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CP Holiday Train returns to Plummer

The Canadian Pacific (CP) Holiday Train will return to the rails this season on its first cross-continent tour in three years, following virtual concerts in the pandemic years of 2020 and 2021. The train will again raise money, food and awareness for local food banks in communities along the CP network.

"I'm grateful to the CP team members who adapted during the COVID-19 pandemic to deliver two exceptional virtual Holiday Train shows and to all those who continued to donate while we kept community members safe," said Keith Creel, CP's President and Chief Executive Officer. "The Holiday Train is all about families and communities coming together to celebrate the season and help those in need. We are excited to be back out on the rails and in our communities, taking these two beautiful trains across our network and sharing the joy that comes with gathering in the spirit of giving."

The 2022 tour will launch on Nov. 23 with the Holiday Train's first-ever Maine shows in Jackman, Brownville Junction and Hermon. Also for the first time, the Holiday Train will host shows on Nov. 24 in Lac-Mégantic, Sherbrooke and Farnham, Que.; the first Canadian stops of 2022. The tour will feature 168 live shows, including Toronto on Nov. 29; Bensenville, Ill., on Dec. 2; Davenport, Iowa, on Dec. 3; Kansas City, Mo., on Dec. 4; Calgary on Dec. 11; and a final show in Port Coquitlam, B.C., on Dec. 18. A full schedule is available at cpr.ca/holidaytrain.

Live music is essential to the CP Holiday Train experience. This year's performers will include Alan Doyle, Tenille Townes, Mackenzie Porter and Lindsay Ell, to name a few. Details about this year's artists and which performers will play which shows are available at cpr.ca/holidaytrain.

Holiday Train shows are free to attend. CP asks attendees to bring a cash or non-perishable

food donation if they're able. Local food shelves will set up collection stations at each event, with all donations made staying with the local food bank to help people in need in the community. Because local food shelves buy food at a discount, cash donations can go further than food donations to help those in need.

"Food banks and communities across Canada are so excited to see the CP Holiday Train return, as it brings together the City of Calgary to kick off the holidays and give back at the same time," said Calgary Food Bank President and CEO James McAra. "The Calgary Food Bank is so grateful for CP's continued support to help us build a Canada where no one goes hungry."

Since the Holiday Train program launched in 1999, it's raised more than \$21 million and collected 5 million pounds of food for community food banks across North America.

"This year, more than ever, the support, awareness and goodwill that the CP Holiday Train brings will make an impact beyond imagination to the food support programs of East Side Neighborhood Services," said Mary Anstett, Vice President, Community Engagement for East Side Neighborhood Services in Minneapolis. "With the support that Holiday Train brings in, we can rest assured that so many will have warm nutritious food on their tables in the coldest months."

About Canadian Pacific Canadian Pacific is a transcontinental railway in Canada and the United States with direct links to major ports on the west and east coasts. CP provides North American customers a competitive rail service with access to key markets in every corner of the globe. CP is growing with its customers, offering a suite of freight transportation services, logistics solutions and supply chain expertise. Visit cpr.ca to see the rail advantages of CP.

Holiday Train Performers: Kelly Prescott and Alan Doyle



Born in Ottawa, Kelly Prescott comes by her music in the most honest way possible as a third-generation singer/songwriter on both sides of her family. Growing up between a tour bus and a world-class recording studio, her childhood was steeped in traditional country music. Kelly and her family made their Grand Ole Opry debut as guests of Terri Clark in 2018. She has toured all over North America with such acts as Alan Doyle, Kyle Cook (Matchbox 20), Terri Clark, Dallas Smith, Jim Cuddy, Colin James, Dean Brody and her former band, The Claytones.



Born in Petty Harbour, Newfoundland and Labrador, Alan Doyle is a singer, songwriter, and actor who rose to fame as the enigmatic frontman for acclaimed Newfoundland folk-rock band Great Big Sea. During their commercial peak from the late '90s to the mid-2000s, the band's energetic fusion of traditional Celtic fare and sea shanties earned them international success far beyond the shores of their island home. Doyle launched a solo career in 2012 and released a trio of well-received albums. In addition to his musical work, he has appeared in numerous films and television shows.



Santa and Mrs. Claus visit Brooks!



