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The American Legion presented colors at the Veterans Day performance on November 11 at Lafayette High School. Photo by Jozi Halverson.

## Save The Date: Santa is coming to Oklee

Santa Claus Day Saturday Dec 3rd at Oklee Community Hall

The day begins at 9 a.m. with the Salem WELCA Christmas Cookie Sale in the hall. Come early for best selection.

Coffee & Cider & Hot Chocolate along with doughnuts and cookies will be served all morning by the Oklee Community Club - all ages welcome to come and enjoy.

Sleigh rides for all ages will begin at 9:30 a.m. and continue around town all morning until early afternoon.

New this year is Story Time with Joni that will start shortly after 10 a.m.

Santa and Mrs Claus are expected to arrive around 10:30 a.m. and goodie bags will be handed out.

Arts & crafts for the children will also be available after visiting with Santa & Mrs.

Claus.

Come and share in the Holiday Christmas spirit and have a fun day in Oklee!



### Calendar of Events

- Wed, Nov. 23:**  
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.  
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. - Bridge.  
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
- Thu, Nov. 24:**  
Thanksgiving Day!
- Fri, Nov. 25:**  
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.  
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
- Sat, Nov. 26:**  
-Support your local business - Shop Locally!
- Sun, Nov. 27:**  
-Worship at the church of your choice.
- Mon, Nov. 28:**  
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
- Tue, Nov. 29:**  
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.  
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. - Cards.
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-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. - Bridge.  
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
- Thu, Dec. 1:**  
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.  
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. - Bingo.
- Fri, Dec. 2:**  
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.  
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
- Sat, Dec. 3:**  
-Support your local business - Shop Locally!



## Local Land Rent Meetings

Determining a fair farm rental agreement is a challenge in today's economy with significantly lower commodity prices in 2014, 2015, 2016 and probably in 2017 preceded by recent record high commodity prices and farm land values. Farm land and pasture land rental rates are dropping as wheat, corn, soybean, alfalfa and beef prices continue in a low

price cycle and as producers are trying to lower their input costs.

Landlords, Farmers, Agri-Business Professionals will learn about the factors affecting land rent at informative meetings being held across Minnesota. These free meetings are being provided by the University of Minnesota Extension. Nathan Hulinsky, U of M Extension Educator

in Ag Business Management, Moorhead will present topics including historic and projected farmland rental rates, current farm land values, projected 2017 input costs and cash grain prices, along with rate of return to the landlord at current market values which help calculate an affordable fair rental agreement. Other factors that go into a fair rental arrangement will also be discussed.

Make plans to attend one of these informative meetings. Attendees will receive several useful worksheets and factsheets that will help both the landlord and tenant in determining what is a fair land or pasture rental arrangement.

Fair land rent meetings in Polk and Clearwater counties will be held Monday, December 5th, 2017. Locations and times are: McIntosh Community Center, 240 Cleveland Ave SW,

McIntosh, MN at 10:00AM; D and R Café, 27 Central St SW, Bagley, MN at 2:00PM. The Bagley meeting will also include information on Pasture Rental arrangements.

For more information or questions contact Ray Bisek, Interim Extension Educator, Polk and Clearwater Counties in McIntosh at 218-563-2465, in Bagley at 218-694-6151 or by cell at 218-280-1129.

## “A Day of Remembrance,” Veterans Day Program

By: Sarah Christensen

A Veterans Day Program was held Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the Robert Matzke Gymnasium in the Red Lake Falls High School. Their school invited the Red Lake County Central Schools and community members to attend “A Day of Remembrance” program to recognize all veterans who have served our country.

The program began with the American Legion Post #22 as the Master of Ceremonies. Members of the American Legion Posts from Red Lake Falls, Plummer, and Oklee did the Presentation of the Colors. The Lafayette Senior High Band played the “National Anthem”

followed by the audience saying the “Pledge of Allegiance.”

The Senior High Band also played “Marches of the Armed Forces” where members of various branches of the service stood as their military service song was played. This was followed by the Lafayette Senior High Choir singing “We Honor You.”

Keynote Speaker was John Kriesel from Cottage Grove, MN who served in the military with Cory Rystad who was from RLF. Kriesel was injured while serving in Iraq and shared about his military experiences. He emphasized to the audience that life is good and attitude is in your control, no matter

what happens.

Deb Derouin from the American Legion Post #22 Auxiliary gave a reading “Americanism.” Junior Shayla Lallier from RLF sang “America the Beautiful” and the Senior High Choir sang “God Bless the USA.” Senior Kelly Schultz and Sophomore Rachel Wieland from RLF played “Taps” on the trumpet with the program ending with the Retirement of Colors.

Students and staff from RLCC enjoyed the speaker and the program. Thank you to the American Legion Posts, John Kriesel, and the RLF School for inviting us to be part of this Veterans Day remembrance.

## John Kriesel shares that life is good despite adversity

By: Sydnie Gunderson and Marie Johnson

The Red Lake County Central Elementary and High School were invited to the Red Lake Falls High School for the Veterans Day program. Guest speaker was John Kriesel from Cottage Grove, MN who joined the Army National Guard at age 17. He served his term but knew in the fall of 2004 there was an upcoming deployment to Iraq in the next year. In order to go on that deployment he would need to reenlist and sign a waiver to go to Iraq for no less than 360 days.

In the beginning of 2006, he was sent to Kuwait. On April 8, 2006 they went to Fallujah, Iraq which is a Marine Corp Naval Base but they were part of the Army National Guard. In the middle of the night on December 2, 2006 they were hiding in cattails watching a suspicious intersection to see what was happening until morning came. He and four other volunteers got the call of more suspicious activity, reporting back to their vehicles to check it out. Kriesel was operating the radio in the second vehicle calling in their coordinates when they drove over a hidden bomb.

