

Oklee Precipitation
By Einar Kvasager

	Rain	Snow
Jan. 20		Trace
Jan. 21	Trace	0.50
Jan. 22		Trace
Total in.	0.00	0.50

Oklee Herald

...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

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Calendar of Events

Wed, Jan. 27:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
Thu, Jan. 28:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
Fri, Jan. 29:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
Sat, Jan. 30:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!
Sun, Jan. 31:
-Worship at the church of your choice.
Mon, Feb. 1:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
Tue, Feb. 2:
-LSS Sr. Evening Meal 5:00 p.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards.
Wed, Feb. 3:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
Thu, Feb. 4:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
Fri, Feb. 5:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
Sat, Feb. 6:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!
Sun, Feb. 7:
-Worship at the church of your choice.
Mon, Feb. 8:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
Tue, Feb. 9:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards
Wed, Feb. 10:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
Thu, Feb. 11:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
Fri, Feb. 12:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.



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Brooks: Brooks Travel Center.

Plummer: Plummer Coop Creamery.

Red Lake Falls: Eagle Square.

Gully: Gully Tri-Coop.

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Vincent Dessellier with the turkey he shot last year.

The Year in Review...

May 6, 2015: On April 30th, the first day of the Spring Turkey season, brought success to local hunter, Vincent Dessellier. This was the first time hunting turkey for Dessellier and the season is only 5 days long...29 RLCC students attend Minnesota Area Envirothon, every year students from different school districts compete at the outdoor learning event for high school students in grades ninth through twelve and is one of the largest environmental education competitions...The Oklee Herald is now online and is free for a limited time... Red Lake County Central has a new bus driver Jarrod Larson. Larson works as a driver and does some “wrenching” whenever needed by the school...It has been a sad week in Oklee with the news that Freedom Living Center is closing. The residents are sad about leaving their home and the staff, most from the area, will have to look for work farther from home. It is not a win-win for anyone. Not the residents, the staff or the owners.

May 13, 2015: Red Lake County Central’s Class of 2015 Graduation is Friday, May 22 at 7:00 pm at the RLCC High School gymnasium in Oklee. The top three seniors giving addresses will be Mickala Morinville, Brittney Bray, and Sierra Swenson..Red Lake County Firearms Safety Field Day was held on April 25, 2015 at the Plummer Area Sportsman’s Club shooting range...On Friday morning, before 8 o’clock in the morning, the fire whistle blew. A fire was discovered at the shed of Delores Longtin residence... The annual Day of Caring was held and the students of RLCC did many jobs in Brooks, Oklee, Plummer and Trail for residents.

May 20, 2015: The closing took the citizens of Oklee by surprise and many rumors have been heard around town. Here is why the owners reluctantly had to close the doors to their dream of an assisted living home, for Oklee and the surrounding area, at the end of May... Relay For Life in Red Lake County Not Held This Year, the first year since it was organized in 1999...This year, Susan Frisby Lee is retiring from teaching after spending 37 years in Oklee, Plummer, and Red Lake County Central High School and Elementary School. She has worked 37 years as a speech therapist, 23 years in School Readiness, and 28 years in Early Childhood Special Education...Red Lake County Central Schools honored retiree, Susan Lee, and Friends of Education (Shirley Dessellier, Kippy Thomas and Buzz Wilson) on May 5, 2015.

May 27, 2015: It was a beautiful evening for a graduation ceremony, with fair weather and temperatures. The gymnasium filled with parents, grandparents, and other relatives along with friends of the families to celebrate the graduation of the Class of 2015...The Red Lake County Central High School gym will be renovated this coming summer. The administration has worked with the student leaders such as National Honor Society, Student Senate, and class officers to decide on decorations for the new gym renovation... Norman and Ione Nelson celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary...Arlen Brekke shared his musical talents and love of music with the RLCC junior and senior high band students...Sue Beaudoin gave lessons to anyone interested in

card making at the Oklee Senior Site. Coming to the classes were Pat Asselin, Joyce Hardecopf, Shirley Dessellier, and Vi Cote.

June 3, 2015: Not very many people know about the history of the Mustang Stampede Newspaper Class. It was started by Red Lake County Central’s art teacher Mrs. Vickie Kolden around 1999. It was originally printed in TRF but after the first year, the Oklee Herald wanted to include more school news and since then, the Stampede has been part of the Oklee Herald...Early on Monday morning, May 25th, the American Legion, Frank Lund Post #159, gathered at the Oklee Area Memorial Park for a flag raising ceremony, presenting a United States flag flown over our nation... Plummer American Legion & Auxiliary held the annual Memorial Day Service at the Plummer City Park on Monday.

