



Our hearts remember Christmas
No matter where we roam,
Somehow at Christmas time we all,
Within our minds, go home.
To share the happy festivities,
To know the meaning of
A day filled with such happiness,
Such brightness and such love.

Merry Christmas

To everyone, may you have a
wonderful Christmas with
your family and friends.

Santa Came to Town!



New Website will help explain upcoming Red Lake County Central School Election

ISD 2906 requests voter approval on Tuesday, February 8. RLCCUnited.org launches as referendum website on December 22.

There have been meetings held in the past few months in Oklee and in Plummer. The public was invited to come and learn about plans the School Board would like to implement for the future of our school district.

This process of looking at the future of RLCC school started in 2020. There were many internal and external surveys on what types of improvement would be needed. If you didn't attend one of those meetings, there is a link on the schools website where you can access that information. Go to the website (www.rlcc2906.org) and under the "District" heading, then click on *RLCC Schools Construction plans for community to see*. This is presentation that was given at the public meetings.

Over the last several years, ISD 2906 has taken a closer look at our schools through various assessments and analyses. Community members were involved along the way and the feedback we received has been overwhelmingly positive. On Tuesday, February 8, the RLCC school board is asking for voter approval on a single-question bond referendum to address our facility and educational needs.

If approved, both the elementary school and high school would be improved. At the elementary school, improvements include a small addition for additional classroom and flex space, restroom renovations, and ADA accessibility improvements including new bleachers,

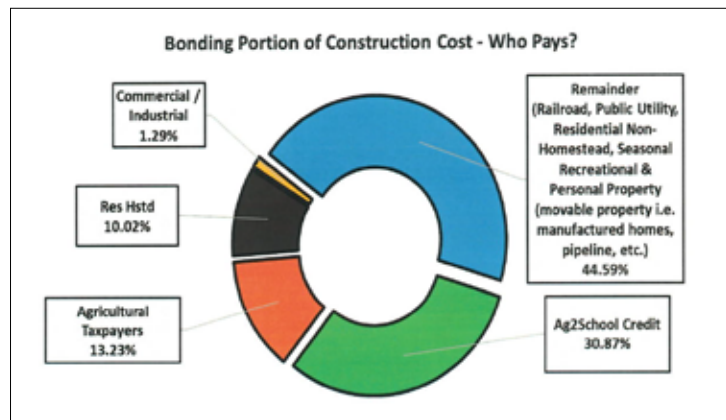
a new wheelchair lift, and noise reduction panels in the gymnasium. At the high school, improvements include relocating the main entrance, improving the cafeteria space, providing a new student commons space, restroom renovations, demolishing the 1939 two-story structure to make room for new science classrooms, restrooms and locker room renovations, a two-station gymnasium for physical education, activities, and community events, and other improvements including parking. Superintendent Jim Guetter said, "this plan will meet our district's needs for many years to come."

The estimated tax impact on a \$150,000 residential home in the district would be about \$18.70 per month starting in 2023. The Ag2School tax credit, a state-funded program, helps lower the tax impact for agricultural landowners. For this plan, Ag2School tax credits will pay for approximately 30% (almost \$4.2 million) of the total proposed referendum (\$14.12 million).

Residents can cast their vote in one of three ways: 1) vote early by mail-in ballot from home, 2) vote early by absentee ballot at home or in person, or 3) vote on Election Day in person at the district office on Tuesday, February 8.

Our dedicated referendum website, RLCCUnited.org, will be launched on December 22 and will provide the most up-to-date information about our needs, the proposed plan, the cost, how to vote, and more. We also plan to host informational meetings about the referendum in Oklee, Plummer, and Brooks.

If you have any questions, please visit RLCCUnited.org/connect or reach out to Superintendent Guetter at RLCCandRLFsupt@gvtel.com. Together, we are RLCC United!



Contemplated Voter-Approved Financing - ISD 2906 RLCC Schools				
Description		Question #1		
Borrowing Amount		14,120,000		
Project Amount (Bond Proceeds)		14,119,359		
Est. Pay 2022 Debt Levy @ 105%		1,030,878		
Est. True Interest Cost		3.08%		
Est. Total P&I		19,920,787		
Borrowing Term		20 Years		
Commencing Taxes Payable 2023		Est. Annual Tax Impact	Est. Monthly Tax Impact	
Estimated Market Value (EMV) of Various Property Types	HSTD. RES.	100,000 150,000 250,000	127.59 224.44 418.14	10.63 18.70 34.84
	Comm. Indust.	100,000 250,000 500,000	266.56 755.24 1,643.76	22.21 62.94 136.98
	HSTD. AG.	1,500 2,000 3,000 4,000	0.40 0.53 0.80 1.07	0.03 0.04 0.07 0.09
	NON-HSTD. AG.	1,500 2,000 3,000 4,000	0.80 1.07 1.60 2.13	0.07 0.09 0.13 0.18

* Ag Homestead examples exclude the house, garage and one acre which has the same tax impact as a residential homestead property.
** The Ag2School Property Tax relief bill passed in May 2019 provides debt service tax relief of levy payments of 55% in 2021, 60% in 2022 and 70% for taxes payable in 2023 and beyond for qualifying agricultural and timber properties



Inter-County Nursing Service Visit us on Facebook

December 18th - 20th: There are 3 new reported cases for Pennington County, 1 child under 10, and 30's.

There are no new reported cases for Red Lake County.

December 17th: There are 7 new reported cases for Pennington County, 1 teen, 20's - 50's.

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

December 16th: There are 7 new reported cases for Pennington County, 1 child under 10, 1 teen, 20's, 40's, & 50's. 1 additional COVID related death has been reported, they were in their 30's.

There are 2 new reported cases for Red Lake County, 30's & 40's.

December 15th: There are 6 new reported cases for Pennington County, 20's, 40's, 50's and 70's.

There are 3 new reported cases for Red Lake County, 50's and 60's.

December 14th: There are 6 new reported cases for Pennington County, 1 teen, 20's, 40's, and 50's.

There are no new reported cases for Red Lake County.