Calendar of Events

Wed, Dec. 14:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
Thu, Dec. 15:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.
Fri, Dec. 16:
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
Sat, Dec. 17:
-Shop local!
Sun, Dec. 18:
-Worship at the church – check inside for church times and places.
Mon, Dec. 19:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.
Tue, Dec. 20:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.
Wed, Dec. 21:
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Christmas tree tips and tricks

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

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

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

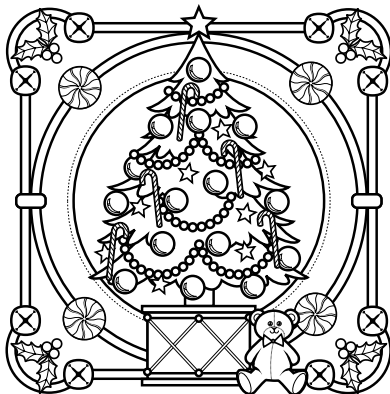
While freshly cut trees can be particularly beautiful and aromatic additions to the season, they require a bit more work than artificial trees in

order to remain beautiful and thrive throughout the holiday season.

Maintenance can help keep Christmas trees as perfect as possible.

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

Consider the needles when looking for a real tree. Pull your hand toward your body along the branches. If many



needles fall off, the tree is past its peak.

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

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

If possible, buy a freshly cut tree from a reputable nursery or tree farm, advises The Old Farmer's Almanac. Many

pre-cut trees sold elsewhere were likely cut weeks before and may not be fresh.

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

Keep trees away from as many heat sources as possible and away from direct sunlight to prolong longevity.

According to Karabin Farms in Connecticut, to make a Christmas tree last longer, boil a gallon of water and then dissolve one cup of sugar in the water. Allow to cool. After freshly cutting the trunk, pour in the warm sugar water. Continue to add fresh, cool, plain water to the tree stand afterward.

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

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH

Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
 Wed, Dec. 14: 7:00 p.m. Confirmation at Zion.
 Sat, Dec. 17:
 Sun, Dec. 18: 9:00 a.m. Worship, 10:30 a.m. SS at Zion. 9:00 a.m. SS, 10:30 a.m. Worship at Salem.
 Wed, Dec. 21: 6:30 p.m. Chimes. 7:00 p.m. Zion WELCA. 7:00 p.m. Salem WELCA. 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. Bryan Kujava
 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
 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, Dec. 18: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Immanuel. 10:15 a.m. SS at Immanuel.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH

Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
 Wed, Dec. 14: 12:20 p.m. Release time.
 Sun, Dec. 18: 8:00 a.m. at Bethany. 9:30 a.m. at Ekelund. 11:00 a.m. at Faith.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

December 18-22

No congregate meals served.
 If you are over the age of 60 and you want a meal delivered to your home, call 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.
Sun: Shrimp, baked potato, coleslaw, dinner roll, milk and dessert.
Mon: Cafe is closed.
Tue: Tator tot hotdish, green beans, dinner roll, milk and dessert.
Wed: Chicken wild rice soup, chicken salad sandwich, bread, milk and dessert.
Thu: Pork fritter, baked potato, mixed vegetable, bread, milk and dessert.
Fri: Chicken and stuffing, candied sweet potatoes, milk and dessert.

Deadline: Fridays at noon!

Crossword Solution

A	M	E	N	D	M	I	D	S	N	O	W
G	A	Z	E	R	A	C	E	B	E	I	G
A	R	R	A	I	L	E	U	R	E	S	E
C	A	R	R	O	T	C	O	O	K	I	E
S	O	P	W	E	P	T					
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I	N	N	S		E	E	N		R	E	U

Sudoku Solution

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

Oklee Herald Office Hours

This weeks hours:

Wed. 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Fri. 10:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Sun. 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Oklee Office Phone: 796-5181

Courtney Cell Phone: 218-689-4440

Or by email at either:

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DEADLINE for news & ads:

Noon on Friday

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH

Mt. Olive – Nazareth
Oak Park – St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
 Wed, Dec. 14: 5:00-7:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 6:30 p.m. Vespers. 7:00 p.m. LYS.
 Sat, Dec. 17: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive. 2:00 p.m. LYS Caroling.
 Sun, Dec. 18: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri. 9:45 a.m. Oak Park. 11:00 a.m. Nazareth.
 Wed, Dec. 21: 5:00-7:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 6:30 p.m. Vespers.
 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. 14: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
 Sun, Dec. 18: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School. 10:00 a.m. Worship.
 Tue, Dec. 20: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions.
 Wed, Dec. 21: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH

Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
 Wed, Dec. 14: No confirmation. 7:00 p.m. Advent Service at Lund.
 Sun, Dec. 18: 9:00 a.m. at Lund. 10:30 a.m. at Bethany. No Sunday School. 2:00 p.m. Christmas Program at Sand Valley.

