

Oklee Precipitation
By Einar Kvasager

	Rain	Snow
Nov. 27	0.16	
Nov. 28	0.18	1.00
Nov. 29	0.04	Trace
Nov. 30		0.50
Dec. 1		Trace
Dec. 2		Trace
Total in.	0.38	1.50

Oklee Herald

...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

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Oklee Inn Quilt Retreat held November 4-5



Participants in the 1st Oklee Inn Quilt Retreat held on November 4 & 5th were: Connie Lundeen, Margaret Delude, Dolores Jensen, Lana Nelson, Gelene Lundeen, Grace Dessellier, Jeanne Halle, Char Rathbone, Cheryl O'Neill, Jeri Rathbone, Char Nygaard, Linda Held, Chris Vettleson, Allison Bernier, Elaine Broker. In front are Val Brekke, Shirley Dessellier and Virginia Brenier. Not pictured: Bonnie Pederson and Toni Johnson.

On Friday, November 4th, a group of serious quilters gathered at the Oklee Inn.

This was for the 1st ever Oklee Inn Quilt Retreat, sponsored by the Oklee Inn and Oklee Quilting.

The cost for the retreat was \$85.00 which included, a night stay at the Inn and food supplied by TJ's Tavern of Oklee, Oklee Cenex and the Oklee Cafe.

The ladies had the opportunity to sew two make and take projects (a zippered bag and/or a cloth basket). And the quilters also brought along their own projects for a fun weekend of sewing and visiting with friends and family.

In addition to the all inclusive weekend of sewing, food and fun, Oklee Quilting also gave each quilter a goody bag of neat items and there was also door prizes drawn.

There are plans in the works for the next Oklee Inn Quilt Retreat, possibly in March 2017.



Char Nygaard and Chris Vettleson working on their projects at the Oklee Inn Quilting Retreat.



Bonnie Pederson and Val Brekke working together on a project.

Farmland Rental Agreement Meeting Rescheduled

Landlords, farmers, and agri-business professionals should make plans to attend the informative meeting being held in Red Lake Falls on THURSDAY, December 15th. This free meeting is sponsored by the University of Minnesota and Red Lake County Extension Office and the Unity Bank of Red Lake Falls and Mentor, Minnesota. Farm land rental rates have started to lower as corn, wheat and soybean prices continue to go lower in 2016. Determining a fair farm rent agreement is a challenge in today's economy with current significantly lower corn, wheat and soybean prices in 2016 compared to recent crop prices and record farm land values.

Negotiating a fair rental agreement that satisfies the land owner and the farmer is a

challenge. David Bau, Pauline Van Nurdan, Gary Hachfeld, and Nathan Hulinsky, Extension Educators in Ag Business Management, will provide several ways; by examples, fact sheets and worksheets to determine a fair land rent rental rate for both parties.

Topics covered at the meeting will include local historic and projected rental rate trends, current farm land values and sales, and a worksheet that will help determine a fair rental agreement. Input costs for 2017 will be presented along with current 2017 corn, wheat and soybean projected prices. Worksheets will examine 2017 costs and what is affordable rent that a farmer will be able to pay in 2017, the rate of return to the landlord at current market values and examine flexible

rental agreements.

The meeting will be held at the Red Lake Falls City Hall downstairs conference room; starting at 9:30 am and will end at 11:30. The program is open to all interested persons with coffee and sweet rolls being served.



Security State Bank Turkey winners

The winners were: Carol Bachand...Brooks Cindy Rystad....Oklee Ronan Mather....from Sweden...works for Bachand Farms Congratulations!



The CP Holiday Train and Santa is coming to Plummer

The Plummer Holiday Train schedule is December 12th.

Hayrides start at 4:00 p.m.; with the RLCC Carolers 5:00 p.m. at the Museum; 5:30 p.m. at the Gazebo.

Chili and hotdogs served at the Community Hall at 4:30 p.m. and later. Free will offering for the food shelf. Canned goods dropped off at the hall and museum. Museum opens at 4:00 p.m.

Santa comes at 5:15 p.m. and lighting of the tree. The Holiday Train will arrive at

approximately 6:00 p.m.

This has been a very popular event and please plan ahead for parking. Areas near the railroad tracks, last year were marked for no parking.

Remember to dress warm, you will be outside for most of the events.

Bring your entire family, enjoy a meal, take a hayride, bring an item for the food shelf and enjoy the music, Santa, the Tri River Pioneer Museum, and the Canadian Pacific Holiday Train.

Ho Ho Ho...Santa visits Oklee & Brooks



Al & Joyce Paquin's grandchildren visited with Santa in Oklee Saturday morning.



Thersa Bensen's grandson was having a laugh with Santa in Brooks on Sunday.



Mrs. Claus and Santa took a ride around Oklee on the sleigh rides offered in Oklee.

Calendar of Events

- Wed, Dec. 7:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
Thu, Dec. 8:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
Fri, Dec. 9:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
Sat, Dec. 10:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!
Sun, Dec. 11:
-Worship at the church of your choice.
Mon, Dec. 12:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Holiday Train in Plummer (see ad)
Tue, Dec. 13:
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards
-LSS Sr. Evening Meal 5:00 p.m.
Wed, Dec. 14:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
Thu, Dec. 15:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
Fri, Dec. 16:
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
Sat, Dec. 17:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!
Sun, Dec. 18:
-Worship at the church of your choice.



Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Margaret Jacobus
Wed, Dec. 7: No Confirmation Classes. 7:00 p.m. Salem WELCA. 7:00 p.m. Zion WELCA.
Sun, Dec. 11: 9:00 a.m. Zion. 9:00 a.m. SS at Salem. 10:15 a.m. SS at Zion. 10:30 p.m.
Mon, Dec. 12: 9:00 a.m. Quilting at Zion. 7:00 p.m. Zion Board meeting.
Tue, Dec. 13: 7:00 p.m. Salem Board meeting.
Wed, Dec. 14: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Classes.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH OKLEE
Fr. Adam Hamness
Sun, Dec. 11: 7:30 a.m. Confessions 8:00 a.m. Mass.

BROOKS - RED LAKE FALLS CATHOLIC PARISH
Fr. Bill DeCrans
Sat, Dec. 10: 5:30 p.m. RLF
Sun, Dec. 11: 8:00 a.m. Brooks. 10:00 a.m. RLF.