May 25th. Plummer Legion Commander David Eskeli presided over the program.

June 10, 2015: Red Lake County Rebels beat the Win-E-Mac Patriots 2 to 0 in eight innings for the right to go to the State Tournaments...Taylor Hanson, Community Manager and Kayla Hawkinson, Senior Manager, both from Relay For Life of the American Cancer Society were at the Oklee Community Hall this past Friday, May 29th to honor survivors and caregivers and also speak to

Red Lake’s 2014 prestigious national award...A dance recital was held at RLCC Elementary April 26th. Dance students ranged in age from “3 1/2” years of age to age “14” Krista Bernstein was the dance instructor and had 92 students...

June 17, 2015: On Thursday, June 11th, a standoff between law enforcement and a rural Oklee man began. Sheriff’s deputies were called to the farmstead about 15 miles southeast of Thief River Falls around 10:30 a.m. Thursday morning...The Commissioners approved the Tobacco ordinance and it will become effective after the first printing. Each of the cities in Red Lake County will now have to approve their own ordinance if they don’t have one in place already, and/or make changes to their ordinances in order to permit sellers of tobacco products and set their own fees...The 4th-6th grade concert was held, April 16 and the theme was, “TV Tunes”. The elementary students sang a variety of television theme songs...RLC Rebels Track & Field had four state participants: Wyatt Schirrick, Cody Gagner, Ashley Longtin and Zoe Russillo competed at the State Track and Field meet in St. Paul at Hamline University.

June 24, 2015: The Red Lake County Boys Baseball team were the Class A Consolation Champs. Red Lake County Fair starts on Friday, June 23rd but there will be no activities held in the school due to remodeling... Ed Turn from Unity Bank in Red Lake Falls was inducted into the Minnesota Bankers Association’s Pioneer Club... Deb Whalen of Oklee and Karolyn Zurn of Callaway, joined women from across the country, advocating for agriculture at American Agri-Women’s (AAW) recent Fly-In to Washington, D.C. Deb and Karolyn are members of Minnesota Agri-Women, which is an affiliate of AAW...You will notice if you come to the Oklee Herald office, a new face. Nikki Schmitz, from Plummer is the new intern and will be working through the summer helping cover the events.



Last summer the residents of Oklee watched the grain bins disappear and then slowly reappear as they were built.

Mustang Wrestling Parents Night



Red Lake County Central Mustangs wrestling Parents Night was on January 21. The senior wrestlers are Ben Kolling (parents Jean Agnes and Ernest Kolling), Tristan Larson (Leah and Jarod Larson), and Tyler Sandal (Don and Tracy Winand).



Junior wrestlers, managers and parents at RLCC Parents Night: Alec Castaneda with Travis and Monica Castaneda, Kyle Gagner with Char and Poncho Gagner, Dylan Gustafson with Troy Gustafson, Kelsie Sirjord with Jesi and Kyle Dudycha, and Ana Almedia with Sara Olson.



RLCC sophomore wrestlers Bryce Bergerson and Nick Pahlen, and their parents Patti and Kent Bergerson and Steve Pahlen and Stacy Pahlen at the Parents Night in Oklee.



7th graders wrestlers George Duden (parents Brad and Vicki Duden), and Tristyn Ferguson (parents Troy and Nicole Ferguson) at the RLCC Wrestling Parents Night.



MUSTANG STAMPEDO

RLCC Menus

February 1 - 5

Oklee

Mon: Breakfast: Bagels, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Ribbets, oven browns, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Tue: Breakfast: Toast, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Ham patty, potatoes, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Wed: Breakfast: S'mores, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, au gratin potatoes, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Thu: Breakfast: Toast, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Country fried steak, mini bakers, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Fri: Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Hot subs, chips, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Plummer

Mon: Breakfast: Coffee cake, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Hot dogs w/bun, baked beans, potato chips, fruit, and milk.

Tue: Breakfast: Waffles, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Taco in a bag (lettuce, cheese & tomato), coleslaw, hash browns, fruit, and milk.

Wed: Breakfast: Egg wrap, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Lasagna, garlic bread sticks, green beans, fruit, and milk.

