Wednesday to set up for their presentation of the Field Draining business. People from all over the country visit this expo every year.

I was just notified that all of the interstate in North Dakota is now open as the

storm caused many accidents on I-29, Now, Monday morning it is again open and ready for business.

On Thanksgiving, guests at the Mary Schindler was graced with five guests for dinner.

Mike Pueringer, Christine Pueringer, Sarah Jo Larson, Sophie Jo, and Bull Larson all joined in to make a Happy Thanksgiving Day for Mary. She said they had an enormously great day.

That is all for this week, and it looks like our winter has come for the duration of the season. I think we are in for the long haul. Get your knickers on and those old wool socks out of the closet and don't forget the long Johns in the cold weather.

Stay calm, and stay safe.

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe
218-465-4402

Betty Halvorson came up to visit her son and family over the weekend.

On Sunday, Tate and Ashley Sorvig and kids visited Arnie and Barb Schmitz.

On Monday evening the Plummer Legion Auxiliary met at 6:30 at the Legion. DeeAnn Eskeli led the meeting. Upcoming events were discussed. A Christmas dinner was planned for December 19th at 5:30 p.m., with a pork dinner and free will offering. The next meeting will be January 17th.

The ladies of Immanuel

Lutheran Church gathered for quilting on Tuesday morning with coffee and bars served.

On Monday, November 22nd, Gina Bickford and her kids flew to Delaware to see her sister Rebekah and her family for Thanksgiving. It was a short, sweet visit and much needed after her husband's station in Germany.

Charlie and Mallory Bernstrom of Lancaster are proud parents of a baby girl born on November 26th. She has been named Harper Adeline. She is welcomed home by big sisters Briar and Blake. Proud grandparents are Jerry & Eileen Bernstrom of Lancaster, Tony and Sheila Gerardy of Plummer and great grandma Wavell Sorenson of Plummer.

On Friday, the 16th, Tony and Sheila Gerardy hosted a get together with Brett, Hannah, Sawyer and Jett Gerardy of Thief River Falls; Logan and

Points to Ponder

What's inside is the most important factor of living, not what we put on your body.

People first, things second. Accepting life, accepting death, shows us a limit.

Don't just take from life, put something back.

Joke

The church held a "Marriage Seminar" and the Priest asked Luigi, as his 50th wedding anniversary approached, to share some insight into how he managed to stay married to the same woman all these years. Luigi replied to his audience, "Well, I tried to treat her well and spend money on her. But the best thing I did was take her to Italy for our 20th anniversary."

The Priest said "Luigi, you are an inspiration to all husbands here today. Please tell the audience what you plan for your wife for your 50th anniversary." Luigi proudly replied "I'm gonna go and get her."

Well, winter finally hit our area, but we still didn't get as much as others around us. Some areas have reported up to 10 inches. The wind was whipping around a lot of snow on Sunday night. Stay warm!

Who's Dat?



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This week's photo is of group ladies gather for a Woodmen of the World photo. I had the names at one point, but now can't find them. If anyone knows, please let me know.

Last weeks picture from a country school - Rose Nook School in 1959-60! Student are: Front row: Connie Tasa, Larry Anderson, Renee Myrum, Rick Myrum, Gary Anderson, Second row: Sonja Myrum, Gaylen Hendrum, Karen Good, Dale Arveson, Allen Olson, Patsy Good, and Wayne Olson. Teacher: Emily Flatgard. Back row: Yvonne Good, Milan Olson, Miles Olson and Myrian

Hendrum.

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

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

If you mail a photo to the Oklee Herald office, please enclose a self-addressed stamped

envelope so the photos can be returned. Mail them to: Oklee Herald, PO Box 9, Oklee MN



56742 Or stop by the office and I will scan your photo while you wait.



Jenny O'Neill is helping Vi Cote as she picks out some Christmas treats.



Salem WELCA had a raffle this year. Winners were: Quilt - Josh Vettleson, John Capp - \$150 Cenex Gas Card, Sylvia Majeres - \$100 Cenex Gas Card, Chris Kolstoe & Kyle Vettleson - \$25 in cash each.



People from the community come down to buy cookies, visit while enjoying some Christmas treats, watching the children sing, do crafts and also see them with Santa Claus.



The children were busy putting together foam ornaments. Some kids gave them to Santa when they visited. I bet over the years, he has the best decorated tree ever. Filled with handmade ornaments made by the children that love him.



This little gal had some competition for Santa's time, but got her chance to talk to him.



This fellow wouldn't get any closer to Santa but was trying to show off his boots.

Oklee Santa Day - December 4th



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Santa had three helpers this year to hand out the candy canes and the bags of treats. The boys are Gin Bern's grandson's and Malayna Hamm is the daughter of Tracy & Ron Hamm.



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