Wed, Dec. 21: 2:00 p.m. Lund Ladies Aid. 7:00 p.m. Advent Service at Bethany.
 CDC safety guidelines for COVID-19 will be followed.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY

Fosston
Seth Johnson, Head Pastor
 Sundays: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School. 10:00 a.m. Worship Service.
 Wednesday Evening: 6:30 p.m. Kids, High School & Adult programs.
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Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial Updates

The Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial Committee wants to remember those who served our country during the attack on Pearl Harbor.

The President of the United States recognizes the sacrifice of those who died at Pearl Harbor with the following proclamation.

On National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, we honor the memories of the 2,403 service members and civilians whose lives were cut short on that tragic December morning. We reflect on the resilience of America's Armed Forces, who withstood the attack and built the most capable fighting force the world has ever known. In the wake of tragedy, these brave women and men — the Greatest Generation — answered the call to defend freedom, justice, and democracy across the Pacific, throughout Europe, and around the globe. Today, we carry forward their spirit of unity and their enduring resolve to protect the United States against those who seek to do us harm.

Remember to thank a veteran.

CALL FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received by the Red Lake County Auditor, 124 Langevin Ave., P.O. Box 367, Red Lake Falls, Minnesota, on behalf of the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners, with bids to be received until 10:00 a.m. on January 3, 2023 for the following publication:

PUBLICATION OF THE COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTES 375.12, AND THE PUBLICATION OF ALL LEGAL NOTICES OF THE COUNTY, INCLUDING BID NOTICES, SAMPLE BALLOTS, AND ALL OTHER PUBLISHING REQUESTS OR NEEDS OR REQUIREMENTS OF THE COUNTY, KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, DURING 2023.

The bidders must comply with the legal requirements of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 331A, and the legal requirements for publication of this material, and the bidders should make themselves familiar with these requirements.

Bids must be submitted on the form provided by the County Auditor's Office, and all bids must comply with the additional specifications on the bid form.

The words **"Bid for Publishing"** must be written on the outside of the bid envelope.

The Red Lake County Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any irregularities in the bidding process.

Dated at Red Lake Falls, Minnesota, this 6th day of December 2022.

Robert Schmitz
 Red Lake County Auditor
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57. *Frozen spike
60. *Three-horse sleigh ride
63. Words to live by
64. Caviar alternative
66. On D'Artagnan's hat
68. Group of wives
69. Boiling emotion
70. Furnish with a fund
71. Travelers' stops
72. Poetic "even"
73. Buy second-hand

DOWN

1. Agha, alt. sp.
2. Artist Chagall's first name
3. Poet Pound's first name
4. Draws close
5. Fungus damage (2 words)
6. Shake's cousin?
7. *___ fishing
8. Two, in cards
9. Station finder button
10. Not final
11. Curved molding
12. Kind of nurse
15. Bouillons
20. Laudanum ingredient
22. Saturn's wife
24. As opposed to widow
25. Impromptu
26. Emergency pedal
27. *Hot treat
29. Major-leaguers
31. Prefers
32. Butcher shop offering, pl.
33. Ghostlike
34. Parkinson's drug
36. Philadelphia's Ivy League member
38. Russian mountain chain
42. *Fireplace glob
45. TV offering
49. Reef fish

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Every 4th Tuesday – Thief River Falls

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Every 2nd & 4th Friday – Bemidji.