Thu: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, cheesy broccoli, buttered bread, fruit, and milk.

Fri: Breakfast: Variety of cereals, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Salami & pepperoni subs (lettuce, cheese, pickles, tomato), Sun Chips, mini carrots, apple crisp, and milk.

Sports Schedules

RLC Rebels

Boy Basketball

Thu, Jan. 28: Clearbrook-Gonvick at Oklee 6:00 p.m.

Sat, Jan. 30: Waubun at Waubun 6:00 p.m.

Tue, Feb. 2: Northern Freeze at Karlstad 4:45 p.m.

Fri, Feb. 5: Warren-Alverado-Oslo at Warren 5:00 p.m.

Thu, Feb. 11: Clearbrook-Gonvick at Clearbrook 2:30 & 4:30 p.m.

Sat, Feb. 13: Super Saturday at Northand CC TBD.

Tue, Feb. 16: Northern Freeze at Plummer 5:00 p.m.

Thu, Feb. 18: Mahnomen at Red Lake Falls, 6:00 p.m.

Tue, Feb. 23: Section 8A Pig Take High Seed TBD.

Thu, Feb. 25: Section 8A Play in Game TBD TBD.

RLCC Mustang

Wrestling

Sat, Jan. 30: Northwest Tournament at Fertile TBD

Thu, Feb. 4: Fertile-Beltrami at Fertile 6:30 p.m.

Mon, Feb. 8: Fosston-Bagley at Fosston 6:30 p.m.

Girls Basketball

Thu, Jan. 28: Cass Lake at Cass Lake 6:00 p.m.

Tue, Feb. 2: Fertile-Beltrami at Plummer 6:00 p.m.

Thu, Feb. 4: Red Lake Falls at Plummer 6:00 p.m.

Sat, Feb. 6: Lake of the Woods at Oklee 1:00 p.m.

Mon, Feb. 8: KCCC at Plummer 6:00 p.m.

Thu, Feb. 11: Clearbrook-Gonvick at Clearbrook 1:00 pm. & 4:30 p.m.

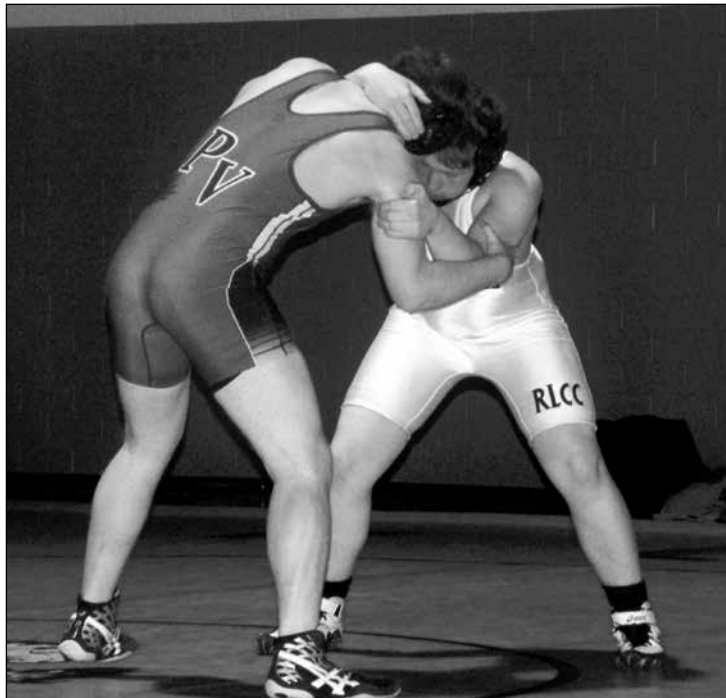
Fri, Feb. 12: Sacred Heart at Plummer 6:00 p.m.

Fri, Feb. 19: Grygla-Goodridge at Oklee 6:00 p.m.

Mon, Feb. 22: Mahnomen at Mahnomen 6:00 p.m.



