



Oklee Herald

...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

OKLEE (RED LAKE COUNTY) MINN. 56742

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\$1.00



Year In Review...

January 6, 2021

Numbers were dropping in Polk, Pennington and Red Lake for Covid that week.

There was lots of activity in the area with the Enbridge Line 3 finally going in.

It has been hazardous in the Oklee area due to the number of wild turkeys crossing the road near the Zion Cemetery.

The City of Oklee has been busy installing new ceiling tiles throughout the building and new LED lighting.

We have a little bit of snow, the Christmas Holiday and New Years Eve are over and we started a brand new year. Sadly, we have heard that Joyce Hardecopf and Ernest Mostrom have passed away.

January 13, 2021

Recently, Oklee Quilting Supply in Oklee did their first online video on January 5th. Owner Toni Johnson and employee, Judy Schue, to promote their new online presence,

On January 5th, the re-organizational meeting was held for the Red Lake County Commissioners.

We have had frosty mornings on January 5th & 8th. With the mild winter and frosty trees it makes everything look beautiful and sparkly.

Mrs. Shannon Converse is the new Kindergarten teacher

at the Red Lake County Central Elementary School.

Ben Wattenphul is the new music teacher at Red Lake County Central Elementary School. Wattenphul was looking for work in the schools around Thief River Falls, where he lived.

Krista Bernstein is the new office assistant at RLCC Elementary School.

In the National news - We are in troubling times in our country. On Wednesday there was a riot at the capitol building in Washington D. C.

January 20, 2021

On January 11, 2021, the Oklee City Council meeting was held and Lori Gulseth is the new Oklee Mayor.

Congratulations to Rae Martinson our "2021" Spelling Bee Champion and to Alexa Chervestad who came in 2nd place.

December Students of the Month at the Elementary were Parker Klasen and Reese Lambert.

It is getting cooler outside and winter is evident. We are glad we are not hitting the 30 below weather.

Val Koralewski of Brooks passed away.

January 27, 2021

What's in The Ginger Junker in McIntosh? What isn't?

The 10,000 square foot space is artistically arranged with groupings including anything from rust and dust, vintage milk glass and pottery displays to household furniture from any decade.

On Tuesday, January 19th, the Red Lake County Central

Mustangs Wrestlers hosted the Cass-Lake Bena Panthers and the Fertile Beltrami Falcons. The Mustang started the dual out against the Panthers. The dual started weights out at 106 and went to 145 without the Mustangs having anyone competing.

It was Paraprofessional Recognition Week at RLCC Elementary School - Pictured in the paper were Debbie DuChamp, Amber Kvasager, Gin Berns, Karen Vigstol, Deysi Lucio, Alicia Timm, Linette Trebesch, and Vicki Gustafson.

Shyla Styles was the Senior High Student of the Month for November. She is the daughter of Denise and Jeremy Styles.

The weather has turned colder, but it is still a very warm winter. And most are very grateful for the lack of snow. However, the snowmobilers and farmers are really wanting some snow. One for riding and one for the moisture it brings.

Victor Schiefert of Plummer died last week.

Betty White, actress, celebrated her 99th birthday the weekend of the 16th.

RLCC UNITED Our Students - Our Future

On Wednesday, December 22nd, Red Lake County Central (RLCC) schools launched a website, rlccunited.org. The purpose of this online site is to answer any questions about the upcoming election on Tuesday, February 8th.

The Plan will:

Provide more space for classrooms, learning, and activities.

An addition will be constructed on the northeast corner of our elementary school. This will provide additional classroom/specialty space to serve our students well.

The 1939 portion of the high school building will be demolished and approximately 8,650 square feet will be remodeled. The cafeteria in our high school will be expanded and renovated to provide additional space. The existing multi-purpose space will be renovated to replace the media center and Online College in the High School (OCHS) space. A 26,000 square foot addition will be constructed at the high school and include a mechanical room, a new gymnasium featuring three full-sized competition courts for physical education and a variety of other extracurriculars, activities, and community events, restrooms, boys and girls locker rooms, storage, coaches office/training room, and concessions stand.

Update our science classrooms for hands-on learning.

Both science classrooms will be expanded and improved to provide hands-on learning opportunities, adequate lab stations, storage, and equipment. The spaces will allow for new methods and technologies taught to students in grades 7-12.

Address safety, accessibility, and other district needs including

ing parking.

Our high school office will be relocated to the classrooms adjacent to the main entrance. This secured entrance will help ensure the safety of our students and staff. In addition, a small commons space will be created near the new main entrance.

The gymnasium in our elementary school will receive a new wheelchair lift and new bleachers to meet federal accessibility (ADA) standards. Sound-reduction panels will also be installed for noise reduction.

The restrooms in our high school will be updated and centrally located. Both our boys and girls locker rooms will be part of the new addition to improve location, accessibility, and restroom space.

A centrally located restroom equipped with proper accessibility will be provided at our elementary school in the north wing of the facility. This will allow for better accessibility for staff as well as a resource area for staff.

Additional parking will be provided at our high school adjacent to the gymnasium. This additional parking will provide space for our students, staff, and community.

What happens if the referendum is approved?

If the referendum passes, the district will continue the design process with detailed development of the conceptual plan into construction drawings with continued involvement of user groups for each building, led by ICS and the project architect. These groups will include staff, administrators, community members, and students who will work collaboratively throughout the design process.

