

Oklee Precipitation  
By Einar Kvasager

|           | Rain | Snow  |
|-----------|------|-------|
| Dec. 31   |      | 4.00  |
| Jan. 1    |      | 0.50  |
| Jan. 3    |      | 4.50  |
| Jan. 4    |      | 0.50  |
| Jan. 6    |      | Trace |
| Total in. | 0.00 | 9.50  |

# Oklee Herald

...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

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## The Year in Review

**February 3, 2016:**  
Attorney Michael T. Rengel, representing the county commissioners, was present with comparative information and a resolution to consider regarding the County Attorney's 2016 wages.

Northwest Regional Library has recently undergone software changes to both the branch circulation and online web catalog.

Sixteen choir students from Red Lake County Central participated in the Vocal Solo Contest. The contest was held Wednesday, January 20 in East Grand Forks. Students who competed at the Vocal Solo Contest were: Dede Walton, Brandi Jensen, Nick Piersol, Phillip Sorenson, Nick Pahlen, Austin Jensen, Kjersten Walton, and Tera Qualley, Billie Jo Gyskiewicz, Jayden Fore, Natalie Aakhus, Kara Longtin, Sydney Melby, Nick Plante, Holly Vetteson, and Lacey Pendleton.

The cast of "Alice" play by Jerome McDonough included RLCC students: David Clifton, Sydney Melby, Jayden Fore, Natalie Aakhus, Tom Nelson, Nick Piersol, Kjersten Walton, Miranda Magnell, Jade Person, Heather Longtin, Erin Jones and Kara Longtin. RLCC's play was directed by Mr. Michael Swenson.

On January 28 the Red Lake County Rebels played in Oklee against Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears. At half time the score was 48-33, with the Rebels leading. The second half the scoring was close with the Rebels edging out the Bears 41-40. At the end of the game the score was 89-73 with the Rebels winning.

Red Lake County Central wrestling faced Badger/Greenbush/Middle River on January 21, 2016 in Greenbush. Greenbush ended up with the win at 64-6.

Another beautiful warm

week. Looking at the long range forecast for February and it sounds like it will be quite nice. It surely makes the winter go quickly.

Bunny DuChamp celebrated her 94th birthday on Saturday. Jim and Debbie DuChamp, Mark and Anita Vetteson, Dan and Carissa Larson, and Tim and Jeanne Halle recently went to Aruba, an island in the Caribbean, close to South America. Aruba's motto is "One Friendly Island."

**February 10, 2016:**  
Saturday, February 13th, the Oklee Market Day Committee is holding a fund raiser at the Community Hall in Oklee. The evening will start at 5:30 p.m. with a spaghetti dinner which includes spaghetti w/ meat sauce, garlic toast and a cupcake. Games followed.

Austin Waliser scored his 1000th point while playing for the Rebels on February 2 against Northern Freeze.

The Oklee Moonlighters Snowmobile Club held their 49th Snowmobile Safari Ride on January 23rd. There were 33 sleds involved in this year's ride and they had good weather with adequate snow.

Students who took Oklee Moonlighters Snowmobile Safety Training Class on January 16 were: Back: Andrew Gyskiewicz, Brody Moen, Wakely Bryl. Front: Emily Kolstoe, Adriel Bakken, Malachi Burthwick, Taya Morinville and Dominick Brouse.

Mr. Michael Swenson nominated Marie Johnson and Devin Lambert was nominated by Mr. Randy Huie for January Students of the Month at RLCC.

Red Lake County farm family, Charlie & Lora Johnson, directs donation to local Red Lake County Central School.

The Senior Site in Oklee held their Valentine's meal. The queen was Linda Box and the King, Alvin Jensen. They were entertained by Arlan Brekke who played his violin, playing many old tunes that everyone enjoyed.

Nikolas Majeres, son of Sylvia and Greg Majeres, of Plummer was baptized at St. Joseph's Church in Brooks on Sunday, January 24th.

Sometimes we think we live in a non-caring world but on Tuesday Elaine Radniecki found that not to be true. Elaine slipped on the ice and was down in a second. Two men stopped their vehicle and helped her up and took her home. Inez Riendeau came over and took her to the hospital to the emergency room. She was released and sent home after some treatment.

Last week Sue Beaudoin conducted a class of Card Making at the Site. Everyone who attended made at least one card.

**February 17, 2016:**  
Oklee City Council picks new council member - Alan Jensen, to fill position left by Alex Halle, who moved to Thief River Falls.

Minnesota's School Board Recognition Week, February 15-19, is a time to thank our school board members for their commitment and contributions to education and our communities. RLCC School Board members include Dani Paradis, Pam Paradis, Darby Trontvedt, Matt Kolstoe, Marcella Melby, Jason Cater, Tom Bray, Lowell Hamrum,

and Dave Person.

Can you believe it, it is already time for the 5th annual Fireman's Blizzard Bonanza at the Oklee Hall on February 20th. A Silent Auction will be set up with numerous items to bid on. There will be meat raffles again so get ready to bring home the bacon...etc. A delicious pulled pork meal. Entertainment will be by Tim Eggebraaten and he will be hosting a new event for the night, "The Newlywed Game" which sounds like it could be lots of fun, whether you are participating or watching.