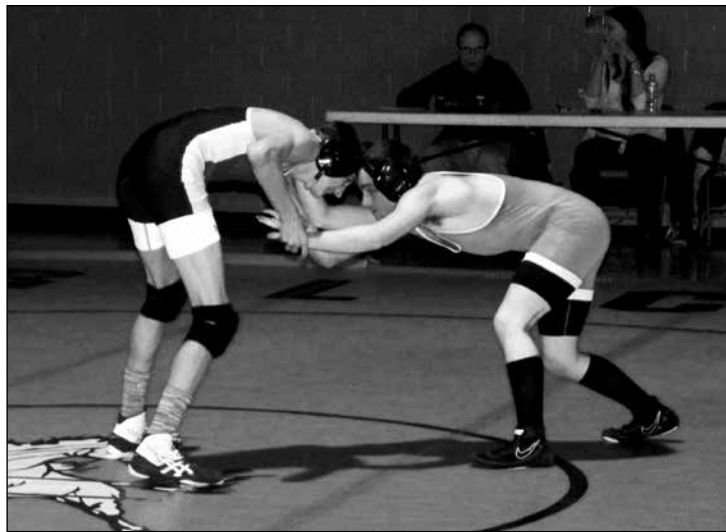
Celebrating 50 years of wrestling at RLCC/Oklee, the team wore past Mustangs and Bobcats singlets. From left to right: Tristan Larson, Alec Castaneda, Dylan Gustafson, Bryce Bergerson, George Duden, Tristyn Ferguson, Nick Pahlen, Kyle Gagner, and Tyler Sandahl.



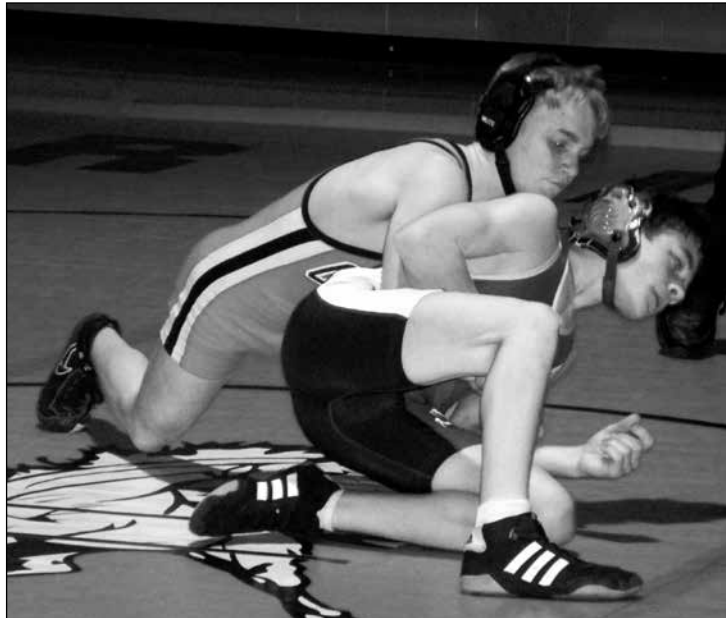
At RLCC's January 15th wrestling triangular Nick Pahlen (right) ties up with Josh McKeown.



Ben Kolling from RLCC Mustangs puts move on Zach Olson from Prairie Valley.



On January 21st, Tyler Sandahl (right) from RLCC wrestled against Carter Rettke at RLCC High School.



Bryce Bergerson (top) from RLCC wrestled but lost to Michael Gunn.



Tristyn Ferguson (bottom) from RLCC wrestled a tough match January 21st against Colton Jacob.



Dylan Gustafson from RLCC pinning Tristan Hopen from WHAN Wolves.

RLCC Wrestling Triangular

By Katie Pendelton and Ana Almeida

Red Lake County Central High School in Oklee held a Wrestling Triangular Friday, January 15. RLCC's wrestling team, the Mustangs, participated against Park Rapids and Prairie Valley.

Red Lake County Central played against Prairie Valley. RLCC lost 31-45. Bryce Bergerson (106 lbs.) pinned Mason Schroeder in 3:59. Tyler Sandahl (120 lbs.) won 10-3 in a decision against Brendan Johnson. Ben Kolling (132 lbs.) won a 15-7 decision against Zach Olson. Dylan Gustafson (138 lbs.) pinned Carter Rokes in 2:47. Tristyn Ferguson (152 lbs.) pinned Bryce Carr in 1:48. Kyle Gagner (160 lbs.) lost 5-1 decision against Tom Leeseburg. George Duden (182 lbs.) was pinned by Levi Line in

1:26. Nick Pahlen (195 lbs.) was pinned by Josh McKeown in 1:46. Alec Castaneda (220 lbs.) and Tristan Larson (Heavy Weight) both won by forfeit. Prairie Valley Wrestlers Brock Peterson (113 lbs.), Trevor Arceneau (126 lbs.), Austin Carr (145 lbs.), Nolan Hart (170 lbs.), all won by forfeit.