December 11th - 13th: There are 6 new reported cases for

Pennington County, 20's-60's, one additional case has been hospitalized, they are in their 30's.

There is 1 new reported case for Red Lake County, a child under 5.

Vaccines are thoroughly tested for safety before they're made available to the public

Vaccines go through extensive trials before they can be introduced in a country. Expert doctors and scientists follow strict international standards while deciding to make a vaccine available to the public. Like all medicines, vaccines may

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.

- Total # of confirmed cases
- Total # of Hospitalizations
- # Currently in Hospital
- # of Active Cases in Isolation
- Deaths

cause side effects that are usually minor and temporary. More serious side effects are extremely rare. A person is far more likely to be seriously harmed by a disease than by its vaccine.

Source: World Health Organization

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.

	Pennington	Red Lake
Total # of confirmed cases	2641	729
Total # of Hospitalizations	128	37
# Currently in Hospital	1	0
# of Active Cases in Isolation	30	6
Deaths	31	12

The 12 days of Christmas

"On the first day of Christmas, my true love gave to me, a partridge in a pear tree." The familiar lyrics of this tune are sung as part of Christmas caroling and holiday celebrations, reaching a crescendo each time singers belt out "five golden rings." The song is an English Christmas carol that was written in 1720. While it references plenty of gift-giving, it's easy to assume the song is about giving Christmas gifts. However, the 12 days in the song actually refer to the birth of Jesus Christ. The 12 days of Christmas, also known as the Twelvetime, refers to the festive Christian season that celebrates the Nativity of Jesus.

In fact, the start of these days occurs on December 25 and extends until the evening of January 5th, the day

before the Epiphany, known as Twelfth Night. Each day corresponds to a remembrance of different religious events or people. Christmas celebrants can celebrate well into the new year. Commemorating the 12 days of Christmas can include small festivities from December 25 to January 5.

On Twelfth Night, historically known for parties, modern-day fanfare can mark the culmination of the Christmas season - with the last of gift-giving occurring on the Epiphany. Gifting, hosting friends and family, attending religious services, participating in charitable events, or opening one's home to neighbors and those who can use some companionship are all ways to make the 12 days of Christmas more special.

Calendar of Events

Wed, Dec. 22:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
Thu, Dec. 23:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.
Fri, Dec. 24:
-Office is Closed for Christmas!
Sat, Dec. 25:
-Merry Christmas!
Sun, Dec. 26:
-Worship at the church - check inside for church times and places.
Mon, Dec. 27:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.
Tue, Dec. 28:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.
Wed, Dec. 29:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
Thu, Dec. 30:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.
Fri, Dec. 31:
-Office is Closed for New Years Eve!
Sat, Jan. 1:
-Happy New Year!

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Wed, Dec. 22: No Confirmation.
Fri, Dec. 24: Candlelight Services - 4:00 p.m. Salem. 9:00 p.m. Zion.
Sun, Dec. 26: Lessons & Carols Joint Service 10:00 a.m. Salem.
Wed, Dec. 29: No 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
Fri, Dec. 24: 6:00 p.m. at Immanuel. 8:00 p.m. Ebenezer.
Sun, Dec. 26: 9:00 a.m. Ebenezer. 10:30 a.m. Immanuel.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Wed, Dec. 22: 7:00 p.m. Blue Christmas at Faith.
Fri, Dec. 24: Candlelight Services - 3 pm Faith, 4:30 pm Bethany, 10 p.m. Ekelund.
Sun, Dec. 26: No Services or Sunday School.

Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial Update

The Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial Committee is pleased with the resounding success of our efforts to memorialize and honor our area veterans with the granite block project recognizing veterans from our area and beyond. Barb and Cliff Melby have purchased a granite block honoring the service of their friend, Kevin Dahlen, who served in the US Navy from 1977 - 1978. In addition, Kevin Dahlen purchased a granite block for a relative, Ron Free who served in the Army in Vietnam.

Donations to the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial may be sent to Security State Bank, Box 69, Oklee, MN 56742, attn: Lori Melby. Questions regarding the Memorial should be directed to Mary Lynn Bachand at marylbachand@gmail.com. The Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial Committee wishes to offer Christmas greetings to all, and especially to our veterans, and peace in the new year.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Fri, Dec. 24: Christmas Eve: 9 a.m. Mt. Olive. 7:00 p.m. Nazareth.
Sat, Dec. 25: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri. 9:45 a.m. Oak Park.
Sun, Dec. 26: St. Petri: 8:00 a.m. Worship. Nazareth: 9:45 Worship. Oak Park: 11:00 a.m. Worship.
Find services and past sermons at www.facebook.com/clearwaterlutheranparish

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Jarred LeBon, Pastor
Tyler Stynsberg, Assoc. Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Dec. 22: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Sun, Dec. 26: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.
Tue, Dec. 28: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions.
Wed, Dec. 29: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Fri, Dec 24: Candlelight Service, Lund 5pm
No Sunday services on Dec. 26 and January 2.
CDC safety guidelines for COVID-19 will be followed.

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

Oklee Senior Site Dining

December 27 - 31
No congregate meals served.
If you are over the age of 60 and you want a meal delivered to your home, call the Oklee Cafe 796-5666. A \$5.00 per meal donation is suggested.
There is a change in management starting in January. Will have more information next week.
Mon: Soup and Sandwich, milk, and dessert.
Tue: Chicken noodle hot-dish w/broccoli, milk, and dessert.
Wed: Liver & onions, boiled potatoes, vegetables, milk, and dessert.
Thu: Cooks Choice, milk, and dessert.
Fri: Café Closed - Senior Meal can be ordered.

Sudoku Solution

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

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS RED LAKE COUNTY AND CITY OF PLUMMER PLUMMER, MINNESOTA COUNTY ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS & CITY OF PLUMMER SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS MOORE PROJECT NO. 20233A S.A.P 063-624-001, S.A.P. 063-652-006, S.A.P 063-594-003

General Notice
Owner is requesting Bids for the construction of the project listed above.