51. Kind of bride
54. Eagle's home
56. Hundred Acre Wood creator
57. A Flock of Seagulls' 1982 hit (2 words)
58. European Council for Nuclear Research, acr.
59. Bad day for Caesar
60. Not quite an adult
61. Spiral-horned African antelope
62. Singer-songwriter Tori
63. Tai's partner
65. Miner's bounty
67. Female sheep

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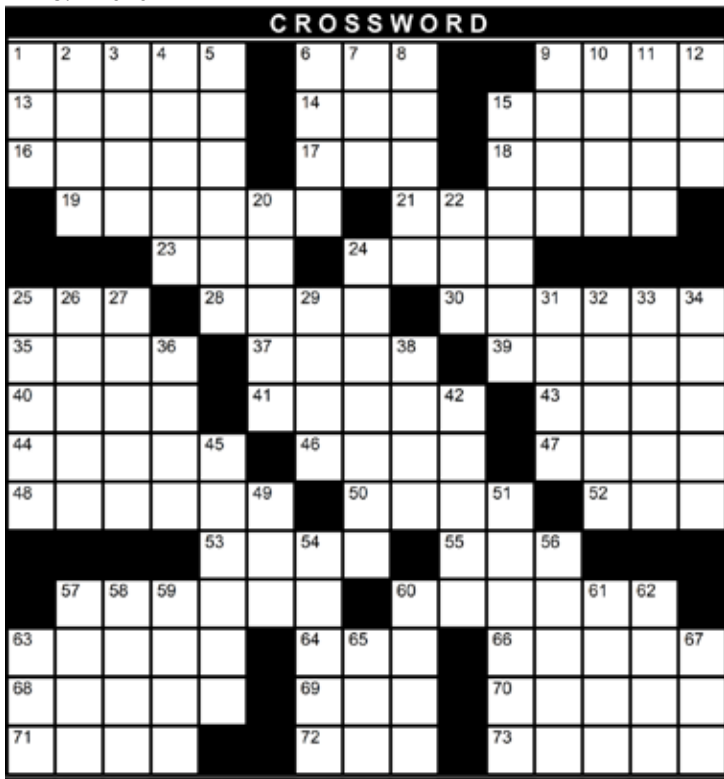
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Statepoint Crossword

"Winter Fun"

- ACROSS
1. Make change
 6. Used in combination to denote the middle
 9. *Ammo material
 13. Star
 14. The "place with the helpful hardware folks"
 15. Neutral shade
 16. Orderly arrangement
 17. Romanian monetary unit
 18. Button on electrical outlet
 19. *Frosty's nose
 21. *Gingerbread Man, e.g.
 23. Drench

24. What a willow did?
25. Famous song by The Jackson 5
28. Cone-shaped quarters
30. *Snow mover
35. A bit of water
37. Pakistani language
39. Measured in knots
40. Tatted fabric
41. *A Visit from St. Nicholas' poet
43. Tropical edible root
44. Paintings in Orthodox church
46. Not swim or swum
47. Frozen puddle accident
48. Small skullcap
50. Dresden's river
52. Captain's turf