Kriesel heard a loud unusual noise as they drove over it and remembers waking up on the ground and seeing the Humvee completely destroyed after driving over 200 pounds of explosives buried underground, thinking he wasn't going to survive. As the helicopter was on its way, some of the guys from the first vehicle were making sure Kriesel stayed awake. They slapped him in the face saying “stay awake” and he was thinking “I survived a bomb and now my friends are trying to kill me!”

The helicopter landed with a medic and he was loaded on a backboard into the helicopter. He eventually was brought to the Walter Reed Hospital in Washington D.C. in medical induced coma for eight days. When he woke up he could recognize his wife, but couldn't remember her name. Both of his legs had part of them amputated. When Kriesel asked about other friends he was told some made it, others didn't.

Kriesel said that his favorite thing about the military was “you serve with the best



John Kriesel spoke about his experience in the Army National Guard during the Veterans Day Program in Red Lake Falls on November 11th. Photo by RLCC Stampede

friends you'll ever have.” He also said that the military can prepare you for anything in life and he realized how fortunate he was to live. Kriesel stated that he got a second chance of life and to make the best of every day moving forward.

In conclusion Kriesel said he is happier than he has ever been and to make the best of your life. He told the audience, “You are never too cool to tell your parents I love you.” He also said to do the same for your friends. Every night he goes to bed with a smile on his face and knows life is good. He encourages people to look at the bright side of life. Kriesel realizes he “wakes up in the greatest country of the world and it is worth fighting for.”



Lafayette High School choir performed for veterans in the Lafayette High School gym on November 11. Photo by Jozi Halverson.

## Church news

**OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH**  
Zion and Salem  
Pastor Margaret Jacobus  
Wed, Nov. 23: No First Communion Class. No Confirmation Classes.  
Sun, Nov. 27: 9:00 a.m. Zion. 9:00 a.m. SS at Salem. 10:15 a.m. SS at Zion. 10:30 p.m.

Mon, Nov. 28: 9:00 a.m. Quilting at Zion.

Wed, Nov. 30: 4:00 p.m. First Communion Class. 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Classes.

**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH OKLEE**  
Fr. Adam Hamness  
Sun, Nov. 27: 7:30 a.m. Confessions 8:00 a.m. Mass.

**BROOKS - RED LAKE FALLS CATHOLIC PARISH**  
Fr. Bill DeCrans  
Sat, Nov. 26: 5:30 p.m. RLF  
Brooks. 10:00 a.m. RLF.

**IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA**  
Pastor Jonathan Dodson  
Wed, Nov. 23: 7:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Worship at Immanuel.  
Sun, Nov. 27: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer. No SS at Immanuel. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Immanuel. 11:30 a.m. Potluck at Immanuel.  
Wed, Nov. 30: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation at Immanuel.

**GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA**  
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith Interim Pastor Phil Johnson  
Wed, Nov. 23: 7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Services at Comm. Center.  
Sun, Nov. 27: 8:30 a.m. Bethany, No SS; 9:45 a.m. Ekeund. 11:00 a.m. SS; 11:00 a.m. Faith. No SS.  
Wed, Nov. 30: Release Time. 7:30 p.m. Advent Services at Ekelund. No Confirmation.

### Oklee Senior Site Dining

**Nov. 28 - Dec. 2**  
Call 796-5666 to order a meal.

If you are over the age of 60 and would like to eat with other seniors at the Senior Site, please call the Café at 796-5666 to reserve your meal. A \$4.00 per meal donation is suggested.  
**Monday:** Grilled chicken breast, tossed salad, cottage cheese, and dessert.

**Tuesday:** Liver & onions, boiled potatoes, vegetables, and dessert.

**Wednesday:** Cold ham sandwich, beef vegetable soup, and dessert.

**Thursday:** Meatloaf, parsley buttered potatoes, vegetable, and dessert.

**Friday:** Hamburger on bun, hash browns, vegetable, and dessert.

### Tri-Valley Public Transportation

To reserve a seat, please call by 3:00 p.m. the day before - 1-800-951-9363. All routes will arrive approximately between 10 and 11 a.m. at the destination. All routes need at least five persons signed up.

**Fri, Nov. 25: Bemidji** - Crookston, Fertile, Winger, Erskine, McIntosh, Fosston.

**Mon, Nov. 28: Grand Forks** - Fosston, McIntosh, Erskine, Mentor, Crookston.

**Wed, Nov. 30: Fargo/ Moorhead** - Crookston.

**CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH**  
Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri  
Pastor Jeff Merseth  
Wed, Nov. 23: Thanksgiving Services: 5:00 p.m. Mt. Olive. 7:00 p.m. Nazareth.  
Thu, Nov. 24: Thanksgiving Services: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri. 9:30 a.m. Oak Park.

Sat, Nov. 26: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.

Sun, Nov. 27: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri. 9:15 a.m. St. Petri SS; 8:30 a.m. Oak Park SS, 9:45 a.m. Oak Park; 10:00 a.m. Nazareth SS, 11:00 a.m. Nazareth.

Wed, Nov. 30: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School/ Confirmation.

**NEW JOURNEY CHURCH**  
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor  
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor  
www.newjourneyfosston.com

Wed, Nov. 23: 7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Service at Poplar Lake Lutheran Church.

Sun, Nov. 27: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:50 a.m. Sunday School.

Tues, Nov. 29: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study. 10:30 a.m. Quilting. 5:00 p.m. Ladies Night Out.

Wed, Nov. 30: 6:30 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

**GULLY-TRAIL PARISH**  
Bethany \* Lund  
Sand Valley  
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister  
Sun, Nov. 27: 9:00 a.m. Lund. 10:30 a.m. Sand Valley.

**BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston**  
Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor  
Sun, Nov. 27: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship.

### Red Lake Falls Library News

The Northwest Regional Library branches will be closed in observation of the Thanksgiving holiday, Thursday - November 24, as well as the next day, Friday, Nov. 25. Regular hours will resume at the Red Lake Falls branch on Saturday, Nov. 26, 10 am to 2 pm.