Bids for the construction of the Project will be received and accepted via electronic bid (vBid) through QuestCDN until January 20, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. local time. Bids will be viewed and read via video/phone conference at 11:00 a.m. Mailed or hand delivered bids will not be opened or considered. Link for the video/phone conference is provided at www.mooreengineeringinc.com by clicking the Bid Information tab, or at www.questcdn.com. The Project includes the following Work: Bituminous Paving, ADA Improvements, Grading, Storm Sewer Replacement, Sanitary Sewer Replacement, Watermain Replacement, and Lighting. Located on Minnesota Street, Central Avenue, Ash Street, Red Lake Avenue, and Poplar Street in Plummer, MN.

Obtaining the Bidding Documents
Complete Digital project documents are available at www.mooreengineeringinc.com by clicking on the Bid Information tab and/or www.questcdn.com. Input the QuestCDN Project No. 8089110 on the website's project search page to download the digital documents for \$20.00. Contact QuestCDN Customer Support at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in membership registration, downloading digital project information, and vBid online bid submittal questions. Project bid documents must be downloaded from QuestCDN which will add your company to the Planholder List and allow access to vBid online bidding for the submittal of your bid (which is required for this project). **Bidders will be charged a fee of \$20.00 to submit a bid electronically. For this project, bids will Only be received and accepted via the online electronic bid service through QuestCDN.com.**

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: Moore Engineering, Inc. 208 4th Street NW, Bemidji, MN 56601. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.

All Bids shall be accompanied with a signed statement under oath by the Bidder's owner or officer verifying compliance with Minn. Stat. 16C.285 meeting the "Responsible Contractor" requirements. Also included will be a list of all of its first-tier subcontractors that it intends to retain for work on the project.

1. Any prime contractor or subcontractor that does not meet the minimum criteria established for a responsible contractor as defined by Minn. Stat. 16C.285 Subd. 3 or fails to verify that it meets those criteria is not a "Responsible Contractor" and is not eligible to be awarded a construction contract for the project or to perform work on the project.

2. A false statement under oath verifying compliance with any of the minimum criteria shall make the prime contractor or subcontractor that makes the false statement ineligible to be awarded a construction project and may result in termination of a contract awarded to a prime contractor or subcontractor that submits a false statement.

3. A prime contractor shall submit to the contracting authority, upon request, copies of the signed verifications of compliance from all subcontractors.

Instructions to Bidders.

For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

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

Tri-Valley Public

Transportation

T.H.E. Bus is available for anyone. There are no age or income guidelines. However, children under the age of four must be accompanied by an adult and children under the age of one must be secured in an infant seat.

Curb-to-curb services is available, allowing those with special needs more comfortable, safe and convenient method of transportation. All of our buses are handicapped accessible and lift-equipped. All of our drivers are trained and certified.

To reserve a seat, please call one business day prior to the scheduled trip - 1-800-

201-3432.

For Polk, Red Lake and Clearwater county stops:

Every Monday - Grand Forks.

Every 2nd Tuesday - Mahnommen.

Every 4th Tuesday - Thief River Falls

Every 1st, 3rd, & 5th Wednesday - Fargo/Moorhead.

Every 2nd & 4th Friday - Bemidji.



Red Lake Falls Library

The Red Lake Falls and all branches of Northwest Regional Library will be closed on Thursday through Saturday, December 23-25, in observance of the Christmas holiday. Regular hours in RLF resume the following Tuesday. All NWRL branches of NWRL will again be closed on Friday & Saturday, December 31 and

January 1 for the New Year holiday. Thank you to all our patrons who have supported NWRL throughout the year. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all. Stop in during January when the adult winter reading program "Book Blizzard" will get underway; details to come.

Official City of Oklee Minutes

City of Oklee Council Meeting November 8, 2021 Oklee Café 6.00PM

Roll Call Mayor Gulseth, Sandoval and Olson, also present Schmitz, Cross and Larson.

Meeting called to order at 6.00PM
October minutes

Motion to accept October Minutes by Sandoval and seconded by Olson, motion carried.

October Financials

Motion to accept October financials by Olson and seconded by Sandoval, Motion carried.

October Bills

Motion to approve paying the Bills by Olson and seconded by Sandoval, motion carried,

Refrigerator

Council agreed to purchase an used refrigerator from Vi Cote for \$400.

Maintenance Report

Old Sewer pump has moisture in the oil (milky oil). Recommend replacing the pump before failure, cost of pump is approximately \$10,000.00. Order new pump then use old pump as a spare/backup. Motion to order new pump by Sandoval and seconded by Olson, motion carried.

Request for welder and plasma cutter tabled.

Larson City Credit Card

Motion to supply Larson with Credit card by Olson and seconded by Sandoval, motion carried.

Flooring

New flooring for the area at the North door due to bad staining, Joe's Flooring bid accepted. Motion by Olson and seconded by Sandoval, motion carried.

Ryan Gyrskiewicz

Ryan has asked the Council about his daughter's driveway and the culvert at the end of the driveway at 501 Toupin Street, movement has occurred raising the culvert up and that in turn makes the car ground on the tar, Cross to investigate what the City's responsibility is.

Motion to close the meeting by Olson and seconded by Sandoval, motion carried.

Meeting closed at 7:20 p.m.

Mayor Gulseth

Derek Cross/City Clerk O40C

City of Oklee Budget Meeting 6.00 PM Oklee Café, November 24, 2021

Agenda

Budget for 2022

LMC Waiver

Oklee Café

Roll Call: Mayor Gulseth, Sandoval, Olson and Cyr, also present, Cross and Larson.

Budget

Discussion on the Budget, it was agreed that due to the rate rise for dumping of the City's trash by Sanitary Services, to raise the rate of Trash charges by \$4.00 per month. The new rates will be as follows:

Proposed Rate Raise

Old	New	Annual
67.08	71.51	786.61
71.31	75.75	833.25
73.26	77.69	854.59
77.49	81.93	901.23

It was decided by the Council that no rate raise to the Levy. Motion by Olson to not raise the levy by Olson, seconded by Sandoval, motion carried.

LMC Waiver

Motion by Cyr and seconded by Olson, motion carried.