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sat, Dec. 10: 9:00 a.m. Immanuel SS Christmas Program practice.
Sun, Dec. 11: 10:30 a.m. Joint Worship at Immanuel - Christmas Program.
Wed, Dec. 14: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation at Immanuel.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Wed, Dec. 7: 7:00 p.m. Advent services at Faith.
Sun, Dec. 1: 8:30 a.m. Faith, 9:45 a.m. SS; 9:45 a.m. Bethany. 10:40 a.m. SS; 11:00 a.m. Ekelund. 9:45 a.m. SS. 4:00 p.m. SS Program. 5:00 p.m. Faith SS Program. 5:30 Ekelund SS program.
Mon, Dec. 10: 10:30 a.m. Rachel Circle.
Tue, Dec. 13: 6:30 p.m. Shalom Circle.
Wed, Dec. 14: 7:00 p.m. Advent Services at Bethany.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

December 12 - 16
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: Fish sandwich, tator tots, vegetable, and dessert.
Tuesday: Evening meal: Ham w/raisin sauce, mashed potatoes, cream peas, and dessert.
Wednesday: Chicken drummies, hash browns, vegetables, and dessert.
Thursday: Pork roast, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetables, and dessert.
Friday: Grilled cheese & tomato sandwich, chili, and dessert.

Quilting at Zion

Quilting at the Zion Lutheran Church has begun. It starts at 9:00 a.m. on Mondays. Coffee break at 10 & pot luck lunch. This is a community project. If you like to quilt, this is for you. Everyone welcome to attend.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Wed, Dec. 7: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School/Confirmation.
Sat, Dec. 10: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.
Sun, Dec. 11: 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, Dec. 14: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School/Confirmation.

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

Wed, Dec. 7: 6:30 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Thu, Dec. 8: 12:00 p.m. Rotary meeting.
Fri, Dec. 9: Friday School.
Sun, Dec. 11: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:50 a.m. Sunday School.
Tues, Dec. 13: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study. 10:30 a.m. Quilting.
Wed, Dec. 14: 6:30 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, Dec. 11: 9:00 a.m. Lund. 10:30 a.m. Sand Valley. 2:00 p.m. Sand Valley SS Program.
Wed, Dec. 14: 2:00 p.m. Lund WELCA.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston
Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor
Sun, Dec. 11: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship.

Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial Update

Several donations to the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial have been received recently in memory of veterans with local ties. Richard Bluemke, who was raised in Oklee, served in the Army in Vietnam from 1968-1970. Contributions in his memory were given by Steve and Mary Schmidt, Eddy and Sharon Larson of Oklee, Einar and Carol Kvasager of Oklee, and Clarence and Dianne Gagner, Brooks. Clay Haugen, who was a 22 year active duty veteran, was remembered by Barb and Cliff Melby of Oklee, and David and Mary Lynn Bachand of Oklee with donations in his memory to the Veterans' Memorial. Clay served in the Navy from 1959-1963, and in the Coast Guard from 1964-1981. The military service of these men and all veterans is deeply appreciated.

On December 7th, 1941, Pearl Harbor was attacked and more than 2,400 service members died during the attack. That action would decide America's involvement in World War II. The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 159 Oklee, encourages everyone to take a moment and remember the men and women who lost their lives that day.

Donations to the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial may be sent to Security State Bank, Box 69, Oklee, MN 56742, Attn: Lori Melby. Questions regarding the Memorial should be directed to Mary Lynn Bachand at bachand@gvtel.com.

Tuesday, December 13, 2016
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Stop in for **CHRISTMAS TREATS**
Coffee, Homemade Goodies, Hot Cider

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PLUMMER HOLIDAY TRAIN

4:00 Hay rides begin
4:00 Tri Rivers Museum opens
4:30 Inter-County Community Council serving Hotdogs & Chili at Plummer Community Hall (Free will offering to food shelf)
5:00 Hay rides continue
5:15 Santa arrives for Tree Lighting
5:30 RLCC Choir sings at Gazebo
5:45 RLCC Choir sings at Tri Rivers Pioneer Museum
6:00 Train Arrives
6:45 Train Leaves
7:00 Santa still around town

Food Shelf donations will be accepted at the Tri Rivers Museum and at the Plummer Community Hall

Monday, Dec. 12, 2016

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Inter-County Community Council

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T.H.E. Bus is available for anyone. There are no age or income guidelines. - however, children under the age of four must be accompanied by an adult and children under the age of one must be secured in an infant seat.
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To reserve a seat, please call one business day prior to the scheduled trip - 1-800-201-3432.

The schedule is different starting December 2016.

For Polk, Red Lake and Clearwater county stops:

Every Monday - Grand Forks.
Every 2nd Tuesday - Mahanomen.
Every 4th Tuesday - Thief River Falls
Every 1st, 3rd, & 5th Wednesday - Fargo/Moorhead.
Every 2nd & 4th Friday - Bemidji.

Dec. WIC Schedule

The Women, Infants and Children's Supplemental Nutrition Education Program (WIC) is being held the month of December 2016.

Infants, children up to the age of 5, and women who are pregnant or breastfeeding may be eligible for the program. We are very interested in enrolling pregnant women in the program. We feel that the prenatal nutrition is a vital part of producing a healthy baby. Therefore, it is important to apply for WIC early in your pregnancy. We need no proof

of pregnancy.

All potential clients must contact the WIC Program to schedule an appointment.

December Schedule
Thu, Dec. 8: RLF Community Center
Mon, Dec. 12: TRF Redeemer Luth. Church
Tue, Dec. 13: TRF Redeemer Luth. Church
Wed, Dec. 14: TRF Redeemer Luth. Church
Thu, Dec. 15: TRF Redeemer Luth. Church
Fri, Dec. 16: TRF Redeemer Luth. Church
For further information concerning the WIC program, call or write WIC Quin, PO Box 248, Newfolden, MN 56738. 1-800-223-1591, or e-mail at quinchs@wiktel.com.

North Valley Home Health offers immunizations, dental varnishing & blood lead testing at the Newfolden and Warren clinics. Arrangements should be made prior to clinics, call North Valley Public Health. at 1-800-950-6986.