Against Park Rapids, the final score was Mustangs, 6 and Park Rapids, 72. At 106 pounds, Ashton Clark from Park Rapids had a fall over RLCC's Bryce Bergerson in 0:18. At 113 pounds, Park Rapids' Drake Best won by forfeit. At 120 pounds, Joe Klien won 10 to 2 for Park Rapids by major decision against Tyler Sandahl. At 126 pounds, Kaden Safratowich won by forfeit for Park Rapids. At 132 pounds, Park Rapids' Nolan Booge pinned Ben Kolling in 1:01. At

138 pounds, Jared Sunram won 13 to 0 for the Park Rapids by major decision against Dylan Gustafson. At 145 pounds, Logan Johnson from Park Rapids won by forfeit. At 152 pounds, Cody Dravis had a fall over RLCC's Tristyn Ferguson in 0:52. At 160 pounds, Park Rapids' Justin Dravis pinned Kyle Gagner in 0:12. At 170 pounds Zach Nelson from Park Rapids won by forfeit. At 182 pounds Zach Hokking pinned Mustang George Duden in 0:14. At 195 pounds, Keith McDaniel won by a 13-4 major decision for Park Rapids over RLCC's Nick Pahlen. At 220 pounds, Park Rapids' Jacob Bittmann had a fall over Mustangs' Alec Castaneda in 2:27. At the heavyweight class RLCC's Tristan Larson pinned Logan Veo in 0:21.

Thief River Falls Wrestling Tournament

By: Nick Plante

Red Lake Country Central wrestling team went to the Thief River Falls Tournament in Thief River Falls on January 16. The top three placing teams were Bemidji 201.0 points, Ottertail Central 161.5, Park Rapids 157.0. Red Lake

Country Central was 14th with 22.0.

The RLCC varsity placing at the tournament were Ben Kolling who took sixth in 126 lbs, Tristan Larson seventh in Heavyweight, Tyler Sandahl eighth in 120 lbs, and Nick Pahlen eighth in 195 lbs. Dylan

Gustafson and Kyle Gagner did not place.

The junior varsity wrestlers placing were George Duden who took second in 180 lbs, Tristyn Ferguson fifth in 152 lbs, and Alec Castaneda eighth in 220 lbs. Bryce Bergerson did not place.

RLCC Wrestling

By: Nick Plante

Red Lake Country Central wrestling team faced against Walker/Hackensack/Ackley/Nevis on January 21, 2016. WHAN come out and defeated the Red Lake Country Central wrestling team 57-18 points.

At 106 lbs Bryce Bergerson lost 2-4 to Michael Gunn. Tyler Sandahl fell to Carter Rettke in 4:47 at 126 lbs. Dylan Gustafson wrestling at 138 lbs pinned Tristan Hopen with a time of 3:38. Tristyn Ferguson wrestling at 152 lbs fought hard and lost by a pin in 3:57 to Colton Jacob. Kyle Gagner at 160 lbs lost 5-11 in a decision to Austin Smith. George Duden at 182 lbs fell in :51 seconds to Nick Landwehr. Alec Castaneda wrestled at 220 and won by forfeit. Tristan Larson wrestled HWT and won by forfeit. The Mustangs forfeited four weight classes.

Financial Aid Night Coming Up for RLCC Seniors and Parents

By: Katie Pendelton

There will be a Financial Aid meeting held Monday, February 1 at 7:00 pm in the Red Lake County Central High School library. The meeting is for high school seniors and parents. Dawn Eckhardt from the TRIO Talent Search Program at the University of North Dakota will be leading the session. Eckhardt will be presenting about financial aid basics, types of financial aid, completing the application (and coming pitfalls), where to get help, and tips for reducing education expenses.

Families who have been through the financial aid process in the past are encouraged to attend. There is a significant change coming up in terms of filing processes that will affect everyone, starting with this group of filers.

Oklee Herald Early Files

Eighty Years Ago January 23, 1936

A severe cold wave has swept over the country. From the Rocky Mountains and eastward. The coldest point in this state was recorded at International Falls Tuesday where the mercury fell to 55 degrees below zero. In the Twin Cities schools were dismissed when the thermometer stood at 33 degrees below zero.

Grace McManus is spending a few days with friends at Winger.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Knutson January 11th, a baby girl.