Café new operator

After reviewing a few applicants, it was decided to offer the Café to Steve Olson, who has run the Café previously. It was also decided to give the new operator a 6 month rent free period up to July 1st 2022, to help with all the pit falls of opening a new business in these uncertain times.

Motion by Olson and seconded by Sandoval, motion carried.

Mayor Gulseth

Derek Cross/City Clerk.
O40C

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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Oklee Herald Office Hours

This weeks hours:

Thu, Dec. 23 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Fri, Dec. 24 Office Closed.
Dec. 27 - 31 On Vacation. Call Gonvick.

Oklee Office Phone: 796-5181

Gonvick Office Phone: 218-487-5225

Or by email at either:

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Merry Christmas!

"In spite of everything, we Americans are still uniquely blessed, not only with the rich bounty of our land but by a bounty of the spirit - a kind of year-round Christmas spirit that still makes our country a beacon of hope in a troubled world and that makes this Christmas and every Christmas even more special for all of us who number among our gifts the birthright of being an American."

- President Ronald Reagan

We wish all
of you a
Merry Christmas!

Closing at
noon on Friday,
December 24th
for
Christmas
Eve!



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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.

Oklee

Monday: Breakfast: Bagel w/cream cheese, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Pizza, lettuce salad, fresh vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Biscuit with gravy, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken legs, baked potatoes, vegetables, dinner roll, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Donut, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Hot dog or polish w/bun, baked beans, chips, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: No School. Winter Break.

Friday: No School. Winter Break.

Plummer

Monday: Breakfast: Egg & sausage biscuit, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken wild rice or chicken noodle soup, PB&J Uncrustables, mixed vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Long John, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Ham patty w/ bun, cheese, chips, baked beans, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken variety (nuggets, strips or popcorn), au gratin potatoes, corn, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: No School. Winter Break.

Friday: No School. Winter Break.

RLCC Sports Schedules

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

RLCC Girls

Basketball

Tue, Jan 4:
Girls JH 4:30PM
Red Lake Falls @ Plummer.

Thu, Jan 6:
JV Game 6:00PM
Varsity 7:15PM
Mahnomen/Waubun @ Mahnomen High School.

Fri, Jan 7:
JH Game 4:30PM
Fosston @ Magelssen Elementary School.

Girls JV 6:00PM
Varsity 7:15PM
Climax Shelly @ Fisher High School.

Tue, Jan 11:
Girls JV 6:00PM
Varsity 7:15PM
Red Lake Falls @ Oklee

RLC Rebel Boys

Basketball

Tue, Jan. 4:
Boys C 4:30PM
Boys JV 6:00PM
Varsity 7:30PM RLC Basketball vs. Crookston @ Crookston High School.

Thu, Jan. 6:
JV Game 6:00PM
Varsity 7:30PM
Northern Freeze @ Red Lake Falls High School

Mon, Jan. 10:
Boys JH 4:30PM
Sacred Heart High @ Sacred Heart High School.

Boys C 5:00PM
Boys JV 6:00PM
Varsity 7:30PM
Sacred Heart High School @ Red Lake Falls High School.

Tue, Jan 11:
Boys JH 4:30PM
Win-E-Mac @ Win-E-Mac High School

Boys C 5:00PM
JV Game 6:00PM
Varsity 7:30PM
Win-E-Mac @ Plummer.



Mr. Paul Nelson, a Science teacher at RLCC, held his first Annual Big Buck Contest. Carlee Whalen, (center) won first prize. Second place was Paige Olson, and Ethan Lee placed third. Mr. Nelson explained how important it is for hunters to plan for the meat their families will need for the winter as well as learn about the life cycle of nature including, plants, animals, and humans.

Mustangs vs. the Storm on Dec. 10th losing 34-70

Another loss but a difficult night with 2 players still injured, and another injury that occurred toward the end of the game!!

Stats

Cari Bachand:	11 pts, 4 rebounds, 2 assists, 3 steals
Carly Vettleson:	8 pts, 2 Rebounds, 1 assist
Carlee Whalen:	6 pts, 3 Rebounds, 3 assists
Shawna Majers:	5 pts, 2 Rebounds, 1 assist
Maddie Inda~Valdez:	4 pts, 4 Rebounds, 1 steal



Cari Bachand with a jump shot.



Carly Vettleson had a nice throw resulting in "3 points"!



Carlee Whalen rebounding.

Minnesota Association of Townships announces 2022 Scholarship Program for high school juniors

The Minnesota Association of Townships (MAT) is proud to announce its 2022 Scholarship Program, which will award up to five \$2,000 scholarships to high school juniors. All students currently enrolled in 11th grade and attending a Minnesota public, private, or parochial school, or a home-study program, are eligible to apply for this program. Since its inception in 2001, the MAT Scholarship Program has had over 2100 submissions and 92 winners.

Applicants should submit a written essay using critical thinking on the topic of promoting township government by May 1, 2022. Winners will be chosen by an independent panel of judges and will be notified mid-August 2022. They will also be invited to attend MAT's annual conference in St. Cloud, Minnesota in October 2022.

For more information and application details, please call the MAT offices at 1-800-228-0296 or visit www.mntownships.org.

Boys basketball news

The Rebel Boys Basketball team faced off against Fisher-Climax Knights on Thursday December 9th in Red Lake Falls. The Rebels (1-1) were looking to break over their .500 record and came out hot in the first half, not slowing down and only allowing 6 points in the second half. The Rebels would have a commanding 70-24 victory over the Knights. Owen Chervestad would receive his first ever career quadruple-double, a feat that ties the state record for most double-digit stat lines in a game. Congratulations

"Townships are proud to offer the Scholarship Program, and encourage as many high school juniors as possible to apply, whether they are from the largest cities or from smaller rural areas. We know the MAT Scholarship Program has made a real difference for our recipients in furthering their education. It is also an opportunity for learning about township government, which embody the values of "grass-roots government" where local citizens directly participate," said MAT Executive Director Jeff Krueger.