LSS Caregivers Group meets December 8th

The Thief River Falls Caregiver Group will meet on Thursday, December 8th at 10:00 a.m. at the Heritage Senior Center located at 301 E. 4th St, Thief River Falls.

These groups are open to all caregivers.

There is no charge. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Jaime Hemphill at 218-850-8616.

This project is made possible in part, under the Federal Older American's Act through a contract with the Land of the Dancing Sky AAA under an Area Plan approved by the Minnesota Board on Aging.

Attention Homeowners:

The City of Plummer, MN has funding available to qualified homeowners interested in qualifying improvements to their homes. The source of this funding was received in the form of a grant from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) Small Cities Development Program (SCDP).

This program provides combination grants/loans to income-qualifying homeowners within the target area of the **city limits of Plummer**. The maximum amount of funds available per household is based on the cost of the eligible improvements.

Limited dollars are remaining in this program, so applicants will be taken on a first come, first serve basis until the funds have been spent down.

A representative from our office will be at the Plummer City Hall, Thursday, December 8th, from 9am-12 noon, to meet with anyone interested in learning more about this opportunity.

Income Maximum
1-person household \$35,750
2-person household \$40,850
3-person household \$45,950
4-person household \$51,050
Call for more information or to request an application.
Ken at 218-637-2435 or cell at 218-637-0137
Barbara at 218-637-2435



Sudoku Solution

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

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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 14th.

Red Lake County Commissioners Minutes

RED LAKE COUNTY Regular Meeting Held October 25, 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 October 25, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. Chair Simpson called the meeting to order. All Commissioners were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Lerohl to approve the agenda with the addition of the County Engineer.

Veterans Service Officer Kurt Ellefson was present to provide an activity update for his department. He mentioned that a headstone has been ordered for a Civil War Veteran and will be installed at the Oak Grove Cemetery near Red Lake Falls. Ellefson informed that he has accepted a full-time position as VSO for Polk County but will continue as part-time Red Lake County VSO. Ellefson's position in Polk will begin on November 1, 2016. Polk has VSO offices located in East Grand Forks, McIntosh, and Crookston to assist veterans, while appointments are needed for Red Lake County. Ellefson mentioned that some costs such as the spring and fall conference expenses will be shared between the two counties. The board thanked him for the update.

Engineer Kleven reported that he has been in discussions with the MN Department of Transportation about changing the Highway 222 from state aid to county state aid highway. Changing the designation would allow Red Lake County to receive state funding for completing maintenance activities on the approximate two miles. Kleven also informed that paving on the CSAH 13 project in the City of Red Lake Falls has been completed.

Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Weiss and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the October 11, 2016 regular board meeting.

The following commissioner/committee reports were shared:

Commissioner Meeting/Report
Weiss Quin County CHS: The Tobacco Free Community State Grant was not funded for next year and a SHIP Program Coordinator was hired.

Flage EMS meeting: reviewed the EMS manual for updates; Township meeting in Plummer; County Extension meeting; SWCD meeting discussing the 1W1P concept, school water festival, and water control projects.

Sorensen Nursing Service: discussed budget and moving of

offices to Pennington Courthouse; Township meeting in Plummer.

Lerohl County Extension; Township meeting; Fair Board meeting discussing future events. The next Fair Board meeting will be November 19th at the south park as a clean-up event.

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

Vendor	Amount
Polk County Highway Department	\$92,330.69
University of MN Extension	18,202.02
23 Payments less than \$2,000	7,519.24
Final Total	\$118,051.95

The motion includes the following additional bills: \$36.00 to Lafayette High School; \$2,491.85 to Pemberton Law Office; \$412.94 to Quill; \$580.00 per diem and \$69.12 expenses to Dave Sorensen.

Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Sorensen and carried unanimously to approve a request from the Oklee Moonlighters Snowmobile Club, Resolution No. 10-03-16. The resolution requests that the county enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota-DNR to act as the trail sponsor and the fiscal agent so as to receive funding on behalf of the Oklee Moonlighters for maintenance of its trail system for the 2016/2017 fiscal year. Auditor Schmitz is authorized to sign the document on behalf of the county. A complete document is available at the County Auditor's office.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned until November 8, 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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RLCC Sports Schedules

RLC Rebel Varsity

Boys Basketball

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.

Fri, Feb. 3: Parent's Night; Against W-A-O in *RLF* at 6:00 p.m.

Mustang Wrestling

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

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.

RLCC Midquarter

December 7

By Marie Johnson

Midquarter for second quarter is coming up for Red Lake County Central High School and Elementary School on Wednesday, December 7. Midquarter reports for the High School will be sent home Thursday, December 8 with the students. Parents should be watching for midquarter reports.

RLCC Menus

December 12 - 16

Oklee

Mon: Breakfast: Egg, sausage & cheese biscuit, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken fajita, Spanish rice, refried beans, fruit, and milk.

Tue: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Corn dogs, macaroni & cheese, vegetable, fruit, and milk.

Wed: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Ham patty, potato wedges, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Thu: Breakfast: Coffee cake, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Pulled pork or BBQ chicken, baked beans, fruit and milk.

Fri: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken potpie, biscuits, vegetable, fruit and milk.

Plummer

Mon: Breakfast: Egg wrap, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Diced chicken & gravy, potatoes, green beans, buttered bread, fruit, and milk.

Tue: Breakfast: Coffee cake, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Creamy tomato soup w/crackers & cheese, egg salad or PB sandwich, salad, fruit, and milk.

Wed: Breakfast: Pancakes, cereal, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Breakfast for Lunch: French toast sticks, sausage patty, cottage cheese, applesauce, and milk.

Thu: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Fish shapes, garlic buttered potatoes, peas & carrots, tea roll, fruit, and milk.

Fri: Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, toast (PB & J), cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Pizza, salad or coleslaw, white cake, fruit, and milk.

December ECFE

Thursday, December 8th will be a "Sign Making with Kelly" for adults and a movie and popcorn for kids. It will be held at the Plummer School from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. This will be a fun project for adults to make a keepsake and be creative at the same time! Cost will be \$10 per project, and there will be two or three sign designs choices to pick from. Children will be watching short movies in the preschool room and enjoying some popcorn. Call in to register at 218-465-4222, ext. 18

RLCC December

Happenings

By: Sydnie Gunderson

There are a few things happening in the next couple weeks at the Red Lake County Central High School and Elementary Schools. The following is a list of upcoming events.