Bjarne Fossum is employed at the A. Rolandson farm.

Seventy Years Ago January 24, 1946

Pfc. Mack J. O'Neill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Owen O'Neill, arrived here last Tuesday from Camp McCoy, Wisconsin where he received his discharge.

Pfc. Raymond Thorpe arrived here Monday from Fort Ord, California, to spend a month's furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Thorpe.

Prospects are good for electrical lines to be built through this locality in the near future. Very few want to be left out, nearly every householder has signed an application to the R.E.A. for the line.

Sixty Years Ago January 26, 1956

G.O. (Gunnar) Frostley, who celebrated his 100th birthday last year, died Saturday at the home of his step-daughter, Mrs. Alma Kvestad.

The men of the Oklee Lutheran Parish brotherhood will serve a flapjack supper in the basement of Zion Church on Saturday.

The aftermath of polio is the theme of a film entitled

"Remember Me" to be featured at the program of the Oklee Parent Teacher Association at its regular meeting.

Fifty Years Ago January 27, 1966

A bridal shower was held Sunday afternoon in honor of Judy Carpenter at the Immanuel parlors in Plummer.

Many neighbors and friends came to wish Mrs. Segrid Krostue a happy 89th birthday.

Craig Holmstrom was honored at a farewell party at the Roman Radniecki home on Sunday evening by many friends. He is moving to Hudson, WI, where his father is employed.

On Saturday, students from Plummer High School presented the one act play titled, "The Happy Journey" in the district contest in Warren.

Forty Years Ago January 22, 1976

Mrs. Fankhanel, Oklee Home Ec. Teacher presented Suellen Berry a certificate from General Mills for winning Oklee's 1975-76 Betty Crocker Family Leader of Tomorrow award.

Red Lake, Norman, and Polk counties have recently completed a new Corrections Center located at Crookston.

Chad Homme celebrated his 5th birthday on Sunday afternoon with many guests visiting him at his parent's home.

The 9th Annual Snow Safari sponsored by the Moonlighters Snowmobile Club was a success despite last Sunday's blustery weather.

Thirty Years Ago January 22, 1986

Eleanore Berberich is the first woman to serve on Oklee's School Board and was appointed following the death of school board member,

Richard Rustan.

At the one-act play pre-district completion held in Oklee on January 14th, Oklee placed 2nd and advanced to districts that will be held in Fertile.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Burrack and Mr. and Mrs. Gilman Gunning of Trail announce the engagement of their children, Lonny and Barbara. A June wedding is being planned.

On Tuesday, January 14th, the Mustangs traveled to Fosston and defeated the Greyhounds with a close score of 34-29.

Twenty Years Ago January 24, 1996

The first snowstorm of 1996 hits area with lots of snow and wind, closing schools and halting the mail for the day.

Oklee High School placed first in the subsection one-act play competition that was held in Oklee on January 20th.

Alison and Jona Bernier are the proud parents of a baby boy born January 22nd.

Lloyd and Wavell Sorenson attended the 85th surprise birthday party for Helen Sorenson.

The RLCC boys basketball team took on the Crookston Pirates at UMC's hosting of Super Saturday and beat the Pirates with a score 63-48.

Ten Years Ago January 26, 2006

The Moonlighters Snowmobile Club on January 21st, held their 39th Annual Safari Ride.

Jessie Hamrum was chosen as the Student of the Month for December at Red Lake County Central.

Kali Borene participated in a craft class at Oklee Quilting on January 13th, making a scarf.

Senior Site News and Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

Today we are welcomed to milder weather. Yesterday wasn't too cold, but, in the morning we had very hard winds. I had to be outdoors for awhile, and I thought the wind was going to blow me over. The wind did die down somewhat by noon.

The Senior Site Council met on Thursday. The representative from LSS was there and provided a lot of information. She hadn't been there for several months and we had many questions which she had information to share with us. She informed us about various things available for Senior Citizens and others.

We will be having a

Valentine Party on Thursday, February 12. This party will be open to everyone so come and join in the fun. It will take place after Bingo at about 2:00 p.m. We welcome Bingo players to come for Bingo before the party.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb. 2 - Evening Meal
Feb. 16 - Pot Luck Meal
Feb. 18 - Senior Site Council Meets

Feb. 19 - Birthday Meal

WORDS OF WISDOM

Remember, without hope, there would be little glory in tomorrow.
A question to ask yourself.