There are approximately 914,174 township residents in 1,781 townships in Minnesota. Townships exist in every area of the state, including the metropolitan area. Some, with populations of more than 1,000, function in much the same way as a small city. While many townships remain rural agricultural centers, other host a variety of residential, light commercial, and industrial development.

Owen on this Monumental achievement!

On Friday, December 10th, the Rebels faced off against conference opponent BGMR Gators. The Rebels were slow to start in the first half, being down by more than 15 at one point, but were able to keep the game closer at half. The second half came right down to the wire for the Rebels, as better effort on defense and rebounding gave them the opportunity to bounce back in the second half. The Rebels would eventually lose against BGMR 60-62.

Mustang Girls' Basketball News

By Nolan Magnell

On December 9th the Mustangs hosted the Northern Freeze in Plummer. The Northern Freeze won with a score of 40 points to the Mustangs' score of 37 points. Cari Bachand scored 15 points and got 10 rebounds Shawna Majeres scored 9 points, and Carlee Whalen scored 7 points and got 12 rebounds

On December 10th, the Mustangs played Stephen/Argyle in Plummer. Stephen/Argyle won with a score of 68 points

to the Mustangs' 34 points. Some highlights include Cari Bachand scoring 11 points and Carly Vettleson scored 8 points.

The Mustangs game against the East Grand Forks Green Wave that was scheduled for Tuesday, December 14th will be rescheduled for a later time. The Mustangs next game will be January 4th in Mahnomen. The Mustangs are coached by Head Coach Mr. Mitch Bernstein and Assistant Coach, Mr. Kory Baril.

announce the November Students of the Month. Ms. Jessie Hamrum nominated Oliver Russillo because of being an all-around great student, 'I nominated Oliver because he is kind to others, keeps on top of his schoolwork, has a great sense of humor, and is involved in school activities.' The other teachers agreed! Oliver's

parents are Rob and Kelli Russillo and Magen Anderson. He has three siblings, two sisters, and one brother. When asked about his school activities Oliver answered, "I play soccer and do 1-Act and 3-Act. I enjoy all of my classes. My favorite teachers are Ms. Hamrum, Mrs. Aakhus, and my theater director, Ty Hamrum." All of Oliver's teachers feel lucky to have him in their classes.

Mrs. Bobbi Aakhus nominated Remi Rathsack for the student of the month for the Senior High. Remi is a senior who has been active in Multi-Media since the very beginning of Channel 35 and has been active in speech and theater. Remi is in Mrs. Aakhus's Composition 101 class for College in High School. "Remi has consistently become a better writer every year since the seventh grade. It's always fun to see students practice their skills and succeed." Remi's parents are Nichole and Raymond Rathsack. He has three siblings: Justin Enright, Elijah Rathsack, and Emily Rathsack. His favorite classes are Mrs. A's Comp 1 class and Mr. Illie's Science of Art class. Remi is active in 1-Act play, 3-Act play, Speech, and Multimedia. His hobbies include playing bagpipes and piano, Music Composition, Graphic Design, Web Design, Programming in Python, Photography, and Cinematography. His future plans are to go to Northland to finish his generals then go on to a four-year program for cyber security whilst doing artistic/musical commissions on the side.

RLCC High School Students of the Month

Red Lake County Central High School would like to



Ms. Jessie Hamrum, Oliver Russillo, Jeremiah Rathsack, and Mrs. Bobbi Aakhus.

THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS by Clement Clarke Moore

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse; The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;

The children were nestled all snug in their beds, While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads; And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap, Had just settled down for a long winter's nap,

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter, I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter. Away to the window I flew like a flash, Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below, When, what to my wondering eyes should appear, But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer, With a little old driver, so lively and quick, I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.

More rapid than eagles his coursers they came, And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name; "Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen! On, Comet! on Cupid! on, Donner and Blitzen! To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall! Now dash away! dash away! dash away all!"

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly, When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky, So up to the house-top the coursers they flew, With the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas too.

And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof The prancing and pawing of each little hoof. As I drew in my hand, and was turning around, Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.

He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot, And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot; A bundle of toys he had flung on his back, And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.

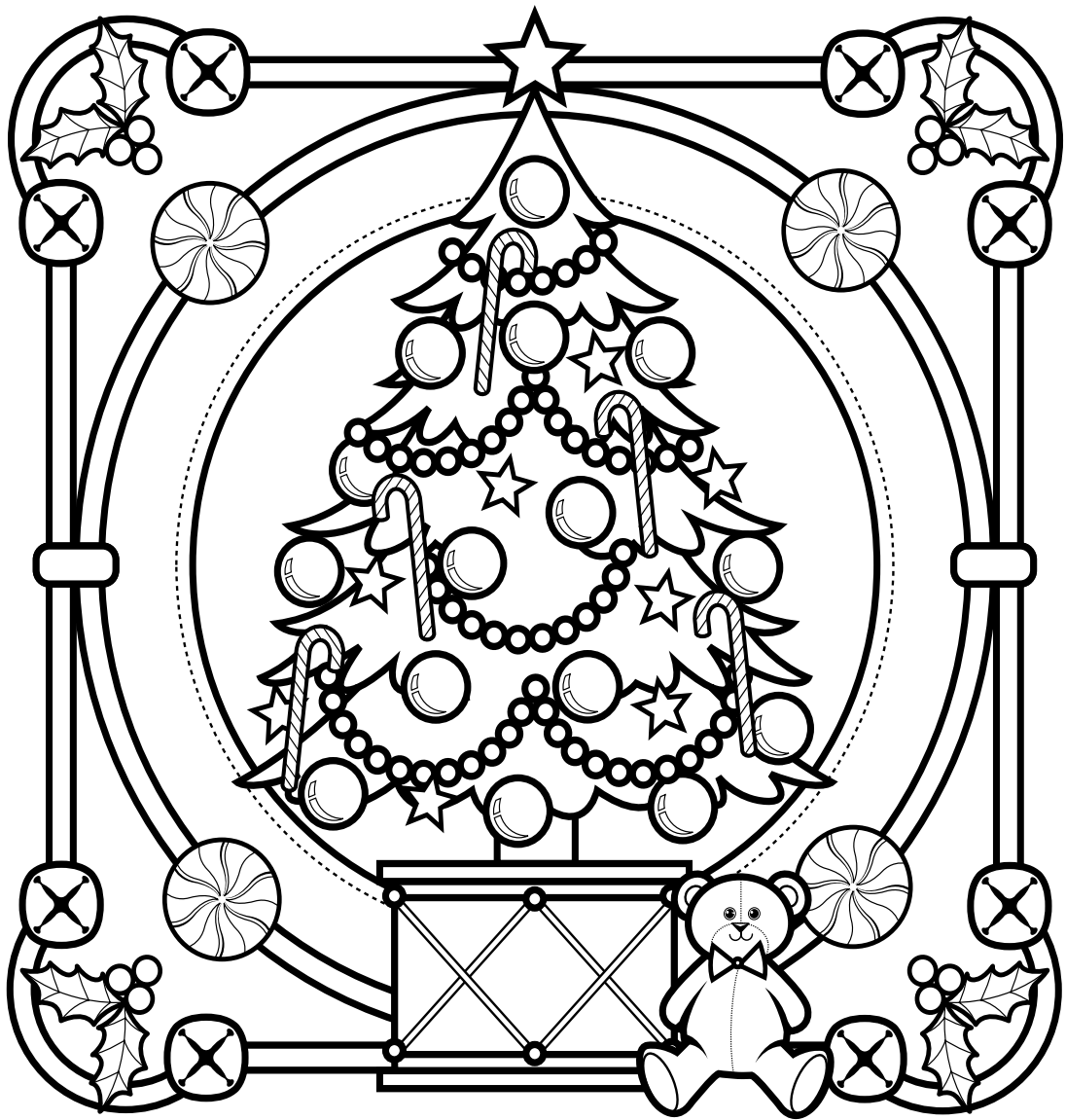
His eyes -- how they twinkled! his dimples how merry! His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry! His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow, And the beard of his chin was as white as the snow;