For the High School Wednesday, December 7th is the second quarter midterm. Friday, December 9th will be group photos for yearbook/Memory Mates. Tuesday, December 13th a group of chosen sophomores will be at Team-Up Leadership. The High School Choir will sing at DigiKey on December 21st.

The Elementary is also having their second quarter midterm on December 7th. The K-3rd grade concert is on December 16th. The High School Choir is to sing at the RLCC Elementary on December 21st.

Christmas break for both schools is from December 23rd to January 2nd.

Oklee Open Gym

Starts December 3

By: Sarah Christensen

Oklee Gym will be open on Saturdays beginning December 3rd for some open gym time. The gym will be open from 1:00-3:00 pm. All ages are welcome but anyone sixth grade and under must be under adult supervision.

There will be **no open gym** on Christmas Eve, December 24th or New Year's Eve, December 31st. For more information call Curt Halverson at 612-247-0812.



RLCC volleyball letter winners were (standing) Calyssa Eskeli, Hannah Kolstoe, Julia Bernstein, Sarah Christensen, and Sydnie Gunderson, (sitting) Kelsie Sirjord, Nikki Schmitz, Ashley Longtin, Megan Berberich, and Shelby Gunderson.

Awards presented for RLCC volleyball

By: Julia Bernstein

Mustang volleyball banquet was held Tuesday, November 29th at 6:30 p.m. at the Oklee Hall. Coach Nancy Bray presented the varsity volleyball players with letters and special awards.

The letter winners were Seniors: Kelsie Sirjord, Ashley

Longtin, Shelby Gunderson, Nikki Schmitz, and Megan Berberich; Junior: Hannah Kolstoe; Sophomores: Julia Bernstein, Sydnie Gunderson, and Sarah Christensen; and Freshman: Calyssa Eskeli.

Longtin, Sirjord, and Berberich were each awarded with the Academic All State

Award for maintaining a 3.8 GPA or higher throughout the volleyball season. Longtin and Sirjord were also awarded trophies for All Conference, and Schmitz for Honorable Mention.

Special volleyball team awards were also presented at the banquet. Sirjord was

presented with the Serving, Blocking, Hustle and MVP awards. Longtin received the Hitting award, and Gunderson was given the Most Dedicated award. Schmitz was presented with the Passing and Digging awards. Kolstoe received the Most Improved award.



Special team awards were given to Hannah Kolstoe, Kelsie Sirjord, Ashley Longtin, Shelby Gunderson, Nikki Schmitz, and Megan Berberich for Red Lake County Central Mustangs Volleyball.



Senior volleyball players for the RLCC Mustangs were recognized at the Awards Banquet on November 29: Nikki Schmitz, Shelby Gunderson Kelsie Sirjord, Ashley Longtin, and Megan Berberich.



Cheryl O'Neill holding up a quilt top finished by Jeanne Halle of Gonvick.

Red Lake Falls Library News

The library is open on Tuesday from Noon until 7:00 pm, Wednesday from Noon until 7:00 pm, Thursday from Noon to 5:00 p.m.; Friday from Noon until 5:00 pm, and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. On-line patrons are reminded that they can visit www.nwrlib.org/rlf.htm at anytime, where they can create their own patron accounts to browse, request and renew materials all from their home computers.

Next week the "Make & Take Craft" for December will

be Christmas ornaments. Both kids & adults are welcome to work on glitter & cardboard ornaments and/or colorful garlands made from felt dots, then take their projects home with them. Make & take crafts are planned for the second week of the month. Anyone wishing to share an easy craft idea is encouraged to contact library staff.

A Christmas movie will be shown in the children's room on Wednesday, Dec. 21 beginning at 4 pm, along with popcorn & treats.

Upcoming events at RLCC

By Marie Johnson

The next few weeks at Red Lake County Central High School and Elementary School are really busy. There are many upcoming events which include:

Thurs, Dec. 8: ECFE Sign Making, 6 pm, Plummer

Thurs, Dec. 9: Group photos for yearbook/Memory Mates

Fri, Dec. 16: K-3 Concert in Plummer

Wed, Dec. 21: High School choir to sing at 2 pm at elementary school.

Fri, Dec. 23 - Mon, Jan. 2: No School-Christmas Break

USDA Partners with Farmers and Ranchers to Protect More Than 500,000 Acres of Working Grasslands

Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services Deputy Under Secretary Alexis Taylor today announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will accept more than 504,000 acres that were offered by producers during the recent ranking period for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Grasslands enrollment. Through the voluntary CRP Grasslands program, grasslands threatened by development or conversion to row crops are maintained as livestock grazing areas, while providing important conservation benefits.

USDA will accept more than 2,100 offers totaling more than 504,000 acres across 34 states. Over 70 percent of the acres are from beginning farmers, veterans and underserved producers. About two-thirds of the acres are in counties with the highest threat for conversion. Additionally, nearly 60 percent of the acres are in wildlife priority areas and nearly three-fourths of the acres will have a wildlife-focused conservation plan as part of the operation.

"This 15-year commitment on more than half a million acres demonstrates that voluntary, incentive-based conservation methods benefit producers and help to preserve our natural resources," said Taylor. "Combining conservation and wildlife benefits, while still supporting livestock production, is a clear example of how agriculture and conservation can go hand-in-hand."

USDA is also reminding producers that it is still accepting additional offers for CRP Grasslands. The current ranking period that closes on Dec. 16, also includes a new CRP Grasslands practice specifically tailored for

small-scale livestock grazing operations to encourage broader participation. Small livestock operations with 100 or fewer head of grazing dairy cows (or the equivalent) can submit applications to enroll up to 200 acres of grasslands per farm. USDA's goal is to enroll up to an additional 200,000 acres. The new practice for small-scale livestock grazing operations encourages greater diversity geographically and in all types of livestock operation. Small livestock operations are encouraged to contact their local Farm Service Agency office to learn more about this program before Dec. 16, to be considered as part of the current ranking period.