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

We are experiencing the ups and downs of January weather. Last week we froze out, and this week we are warmer. At least we didn't experience the crippling snowfall that they had in Washington DC over the weekend. Some places got 40 inches but most places on the coast got more than 20 inches of snow. It looks nice, but the work to get plowed and shoveled out is immense. We need to count our blessings.

This is the month of birthday blessings.

On Sunday Cindy Determan went to Detroit Lakes to help celebrate Kaydence Determan celebrate her birthday. Kaydence, daughter of Colton and Jamie Determan turned four years old and had a themed birthday party. It was based on the little Mermaid, and everybody wore little tiaras. Happy Birthday to Kaydence.

Del Determan went trout fishing in Canada at the Sioux Narrows. He went with 11 other guys, Thursday to Sunday. They fished all day and ate and rested in the evening. They caught a lot of fish and enjoyed some man time.

Kelsey and Ryan Paradis and family, and Ryan's mother Pam Paradis went to Lakeview to eat on Friday evening. Isabelle then spent her first sleepover at Grandma's house. She now thinks every night should be a sleepover. Ryan went fishing on Saturday. No report on what he caught.

A happy belated birthday to Walter Novak who celebrated his birthday recently. We hope it was wonderful for you.

Perry and Joyce Morinville attended the first birthday party for Harper and Brooklyn Morinville children of Chris and Robyn Morinville. They also celebrated the 10th birthday of Keira Morinville, Chris and Robyn's oldest child. Bryce and Jenny Huotari and family of Moorhead also attended this party. Happy Birthday to all the cake stuffed children.

It is with our sympathy that report the death of Elvern Vanyo the Aunt of Reinette Walter, Jerome Novak and Walter Novak who passed away on January 13th. Elvern was devoted to her church where she played the organ for 65 years. She was the sister of the late Monica Novak. She

will be missed by many nieces and nephews. Our condolences to the Novak family.

JOKE TIME

A man called the vicar's wife, a woman well known for her charitable deeds. "Madam" he said, close to tears, "I feel I must draw your attention to the awful plight of an impoverished family in this district. The father is dead, the mother is too ill to work, and the nine children are starving. They are about to be turned out."

"How terrible!" exclaimed the vicar's wife. "And may I ask you who are?"

The sympathetic visitor wiped his eyes. "I'm the landlord," he sobbed.

Regional Ag News

Jim Stordahl, Extension Educator

Program to Compare Crop Budgets

As we turn the calendar to a new year, many farmers are contemplating their cropping options for the upcoming season. With the reality of significantly reduced crop prices, and razor thin margins, many are looking for ways to compare the economics of different crop options.

To help in this effort, NDSU Extension recently offered an updated "Crop Compare Program for 2016".

This program provides a tool for producers to check the changing scenarios until final planting decisions are made this spring.

The North Dakota State University Extension Service has updated the Crop Compare program, which is a simple spreadsheet designed to compare cropping alternatives.

The program uses the direct costs and yields from the 2016 projected crop budgets for nine regions of North Dakota, but producers are encouraged to enter the expected yields and input costs for their farm. Although this is geared to North Dakota, simply select a cropping region that reflects yields and costs similar to

your farm.

The user designates a reference crop and enters its expected market price. Depending on the region, a broad selection of nine to 18 crops are compared. The program provides the prices for competing crops that would be necessary to provide the same return over variable costs as the reference crop.

"Producers can compare these 'break-even' prices to expected market prices to see which crop is most likely to compete with the reference crop," says Andy Swenson, NDSU Extension Service farm management specialist. "Grain prices can move quickly. The program provides a tool for producers to check the changing scenarios until final planting decisions are made this spring."

It should be noted that an underlying assumption is that fixed costs, such as machinery ownership, land, and the owner's labor and management, do not vary among crop choices and therefore do not need to be included in the analysis. The projected margins of each crop will need to cover those costs.

"In practice, there may be differences in fixed costs that should be considered," Swenson says. "For example, there may be additional labor, management and risk associated with a competing crop. If all the labor and management is provided by the owner-operator, it would be considered a fixed cost and could be excluded. However, the producer should add some cost if he or she would only want to produce the crop when an adequate reward would be received for the extra time and management required relative to the reference crop."