Community input would

be asked for and encouraged to ensure the designs of each building best represent those using our facilities — our students, staff, and community.

The proposed timeline for the project is:

Referendum: February 8, 2022

Design Phase: February 2022 - September 2022

Bid and Award: October 2022 - January 2023

Construction: May 2023 - August 2024

Completion/Occupancy: September 1, 2024.

Upcoming meeting dates:

Red Lake County Central schools will be holding three meetings in January for anyone that wants to attend. The meetings are set up at three locations - Oklee, Plummer and Brooks for your convenience.

At the meetings you will be given information on the plans and will be able to ask questions.

Everyone in our school district is invited to attend one of the upcoming meetings. The school will provide information about the referendum, answer community questions and visit with residents on the following days.

Dates are:

Monday, January 10th in Brooks at the Community Hall at 7:00 pm

Thursday, January 13th in Plummer at the school at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, January 19th in Oklee at the school at 7:00 pm

Next week watch for information on the three ways to vote. And remember, everyone's vote is important.

Oklee Quilting held their Annual Quilting Retreat November 12-14



Connie Lundeen, Oklee, Cynthia Hibbard, Crookston, and Elain Broker from Grafton, ND.



Delores Jensen celebrated her birthday at the Quilt Retreat at the Oklee Inn.



Courtney Clark and Georgette Philip of Thief River Falls and Gelene Lundeen from Oklee. Watch for more photos and info next week.



Adele Rosencrans and Dawn Dyrda of Thief River Falls.

Important Links



Frequently Asked Questions



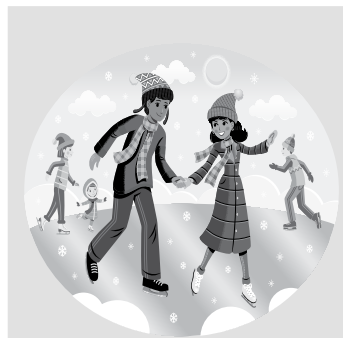
Tax Calculator



School Board Information



If you have access to the internet and want to learn more, go to - <https://www.rlccunited.org/resources> to access this Important Links page.



Calendar of Events

Wed, Jan. 5:

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

Thu, Jan. 6:

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

Fri, Jan. 7:

-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news

Sat, Jan. 8:

-Support your local business - Shop Locally!

Sun, Jan. 9:

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

Mon, Jan. 10:

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

Tue, Jan. 11:

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

Wed, Jan. 12:

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

-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.



Stay Warm!!

Inter-County Nursing Service Visit us on Facebook

December 30th: There are 6 new reported cases for Pennington County, 1 child under 12 & 30's - 60's.

There is 1 new reported case for Red Lake County, in their 30's.

December 29th: There are 5 new reported cases for Pennington County, 1 child under 10 & 40's - 60's. 2 additional cases have hospitalized, they are in their 20's & 70's. 1 additional COVID related death has been reported, they were in their 80's.

There are no new reported cases for Red Lake County.

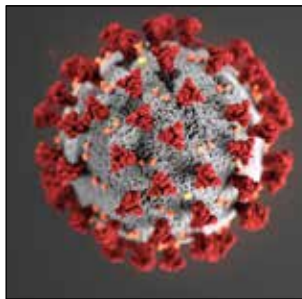
December 24th - 28th: There are 11 new reported cases for Pennington County, 2 teens & 20's - 50's.

There are 4 new reported cases for Red Lake County, in their 40's & 50's.

CDC is shortening the recommended time for isolation from 10 days for people with COVID-19 to 5 days, if asymptomatic, followed by 5 days of wearing a mask when around others.

Updating the recommended quarantine period for those exposed to COVID-19. For people who are unvaccinated or are more than six months out from their second mRNA dose (or more than 2 months after the J&J vaccine) and not yet boosted, CDC now recommends quarantine for 5 days followed by strict mask use for an additional 5 days. Alternatively, if a 5-day quarantine is not feasible, it is imperative that an exposed person wear a well-fitting mask at all times when around others for 10 days after exposure. Individuals who have received their booster shot do not need to quarantine following an exposure, but should wear a mask for 10 days after the exposure. For all those exposed, best practice would also include a test for SARS-CoV-2 at day 5 after exposure. If symptoms occur, individuals should immediately quarantine until a negative test confirms symptoms are not attributable to COVID-19.

MDH is currently reviewing this information. More information to come when it is available.



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	2675	736
• Total # of Hospitalizations	131	37
• # Currently in Hospital	1	0
• # of Active Cases in Isolation	34	5
• Deaths	32	12

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Wed, Jan. 5: 7:00 p.m.
Confirmation at Zion.
Sun, Jan. 9: 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, Jan. 11: 7:00 p.m.
Parish Board meeting.
Wed, Jan. 12: 10:00 a.m.
Grief Support Group. 7:00 p.m.
Confirmation at Zion.
Sermons are on GVTEL
Channel 35 (10 am Sunday & 2
pm Tuesday), also on Facebook
or YouTube.

**CATHOLIC PARISHES
OF OKLEE, GRYGLA &
GOODRIDGE**
Fr. Adam Hamness
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. St. Fran-
cis—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
Saturday: St. Joseph RLF
5:30 p.m.
Sunday: Brooks Sunday
8:00 a.m. St. Joseph 10:00 a.m.