Happy Thanksgiving to all library patrons and their families, and many thanks to all those who support and appreciate library services in the Northwest Regional Library system.

Pick up a few Thanksgiving-themed DVDs at the library for viewing enjoyment with your family over the holiday weekend, such as "An Old-Fashioned Thanksgiving" starring Jacqueline Bissett; "Planes, Trains & Automobiles" starring Steve Martin and John Candy; "Martha Stewart's Classic Thanksgiving;" Jim Henson's "Turkey Hollow;" or "A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving" starring Charles Schulz's Peanuts characters.

### ADDRESS CHANGES

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Poplar Meadow residents celebrating birthdays in November are (l-r) Elvira Just (Nov. 15th, 97 years old), Leona Brekke (Nov. 18th, 98 years old), and Eileen Ostenaa (Nov. 17th, 97 years old). What an amazing group of women. Happy Birthday ladies!

Goodridge Lutheran Parish  
IS HOSTING  
**Thanksgiving Services**  
on **November 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
7:00 p.m.  
**Goodridge Community Center**  
Everyone is welcome to join us!

**Thanksgiving Day**  
**November 24**

**Saturday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Oklee Community Hall**  
\* **Salem WELCA Christmas Cookie Sale** at 9 a.m.  
\* **Coffee & Cider & Hot Chocolate**  
\* **Doughnuts and Cookies** served all morning by the Oklee Community Club  
**New this year ...**  
**Story Time with Joni** at 10 a.m.  
\* **Santa and Mrs. Claus** are expected to arrive around 10:30 a.m.  
\* **Goodie Bags - Arts & Crafts** for the children  
*Come and share in the Holiday Christmas spirit and have a fun day in Oklee!*

## Centennial Recipe Corner

### Turkey or Chicken Pot Pie Anita Bachand

#### Filling:

1/4 cup chopped onion  
2 cups turkey or chicken broth  
1/4 cup butter  
2/3 cup cream or half & half  
1/3 cup Bisquick baking mix  
3-4 cup cut up cooked turkey/chicken  
1/4 cup flour  
1 cup cooked vegetables (peas or California blend)  
1 tsp salt  
1 tsp Worcestershire sauce  
1/2 tsp pepper

Cook and stir onion in butter in large saucepan until tender. Blend in baking mix, flour, salt and pepper. Cook over low heat, stirring until mixture is bubbly. Remove from heat. Gradually stir in broth with a whisk until mixture is smooth. Add remaining ingredients and heat until just to boiling, stirring often. Gently boil 1 minute while stirring. Pour into lightly greased pan, approximately 11-1/2 x 7-1/2 x 1-1/2.

#### Topping:

2 cups Bisquick baking mix  
2 Tbsp shortening  
1/3 cup milk

Cut shortening into baking mix; stir in milk to make soft dough. Roll dough into a rectangle to fit over the top of the turkey/chicken filling. Cut 2-3 slits in the crust topping. Bake about 15-20 minutes at 375 degrees or until bubbly.

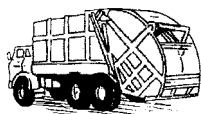


### Quote of the Week

"Life is 10% what happens to us and 90% how we react to it." - Dennis P. Kimbro

## NOTICE TO OKLEE RESIDENTS

Garbage Pickup will be switched to street pickup starting December 5<sup>th</sup>.



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## Red Lake County Commissioners Minutes

### RED LAKE COUNTY Regular Meeting Held September 27, 2016

Pursuant to adjournment of its regular meeting the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners duly met in regular session at the courthouse in Red Lake Falls, MN on September 27, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. Chair Simpson called the meeting to order. All members were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The regular meeting was closed at 9:30 a.m. to conduct a public hearing for the Red Lake Falls Community Hybrid Project. Environmental Officer Kurt Casavan was present to explain that the purpose of the hearing is to accept public comment for, or against the proposed project. Casavan commented that the project will consist of two wind energy towers and an area with solar array installed at a site in section 29 in Red Lake Falls Township, west of the city.

Dan Juhl of Juhl Energy was also present and gave a brief overview of the project. Juhl explained there would be two GE 2.3-116M wind turbines installed on 80 meter towers and also an area with solar panels to work in conjunction with the turbines all on an area of approximately 5.5 acres. Estimated energy production for the City of Red Lake Falls will be 18.5 gigawatt hours annually with excess energy to flow to nearby communities. There were questions from the several citizens present with no opposition to the project. The hearing was closed at 9:50 a.m. and the regular board meeting re-opened.

Casavan informed that all required documents have been submitted to his office and recommended approval of the application. Commissioner Sorensen moved, seconded by Lerohl and carried by unanimous vote to approve the permit to Juhl Energy for the Red Lake Falls Community Hybrid Project.

The board reviewed a request from the local SWCD for the North Dakota Pipeline Company, LLC to complete maintenance work within a wetland area to meet current safety standards as part of the Line 81 Remediation Project-MP 328.5, Site 7. Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Lerohl and carried unanimously to approve the MN WCA "Amended Notice of Decision" as recommended by the SWCD.

Sheriff Bernstein was present regarding approval of the updated County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Flage and carried by unanimous vote to approve **Resolution No. 09-02-16** "Adoption of the Red Lake County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan". The board Chair and County Auditor signed on behalf of the county. A complete document is available at the Sheriff's office.

County Engineer Kleven was present to update on projects to be finished this year: CSAH 13 overlay in the City of Red Lake Falls and improve Softball Complex road; install box culvert on CSAH 14 east of Highway 32, and road shoulder maintenance on east end of county. The 2017 projects include: intersection improvement at CSAH 1 and Highway 59 at Plummer; CSAH 13 bridge replacement with box culverts near Schirrick residence; construct a salt/sand storage unit at Red Lake Falls Highway Department site using reserve funding. Kleven also mentioned the County State Aid Highway funding allocations for construction and maintenance, and is proposing the same department budget/levy for 2017.

Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Lerohl and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the September 13, 2016 regular board meeting. Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Flage and carried unanimously to approve the amended minutes of August 23, 2016 to re-word Clean Indoor Air Ordinance comments.

HR Director Lundeen requested that the meeting be closed at 11:00 a.m. to discuss an employee personnel issue. Motion granted by Commissioner Lerohl, seconded

by Flage and carried unanimously. The regular meeting re-opened at 11:05 a.m. Lundeen reported that any employee who is on FMLA is eligible for donated sick leave and can receive up to a maximum of (30) days per year. However, the employee's FMLA time period has been exhausted and thus is not eligible to receive donated sick leave, and is requesting unpaid leave of absence. Commissioner Sorensen moved, seconded by Weiss and carried unanimously to grant a general leave of absence with a maximum of (30) days for Holly Crandall.

Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Flage to provide an exception to the Leave Donation Policy to allow use of the donated leave during employee Holly Crandall's general leave of absence up to the maximum allowed under the Leave Donation Policy of the county.

Commissioner Sorensen moved, seconded by Lerohl and carried by unanimous vote to approve the expenditures for the period as follows:

|               |                    |
|---------------|--------------------|
| Revenue Fund: | \$8,037.20         |
| Highway Fund: | 9,000.46           |
| Welfare Fund: | 160.51             |
| Ditch Fund:   | 15,070.80          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>\$32,268.97</b> |

The motion includes the following additional bills: \$6,864.66 to Pemberton, Sorlie & Rufer; \$189.00 to Sterling Computer Products; \$210.00 per diem and \$628.22 expenses to John Lerohl.

The following commissioner/committee reports were shared:

**Commissioner Weiss** Union negotiations meeting for LEL.

**Flage** SWCD: discussed projects and the School Water Festival.

**Sorensen** LELS Union negotiations; Inter County Nursing Service: approved the 2017 budget and county allocations, and the offices will be moved to the Pennington County Courthouse.

**Lerohl** ICC Personnel Policy meeting, and ICC board meeting: approved COLA wage increases to employees. Attended AMC Futures meeting in St Paul.

**Simpson** None.  
Commissioner Sorensen moved, seconded by Weiss to close the regular board meeting at 11:10 a.m. pursuant to section 13B.03 Minnesota Statutes. The closed session was to discuss union negotiations. The regular board meeting re-opened at 11:45 a.m. There was no action taken from the closed session.

HR Director Lundeen discussed some minor changes to county health insurance to help control or reduce future rate increases. Lundeen presented three proposed changes to the \$1,000 CMM Plan. Detailed discussion ensued. Commissioner Sorensen moved, seconded by Lerohl and carried by unanimous vote to approve changing the out-of-pocket maximum and co-pay to the \$1,000 CMM Plan that would result in rate reductions by approximately (2%) for 2017.

Auditor Schmitz reviewed information on the 2017 proposed budget for the Revenue Fund, and a summary of the overall county budget and proposed tax levy. A proposed levy must be adopted by September 30, 2016 and reported to the MN Department of Revenue. The certified tax levy will also be used to provide information on the TNT notices issued in November. Commissioner Sorensen moved, seconded by Flage and carried unanimously to approve the initial tax levy at \$2,932,723 less \$138,854 State County Program Aid, resulting in \$2,793,869 certified tax levy (7% increase) for payable year 2017.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned until October 11, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the courthouse board room.

Attest:

Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

Chuck Simpson, Chair,  
Board of Commissioners  
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On December 13, 1621, the Pilgrims declared a three day feast to thank God for a bountiful harvest and celebrate with their Indian friends.

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High."  
-Psalm 92:1

In the United States we have so much to be thankful for.

We wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving.



# MUSTANG STAMPED

## Red Lake County Central's Thanksgiving Break

*By: Hannah Riendeau*  
Red Lake County Central Elementary School and High School will not be having school Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25 due to Thanksgiving break. School will continue Monday, November 28.