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth, And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath; He had a broad face and a little round belly, That shook, when he laughed like a bowlful of jelly.

He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf, And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself; A wink of his eye and a twist of his head, Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread;

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work, And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk, And laying his finger aside of his nose, And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose;

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle, And away they all flew like the down of a thistle. But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight, "Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night."



7 facts about the winter solstice

- Nocturnal animals and human night owls may rejoice during the winter solstice.
- On the winter solstice, people can witness the Earth's longest night and shortest day of the year for their respective hemispheres.
- For individuals living in the northern hemisphere, the winter solstice generally occurs between December 20 and 23 each year.
- Those in the southern hemisphere experience the winter solstice between June 20 to June 23.
- In 2019, the northern hemisphere's winter solstice occurs on December 21.
- The solstice may come and go unnoticed, but it's an interesting day on the calendar.
- 1. Not only will the winter solstice occur on a specific date, it also occurs at a specific time when the Earth's semi-axis tilts furthest from the sun.
- This corresponds to when the North Pole is aimed away from the sun on the 23.5 degree tilt of the Earth's axis. At this point, the sun also shines directly over the Tropic of Capricorn.
- The information and trivia site Mental Floss says the solstice happens at the same moment for everyone on the plane.
- However, the hour it occurs depends on your time zone.
- 2. Areas of the Northern Hemisphere can have varying lengths of day and night on the solstice.
- For example, New York City may have nine hours and 15 minutes of sunlight on the winter solstice. If that upsets New Yorkers, they may be happy to be outside parts of Finland, some of which get less than six hours of sunlight on the solstice.
- 3. The word "solstice" is derived from Latin and means "sun stands still." It was chosen to describe this cosmic phenomenon because the solstice sun seemingly appears in the same position at noontime for several days before and after the winter solstice - at its lowest point in the sky.
- 4. It is easy to mistake the solstices for the equinoxes, which also occur twice a year.
- However, the equinoxes occur in fall and spring and mark when the sun is directly above the equator and night and day are of equal length.
- 5. Despite the winter solstice indicating the beginning of the astrological winter, it may not be the coldest time of the season.
- Usually those temperatures are reserved for January and February.
- 6. The Farmer's Almanac reports that many cultures marked the arrival of the solstice as a time of death and rebirth.
- Early man also kept track of the days by observing the sun's position in the sky. In fact, historians believe Stonehenge was created to monitor the sun's yearly "movement."
- 7. Many traditions associated with Christmas originated during Pagan celebrations for the winter solstice.
- For example, Scandinavians would burn a juul (yule) log in the hearth in honor of the god Thor. Thor's job was to bring the sun's warmth back to the people.
- While the winter solstice and the lack of sunlight synonymous with it may not be something everyone looks forward to, there is a silver lining.
- Following the winter solstice, the hours of sunlight gradually increase by the day, eventually paving the way for the spring equinox.

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There are four differences between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?

A

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Update on Who's Dat photo of the Women of the Woodmen photo from a few weeks ago



Thank you Shirley (Harold) Cyr for your help in naming most of the ladies. If anyone else know the missing pieces, please let me know.
Back row (l to r): _____ Short, _____ Asselin, Myrtle Fore, Permelia Lessard, _____, and Laura Falardeau.
Middle row (l to r): Georgiana Berry, Elzima Asselin, _____, _____, Shacker, Aldia Toulouse, Rose Miller, and Laura Bernier.
Front row (l to r): _____, Blanche Lambert, Doris & Dorothy Asselin, Alexina Turgeon, Eleanore Bergeron, Peggy O'Neill, Mrs. Dan Roland, Jane Bergeron, and _____ Morrisette.

Oklee Herald Early Files

Eighty Years Ago December 25, 1941

A large crowd of people were present in Oklee on Monday of this week for the annual Santa Claus day.

Grade school children presented an Operetta at the Oklee auditorium. "Old Crosspatch" was the name. The cast was composed of pupils from the six lower grades and included Alice Jensen, Ambrose Miller, Dola Dessellier, Shirley Turgeon, Paul Bergeron, Irene Bergeron, Joanne Bruggeman, Jerry Horstman, Ordean Birke-land and LaVerne Farrington, together with a chorus of boys and girls.