**IMMANUEL—EBENEZER
LUTHERAN PARISH**
ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun, Jan 9: 9:00 a.m. Wor-
ship at Ebenezer. 9:15 a.m.
SS at Immanuel. 10:30 a.m.
Worship at Immanuel.

**GOODRIDGE AREA
LUTHERAN PARISH**
Bethany—Ekelund—Faith
Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Wed, Jan. 5: 7:00 p.m.
Confirmation at Faith.
Sun, Jan. 9: 8:00 a.m.
Ekelund Worship. 9: a.m. SS.
9:30 a.m. Faith Worship. 10:30
a.m. SS. 11:00 a.m. Bethany
Worship. 10:00 a.m. SS.
Mon, Jan. 10: 9 a.m. Faith
Quilting.
Tue, Jan. 11: 9:30 a.m.
Shalom Circle.
Wed, Jan. 12: 7:00 p.m.
Confirmation at Faith.

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Sudoku Solution

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



Teaching Your Children To Save

Even young children can grasp financial concepts such as saving and spending. Children are visual. Give your child a transparent piggy bank so they can see the money they are saving.

Then bring your child to the bank to open a Savings Account. **If you encourage your children to save when they're young, chances are they'll continue to save when they're adults.**

Security STATE BANK
PO Box 69 Oklee, MN 56742



Phone 218-796-5157

**CLEARWATER
LUTHERAN PARISH**
Mt. Olive – Nazareth
Oak Park – St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Wed, Jan. 5: 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday School.
Sat, Jan. 8: Mt Olive:
9:00 a.m.
Sun, Jan. 9: St. Petri: 8:00
a.m. Worship. Nazareth: 9:45
Worship. Oak Park: 11:00 a.m.
Worship.

Wed, Jan. 12: 5 p.m.
Wednesday School.
Find services and past ser-
mons at www.facebook.com/clearwaterlutheranparish

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Jarred LeBon, Pastor
Tyler Stynsberg,
Assoc. Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Jan. 5: 6:25 p.m.
AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth
Group.

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

Tue, Jan. 11: 9:30 a.m.
Ladies Devotions.
Wed, Jan. 12: 6:25 p.m.
AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth
Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson,
Lay Minister
Sun, Jan. 9: 9:00 a.m.
Lund. 10:30 a.m. Bethany. 2:00
p.m. 8th grade Confirmation
at Lund.
*CDC safety guidelines for
COVID-19 will be followed.*

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

Oklee Senior Site Dining

Oklee Senior Site Dining
January 10 - 14
No congregate meals served.
If you are over the age of
60 and you want a meal de-
livered to your home, call the
Oklee Cafe 796-5666. Please
call by Friday to order your
meals from the menu below.
If the cafe runs short, it will
be Cook's Choice. A \$5.00 per
meal donation is suggested.
Mon: Pork loin, mashed po-
tatoes, gravy, vegetable, milk,
and dessert.
Tue: Cream Chicken diner
w/mashed potatoes, gravy,
vegetable, milk, and dessert.
Wed: Meat loaf, baked po-
to, vegetable, milk, and dessert.
Thu: Chili, grilled cheese,
fruit salad, and milk.
Fri: Hamburger w/bun,
hash browns, coleslaw, milk,
and dessert.

**FINANCIAL
WELLNESS MONTH**

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 Janu-
ary 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, Sani-
tary 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 com-
pany 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 un-
der 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, qualifica-
tions, 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.

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Email: kellefsoncvso@hotmail.com
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Annual Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest

The annual Knights of Co-
lumbus Free Throw Contest
will be held in Red Lake Falls
at the high school on Sunday
January 23rd at 1:00. This is
the local contest with winners
advancing to the District con-
test in February. The contest
is open to any girls or boys with
age groups from 9-14 years.
For registration forms, ask at
the school office at the RLF
high school, RLF elementary
school, Plummer school, or the
Oklee school or contact Steve
Phillion at 218-686-3608. The
high school gym will be open
in RLF at 12:30 on the 23rd
for practice.

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 comfort-
able, 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 –
Mahnomon.

Every 4th Tuesday – Thief
River Falls

Every 1st, 3rd, & 5th Wednes-
day – Fargo/Moorhead.

Every 2nd & 4th Friday –
Bemidji.



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Red Lake County Commissioners Minutes

RED LAKE COUNTY Regular Meeting Held December 14, 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 December
14, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Chairman
Flage called the meeting to order. All
Commissioners were present. The
Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Tanya Hanson Administrator of
the SWCD met with the County
Board regarding the 2022 Aquatic
Invasive Species (AIS) Plan and
to seek approval of a resolution
to approve the plan as presented.
Hanson provided data on the current
year accomplishments and reviewed
items being incorporated into next
year's plan. The AIS funds are
used to promote public awareness
and education about AIS. Red Lake
County will receive \$6,770.00 in
state aid by adopting an AIS plan for
2022. Commissioner Weiss moved,
seconded by Dudycha and carried
by unanimous vote to approve
**Resolution No 12-01-21 "Aquatic
Invasive Species Aid"**. A complete
document is available at the SWCD
or the County Auditor's office.

Hanson also provided an update
on several projects scheduled for
the 2022 construction season and
on state grants applied for and local
dollars available to fund the projects.