## RLCC Sports Schedules

### RLC Rebel Varsity

#### Boys Basketball

**Mon, Dec. 5:** NCTC Tourney in *TRF*. TBD

**Tues, Dec. 6:** NCTC Tourney in *TRF*. TBD

**Thu, Dec. 8:** NCTC Tourney in *TRF*. TBD

**Thu, Dec. 15:** Against BGMR in *Greenbush* at 6:00 p.m.

**Fri, Dec. 16:** S-A in *S-A* at 6:00 p.m.

**Tues, Dec. 20:** Against Warroad in *RLF* at 6:00 p.m.

**Sat. Dec. 31:** G-G in *G-G* at 2:00 p.m.

**Tues, Jan. 3:** Against East Grand Forks SH in *Plummer* at 6:00 p.m.

**Mon, Jan. 9:** Against Sacred Heart in *RLF* at 6:00 p.m.

**Tues, Jan. 10:** W-E-M in *WEM* at 6:00 p.m.

**Fri, Jan. 13:** W-A-O in *WAO* at 6:00 p.m.

**Tues, Jan. 17:** Against Climax-Fisher in *RLF* at 6:00 p.m.

**Thu, Jan. 19:** Against Fosston in *Plummer* at 6:00 p.m.

**Tues, Jan. 24:** Against Roseau in *RLF* at 5:00 p.m.

**Sat. Jan. 28:** Against Waubun in *RLF* at 6:00 p.m.

**Tues, Jan. 31:** Against Northern Freeze in *Plummer* at 6:00 p.m.

#### Mustang Wrestling

**Dec. 3:** Fosston Tourney in *Fosston* at 11:30 a.m.

**Dec. 10:** Crookston Tourney in *Crookston* at 11:30 a.m.

**Dec. 16-17:** Big Bear Tourney in *Cass Lake* at 11:00 a.m.

**Dec. 20:** Against Crookston in *Oklee* at 6:30 p.m.

**Jan. 3:** Mayport-Roseau Tri in Mayville at 5:00 p.m.

**Jan. 6:** Mahnomen/Wauban in *Mahnomen* at 4:00

**Jan. 7:** Pine-to-Pine in *Fertile* at 11:00 a.m.

**Jan. 17:** Against Mahnomen/L.P in *Oklee* at 5:00 p.m.

**Jan. 20:** Against Park Rapids in *Oklee* at 2:00 p.m.

**Jan. 21:** TRF Tourney in *TRF* at 9:30 a.m.

**Jan. 31:** Against BGMR Tri in *Oklee* at 6:30 p.m.

#### Lady Mustang Varsity Basketball 2016-17

**Fri, Dec. 2:** Against Climax-Fisher in *Plummer* at 6:00 p.m.

**Thu, Dec. 8:** Against Blackduck in *Oklee* at 6:00 p.m.

**Mon, Dec. 12:** TBD at TRF NCTC

**Tues, Dec. 13:** TBD at TRF NCTC

**Thu, Dec. 15:** TBD at TRF NCTC

**Mon, Dec. 19:** Against Fosston in *Plummer* at 6:00 p.m.

**Thu, Dec. 22:** Against Mahnomen in *Mahnomen* at 6:00 p.m.

**Tues, Jan. 3:** Against Goodridge-Grygla in *Oklee* at 6:00 p.m.

**Thu, Dec. 5:** Against Red Lake in *Red Lake* at 6:00 p.m.

**Sat, Jan. 7:** Against Stephen-Argyle in *Oklee* at 1:00 p.m.

**Tues, Jan 10:** Against Red Lake Falls in *Plummer* at 6:00 p.m.

**Fri, Jan. 13:** Against Fosston in *Fosston* at 6:00 p.m.

**Thu, Jan. 19:** Against Laporte in *Oklee* at 6:00 p.m.

**Fri, Jan. 20:** Against W-A-O in *Warren* at 6:00 p.m.

**Tues, Jan. 24:** Against W-E-M in *W-E-M* at 6:15 p.m.

**Thu, Jan. 26:** Against Cass Lake-Bena in *Oklee* at 6:00 p.m.

**Tues, Jan 31:** Against Fertile-Beltrami in *Fertile* at 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 23, 2016

## RLCC Menus

Nov. 28 – Dec. 2

### Oklee

**Mon: Breakfast:** Biscuit & gravy, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Pizza, lettuce, vegetable, fruit, and milk.

**Tue: Breakfast:** Muffins, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken burger, curly fries, vegetable, fruit, and milk.

**Wed: Breakfast:** Cereal, toast, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Corn dog, macaroni & cheese, vegetable, fruit, and milk.

**Thu: Breakfast:** Apple turnover, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Meatball, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, dinner roll, fruit and milk.

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

### Plummer

**Mon: Breakfast:** Egg patty, cereal, yogurt, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, baked potatoes, green beans, bread, fruit, and milk.

**Tue: Breakfast:** Waffles, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Hamburger gravy, whipped potatoes, cheesy broccoli, tea roll, fruit, and milk.

**Wed: Breakfast:** Danish choice, cereal, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Vegetable beef stew, string cheese, salad, tomatoes, biscuits, fruit and milk.

**Thu: Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Salisbury steak patty, macaroni & cheese, veggies w/ranch, dinner roll, fruit, and milk.

**Fri: Breakfast:** Cooks Choice, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** 4 cheese manicotti pasta, K-2<sup>nd</sup>: Salad; 3 – 6: Salad Bar; garlic bread sticks, fruit, and milk.

### Boys scrimmage and jamboree

#### November 26

*By Marie Johnson*

The Annual North Tri-County Boys Basketball Scrimmage and Jamboree will be held November 26, 2016 at Clearbrook-Gonvick High School. Admission for adults is \$4 and students \$2. No passes are allowed. There are six teams playing in the scrimmage and the jamboree. Teams include: Red Lake, Sacred Heart, Roseau, Goodridge/Grygla, Red Lake County, and Clearbrook-Gonvick.

During the scrimmage teams will play for 20 minutes running time. Games start on the hour or half-hour. No officials. The scrimmages time and locations are as follows:

**Court 1 (large gym)**  
10:00 C-G vs. RLC

10:30 Roseau vs. Sacred Heart

11:00 Red Lake vs. Sacred Heart

11:30 C-G vs. Red Lake

12:00 Goodridge/Grygla vs. Roseau

12:30 RLC vs. Sacred Heart

**Court 2 (small gym)**  
10:00 Goodridge/Grygla vs. Red Lake

10:30 C-G vs. Goodridge/Grygla

11:00 RLC vs. Roseau

11:30 RLC vs. Goodridge/Grygla

12:00 C-G vs. Sacred Heart

12:30 Red Lake vs. Roseau

Teams will play for one 18 minute half in the jamboree. Games will be officiated. All jamboree games will be played on Court 1 (large gym). The times for the jamboree are as follows:

1:15 Goodridge/Grygla vs. Sacred Heart

2:00 RLC vs. Red Lake

2:45 C-G vs. Roseau



Shayla Lallier sang “America the Beautiful” at the November 11<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day Program in Red Lake Falls which was attended by students and staff at RLCC.



The RLCC junior high band went to Bemidji to watch “Mary Poppins” musical including (4<sup>th</sup> row back) Tristyn Ferguson, Janae Olson, Karena Melby, Kia Bachand, Faith Hanson, (3<sup>rd</sup> row), Bailey Sherman, Katelyn Suchy, Tyler Eskeli, Brody Moen, Brock Tvedt, Eric Gieseke, (2<sup>nd</sup> row) Kjerstin Nelson, Cari Bachand Leah Peterson, Emily Kolstoe, Serenity May, Thomas Benson, Lillian Hanson, (1<sup>st</sup> row front) Paul DeHate and Noah Hanson.