Participants in CRP Grasslands establish or maintain long-term, resource-conserving grasses and other plant species to control soil erosion, improve water quality and develop wildlife habitat on marginally productive agricultural lands. CRP Grasslands participants can use the land for livestock production (e.g. grazing or producing hay), while following their conservation and grazing plans in order to maintain the cover. A goal of CRP Grasslands is to minimize conversion of grasslands either to row crops or to non-agricultural uses. Participants can receive annual payments of up to 75 percent of the grazing value of the land and up to 50 percent to fund cover or practices like cross-fencing to support rotational grazing or improving pasture cover to benefit pollinators or other wildlife.

USDA will select offers for enrollment based on six ranking factors: (1) current and future use, (2) new farmer/rancher or underserved producer involvement, (3) maximum

grassland preservation, (4) vegetative cover, (5) environmental factors and (6) pollinator habitat. Offers for the second ranking period also will be considered from producers who submitted offers for the first ranking period but were not accepted, as well as from new offers submitted through Dec. 16.

Small livestock operations or other farming and ranching operations interested in participating in CRP Grasslands should contact their local FSA office. To find your local FSA office, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>. To learn more about FSA's conservation programs, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/conservation.

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Centennial Recipe Corner

Hot Chicken Salad Twist Linda (Dessellier) Roisland

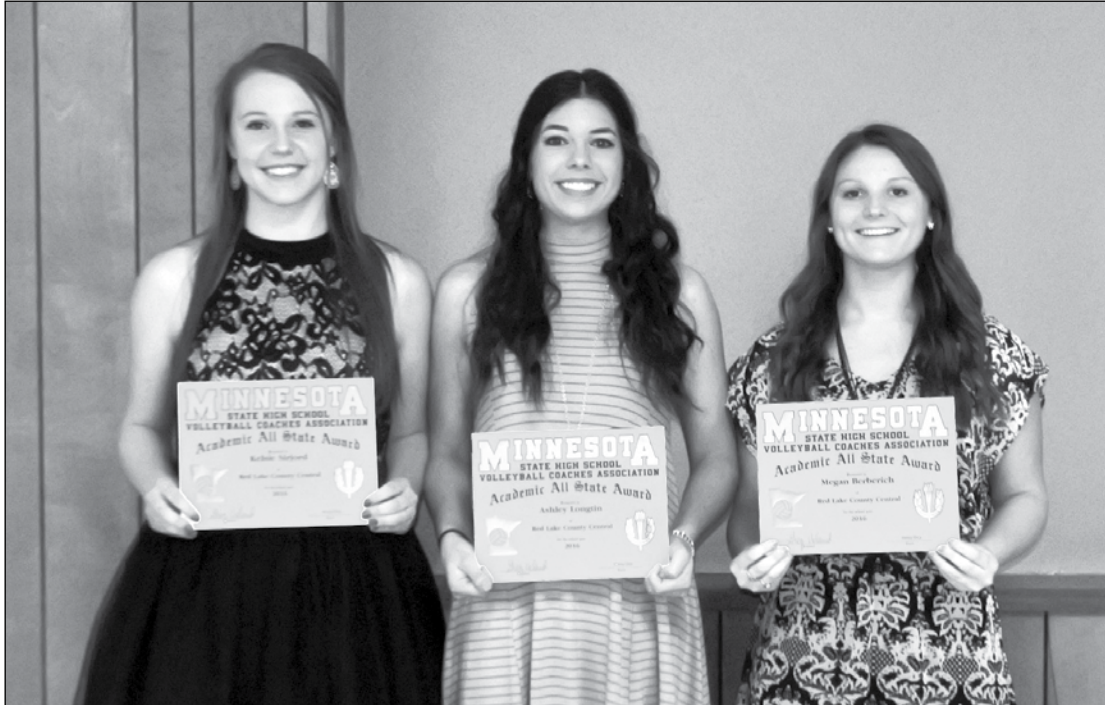
2 cups chicken chopped and cooked
1/2 cup celery, sliced thin
1/2 cup almonds, slivered and toasted
1/2 cup mayonnaise
2 Tbsp lemon juice
1 tsp onion, chopped fine
1/8 tsp salt
2 cup biscuit mix
9 Tbsp cold water
1 egg yolk
8 oz processed cheese, cubed
2/3 cup milk



Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Combine chicken, celery, almonds, mayonnaise, lemon juice, onion and salt in large bowl and mix well. Combine biscuit mix and water in medium bowl and mix until a soft dough forms, adding more water 1 Tbsp at a time if needed. Knead 5 times on a floured surface. Roll into a 14 x 11 inch rectangle. Place on a baking sheet. Spoon the chicken mixture lengthwise down the center of the rectangle. Make 2-1/2 inch cuts 1 inch apart on the long sides of the rectangle. Fold strips over the filling criss crossing each fold. Combine egg yolk and 1 tsp water in a small bowl. Brush on top of twist. Bake until browned about 15 to 20 minutes. Microwave cheese and milk in medium size bowl stirring often until cheese is melted about 2-1/2 minutes. Serve with the twist.



Nikki Schmitz, Kelsie Sirjord, and Ashley Longtin from RLCC each received conference volleyball awards.



Academic All State Awards for volleyball were presented to RLCC seniors Kelsie Sirjord, Ashley Longtin, and Megan Berberich.



Ellie and Aubrey Halverson were busy making ornaments while waiting for Santa and Mrs. Claus to come to Oklee.