Environmental Officer Casavan
met with the board to request ap-
proval of the 2022 Solid Waste Haul-
ers License for Sanitary Service of
Red Lake Falls. Casavan mentioned
that the required paperwork has
been received. Commissioner Ge-
rardy moved, seconded by Remick
and carried unanimously to approve
the 2022 Solid Waste Haulers Li-
cense with Sanitary Service.

Casavan informed that he has
installed a security camera system
at the Red Lake Falls Demolition
Landfill as tools and other items have
been stolen at the facility recently.

Commissioner Gerardy moved
and seconded by Remick to ap-
prove the minutes of the regular
board meeting held November 23,
2021 and the Truth in Taxation
Hearing held on December 2, 2021
as presented. The motion carried
unanimously.

Commissioner Dudycha moved,
seconded by Weiss and carried
unanimously to approve the follow-
ing expenditures for the period:

Vendor	Amount
Counties Providing Technology	\$ 4,414.00
Fivestar Flooring & Tile	2,061.50
Garden Valley Telephone	4,089.75
Government Mgmt Group	2,975.00
Hoffman, Philipp, & Martell, PLLC	22,615.00
Knott Gravel	2,675.00
Les's Sanitation	19,750.00
Mn Counties Intergovernmental Trust	3,055.00
MN Public Employees Insurance	35,390.88
Polk County Highway Dept.	871,589.23
Red Lake County Co-op	20,646.64
Saber Shred Solutions, Inc.	3,558.50
Ziegler Cat	2,078.24
55 Vendors less than \$2,000	22,158.42
FINAL TOTAL	\$1,017,057.16

The motion included the following
added expenses: \$14.56 expens-
es and \$160.00 per diem to Allen
Remick.

HR Director Lundeen met with
the board regarding a longevity
increase to \$75.00 per month for
Environmental Officer Kurt Casavan
effective on December 9, 2021.
Commissioner Dudycha moved,
seconded by Remick and carried
by unanimous vote to approve the
request as presented.

Lundeen updated on the inter-
view process for the Social Services
Director position. There will be
two or three additional candidates
interviewed.

Lundeen discussed the local
county COVID Leave Plan. The
current local plan is set to expire
on December 31, 2021. Lundeen
suggested that the county continue
the policy for an additional time
period. Commissioner Remick
moved, seconded by Gerardy and
carried unanimously to extend the
current County COVID Leave Plan
to May 31, 2022 and review again
at that time.

Chairman Flage opened dis-
cussion on the National Opioid
Litigation. The settlement agree-
ment and other information received
from the Association of Minnesota
Counties (AMC) was distributed.
The Minnesota Attorney General,
the State of Minnesota, and local
government representatives have
finished with negotiations on the
state sub-agreement for distributing
Minnesota's allocation of the national
opioid settlement. The final docu-

Notice To Residents of Terrebonne Township

The dates of filing affidavits of
candidacy for township offices are
December 28, 2021 – January 11,
2022.

Offices open are:
1 Supervisor-three year term
1 Clerk-two year term

Filing may be done at the Clerk's
office at any reasonable time during
the two week period by calling 698-
4615. The Town Clerks Office will
be open on January 11th from 1-5 p.m.
Filing closes at 5:00 p.m. on January
11, 2022. Filing fee is \$2.00.

Josie Myhre,
Terrebonne Township Clerk

ments are being drafted and will be
available later in December. AMC
and the State Attorney General are
asking that all 87 Minnesota counties
adopt a county resolution allowing
the county to complete the federal
settlement documents and submit
before January 2, 2022. County
Attorney Lacoursiere provided a brief
review of the agreement. Lacoursi-
ere recommended that the county
not participate in the settlement. The
County Board tabled any decision
until the next meeting.

Auditor Schmitz informed that
one individual has submitted a letter
of interest in an appointment as the
county's representative to the Red
Lake Watershed District Board of
Managers. Commissioner Remick
moved, seconded by Dudycha to
re-appoint Alan Page for a 3-year
term commencing January 10, 2022.
Voting for: Commissioner Dudycha,
Flage, Gerardy and Remick. Abstain:
Commissioner Weiss. The motion
carried.

Schmitz informed the 2020 finan-
cial audit was the final year of the
agreement with the firm of Hoffman,
Philipp, & Martell, PLLC. The firm
is offering a 3-year agreement and
5-year agreement. Commissioner
Gerardy moved, seconded by Dudy-
cha and carried by unanimous vote
to approve a 5-year financial audit
agreement with Hoffman, Philipp
& Martell, PLLC in the amount of
\$32,600.00 annually through the
2025-year audit.

Schmitz informed that Govern-
ment Management Group (GMG)
has completed the 2020 Central Ser-
vices Cost Allocation Plan. The plan
will be used as the basis for federal
grant cost recoveries in year 2022.
A new agreement is needed. GMG
is offering a 3-year agreement for
years 2021-2023 cost plan services
at a fee of \$3,000.00 per year. Red
Lake County receives approximately
\$40,000.00 to \$60,000.00 in federal
reimbursements annually for com-
pleting the cost services plan. Com-
missioner Weiss moved, seconded
by Gerardy and carried unanimously
to approve the Cost Allocation Plan
agreement for years 2021, 2022 and
2023 with Government Management
Group.

The Following Commissioner/
Committee reports were shared:

Commissioner Meeting/Report
Dudycha: Tri County Corrections.
Gerardy: County Truth in Taxa-
tion meeting.