## Junior High Band goes to “Mary Poppins”

*By: Hannah Riendeau*

Each year the Red Lake County Central junior high band or choir take a trip to a musical performance. This year they went to “Mary Poppins,” the Broadway Musical. The evening musical performance was Friday, November 11

by the Bemidji Community Theater at the Chief Theater in Bemidji.

The musical was about a family looking for a new nanny for their children Jane and Michael. Her name is Mary Poppins. Poppins took Jane and Michael on many magical and

memorable adventures. She tells the children “anything can happen if you let it.”

Junior high music teacher Ms. Patty Mickelson organized this event. Students who attended were Tristyn Ferguson, Tyler Eskeli, Janae Olson, Karena Melby, Kia

Bachand, Eric Gieseke, Faith Hanson, Bailey Sherman, Katelyn Suchy, Brody Moen, Brock Tvedt, Serenity May, Thomas Benson, Kjerstin Nelson, Cari Bachand, Leah Peterson, Emily Kolstoe, Paul DeHate, Noah Hanson and Lillian Hanson.

The performance was enjoyed by students that went. Katelyn Suchy enjoyed when the kids end up running away and find Mary Poppins at the park. Suchy also said she was surprised by “the set and costumes because the costumes were different from what I thought but were really cool. The set was really cool how they had the different places set up for the play. The bedroom, the park, and the kitchen were decorated with lots of things that caught your attention.” Tristyn Ferguson enjoyed when Mary Poppins flew in from the ceiling. Ferguson liked “the way they change sets and brought in people. I really liked how it rolled on the floor to change the set.”



Members of RLCC junior high band enjoying their time at “Mary Poppins” musical at Chief Theater.



Eighth grade Industrial Tech class created cutting boards by gluing various types of wood. (Back) Karena Melby, Adriel Bakken, Faith Hansen, Levi Flatgard, Tristyn Ferguson, Wakely Bryl, Elijah Rathasack, Jillian Booth, (Front) Andrew Gyskiewicz, Emily Kolstoe, Jeremy Kruchowski, Gavin Galkowski, and Morgan Plante. (Note: it was dress up day at school)



These students in RLCC welding class made a trailer starting from an axle: Josh Kelly, Bryce Bergerson, Tyler Jensen, Nick Plante, Chase Whalen and Marcus Styles.

# Oklee Herald Early Files

**Eighty Years Ago**  
**November 19, 1936**  
Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Thorpe and Mrs. Serine Thorpe visited at the Thome Bolstad home at Gonvick on Sunday.

Otto Bakken and Merle Anderson are spending the week hunting, near Bagley.

Mrs. Abraham Paquin and daughter Elmina, and Miss Florence Seeger visited at the Zenon Belanger home at Crookston, Sunday.

**Seventy Years Ago**  
**November 21, 1946**  
PFC James Toulouse left Tuesday for Denver, CO, after spending a short furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Toulouse.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Lerohl are the proud parents of a baby boy born Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>.

Oklee School Carnival Queen and King Candidates are Seniors, James Turgeon, Ethel Rahier; Juniors, Stanley Hofstad and Alice Jensen; Sophomores, Harold Cyr and Muriel Haugen; Freshman, Robert Mickelson and Lorraine Rolandson, and 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders, Merlin Norberg and Beverly Stenvold.

**Sixty Years Ago**  
**November 22, 1956**  
Mr. and Mrs. Nels Vigstol are the parents of a son, born November 14 at the Northwestern Hospital in Thief River Falls.

A group from Plummer were on the "Polka Party" on TV from Valley City, ND last Wednesday evening. Those participating were: Mr. and Mrs. E.A. Leckron, Mr. and Mrs. Christ Mattison, Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Eskeli, and Mr. and Mrs. Owen Weckworth.

Steen Birkeland, Tom Torgerson and Frank Linder left Saturday to spend a week at Sioux Falls, SD.

**Fifty Years Ago**  
**November 17, 1966**  
An Oklee High School team won its third victory when they defeated a Glenburn High School team on "Teen Quiz." Juniors Linda Champagne, Sandra Groven, and Joanne Fortier. Next week's Seniors will be Marlene Boucher, Kathy Stenberg, and Jack Sundrud.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferdie Mandt, Mr. and Mrs. Frederic Berberich, and Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Myhre attended a Farmer's Union action meeting at the Pete Robidoux home.

**Forty Years Ago**  
**November 17, 1976**  
The Sherlen Groves, Willard Hince's and the Russell Hince's helped Ted Hince celebrate his birthday Sunday evening with a birthday cake and all the trimmings.

Mark Kirkpatrick of Oklee and Larry Haugen of McIntosh-Winger were named Co-Most Valuable players of the North Tri-County Conference. Other Conference players were: John Larson, Gary Lundeen, Brent Strand, Dave Gunderson, and Bill Stenberg.

**Thirty Years Ago**  
**November 19, 1986**  
Mayor Shirley Cyr signed the American Education Week Proclamation which is being observed at Oklee School this week.

Lorraine Mostrom returned to her home after spending a few days with their daughter, Phyllis, who lives in St. Paul.

Mr. and Mrs. Lavern Berget of Oklee, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Halvorson and Raymond

Halvorson were Thursday guests at the Gary Halvorson's to celebrate Gary and daughter Katie's birthday's.

**Twenty Years Ago**  
**November 20, 1996**  
Ardis Hofstad and sports are practically synonymous with the Oklee School. Ardis has been teaching since 1973. She was the coach for both girls Volleyball & Basketball. She is now the Administrative Assistant and has won the Athletic Director of the Year for District 8A.

The City of Oklee and Sustainability International, Inc., are proud to announce the initiation of the Coya Knutson "Prairie Star" Memorial.

Oklee Mayor Iona Berry signed a Proclamation observing the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of American Education week.

Skip Bergeson, age 14, shot an 8 point buck weighing 231 pounds (field dressed). This was his second year hunting, and his first buck.