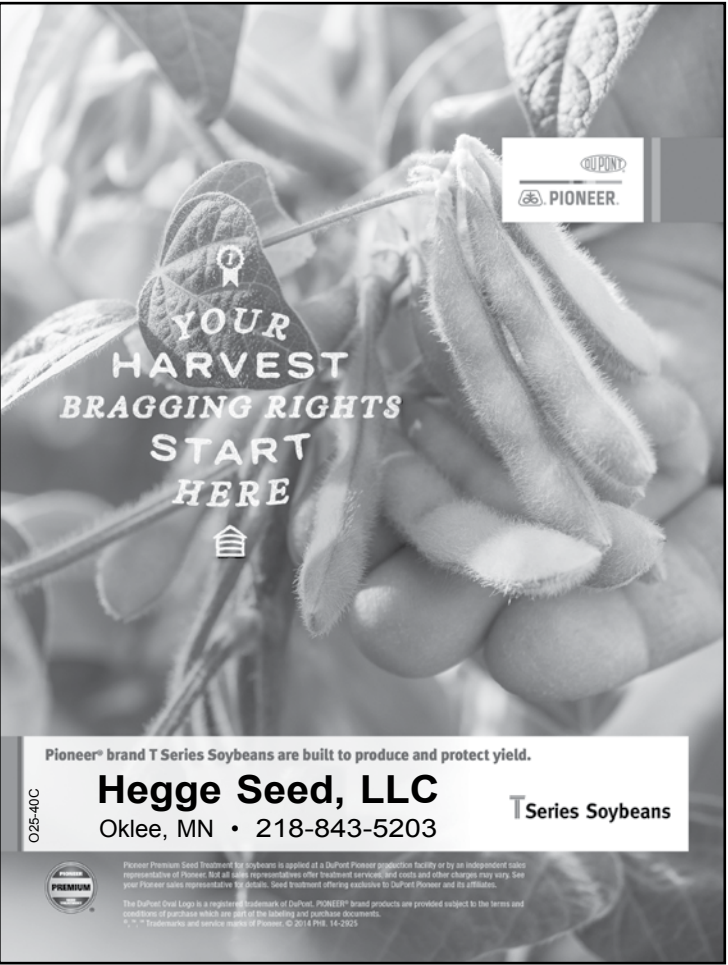
New this year at Santa Day was Mrs. Bjerklie (telling the story) and Mrs. Hamrum (showing the pictures to the children) at Oklee Santa Day.



After the story telling, Bjerklie and Hamrum handed out instruments to all the children who wanted to participate and sang a few Christmas songs right before Santa and Mrs. Claus came to Oklee.

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Bonny's Bits...

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It is December and I don't know where the time went. Before we know it, a new year will be upon us.

As I write this column, we are expecting to get our first accumulation of snow. We have had a few dusting of snow. Nothing really, but if the weather reports are correct, we should get around 8 inches of snow over the next two days and winds.

Since this will be our

first real snow event, I hope everyone has put together their snow kit and that it is in the car, not the garage or someplace else.

A person just never knows when car trouble or other events can cause you to be stuck in your car in winter.

I have always carried winter gear in my car. Only one time have I dug out the blanket because the heater quit, but the car still ran, so the kids were kept warm. But every year you hear about someone who isn't prepared and they get frostbitten or die. I guess I like the motto the Boy Scouts

have, "Always be prepared."

Suggested Emergency Kit

Use an empty three-pound coffee can or any similar container with a plastic cover to store the following items:

- Small candles and matches
- Small, sharp knife and plastic spoons
- Red bandanna or cloth
- Pencil and paper
- Large plastic garbage bag
- Safety pins
- Whistle
- Snacks
- Cell phone adapter to plug

into lighter

- Plastic flashlight and spare batteries

Reverse batteries in the flashlight to avoid accidental switching and burnout. Warm batteries before using them. Store safety items in the passenger compartment when severe winter weather threatens in case the trunk is jammed or frozen shut.

Choose small packages of food that you can eat hot or cold.

- Suggested food items:**
- Raisins in small packets
 - Semi-sweet chocolate in

pieces for sharing

- Miniature candy bars
 - Chewing gum
 - Wrapped hard candies
 - Food bars
 - Canned soup, meat and poultry
- Store bulky and heavy items in an accessible place:
- 30-foot cord to use as homing line when you must exit the vehicle
 - Booster cables
 - Basic tools
 - Sand, cat litter or other grit in a plastic milk carton
 - Shovel

- Tow cables or chain
- Sleeping bag or blankets
- Road flares and reflectors
- Snowmobile suit and heavy boots.

My kit isn't quite that extensive, but I carry blankets, snacks, a tin with a candle, matches, rope, a flashlight/radio that you can crank-charge, and extra winter clothing. It is better to be safe than sorry. If you don't have your kit ready, now is the time to make one and make sure every car has one.

Stay safe & Warm!

Red Lake County Extension Educator

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XtendiMax - Adequate drift management plan essential to remain useful

Below is an article from David Kee, Director of Research for MN Soybean. The information provided by David hopefully supplements the information that was provided in an earlier article a few weeks ago on the EPA approval of XtendiMax herbicide in my column. To keep this weed control technology available for future years, and also to minimize liability of any offsite injury/damage during the growing season, it is important for soybean growers to read, understand, and follow the label of this product. If you are planning to use this product read the article below and invest some study time of the label this winter.

Earlier this month, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced approval of the label for XtendiMax™ with VaporGrip™ Technology, an extremely low volatility dicamba formulation for use in dicamba tolerant soybeans and cotton.

There are multiple articles available online with updates on what is known about this product, the most succinct being "The XtendiMax Label for Xtend Soybeans." The product will provide options to control

some glyphosate-resistant, broadleaf weeds, however, there is a lot of concern with this and similar products.

After reading and listening to multiple reports, it becomes obvious utilizing an adequate drift management program will be required if this technology is to remain a useful tool for soybean growers. This diglycoamine (DGA) formulation of dicamba with the specialized volatility reduction agent (VaporGrip™) appears to be much less volatile than previous formulations of dicamba. But it may still be subject to some vapor drift issues. The EPA and Monsanto recognize this. To this issue, much of the label has to do with managing drift.

As one reads the label, several things will be of concern.

First, tank mixing of adjuvants and other chemicals is currently not allowed. Monsanto is developing a website (currently inactive) to help growers address this issue.

We know at least one common adjuvant, ammonium sulfate, is not to be tank mixed with XtendiMax™ as it increases probability of volatility issues. Currently,

it appears tank mixing XtendiMax™ with other compounds will not be allowed. This will be problematic for many growers. Check the above link regularly as it will have the most current information regarding these questions.

There will be a rate-dependent, downwind buffer area required for sensitive crops and sensitive areas. While most farmers understand sensitive crops, such as conventional soybeans and tomatoes, the sensitive area includes those species designated by the EPA as threatened/endangered.

This adds a great deal of confusion to interpretation, as this includes all threatened/endangered species, not just plant species. The buffer area can include crops such as corn, which may legally receive applications of other formulations of dicamba. But areas that may have threatened/endangered species may, or may not, be included. Clarification of these fine points will be delivered in the future.