Remick: SWCD, SS Director
interviews and County Truth in Tax-
ation.

Flage: NW RDC Transportation
Advisory and Mn Rural Caucus
meetings.

Weiss: SS Director interviews,
Tri County Corrections and NW RDC
Executive Board meeting.

Commissioner Weiss moved,
seconded by Gerardy and carried by
unanimous vote to approve payment
of \$4,737.61 to reimburse the Red
Lake County Park Board for the 2021
operating expenses for the Huot
County Park.

Commissioner Weiss moved,
seconded by Dudycha and unani-
mously carried to re-appoint Sandy
Bertilrud and Mary Ann Lambert to
the Inter County Nursing Service
Board for a 2-year term commencing
January 1, 2022.

Auditor Schmitz presented a
quote for a new Computer Server to
replace the current equipment. The
current server is over 7-years old and
was damaged so a used temporary
server was installed. A quote was
supplied by ReadTech of Grand
Forks in the amount of \$10,696.00 for
an HPE ProLiant DL360 with added
memory, power supply kit, server/
user licenses, installation and a
3-year warranty. An additional 2-year
warranty can be purchased at a later
date. The Cloud Continuity Back-up
of the servers to the cloud for data
recovery occurring due to a failure
is an additional \$290.00 per month
and will satisfy the State Auditor
requirements for a Data Recovery
Operations Plan. Commissioner
Remick moved, seconded by Dudy-
cha and carried by unanimous vote
to approve the purchase as presented.

Schmitz presented a list of ap-
praised values being recommended
by the County Assessor and Auditor
for (6) six properties that were forfeit-
ed to the State of Minnesota in 2021
due to non-payment of property tax-
es. The County Board must establish
the appraised values, approve a
County Resolution, and seek approval
from the Mn Department Natural
Resources prior to public auction.
Commissioner Dudycha moved,
seconded by Remick and carried
unanimously to approve **Resolu-
tion No. 12-02-21** to authorize the
County Auditor to offer the following
tax forfeited properties for sale upon
approval from the MN Department
of Natural Resources, and, in addition
to the Resolution to establish the
following appraised values:

Town/City Legal Appraised Value
Emardville (PIN 02-0423-000)
S1/2N1/2NE1/4SW1/4 of 31-151-42
\$ 9,000.00
Emardville (PIN 02-0424-000)
S 1 / 2 S 1 / 2 N E 1 / 4 S W 1 / 4 ;
N1/2S1/2NE1/4SW1/4 of 31-151-42
\$18,000.00
Oklee (PIN 15-2520-010)
1965 Addition, S 25 ft of Lot 1, N 25 ft
of Lot 2, Block 34
\$ 1,000.00
Oklee (PIN 15-2513-000)
1965 Addition, Lots 7 & 8, Block 29
\$ 5,300.00
Oklee (PIN 15-2496-000)
1965 Addition, All of Block 24
\$ 9,100.00
Plummer (PIN 16-2641-000)
Revised description #21 in 09-151-42
\$ 2,000.00
There being no further business
the regular board meeting adjourned
to December 28, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.
Attest:
Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

Anthony Flage,
Board of Commissioners Chair
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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.

**January 10 - 14
Oklee**

Monday: Breakfast: Egg, cheese & sausage biscuit, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken teriyaki, fried rice, vegetables, fortune cookie, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Omelet, toast, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Ham patty w/ bun, fries or hash brown patty, vegetable, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Waffle w/syrup, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken pot pie, biscuit, vegetable, donut holes, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Coffee cake, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, au gratin/scalloped potatoes, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

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

Plummer

Monday: Breakfast: Pancake on a stick, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Corn dog, Macaroni & cheese, broccoli & cauliflower, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Toast, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Hamburger w/ bun, cheese slice, curly fries, baked beans, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Pop-Tarts, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Popcorn chicken, cheesy hash browns, corn, dinner roll, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Egg, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Soft shell taco, lettuce, tomatoes, fresh vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Mini Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Cheese French bread, Marinara sauce, lettuce, carrots, 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, 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 @ Fish-

er High School.

Tue, Jan 11:

Girls JV 6:00PM

Varsity 7:15PM

Red Lake Falls @

Oklee

Thu, Jan 13:

Girls JH 4:30PM

Warren/Alvarado/Oslo

Oklee

RLC Rebel Boys

Basketball

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

WEM @ Plummer.

RLCC PUBLIC MEETINGS

Everyone in our school district is invited to attend one of the upcoming meetings. The school will provide information about the referendum, answer community questions and visit with residents on the following days.

**Monday, January 10th in Brooks
at the Community Hall at 7:00 pm**

**Thursday, January 13th in Plummer
at the school at 7:00 pm**

**Wednesday, January 19th in Oklee
at the school at 7:00 pm**

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Spotlight on Scholarship - Cross Country. Pictured is: Madeline Inda Valdez, Nick Suchy, Peyton O'Neill, Ryan Tvedt, and Marissa Sheibe.



Spotlight on Scholarship - Volleyball. Pictured are: Back Row: Keira Morinville, Kendra Christianson, Hannah Dudycha, Shelby Sherman, and Evelyn Kamm. Middle Row: Belle Morinville, Bryn Vettleson, Jamie Flatgard, Jennifer Johnson, Ella Moen, and Quinn Graves. Front Row: Molly Smith, Aurimy Olson, Bailey Sherman, Cari Bachand, Shawna Majeres, Leah Peterson, Marissa Thomas, and Natalie Vettleson. Not Pictured: Sydney Fougner.