Miss Mae Bergeron and Miss Gloria Mersy, who attend St. Teresa College at Winona, are spending Christmas vacation at their homes here.

Miss Aribelle Berry, who is employed at Thief River Falls, spent Friday and Saturday at her home here.

Marvin Tinnasand of Camp Claiborne, LA is spending the week with relatives and friends in Oklee and vicinity.

Shadow Lawn school has a Christmas program last Saturday evening. Plenty of nuts, candy and apples were given away.

Seventy Years Ago December 20, 1951

Tuesday, Dec. 18, the McIntosh Cardinals defeated the Oklee cagers by a score of 49-41.

Some 700 children were entertained here at Oklee's Santa Claus day. They were given free admission to the Oak Theatre for the showing of "The Great Rupert", the story of a trained squirrel, and after the movie, each child was presented with a bag of candy and peanuts. Playing the part of Santa Claus was Milo Larson.

Pfc. Lloyd Cote of Oklee telephoned his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Art Cote of Trail last week to say that he has completed his duty in the atomic testing zone in Nevada and has returned to his base at Fort Lewis, WA.

Ole, Tommy, Glenn and Oliver Hofstad, Walter Hanson, Martin Skreland and Ole Legvold called briefly at the Arnold Tveiten home Tuesday.

Lloyd Green attended the GTA convention in St. Paul last week as a delegate from the Farmers Cooperative Elevator of Oklee.

Sixty Years Ago December 28, 1961

Those who helped Mrs. Ida Fore celebrate her 88th birthday were Mr. and Mrs. Torkel Gunderson, Arlene and Sheryl, Mrs. Anne Hofstad, Tommy Hofstad, Mrs. Gundhild lintvet and Orlo and Mr. and Mrs. George Fossum.

The Plummer School presented a Christmas program at the school auditorium Thursday evening called the "Christmas Story" and was presented by the elementary grades.

Jerry Brown, who is serving with the Marines at Camp Pendleton, San Diego, CA arrived Sunday to spend the holidays with his parents and other relatives and friends.

Paul Bernard Nistler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Nistler of Oklee and Miss Loretta Volkman were married in nuptial mass at Fairbanks Alaska on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Volkman of Eveanville,

Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Salvhus (nee Ida Mae Christianson) are the parents of a boy born December 21. He weighed six pounds and five ounces.

Fifty Years Ago December 23, 1971

Mr. and Mrs. George Hendrum of Oklee celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary at their home Sunday afternoon. Their children Mrs. Ralph Snobeck and Gaylen Hendrum were in charge of the event.

Mr. and Mrs. Ole Austad have a new grandson, Jamey Lee, born to Mr. and Mrs. Gary Austad of rural Thief River Falls on December 15th.

Allen and Olin Flateland of Fergus Falls are spending the holidays with their parents, Knute Flatelands.

For the first time Oklee will host a high school basketball tournament during the Christmas school holidays with an invitational event scheduled for Dec. 29 & 30.

Visitors Sunday at the Larry Skallet home were Mr. Al Brand and Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Mandt, the occasion being Michelle's 3rd birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gust West-erlund visited Saturday afternoon with Mrs. Annie Greenwald at Hillcrest Nursing home in Red Lake Falls.

Forty Years Ago December 24, 1981

The Oklee Senior Site had a December birthday/Christmas party. 58 seniors participated in the dinner.

Robert Flaten is in the Thief River Falls hospital in critical condition, he had lymphoma and has received many cobalt treatments.

Santa letters were printed in the paper and lots of pictures from Santa Day. Nathan L asked for a barn with a farmer and a wife. He also asked for something for his baby Timmy, a blue and red ball.

The Nazareth Sunday School children presented their Christmas program on Sunday evening.

Little Angela, daughter of Kory and Carol Chervestad celebrated her 2nd birthday Sunday afternoon with her birthday cake made in the shape of Santa Claus.

MM3 Kelly Howard of the Norfolk Naval Base in Norfolk, Virginia came Saturday by plane to visit over Christmas at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Howard.

Thirty Years Ago December 18, 1991

Through a program sponsored by the IBM Corporation, the Oklee High School Physics class is able to do many sophisticated educational experiments using a computer which has been updated.

Jacob Anderson, son of John and Rhonda Anderson, recently won the Oklee School Geography Bee. He is in the 8th grade and will now go on to the written test.

Mrs. Richard Lambert held a 75th birthday party for her mother, Wylma Radniecki.

In honor of his birthday, Eddy Eskeli was a special guest for Thanksgiving dinner at the home of Rosemary and Melvin Eskeli. Others there were Steve, Lisa, Wesley and David Eskeli.

Meet the Oklee Kindergarten featured Aaron Determan and Derek Gagner.

Twenty Years Ago December 20, 2001

Mike Dessellier, the new Oklee Fire Chief reported to the City Council that the new firefighting gear was working out well.

The RLCC Mustangs muscled their way to a second-place finish in the Crookston Invitational on Dec. 8, with ten wrestlers scoring points.

The RLCC Boys Basketball battled their county rival, the Red Lake Falls Eagles, but just couldn't get those needed points to win the game. The final score was 35-54.

The rafters have been set and the purlines are in place on the new fire house being erected in Plummer. If the mild weather holds, the project should be finished by the projected completion date of June 1, 2002.

Burnel and Effie Byer arrived at their Texas home on November 30th and are now "Winter Texans".

The snowmobile races on Pine Lake were canceled the second day as it was too warm and too wet. An unusual situation for this part of the country.

Ten Years Ago December 21, 2011

Ten RLCC sophomores attended the Target Leadership Conference held in TRF. They were Ariel Paradis, Cheyenne Gunderson, Matt Eskeli, Blake DeHate, Lindsey Ervasti, Louisa Abrahamson, Brooke Gustafson, Jacob Magnell, Karleigh Sorenson, and Mick-ala Morinville.

The sun is shining, and the temperatures are in the 40's.

Fosston area residents were invited to celebrate the completion of a 6.1 million building project at the local hospital and clinic.