A similar rationale could be used if a competing crop is considered higher risk. The Crop Compare program is available at <https://www.ag.ndsu.edu/farmmanagement/tools>

Also, the complete 2016 crop budgets are available at <http://bit.ly/2016NDCropBudgets>

For more information, contact me at 800-450-2465 or stordahl@umn.edu. This article was provided by Andy Swenson, NDSU Extension Service Farm Business Management Specialist.



RLCC sophomores Bryce Bergerson and Noah Bakken each made tables in their Industrial Tech class taught by Mr. Bob Bernier.



Gunner Anderson and Josh Kelly are pictured with their shop projects made in the Sophomore Industrial Tech Class at RLCC.



Sophomore David Clifton from RLCC made a table in shop.

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.

Or call David Ste. Marie, Red Lake Falls, 218-698-4289; Mike Spurgin, Red Lake Falls, 218-465-4648 or Leo Olson, Oklee, 218-796-5656.

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Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

Nine ladies went to Sunview in Red Lake Falls for dinner this Friday. Chicken breast, mashed potatoes, salad, pear sauce and chocolate chip cookies was served. Connie H., Wilma A., Karen T., Ann T., Alice J., Jean C., Anna D., Bunny D., and Emilie S. went. It was a good meal for \$4.00.

Rose Bregier, formerly of Plummer, died on January 13th. Her funeral was at St. Joseph's Church in Red Lake Falls on Monday.

Wavell Sorenson and Gerda Koskela came to Emilie Skjervén's on Monday with birthday greetings and a cake. Emilie's birthday was the 19th.

Jim Jaeger, brother of Margaret Greenwald passed away in Minneapolis. Mike and Sandy Greenwald went to the funeral.

Wednesday evening, Adam Gallant celebrated his birthday at the Legion at Bingo. Cupcakes were served to everyone. He is the son of Roger and Lynn Gallant. He

is 37. Birthday was Thursday.

Twelve Plummer ladies went to Carol's Cozy on Thursday for potato klub (dumplings). It was very good. It was served with side pork. You could get one or two dumplings. Lefse was the dessert. It was very filling and very good. A couple from Trail had come to eat as well as some from Oklee. They had a very good crowd. There are served every other Thursday. The groomer went through town on Tuesday morning. They did the snowmobile trails. That is nice for snowmobiling and me for skiing.

A week ago, Wednesday, I saw a ruffed grouse between Brooks and Plummer.

Bonny's Bits...

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February is just literally just around the corner. The winter has been so nice and warm. We did have that short cold spell a couple of weeks ago, but really, that is nothing like our normal winters. In the Discover magazine, there was an article that stated that 2015 was by far the warmest in records that stretch back more than a century, two U.S. federal agencies (NASA-Goddard Institute for Space Studies & NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Information) announced recently. The data shows that the temperature record set in 2014 was broken by a quarter of a degree warmer for 2015.

Now a quarter of a degree doesn't sound like a lot, but if you look at the data coming out of NASA or NOAA's websites, you can see there is a warming trend going back many years. Even Minnesota Public Radio's website had an interesting article and graphs showing how Minnesota's climate events have changed.

If you don't want to believe the science, then remember the stories we all heard growing up from our grandparents. About the extreme winters they experienced. Even I remember winters being so much worse than today. I remember the winter of 1966 when I lived in the Cities and the snow was fence deep (about 3.5 to 4 feet) in my neighborhood. We had tunnels and snow forts all over the neighborhood. And I heard that year, up in this area, that highway 92 was blocked solid near the Trail/Fosston corner.

So we should count our blessings that we no longer have such long hard winters, but with warming comes changes. Let's

hope we can adapt along with nature to the changes still to come in our weather patterns. Here is something from my email about email. Enjoy!

Born prior to 1950

I thought you would want to know about this e-mail virus. Even the most advanced programs from Norton or McAfee cannot take care of this one. It appears to affect those who were born prior to 1950.

Symptoms:

1. Causes you to send the same e-mail twice. Done that!
2. Causes you to send a blank e-mail! That too!
3. Causes you to send e-mail to the wrong person. Yep!
4. Causes you to send it back to the person who sent it to you. Aha!
5. Causes you to forget to attach the attachment. Well darn!
6. Causes you to hit "SEND" before you've finished. Oh, no not again!
7. Causes you to hit "DELETE" instead of "SEND." And I just hate that!
8. Causes you to hit "SEND" when you should "DELETE."

IT IS CALLED THE "C-NILE VIRUS."

Have I already sent this to you? Or did you send it to me?

1-20-16 Suduko Solution

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