Spotlight on Scholarship - Football. Pictured are: Back Row: Masen Pahlen, Luke Peterson, Connor Duden, and Dylan Dahle. Front Row: Guy Bergeson, Jed Duden, Tyler Eskeli, Gunnar Sandeen, and Owen Chervestad.

RLCC Elementary Students of the Month



3rd & 4th: Logan Lee and 5th & 6th: Naomi Stordahl



Red Lake Falls Library

Book Blizzard, NWRL's adult winter reading program, gets underway in January. Adult patrons are encouraged to visit the library more frequently, check out materials, and register for prizes. Ceramic coffee mugs will be given away every week of the program which will run during January and February.

New adult non-fiction includes "A Bake for All Seasons" from The Great British Baking Show, with recipes by Paul Hollywood, Prue Leith & The Bakers; "Breathe in Calm: Yogic Breathing & Mindfulness Tools for Instant Anxiety Relief" by Domonick Wegesin, Ph.D.; and "The Diabetes Code Cookbook" by Dr. Jason Fung, and recipes by Alison Maclean - "delicious, healthy, low-carb recipes to manage your insulin and prevent and reverse type 2 diabetes."

Christmas at RLCC

Left: McKenzie Hamm, Peyton Williams, and Lillie Lundeen compete in Mrs. Aakhus's 1st annual Puzzler Competition

Below: Quinn Graves gets caught stealing cookies from the cookie jar. Hannah Dudycha and Kendra Christianson giggle at Quinn's enthusiasm.



Caught being Good at RLCC Elementary: Back Row (L to R): Isabella Mitzner, Rhesa Wattenphul, Emma Chaput. Front Row (L to R): Avery Grove, Evan Pahlen, Kayden Fish.



Oklee Herald Early Files

Eighty Years Ago January 8, 1942

H. B. Lane of Red Lake Falls has been named chairman of the Red Lake County tire rationing board. First step of a car owner who wants to buy new a tire will be to take his tire to a dealer for inspection. If the dealer reports that the tire cannot be repaired, the car owner then will file an application with the allocation board. If his request is approved the board will issue a certificate allowing the car owner to buy from his usual dealer.

Miss Anne Krossen, daughter of Mrs. K. Krossen, became the bride of P.B. Christianson. They were married at Central Lutheran Church in Minneapolis.

Weekly News Analysis: Reports had come in that the Nazis, desperate over the conditions confronting General Rommel's division in Libya, had landed reinforcement isn-Tripoli and were rushing them eastward to try to make contact with Rommel's bend before they were hopelessly trapped.

Seventy Years Ago January 3, 1952

Effective on January 1st, postal rates increased on certain mail. The one-cent postcard will be out and the new rate will be two cents for each card and an additional 10 per cent on bulk purchase of 50 or more cards. Private cards and picture postcards will also require two cents. Drop letters mailed for local delivery will also require two cents instead of one cent as heretofore, for each ounce.

Pfc. Orville Hanson arrived last week from Camp Gordon, BA on a furlough. He will report to a west coast point upon leaving here where he expects an overseas assignment.

The Garnes Go-Getters 4-H club held their monthly meeting and Christmas party at the Ole Kvasager home.

Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Brekke, Randy and Renae, Mr. and Mrs. Axel Burman, Marvin, Marie Ann and Faith, spent Christmas Eve at the Otto Johnsons.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Kim Christopherson of McInTosh at the Fosston hospital Dec. 18. She has been named Marcel. Mrs. Christopherson is the former Ruby Thompson.

Shirley Ann Mostrom has been staying the past two weeks with her grandmother, Mrs. Ida Mostrom at Thief River Falls.

Sixty Years Ago January 4, 1962

Vernon Sevre, formerly of

Thief River Falls, became the new owner of the Hartz Super Market in Oklee following a transaction completed last week. The Oklee store was founded by Ole Sovde in 1935 and was operated by Quern Bros, who sold it to L.B. Hartz of TRF.

Bill Turgeon arrives in Africa and writes about his trip – Editor's note: the story is the first of what is hoped to be a series of reports from Bill. Bill is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Turgeon of Brooks.

Mr. and Mrs. Myrl Vettleson and family and Mrs. Tilda Vettleson visited Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Carine Anerson and Mrs. Carolyn Haugen.

Now that school has resumed, the Oklee Bobcats will be preparing for their first game after vacation with the Bagley Flyers.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Myrum and boys of Keewatin spent from Wednesday to Friday at the Ole Austad and Sarah Myrum homes. Russell Austad accompanied them home for a weeks visit.

Visitors at the Emil Hamner home Friday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Torkel Gundersen, Mrs. Anne Hofstad and Tommy Hofstad.

Fifty Years Ago 1972

There are no loose copies or bound books for this year. If you have saved 1972 papers and are looking for a new home for them, bring them in to the Oklee Herald office. Thanks

Forty Years Ago January 7, 1982

Wallace Champagne of Brooks reported that someone had broken five windows in his home on Sunday night. Charges are pending against three juveniles.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Anderson are proud parents of a baby boy, Richard Alan. Little Lisa, 2 years old welcomes her brother home.