Andy Dessellier joined Genereux Realty and is a Red Lake County Central graduate.

Last year there was such a huge crowd that gathered at the Orrie and Sue Flermoen farm to see the Canadian Pacific Holiday Train that this year, the train actually stopped and put on a 15 minute show.

Don and Connie Hagen of Plummer are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Molly to Quintin Hunt, son of Karl and Patricia Hunt of Casa Grande, AZ.

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Who's Dat?

This week's photo is of ????

Last week's photo is of part of a cast of a play at school. I don't know who they are so if you know, let me know.

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.

Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteers Jo Lambert & Bonny Cote

We don't have any specific information yet, but I believe everyone has heard that Teresa is retiring from the Oklee Cafe as of December 31st.

The Seniors will be honoring Teresa on Thursday, December 30th at 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome to stop by for coffee & treats and say goodbye to Teresa. We will miss her and her delicious senior meals.

We have been informed that Steve Olson, who previously ran the cafe will be taking over in January. As more details come out, we will let you know.

Delores Longtin, past long time volunteer at the senior site, turns 90 on December 29. Due to Covid restrictions in place at Poplar Meadows, no celebration will be held, but anyone that would like to send a birthday cards here is her address.

Delores Longtin
325 Scots Ave SE #208
McIntosh MN 56556

Senior Meals:

There will be no Senior Meal on Christmas Eve day or New Year's Eve day from the Oklee Cafe. If you normally get a meal on Fridays, you will still get one. Jo will be getting them from another site for Christmas

Eve and New Years Eve days.

Christmas

Week Activities: 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, 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.

Note: There will be no bingo until Thursday January 6th.

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.

Once There

Was a Snowman
~ Anon
Once there was a snowman, Who stood outside the door, He wished that he could come inside, And run about the floor. He wished that he could warm himself, Beside the fire, so red, He wished that he could climb

Upon the big white bed. So he called to the North Wind, "Come and help me, pray, For I'm completely frozen, Standing here all day." So the North Wind came along,

And blew him in the door. And now there nothing left, But a puddle on the floor!

The Day Before Christmas

~ Anon

We have been helping with the cake, And licking out the pan, And wrapping up our packages, As neatly as we can. We have hung our stockings up, Beside the open grate. And now there's nothing more to do,

Except

To
Wait.

Merry Christmas from
the Senior Site.

Hope you all have a
very Merry Christmas!

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

The weather turned cold this week. It looks like we are going to have winter Brrr this week. On Saturday it was so nice, I was watching the rabbits play and forage for food under my big arbor-vitae bush. They are rather fearless as long as we don't approach them. There are two at least and I think we would find many more if we could see how many are in the bushes. They are cute short eared brown bunnies .

The sad news to report is the passing of David Myhre. He was born in the Terrebonne area and lived in the area of Brooks, Plummer and Thief River Falls most of his life. He worked for farmers mostly. He had a laugh that everyone could hear in any crowd. Rest in Peace Dave. Our sympathy to the family and friends of Dave.

Kevin Gerardy Passed away in Rochesterr Mayo on Decem-

ber 10. Our sympathy to his family. His memorial service will be held at a later date.

Last week I told you Dianne Gagner went shopping in the cities, and wondered how she shopped in a snowstorm. She is smarter than I am, because she left for the cities after the storm was over and she reports that she and Stephanie Koralewski, her daughter, had a great time shopping. The joke was on me.

On Thursday Ian Ellenson came to visit on his way to War-road from college. He stayed for supper and then decided the weather was way too foggy to drive all that way, so he stayed overnight. That night we lost our electricity and were in total darkness for a bit. Jerome went out and fired up the generator and called the electric company. Later we saw the company truck come to check out our

system, and then leave. We were out of electricity about 6 hours. On Friday Ian went home after breakfast.

It seems every holiday there is another Covid threat. It is getting boring, and our lives are never going to be normal again. But Covid will put the brakes on our holiday plans for sure. We are old though we don't like admitting it, and we don't plan to take chances. So unvaccinated family will not be gathering with us and that is their choice. I hope you are able to gather with your family and enjoy their company for Christmas.

Merry Christmas to you all, and eat some extra Christmas goodies for me. Enjoy whatever you are doing with whoever you are with during this holiday and holy day. Merry Christmas.

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe
218-465-4402

On Sunday, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, there was a dinner of sloppy joes, chips and cupcakes in honor of Clayton Larson's 100th birthday which was December 8th. Those attending with him were his sister Ardell Daly and Karen Gallagher, Marie and Mike Seeger and kids and Tanya Waldal. There also was the kids Christmas program and party.

Brielle Traxler visited her grandma Anne Traxler Friday and Saturday.

Karen Tvedt attended the funeral of her sister-in-law Marilyn Tvedt, wife of Kenny Tvedt at Barnum, MN. Also attending were Willard and Tammy Malwitz, Kevin and Tiffany Tvedt and Ryan, Char Tvedt. Bernie and Jill DeHate also went.

On Tuesday morning, the Challenger first graders came to the Tri-River Museum to tour with their teachers and aides. Tri River members helping were Roger Harmoning, Chuck Simpson, Les Hofstad, Leo Schmitz, Gylency Eskeli, Alice Jobe, and Jolene Qualley. After touring the kids made butter in baby jars. Then later, put butter on soda crackers to eat. They had juice with. Wednesday and Thursday more 1st graders came to tour and made butter. The last day Mrs. Quick came. After making butter, they ate and Elizabeth

Quick played the piano and the kids sang "Jingle Bells." After that they played "Hide the Thimble". They had fun with that. Before they left, they went for a few minutes to look at machinery in the barn. It was a full three days with the kids.

Thursday, the school started two hours late. While we got very little snow Wednesday night, it had rained and frozen. It also was rather windy in the morning.

On Thursday, December 23rd, Ultima Bank in Plummer will have an open house with coffee, cookies, and apple cider served. There will also be drawings.

The time sure went fast this month while awaiting Christmas.

I hope each of you has a safe, happy and blessed Christmas! Stay warm.

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