**Ten Years Ago**  
**November 23, 2006**  
RLCC Elementary received 5-Star rating in reading for getting the highest score on the Reading Assessment test given last spring.

All Conference Honorable Mention was awarded to Ethan Paradis and All Conference went to Matt Johnsrud.

Ron, Dellas and Mary Jane Paradis spent Monday visiting with Willard and Donna Bergeron of Thief River Falls.

The Annual Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service was held on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church with Pastor Bob Paulson and Father John Kleinwacher officiating.

## Red Lake County Extension Educator

Curtis W. Nyegaard - 218-253-2895

### Fall Tillage after a Late; Wet Harvest

Excessive amounts of rain in N W Minnesota from planting until after normal harvest have caused most farmers difficult times. Now that most farmers have finished harvest and are now finishing up with fall tillage; they are asking what will spring planting and crop conditions be like next year? Hopefully this information by Jodi DeJong and Jeff Coulter of the U M Extension will be of help!

Soil compaction and smearing is a distinct concern when pulling implements through or driving on wet soil. Residue management is another concern. Fields should dry out quickly next spring for quick planting. To limit soil damage and to help with soil warm-up in the spring, keep these strategies in mind.

- \* Fill in ruts
- \* Keep tillage shallow
- \* Properly prepare equipment
- \* Plan ahead for spring

**Fill In Ruts**

If there are ruts in the field from fall harvest, the first instinct is to aggressively fill them in. Soil structure is your soil's number one defense against soil compaction, and tillage destroys structure. To maintain the structure your soil has, just fill in the ruts with light tillage by running equipment at an angle. You may need to 2 to 3 passes to accomplish this. These areas will not yield as well as the non-rutted area, but there is not much you can do to change this.

**Keep Tillage Shallow**

A light tillage pass like disking is useful for incorporating residue and introducing air into the soil. If the soil is wet, try to operate this shallow tillage equipment no deeper than 3 inches. Another option for wet soils is vertical tillage. Vertical tillage runs 1 to 3 inches deep and uses straight or wavy coutlers, a harrow, and rolling basket. Vertical tillage fluffs up the remaining residue with shallow penetration and minimal inversion of the soil. Lifting wet soils can create clods. If using a chisel plow or disk ripper, shallow up the shanks, and use narrow points. The wings have a higher potential for smearing the soil. Twisted or parabolic shanks will create the most soil movement and can create soil clods. Clods in themselves are

not bad going into winter. Next spring they will leave more surface for water infiltration. However, fields with clods will likely need an extra tillage pass in the spring to create an adequate seed bed for goo seed to soil contact.

Another considerations is "frost tillage" This phrase was coined by van Esand Schindelbeck in 1993. He conducted research in New York to look at tillage on a slightly frozen soil. The premise was that as the surface of the soil freezes, it pulls or wicks moisture from the lower layers of soil, making them drier. When compared to no frost, they found that when the frost layer was .5 to 1 inches, the soil better supported the weight of the equipment when chisel plowing to a depth of 8 inches, that the soil below the frost layer was drier and tilled easily, and that corn yields were not affected. Due to the frozen plates of soil created with frost tillage, they observed that rain infiltrated quicker in the tilled soil versus a soil without tillage. These plates quickly diminished as they thawed.

While Minnesota usually does not have shallow frost cycles throughout the winter, there are generally one to two freeze-thaw cycles each fall. In the fall of 2007, the U M ran a strip tiller through 1.5 inches of frost and the machine worked very well. However, due to horsepower limitations, tillage may not be practical when the frost depth is much deeper. This provided an opportunity for extending the fall tillage window.

**Prepare Equipment**

Wet soils have a high potential for soil compaction. To limit soil compaction, keep axle loads under 10 tons and properly maintain air pressure in the tire. Not only does this help the soil, but it will help your tractor run more efficiently and with less slippage. On wet soils, use the lightest tractor that can still get the job done. Check over equipment and replace worn parts, sharpen blades and adjust down pressure for each field's soil conditions. These small details are more important in extreme moisture conditions.

**Plan Ahead For Spring**

Planting soybeans may be the best option in fields

with heavy residue. They are very adaptive to higher residue level, are not as soil temperature sensitive as corn, and grow well in no till situations. Corn on corn has more residue to manage and needs additional nitrogen fertilizer than corn following soybeans. Row cleaners are a must for corn following corn in order to obtain uniform seeding depth and facilitate warming of the soil over the seed. For corn following corn where high quantities of surface residue are present, consider a starter fertilizer. Wheat is another option for heavy residue fields. However, if you are planting corn, make sure to choose a variety that minimizes the potential for diseases. For more information, or to have questions answered, contact Jodi DeJong by email at [dejon003@umn.edu](mailto:dejon003@umn.edu).

Source: Jodi DeJong-Hughes, U M Extension Crops Educator.



Thank you to the people of Oklee for voting for me.

I am looking forward to serving the citizens of Oklee for another two years.

George Burthwick

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## Senior Site News and Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

Today is overcast and cool. We are so fortunate to have no snow on the ground. I talked to my niece in Bemidji and they had lots of shoveling to do. It would be nice if the snow could stay away until after Thanksgiving Day.

Yesterday I accompanied Ione Nelson and Dorothy Lee to attend Leona Brekke's 98<sup>th</sup> birthday party. Leona keeps busy making knitted caps for babies. She donates them to various places. She looks the same as she did when she left Oklee. While there, I visited with Everett Myhrum, who was a classmate of mine.

It will soon be Santa Claus Day. The American Legion Auxiliary will be sacking bags for the occasion.

I will expand on my trip to California. There were so many activities we could take part in. They had an 18-hole golf course we tried. This was not a regular course, but a small one. It circled around the area next to the hotel with streams running next to it. Needless to say, a lot of balls with

swimming. We never did finish all 18 holes, we did about half and that took us about an hour.