Rev. and Mrs. Tim Miller held an open house at their home Sunday afternoon for their Immanuel and Ebenezer congregations.

A major step toward keeping children safe from accident injury while riding in family cars went into effect New Year's Day in Minnesota.

Mr. and Mrs. Brad Nelson of rural Oklee are Pennington County Conservation Farm couple for 1981. Brad and his wife Lana, own 160 acres of land adjoining the Orlando Chervestad farm, Lana's parents.

January Clearance Sale at Swenson Equip. Inc. – Brand new Polaris Snowmobiles

starting as low as \$919.

Thirty Years Ago January 1, 1992

A rude awakening – and it wasn't Santa Claus coming down the chimney. The Ray Lessard family were lucky enough to wake up when Elaine's dog barked and Mary-ann noticed crackling, popping sounds. The fire was confined mainly to the kitchen area, but later restarted in the attic area. Eventually it was put out and the house was damaged but is salvageable.

Tim Halle will be having a book signing along with John Kolness at Oklee Recreation for their book "The Absolute Last Chance Diet Book" with the subtitle "For People Who Are Fed Up, and Show It!"

At the Oklee School Christmas Concert, Dawn Bachand and Jill Radniecki sang a vocal duet, "The Peace Carol."

Roger and Janel Walter and family joined other relatives and had a pre-Christmas Day on Saturday with Janel's mother, Pearl Laniel.

Visitors and callers during the week at Ricky Bjerkli's were Danny Johnsrud, Dwight Carlson and many others.

Twenty Years Ago January 3, 2002

A new part-time addition to the Oklee Herald office, Michele "Shelly" Meader hails from Rockford, Illinois area. Shelly will be filling in for the Herald editor at various times.

Last week, in the spirit of the times, Oklee's Farmers Co-operative Elevator finally has their new "Stars and Stripes" standing brightly near the top of the elevator building.

According to the Sheriff's Report – a break in at Third Base on December 21st, on the 22nd the Spot Bar was broken into.

Meet the Oklee Kindergarten featured Jacob Magnell and Tanner Magnell.

Kevin, Kathy and Brady Samuelson of Sarles, ND came Thursday to enjoy early Christmas with mom's Bunny Du-Champ's.

Reinette Walter celebrated her ?? birthday Thursday evening at a dinner at Handy Farms.

Ten Years Ago January 4, 2011

500 wins and counting for Rick Koivisto, the Girls basketball coach at RLCC.

Red Lake County Central Senior High Choir members sang at Digi-Key on December 15th.

RLCC Elementary Students for the month of November were Calyssa Eskeli and Marie Johnson.

On Friday night, Jerry Freitag and Terrill Bradford hosted a wedding reception for Gerry Mattison and Jamie, who were married out at Las Vegas on Dec. 8th.

Jerome and Barb Novak and Rebecca attending the 20th anniversary of Jan & Jim Strandlie at the Eagles in Thief River Falls.

Dean and Naomi Hanson named Minnesota's 2011 Outstanding conservationist. They were chosen out a group of 8 state finalist.

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Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteers Jo Lambert & Bonny Cote

Senior Meals:

News on Oklee Cafe/Senior Meals has come and it sounds like all is well. No more worries. Senior Meals will be served right away after New Years from the cafe. Check out the menu on page 2. If you want to order a Senior Meal call the Oklee Cafe at 796-5666.

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.

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.

Senior Site meeting this month will be held on January 13th. Note the date change.

Here are the January birthdays. If you seen them, let them know you are thinking of them.

January Birthdays

3: Einar Kvasager
12: JoAnn Hamm
13: Kathleen Juneau
22: Lorraine Cote
25: Shirley Vettleson
31: Annette LaCoursiere

Listening to the news about the COVID-19 omicron variant surge across the United States, top federal health officials are looking to add a negative test along with five-day isolation restrictions for Americans who catch the coronavirus and are asymptomatic, the White House's top medical

adviser, Dr. Anthony Fauci, said Sunday. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is now considering including the negative test as part of its guidance after getting significant "pushback" on its updated recommendations last week.

Jokes

So, Mr. Brandberg, are you happy with your new hearing aid?

Very much, doctor. I already changed my last will twice!

Joe asks Peter: "Wow, so many scars. You must have had an adventurous life!"

Peter replies: "No, I have a cat."

Hope everyone has a good week and remember, winter is on the downside, it will get a little brighter everyday now.



Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

Happy New Year everyone. I hope you all have the best year of your life this year. We all deserve to have some release from the tensions of last year.

It surely has been cold lately. Did you miss winter last year well, I think Mother Nature is going to remind us of what we missed last year. We now have enough snow, and plenty of cold to let us know what we didn't have last year. Some of our memories of really cold winters, have come back in living color. It makes us think of that old saying, "What were you thinking?" when you recall the bad old days.

We are sad to report that Duane (Sidney) Myhre has passed away. He was a neighbor of ours, and a servant of the people over the years. He was a township officer for many years and if there was trouble with ditches or water or anything he was there in minutes to help you out and trying to resolve the problem. He was always pleasant and easy to visit with. He farmed and took good care of the land. We will miss him and our sympathy goes out to

his family and friends. God rest his soul and keep him in your care.