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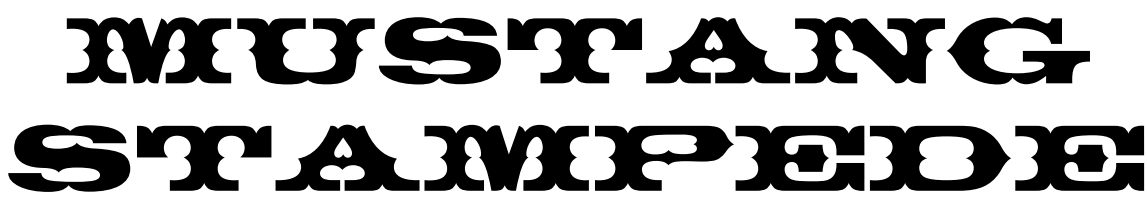
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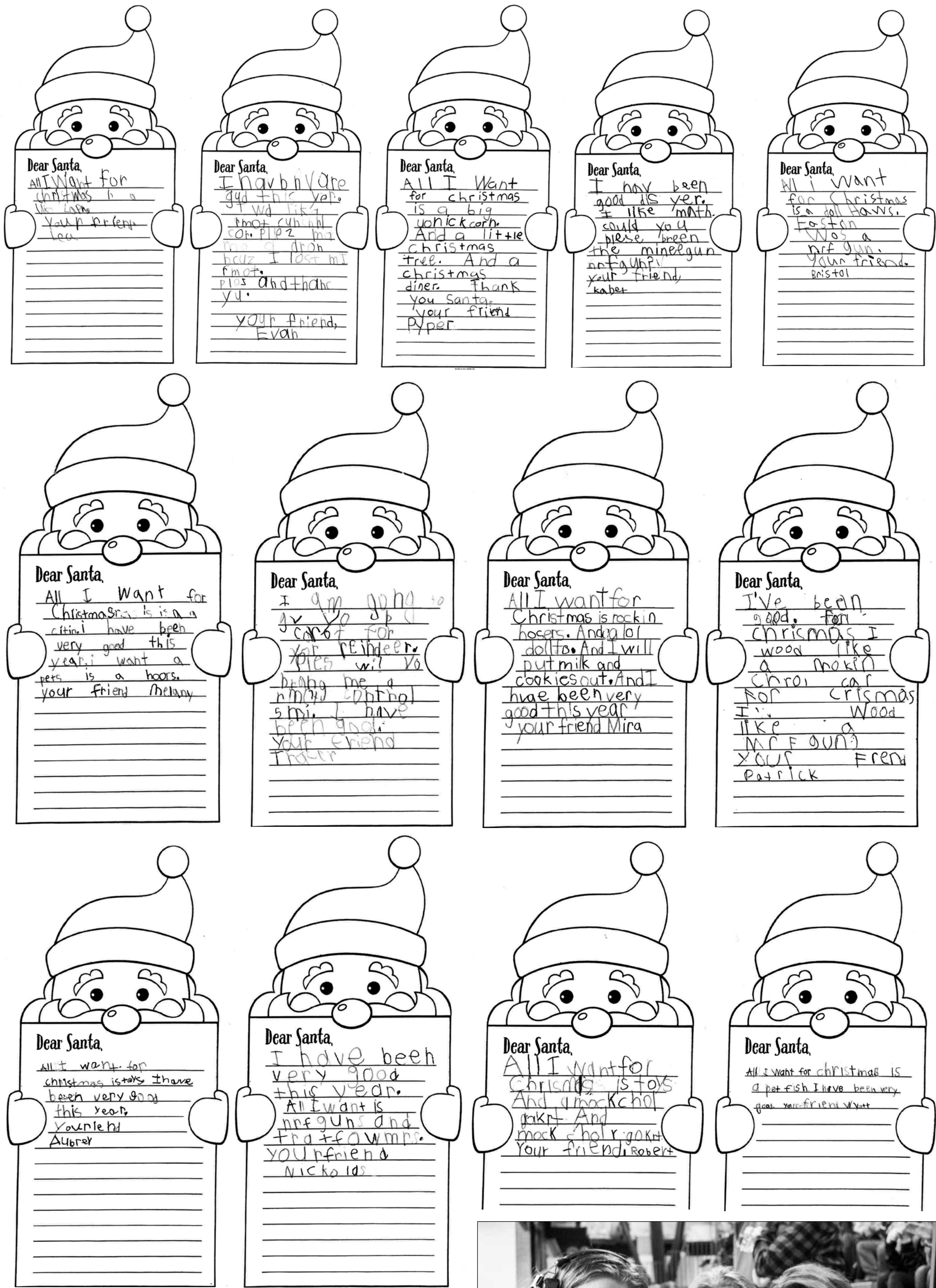
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LETTERS
TO
Santa

From Students in the RLCC
First Grade Class



Oklee Centennial Cookbook
Recipe Corner - Page 168

Stuffed Meatballs
Sandra (Groven) Holmstrom

- 1 lb lean ground beef
- 1/3 cup evaporated milk
- 1-2/3 cup prepared bread dressing (your own or from a mix)
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 tbsp ketchup
- 2 tsp worcestershire sauce



Combine ground beef and evaporated milk. Divide into 4-5 patties. Roll between plastic wrap into 5-6" circles. Prepare stuffing and put 1/3 cup in center of patty circles. Draw meat up to form a ball around the stuffing. Put seam side down in baking dish. Combine soup, ketchup, and worcestershire sauce & pour over meatballs. Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 45-60 minutes.



Ciara Mitzner and Willa Klamm are pictured with Mrs. Bernstein at a Mustang game.