Development of weed resistance to dicamba is of concern. The label requires Monsanto to monitor and report occurrences of weed resistance to this product to

the EPA. Monsanto will be hiring a network of people to be "boots on the ground" and respond to calls and concerns of effectiveness of this product, help document issues of resistance, and provide educational opportunities for growers as to the proper use of the Xtendimax™ system, drift management and herbicide resistance. Monsanto representatives have stated the company will provide educational material and personnel to help growers learn to properly use their product.

Minnesota Soybean looks forward to the development of technology to help the profitability and sustainability of soybean growers. This new technology is not a silver bullet, but rather an additional tool for the tool box. We advise all growers to examine the integration of any new technology closely, and implement the tool to the best benefit of their operation, not someone else's pocketbook.

Calendar:

Dec. 7-8th – Prairie Grains Conference, Alerus Center, Grand Forks

Dec. 13-14th – Conservation Tillage Conference, Hilton Garden Inn, Fargo

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Oklee Herald Early Files

Seventy Years Ago
December 12, 1946
Miss Helen Reitter, daughter of Mrs. Maggie Van Tassel of Trail and Oscar Flateland of Madison, WI, were married on Saturday, November 9th.
Harold Mickelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. H.J. Mickelson of Oklee, and Miss Betty Baustian, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Baustian of Lengby were married on November 26th.

The quota system of enlisting in the Navy has been suspended and the recruiting stations are now accepting an unlimited number of enlistments as apprentice seamen for general service.

Sixty Years Ago
December 6, 1956
This first week of December there is practically no snow and the temperature has not yet been below zero; last year at this time...we had seen more than a month of the most cussed weather this part of the country knows how to produce and there was 11 inches of snow on the level.
The Oklee Volunteer Fire Department was called to the Mrs. Mary Walker farm Tuesday morning to extinguish a chimney fire.

Mr. and Mrs. Juell Chervestad are the parents of a daughter born November 26th at Northwestern Hospital in TRF.

Fifty Years Ago
December 8, 1966
Minnesota ranked second last year among all states in

the number of white-tailed deer taken, the Conservation Department reported this week.
On Friday, the junior class under the direction of Mr. Heitala will present their play, Hillbilly Courtship.”
The Oklee High School Chorus is scheduled to appear in a television concert over KTHI, Channel 11 on Tuesday, December 27th.
Forty Years Ago
December 9, 1976
A good crowd was on hand Monday evening at the OHS for the first Crosby Donkey Basketball game ever held in Oklee.
A bridal shower honoring Mrs. John (Myra) Woods was held Sunday afternoon at the VFW Club in Trail.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Carpenter are the proud parents of a baby boy born on November 26th at Northwestern Hospital.

The question of who is managing the Municipal Liquor Store in Oklee came to a head last week due to disagreement over its need to be remodeled.

Thirty Years Ago
December 10, 1986
Dr. Harold Lindquist is completing his 25th year in dentistry in the Oklee area. He is one who has dedicated most of his life working here.
In the Meet the Kindergarteners – for were listed: Matthew Bjerklie, Katie Forsberg, Noel Stoneouse, and Denise Champagne.
Sunday visitors at the George Olson home were

Ruth Olson and Ivy Hahn and family to observe Suzannes’ 17th birthday.
Twenty Years Ago
December 11, 1996
Oklee Lumber will be celebrating their 50th anniversary with an open house December 13th.
A nice crowd attended the official Christmas Lighting ceremony and Santa Clause party held in Brooks at the church Sunday night.
The Lerohl Honey, Inc. building burned to the ground in an early morning fire on Thursday. Fire departments from Plummer & McIntosh joined in the effort with Oklee to save the building.
Ten Years Ago
December 7, 2006
Kyle Willett takes first place at Fosston’s Wrestling Tournament.
A Feedlot Hearing was held on November 29th and no farmers showed up to express their concerns.
Santa Claus Day in Brooks on Sunday was a great success with young and old alike joining in on bending Santa’s ear.

Two Crookston based soldiers were killed Saturday in Iraq. Spec. Bryan T. McDonough and Spec. Corey J. Rystad. “We mourn the loss of these two soldiers; they were truly part of our National Guard family,” said Maj. Gen. Larry Shellito, the Adjutant General of Minnesota. Rystad was from Red Lake Falls, MN and McDonough was from Maplewood, MN.

Senior Site News and Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

This morning, Sunday, we were greeted with a trace of snow on the ground. Now, at 10:30 a.m. it has already melted. The temperature has risen to 34 degrees. The forecast is for up to an inch or more. It has been such a great fall with temperatures above normal through November.
Santa Claus Day has come and gone. There were many parents and children taking part in the festivities. There was a long line of children who talked to Santa and told him what they wanted for Christmas. The parents were treated to cookies, lemonade, and coffee. This was furnished by the Oklee Community Club. Thanks. I have a very good cookie and coffee.
It is fun to watch the small children and talk to the parents. The Salem Ladies were selling plates of cookies.

I came a little late as most of their baked goods were gone, but I was able to purchase some very good cookies.
I'm sure everyone knows that the Senior Site has Bingo, played on Thursday of every week at 12:30 p.m. We would like to have many players come. It lasts about an hour and a half, so come and have fun.
On Thursday, December 15th, we will be having a Christmas Party following Bingo and there will be treats and coffee for everyone.

Dates to Remember
Tue, Dec. 13: Evening Meal (Christmas dinner)
Thu, Dec. 15: Senior Site Council meets at 10:00 a.m.
Bingo at 12:30 p.m. followed by Christmas Party!
Fri, Dec. 16: Birthday meal

Words of Wisdom
Should you stagger and stumble, console yourself with the fact that you are still moving forward.
Indulge your curiosity.

Joke Time
An insurance agent was writing a policy for a zookeeper.
"Have you ever had any accidents?"
"No," said the zookeeper.
"But once a rattlesnake bit me and an elephant stepped on my foot."
"Don't you call those accidents?" asked the insurance agent.
"No," replied the zookeeper, "they did it on purpose."

I have always been confused when I hear the phrase, "professional women" ---are there any amateurs?