Everyone said we had to go to the top of a mountain. It really wasn't on my "bucket list," but I joined the others and went. I had never planned to get on a swinging basket hanging on a wire. It took 10 minutes to arrive at the top. There was a restaurant at the top which everyone was happy to visit. Outside was an area to look down and away. It really was a beautiful view. We spent quite a while there before taking the tram back down. The trip down was very pretty as you could see lots of rock formations. The down trip was 10 minutes also. Luckily, none of us got sick on the ride. I think there were about 30 or more on the trip and waiting below was another group to go up.

We celebrated my birthday while there. It was also Molly's 7<sup>th</sup> birthday so we were both celebrating. All in all it was a very fun trip.

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### Dates to Remember

## Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

Well, the warmer temperatures are history for this year. Yesterday I went outside to get water for my flowers and my pails were frozen. I dumped those I could and into the shed they will go for the winter. It is hard to see winter come this year. After we ducked the bullet for snow this past weekend, we know that it will come sooner or later. I drove to Mentor on Saturday, and three miles south of me there was snow on the fields. In some places in Minnesota there were reports of 8 inches and some places had more.

Some good news from our home front was given on Wednesday. Jerome Novak was told he is cancer free. Now he is going in for surgery on his rotator cuff on the 30<sup>th</sup>. He has had problems with his left arm for a few years. It needs to be done due to the limited movement he has now.

Sympathy and prayers go out to the Tvedt and Duray family. Brooke Duray passed away this past week and her funeral will be in Warsaw, North Dakota on Wednesday. She is the granddaughter of the late Ole Tvedt and Karen Tvedt who lives in Plummer. Our sincere condolences and prayers are for the family of Brooke.

On Saturday Kelsey and Ryan threw a great birthday party for their daughter at the water park. Isabella Paradis has turned a whole 6 years old. Happy Birthday to you Isabella, we hope you had lots of fun.

On Sunday at the St, Joseph

Catholic church, a special gathering of family and friends came to see little Annika Joy Kjono get baptized. She is the daughter of Chelsey and Dane Kjono, and granddaughter of Pam and Arnie Paradis. Grandparents on her Dad's side Duane and Marcia Kjonos were also in attendance. Her great grandmother, Dellas Paradis was also in attendance. Many family members also attended the ceremony and Mass. Welcome to the church community little Annika Joy. God bless you and your family.

Last week Monday Angie Stone of Champlin, MN and her daughter Debra Steffan of Coon Rapids, MN came to Erskine to visit family and friends in Brooks and Erskine. They stayed at Rolland and Nancy Gagner's in Erskine from Monday through Thursday. On Wednesday Poncho and Char Gagner, and Diane and Clarence Gagner went to Rolland Gagner's for supper. During the day on Wednesday,

Nov. 24: Thanksgiving Day!  
Dec. 6: Evening Meal.  
Dec. 15: Site Council meeting  
Dec. 16: Birthday Meal  
Dec. 20: Potluck meal.

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### Words of Wisdom

Never let it be said of you that you had talent but lacked ambition.

Remember, it's action not thoughts or intentions that reveal character.

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### Joke Time

A man walked up to a farmer as he came out of a voting booth and said, "I'm from the FBI."

"What seems to be the trouble?" said the farmer.

"We happen to know that you accepted a bribe and sold your vote." "That's not true, I voted for the candidate because I like him."

"Well, that's where we've got you. We have concrete evidence you accepted fifty dollars from him." "Well, it's plain common sense. If someone gives you fifty dollars, you're going to like him."

## Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

On Veteran's Day, RLCC Elementary and High School students attended the program at 9:15 am. at Red Lake Falls at LaFayette High School. John Kresall, a double amputee, spoke. He was with the Rystad boy and Adam Gallant when they were hit. He was in the Mideast and spoke of his experience. Lunch was served afterward.

Tom Fisher won the "Big Buck" contest at the Legion with a weight of 204 pounds.

C.J. and Kelly Montasano and son Monte of Glencove, New Your visited Phil Zimpel family and other relatives recently.

On November 11<sup>th</sup>, Alice Jobe went to a 90<sup>th</sup> birthday party for Esther Evenson at her apartment building in Thief River. There were about sixteen friends attending. Shirley Vetteslon, who lives there also, came as well as Esther's former neighbor, Rocky Jasperson. Cake and ice cream, nuts, mints and coffee were served.

Plummer Senior Citizens met Thursday with 8 present. Ardell Daly, of New Jersey, was a guest of Clayton Larson. She is his sister. Plans for

December were to get the Honor Choir to sing carols and treats will be given out. Clayton and Ardell won the door prizes. Everyone enjoyed the potluck dinner. Inga and Bunny each had a reading and they were both really good.

Both deer hunting is done and the election is over. What a relief!

The weather is changing. It looks like we may be missed for the storm. But south of here may get several inches.

I did some more last minute raking. There's a long ditch to do, but if it doesn't get any warmer, I won't bother.

Hard to believe, but Thanksgiving is a week away from today as I write this.

Emili Skjervén recently had knee surgery in the cities and after going to rehab, she's staying with her daughter Melanie in Shoreview for a while. Happy her surgery went well.

I started a jigsaw puzzle on Sunday, 500 pieces. It's hard but helps to pass the time when the days are dreary and long. Time to start making homemade soups or hot dishes.

Happy Thanksgiving!!

## WONDERING ABOUT BUFFERS?

The Red Lake Soil and Water Conservation District will be hosting a public meeting regarding the new buffer legislation that will be going into effect in November of 2017. The Buffer Law requires 50 ft. of perennial vegetation along Public Waters and 16.5 ft. of perennial vegetation along all public ditches. A map of Public Waters and Ditches is available on the MN DNR website and at the Red Lake County SWCD. Tom Gile, with the MN Board of Soil and Water Resources, will be speaking at this event. The meeting will be held at the City Hall in Red Lake Falls at 10 A.M on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.

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