Red Lake County Central Additions & Renovations Oklee High School & Plummer Elementary

LOCATION OF WORK:

High School
201 Governor St.
Oklee, MN, 56748

Elementary School
260 Minnesota St.
Plummer, MN, 56748

CONSTRUCTION

MANAGER:

ICS
1139 Franklin Avenue Suite 1
Sauk Rapids, MN 56379
(320) 360-5506
Contact: Jorden Pangrac
(jorden.pangrac@ics-builds.com)

STRUCTURAL:

Northland Consulting Engineers
102 South 21st Ave West
Duluth, MN 55806
(218) 727-5995

OWNER:

Red Lake County Central ISD #2906
201 Governor St.
Oklee, MN, 56748
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ARCHITECT:

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Fargo, ND 58102
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The project consists of multiple work scopes for all of the work necessary to construct additions and renovations to the existing High School in Oklee and the existing Elementary school in Plummer. Additions to the Elementary includes classroom space and bathrooms; renovations include gymnasium updates and restroom remodel. Additions to the High School includes a gymnasium, supporting spaces, and science classrooms. Remodel areas includes new restrooms, commons areas, an administrative area, and other supporting areas. This Bid package consists of work scopes including but not limited to: Earthwork, Concrete, Masonry, Precast Concrete, Steel Materials, Steel Installation, Roofing, Casework, General Construction, Aluminum Doors/Windows/Glazing, Flooring, Wood Gymnasium Flooring, Acoustical Ceilings and Acoustical Treatment, Bleachers, Fire Suppression, Mechanical and Electrical.

BID DATE AND LOCATION:

Sealed Bids will be received at the RLCC District Office – 201 Governor St. Oklee, MN 56748 then publicly opened and read aloud. Bids will be received and stamped-in prior to 2:00 PM local time on December 22, 2022. Bids submitted after allotted time will be discarded, NO EXCEPTIONS.

EXAMINATION OF DOCUMENTS:

Bidders may view drawings and specifications for the project at the office of the Construction Manager.

For Electronic access to the bidding documents, please contact Karin Borowicz at (612)-255-3543. The Construction Manager can also provide locations of Builders Exchanges holding plans for contractors to access. Bidders are responsible for any and all costs associated with the production of plans and specifications for their use.

BIDDING REQUIREMENTS:

Each Bidder must comply with the following requirements to reassure acknowledgment and recognition of their Bids:

Bids must be accompanied by Bid security in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, or Bid bond in the amount of 5% of the base Bid submitted, made payable to the owner, as guarantee that Bidder will, if awarded, enter into contract in accordance with contract documents and submitted Bid.

Submit Bid on the prescribed form, which is furnished with the specification, with full name and address of the Bidder.

Completely fill in all blank spaces on the Bid Form, in ink or typewriter, in both words and figures.

Sign in longhand, executed by a principal duly authorized to enter into an agreement. If a Bidder is a co-partnership, then signatures on the Bid shall be by an authorized member of the firm, with names and addresses of each member of partnership.

Base Bid and all alternate Bids shall be stated both in writing and in figures. In all cases, written and numerical figures must agree; otherwise at Owner's option, it shall be cause for rejection of Bid. Complete form without alterations.

Submit alternate prices (Bids) for either increasing or decreasing the costs, as called for on Bid form and Description of Alternates. Submit a Bid for all alternates.

Owner may make such investigations as they deem necessary to determine the ability, competency, and responsibility of the Bidder to perform the work. Any Bidder shall furnish to Owner all such information and data for this purpose, as the Owner may request. Owner reserves the right to reject any Bid if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of, such Bidder fails to satisfy the Owner that such Bidder is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the contract and to complete the Work contemplated therein. The competence and responsibility of Bidder will be considered in making an award, including, but not limited to: (1) proof of financial responsibility, (2) quality of similar work, (3) amount of experience with similar projects, (4) facilities, personnel and equipment, (5) reputation for performance, and (6) the ability to complete the work within specified time. Owner reserves the right to reject any Bid where there is reasonable doubt as to the qualifications of the Bidder.

Owner reserves the right to: (1) accept Bidder's Base Bid only, (2) accept any one or more of bidder's Alternate Bids, in any order regardless of the order in which they were listed, (3) reject all Bids, (4) award contract based on their investigation of Bidders, as well as acceptance of alternates, all of which the Owner deems to be in their best interest, (5) waive informalities or minor irregularities in Bids and waive minor irregularities or discrepancies in Bidding procedure.

Upon award of Contract, Contractor shall provide AIA A312 Performance and Payment Bonds in the amount of 100% of Contract Sum in accordance with General Conditions and Amendments to General Conditions.