The Determan family is increased with the addition of a baby boy born to Brianna Wanner in Bismarck North Dakota on December 21st. He was born on the 21st day of the 21st year of the 21st century. That is quite an accomplishment. He also was born on his great grandpa's birthday Paul Beech is really bursting his buttons these days. His name is Luke, and he was a 6 pound baby. Grandma Determan was at her Dad's celebrating his 90th birthday when the news came that Luke was born. She went to Bismarck the next day to help Brianna and Kyle Wanner to welcome Luke home. They will baptize the baby next week. Welcome to Luke, and Congratulations to the family.

For New Year's Eve it was too cold to go bar hopping though maybe some did, so we went to Ness Café for dinner. Our food was terrific, and we saw people from Tabor there that we knew and visited a bit with. Rebecca, Jerome and

I enjoyed the meal and could say at least we went out to eat. Rebecca Novak who spent the entire week with her parents went back to Mankato on Sunday. The house feels kind of empty now.

Leroy and Joyce joined another couple and went out to Sparkey's 218 for dinner too and they said the food was terrific. It was too cold to do much else so they returned home to snuggle up to the fire.

Dianne and Clarence Gagner went to Farmington, Minnesota to celebrate some of the holidays with Dan and Alicia Gagner. They also went to the movies in the cities and enjoyed a movie with about 12 other patrons. The bar across the way was full of people but the movie was a small intimate crowd. So if you are looking for entertainment that is not crowded, go to the movies. A good way to stay away from Covid.

We hope you have a great week, and that you will have a Happy and prosperous New Year.

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe
218-465-4402

Christmas is over and 2021 is just a memory. Hopefully, the new year will be one of positive change and goodness.

Anna DeHate visited Bunny DuChamp at her Greenleaf apt on Christmas Day in the afternoon. Anna had Christmas Day at her daughter Linda and Marly Hogenson's, their kids and grandkids.

Anne Traxler went to Al and Nancy Olson's by Goodridge for Christmas Eve supper.

Bob Traxler and Hayley had AQnne Traxler, Brodie and Brielle for supper Sunday evening.

Anna DeHate was a supper guest at Pat and Joni Simpson's, also Bernie and Jill DeHate, Paul, Blake and Brandie.

On Christmas Eve Karen Tvedt went to Karl and Tiffanie Dugstad's. Then Sunday she went to Willard and Tammie Malwitz's by Erskine.

On Christmas Day, Alice Jobe went to her sister Phyllis and Joe Unruh's for Christmas dinner. It was delicious dinner with lots of food. There were around twelve. Joe's brother Tim came. Phyllis' daughter Stacy from Phoenix was still visiting. Also Kari and Greg and Kari's son Wren, from Sundown, Manitoba also came. Brothers Loren and Allan came with their sons, also.

Brother Gerald and wife Lorraine came later for a short visit and bring presents.

The drive home was a bit challenging with snow coming down and blowing from Biddle River and most of the rest of the way.

Today around two p.m. the temp was one above, finally. It

felt better.

Monday and Tuesday snowfalls totaled about 11 inches. It's not heavy snow, however.

The snowmobilers have been really out enjoying the new snow.

On TV, I heard the most popular baby names for 2021 at Fargo hospital were: Girls - 1. Amelia, 2. Emma and Harper, 3. Charlotte, 4. Evelyn, 5. Olivia. Boys - 1. Oliver, 2. Henry and Theo, 3. Jack, 4. Asher and Liam. Some of these are very old names. Interesting, anyway.

Wednesday evening at Bingo at the American Legion in Plummer, Lisa Tvedt treated with Christmas cookies and candy at half time. It was good turnout, even though it was very cold.

Happy New Year to everyone!

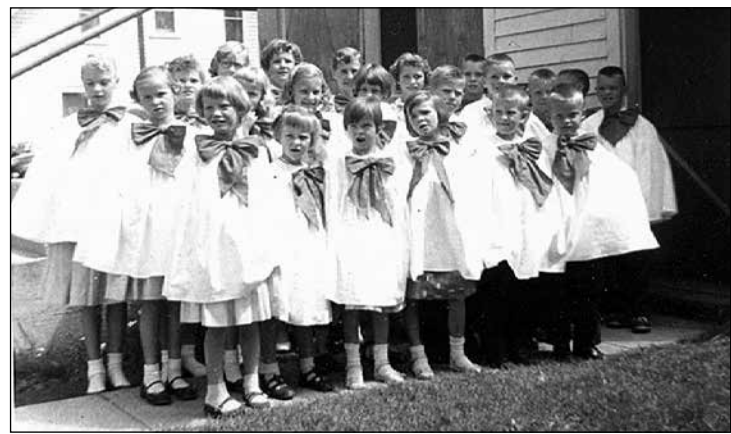
Who's Dat?



Who's Dat?

This week's photo is from early 60's, this well known grandpa and granddaughter grew up a mile apart, SW of Oklee. He now rests in a nearby cemetery and she lives 1 1/2 hrs south.

Last weeks photos was of a group of children dress up in robes & bows. I don't have all the names, but here are the ones we know. 1st row (l to r): Kathy Payne, Karen Olson, Ginny Lerohl, Carol Jo Lerohl, Alan Olson, Jack Sundrud. 2nd row (l to r): _____, Loree Olson, _____, Jim Sorenson, John Lerohl, Cliff Melby, _____, Tommy Melby. 3rd row (l to r): Cindy Sove, _____, _____, _____, _____, Scott Sundrud.



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.