Plummer News
By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

Jean Carpenter, Jeff Carpenter, Russ Carpenter, and Mike Fossum were Thanksgiving dinner guests of July and Jim Kelley.
Congratulations to Steve Rosten and Bernadette Schmitz, who were married Thanksgiving Day at St. Joseph's Church in Brooks at 11:30 a.m. Deacon Matt Schmitz officiated at the wedding.
Dinner guests Thanksgiving Day at Anna DeHate's were Bernie and Jill DeHate, Paul, Brandie, Kat, Blake and friend Hannah.
Chuck and Jolayne Simpson had Thanksgiving with Tracy and Ryan Peterson family, Mindy Juhl family at Bismarck, ND. Chuck also did some

pheasant hunting in South Dakota.
Pastor Jonathan Dodson brought his mother, Laura Dodson, from Denver, Colorado, to her new home in Plummer, recently. She'll be here through December.
Jerry Freitag and Carolyn Toupin had Thanksgiving dinner at Neil and Linda Mattison's in Thief River Falls. Loretta Hesse also came.
Emilie Skjerven returned Sunday night from the cities. She had been at Melanie Parris's for a few days after her knee surgery and therapy was done with. She can walk without a can. Welcome home Emilie.
Alice Jobe enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner at her

sister's home by Warroad at Joe & Phyllis Unruh's. Also Bradd and Mike Kukowski, brothers Loren and Jack, niece Karie, brother Allan, daughter Angie and brother Gerald with his family.
Western North Dakota got heavy snow Monday and Tuesday, some areas got two feet. I heard the kids had 2 snow days at some schools. But ours will get here soon enough.
Thursday, eight ladies enjoyed potato klub at the Cozy Bar in Brooks. They were Anne T, Renae F., Wilma A., Jean C., Bunny D., Alice J., Connie H., and Emilie S.
Remember: Holiday Train December 12th at 6:00 p.m. in Plummer.

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

Winter is here. There is a small smattering of snow on the ground and the temps are winter like. I don't think any of us want a good old fashioned winter of the memory, but it is here snow or no snow. We need winter coats now. I hope you all have your wish sometimes during this next season. Not looking forward to blizzards though.
On Thursday Santa's helpers came together at the hall to make Christmas bright for the youngsters of Brooks

and surrounding area. They prepared everything for the Santa party to be held on Sunday night. Thanks from Joyce Morinville for all the help and cooperation she got in filling Santa's candy bags for the kids.
On Wednesday of last week Jerome Novak went in to Altru for shoulder surgery to repair a rotator cuff on his left shoulder. He came home on Wednesday afternoon and has been recuperating at home this week.

More and more Christmas decorations are going up this year, and each week we see more beautiful work on lighting the area in Christmas cheer. It is a beautiful thing to travel the countryside and observing those works of love of the season. It brightens the way.
We hope you all have a great week.
The persons of the week are the Santa helpers including Joyce Morinville who help make the season merry.

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University of Minnesota Scientist Assists In Wheat Research Breakthrough

University of Minnesota Professor of Wheat Breeding and Genetics; James Anderson has worked with other scientists that say they have isolated and cloned a gene that provides resistance to Fusarium head blight which is also known as wheat scab. Wheat scab is a crippling disease that caused several billion dollars in direct grower losses in U S wheat fields between 1993 and 2001. University of Minnesota researchers assisted in the decade's long research that reached the breakthrough that was discovered by Kansas State University (KSU). Their findings are published online in the journal "NATURE GENETICS." The article details nearly 20 years of research that included scientist in China, the University of Minnesota and other American Universities.
"This has been a very difficult project," said Bikram Gill; Distinguished Professor of Plant Pathology and Director of the WHEAT GENETICS RESOURCE CENTER. He estimates that nearly 100 scientists, faculty, staff and students have participated in the work. Along with several other researchers, Gill credited U M Professor of Wheat Breeding and Genetics; James Anderson whose research team has been working on resistance to Fusarium head blight since 1993 as the first one to genetically map the location of the gene to a small segment of the wheat chromosome. That small segment has been used by wheat breeders worldwide as a diagnostic marker to indicate presence of the gene. Anderson has worked closely with researches at KSU and Washington State University to help prove the identity of the resistance gene.
The Minnesota Wheat Growers and Council are very proud of the work that Anderson and his colleagues are doing to help solve a devastating wheat disease like scab, said Minnesota Wheat Grower and Wheat Council Executive Director David Torgerson. "Jim is not only doing the work of wheat breeding

and releasing varieties for Minnesota wheat growers, but he has taken time to do the word class research that will have positive impacts not only in rural Minnesota, but nationally and internationally. We look forward to when Jim and his wheat breeding team can use this new discovery to deliver varieties with even more resistance than they have already."
Gill also acknowledged Mike Pumphrey, an associate professor in the department of crop and soil sciences at Washington State University, for his work leading to the discovery. Pumphrey was a graduate student at Minnesota under Anderson and later with Gill at KSU. "The breakthrough that we're reporting is the cloning of a resistance gene," Gill said. "We have identified the DNA and protein sequence, and we are getting some idea of how this gene provides resistance to the wheat plant for controlling the disease. The cloning of this gene is the key to unlock quicker progress for control of this disease."
A disease that shows up periodically in more humid growing regions, Fusarium head blight caused severe damage in Minnesota and North Dakota in 1993 and subsequent years. Gill noted that a 1993 epidemic in Minnesota, which ruined 50 percent of the state's wheat crop that year, caused an estimated one billion in losses. Fusarium head blight is caused by the fungus FUSARIUM GRAMINEARUM, which produces a toxin that makes the crop unfit for human and animal consumption. U M Professor of Wheat Breeding and Genetics James Anderson said there are frequent epidemics of the disease reported in the U S, Canada, Europe, Asia, and South America. To have questions answered about this information or to obtain more information, contact Dr. Anderson by e mail at ander319@umn.edu.
Source: James Anderson, University of Minnesota Professor of Wheat Breeding and Genetics.

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There were many younger children this year coming to visit Santa and some were not too sure about the fellow with the white beard and red suit. Though most of the children did just fine.

Curfman's Critters (mules: George & Grace) were busy giving rides to folks in Oklee during Santa Days. Many took advantage of the rides.

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