BIDDING DOCUMENTS & SITE REVIEW:

Each Bidder (including subcontract Bidder where appropriate) is advised to visit the site and to fully inform themselves and record their own investigations as to the extent of the Work, the extent of the work performed by other contractors under other construction packages, conditions under which the Work is to be performed, existing buildings and streets, conditions of the area, existing utilities and other features, type of soil, available facilities and difficulties that may be encountered in connection therewith, and other relevant items which will affect their Bid or the Work.

Prior to submitting a Bid, each Bidder is required to examine all of the bidding requirements, all Contract Documents, all drawings, and specifications for the Project (including those primarily for other Subcontracts). Contractors shall become thoroughly familiar with the scope of the Project and all factors and items of work which will affect their Bid or the Work, whether shown or specified in documents primarily for Work of others or Work of this Contract.

No extras will be allowed the Contractor as a result of misunderstanding of the extent of scope of the Work as a result of their failure to study and record their own findings. Submission of a Bid shall be proof that such examinations have been made and that Bidder has recorded their own investigation and has become thoroughly familiar with all contract documents (including all addenda). The failure or omissions of any Bidder to examine any form, instrument or document shall in no way relieve any Bidder from any obligation in respect to their Bid. Nor shall it be the responsibility of ICS or its counterparts to ensure you have read all documentation. This is the sole responsibility of the Bidder and its Sub-Contractor(s).

PRE-BID CONFERENCE:

A Pre-Bid conference will be held at 3:30 PM on October 25th, 2022 at the RLCC District Office – 201 Governor St. Oklee, MN 56748. If Bidders want to visit the physical site, a site review will take place immediately following the Pre-Bid conference at Oklee, then will transit to Plummer for a review of that site. No extras will be allowed because of the Bidder's misinterpretation as to the amount of work involved, Bidder's own error, negligence, or failure to examine the site.

START DATE:

Work will begin after receipt of the signed contract from the Owner. The anticipated award date is December 1st, 2022. Pre-construction and submittals work related to the project is to commence immediately after receipt of the signed contract. The onsite work will begin on the premises no later than May 30, 2023.

SUBSTANTIAL AND COMPLETION DATE:

Elementary Remodel Substantial Completion: August 25, 2023
Elementary Addition Substantial Completion: December 22, 2023

High School Addition Substantial Completion: May 31, 2024
High School Remodel Substantial Completion: August 23, 2024

Owner requires Final Completion of all work by December 31, 2024.

Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteers Jo Lambert & Bonny Cote
Site number: 218-796-5149

Senior Meals:

If you want to order a Senior Meal see the menu instructions on page 2 in the Senior Menu. You will notice that the cafe is going to be closed on Mondays, but is offering a meal on Sunday, so you can still get 5 meals a week if you choose.

Congregate Meals:

If we can get enough volunteers to set up for congregatemeals, we could start having them at the site. If you are interested in being a dining volunteer, please let Jo Lambert know. Thank you!

Senior Craft Shop

There are lots of wonderful items if you are looking for a unique gift for Christmas. There are homemade mittens and hats and scarves to keep you warm. There is table runners, floral arrangements to

make your table look beautiful. There are also baby blankets, quilts, wood shelves, doilies and cloth checkbook covers in all kinds of colors and patterns. You and also purchase holiday decor for your home or for a loved ones home. The craft shop is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. If those hours don't work for your shopping needs, please feel free to call Joe Lambert at 218-796-4527.

Puzzler's Corner

There are several seniors that enjoy doing puzzles. If you have a 300 large piece puzzle or other puzzles that are not too difficult, and you don't know what to do with it, consider donating to the Senior Site for a Puzzler's Corner. This will be a sharing project. All puzzles can be taken out and returned for others to enjoy.

Activity Dates To Remember

Bingo after the New Year. Wednesday: Cards at 1:30 p.m.

**Remember if you don't feel good, stay home.

Fun Facts:

The first sharks lived more than 400 million years ago—200 million years before the first dinosaurs.

Polar bears are the largest land carnivores on earth. They can stand more than 11' high and weigh more than 1,700 lbs.

The placement of a donkey's eyes in its' heads enables it to see all four feet at all times!

The bloodhound is the only animal whose evidence is admissible in court.

Have a great week!

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

Chuck and Pat Simpson and Randy Pahlen recently hunted mule deer in Colorado.

Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Tony and Sheila Gerardy were Charlie, Mallo-ry, Brian, Blake and Harper Bernstrom. Brett, Hannah, Sawyer and Jett Gerardy, Logan, Abby and Layla O'Neil, Evan, Savannah, Axell, Ruth and Henry Bernstrom, Steven, Tiffany and Ellie Sjostrand.

Mike and Sandy Greenwald attended the concert "A very Vintage Christmas", Tuesday night at Lincoln High School. Alice Jobe also went. Sundae and Mr. Gaeseel were the performers. There were a rather young couple. She did all the singing and played the ukulele

turned one year old. Those attending were grandparents Tony and Sheila Gerardy, Jerry and Eileen Bernstrom, Great Grandma Wavell Sorenson, Brett, Hannah, Sawyer and Jett Gerardy, Logan, Abby and Layla O'Neil, Evan, Savannah, Axell, Ruth and Henry Bernstrom, Steven, Tiffany and Ellie Sjostrand.

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and her husband the guitar. She also told jokes and had riddles.

Wednesday morning there were sundogs about 9:30. It was 9 above 0, with a nasty wind chill.

Hopefully, we can get some snow soon. Then I can go cross country skiing. Time to start sending Christmas Cards.

The Plummer Holiday Train is coming Thursday, December 15th. At 4 p.m. Tri-River Museum opens. Tours, hot chocolate and popcorn will be available. See the advertisement on page 2 for more information on the Holiday Train!

Have a good week.

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

Hello again. There was no column last week because I was scheduled at the doctor in Grand Forks, and I didn't write it up beforehand. It was a quiet news week too, so nothing to write.

One item that was belatedly reported to me was the birthday of that cute little guy Liam Lacoursierre. He had a birthday long ago in November around Thanksgiving. He turned three years old. When you see him talk to him, he loves to talk and is so very articulate. He is the grandson of Gary and Sue Lacoursierre and his father is Luke. Happy Birthday to you Liam.

On Saturday of this past week the Novak family got together just for kicks. All of the Novak siblings gathered at the old farmhouse to eat and reminisce and to just be together for a day. Jerome and Barb of Brooks, Leonard and Marilyn, of Warren, Walt and Cindy of Brooks, Reinette and Ray Walter of Plummer,

Gerard Novak of Thief River Falls, Anita Mattson of Bismarck, North Dakota, and Donna Johnson, of Ames, Iowa. It was fun to see the family interaction, just like the good old days. Of course, the food was some of the old favorite things we ate when Monica and Walter were living, and we were interested in the scrap books that Monica kept of the births, deaths and happenings around the county over the past nearly eighty years. It was a good time that we all had just remembering. One discovery was that Monica was a great historian.

There is hope for the future for us all if we can afford it. The "Artemis" spacecraft landed first thing on Sunday morning and it was a perfect landing. The new push to go into space is a plan for the future. There will be future space labs going forward. The plan is to find another place to live for those who can afford it. After the earth has been depleted of its

water and farming ability, and air is so polluted, we can go and live in space on the new colonized planets. That is why they are looking so hard for water on Mars.

On Sunday evening Clarence and Dianne Gagner and Dick and Karen Delage went to Plummer to the American Legion Supper for members.

On Saturday, Clarence and Dianne Gagner went to Grygla to attend the funeral of Richard Saurdiff. Dianne was the roommate of Diane Saurdiff while she was in college.

Wednesday evening Clarence and Dianne Gagner had supper with Dick and Karen Delage, and after dinner at the Cozy they went to Clare and Dianne's home to visit, with Wes and Jan Myhre, Jim and Carol Chaput joining them.

We hope you have another great week. Don't forget to go see the train on the 15th. It will be in Plummer at 6:00 pm. Join the fun of Christmas.

Who's Dat?



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This week's photo is of two cousin graduates in 1971.

Last week's photo was of Brenda Plante.

I am always in need of more 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 can scan your photo while you wait.



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Third Row: Brayden St. Marie, Ethan Majeres, Luke Peterson, Hunter Dudycha, Guy Bergeson, Hayz Hanson, Jake Harmoning and Atley Vettleson

Second Row: Jady Breiland, Owen Chervestad, Brock Seeger, Ashton Fredrickson, John Powers, Michael Cymbulok Brock Knott and Julia Armentrout

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