RLCC Triple A (Academics, Arts, and Athletics) recipients Seth Johnson and Holly Vetteson were pictured with Region 8 Executive Secretary Jim Weinzel at the Region 8 Triple A Banquet in Mahnomen.

After Bingo the Senior Site held a Valentine Party. The Valentine Party will have treats for everyone and Valentines were given out.

Mother nature is playing her games. This morning the roads are icy because it rained last night. Just a few moments ago it was snowing really hard. Now it is kind of foggy. Snow has stopped. It looks like a mixed bag today. The temperatures are not that bad for February. But on Friday and Saturday it was downright cold and the wind enhanced that cold. Lets hope spring comes soon.

Matt Schmitz will be ordained into the Diaconate in Red Lake Falls in March or April. We are so proud of his great accomplishments and of his commitment to the faith.

**February 24, 2016:**

The Newlywed Game was a hilarious event to watch and the participants looked like they were having lots of fun also. The participants on the stage was Couple 1: Issac and Marcella Melby, Couple 2: John & Sue Dudycha, Couple 3: Warren & Lisa Tvedt, and Couple 4: Tim & Eileen Paquin.

The first junior high speech meet was held in Crookston on Thursday, February 18. Zoe Russillo and Philip Sorenson placed third doing a duo, and Lily Guilmette also placed third in poetry.

Red Lake County Rebels played Kittson County Central in Thief River Falls for the Super Saturday games at Northland Community Technical College. The Rebels were tied 25-25 with the Bearcats at half time. The Rebels ended up winning 58 to 48.

For the last game of the season played February 18 in Red Lake Falls, the Red Lake County Rebels defeated Mahnomen Indians, 86-77.

The weather has modified somewhat these past few days. It was nice to see temps in the 30's for a day or two this past week. The snow cover has gone down a lot and the roads are dusty in the country. It is better walking where there is no ice now.

It was with sad heart that we heard of Charles Bachand's passing. After a valiant fight with pancreatic cancer, he passed away on Tuesday.

It was sad news that the parish of St. Joseph received on Sunday. Father Bill DeCrans announced that his brother is having health problems and will have to retire from pastoring the Ada church and the Bishop has asked Fr. Bill to move to fill that position.

## Commissioners take the oath and Anthony Flage is chair for 2017



Re-elected Commissioners Chuck Simpson and Ron Weiss take the oath of office at the beginning of the first meeting in 2017 held on January 3rd.

On January 3, 2017, the Red Lake County Commissioners held their reorganization meeting.

First order of business was to have the two re-elected commissioners, Chuch Simpson and Ron Weiss, recite the oath of office. After they were done, Nancy Amberson was also sworn in by reciting the oath of her office, as County Assessor.

The meeting was called to order by Auditor Bob Schmitz. The agenda had no additions or changes and was approved as written with a motion by Dave Sorensen, seconded by Ron Weiss.

Schmitz call for nominations for Chair, a process which is held every year at the first meeting of the month. Once a nomination is received, Schmitz calls for any other nominations for Chair three times, then a vote is taken. The Commissioner nominated for Chair was Anthony Flage and after the calls for nominations, a motion by Sorensen, seconded by Simpson, was carried to make Flage the Chairman.

Flage then took over calling for nominations for Vice Chair. Weiss nominated Sorensen, nominations were called for again three time, and a motion was made by Simpson, seconded by Weiss to elect Sorensen as Vice Chair.

Opening of the newspaper bids was next on the agenda and the Gazette and Oklee Herald both bid the same for the printing of the financial, board minutes, delinquent taxes and any other printing. The Oklee Herald won the bid with a motion by Weiss and seconded by Sorensen, stating that the Oklee Herald is at most of the meetings. The Gazette received the 2nd printing of the Financial statement.

The Commissioners left the meeting times and dates (10 am on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month) the same. Per diems were left the same as last year.

The County Appropriations budgeted for 2017 were approved with a motion by Weiss and seconded by Simpson. The appropriations are as follows:

|                 |           |
|-----------------|-----------|
| Comm. on Aging: | \$8360.00 |
| Red River Basin |           |
| Commissions:    | \$107.00  |

|                                        |              |
|----------------------------------------|--------------|
| RLC Fair Bd:                           | \$10,000.00  |
| DWI Court:                             | \$1,000.00   |
| American Legions                       |              |
| (3 @ \$85.00) :                        | \$225.00     |
| Friends of the Library:                |              |
|                                        | \$6,300.00   |
| RRV Developement                       |              |
| Assoc.:                                | \$800.00     |
| Inter County Nursing                   |              |
| Service:                               | \$21,388.00  |
| Oklee Ambulance                        |              |
| Service:                               | \$9000.00    |
| RLF Ambulance                          |              |
| Service:                               | \$29,000.00  |
| RLC Historical                         |              |
| Society:                               | \$2,000.00   |
| NW Regional Library (MOE Requirement): | \$26,732.00  |
| Red Lake County                        |              |
| Parks:                                 | \$7,000.00   |
| Total Appropriations:                  | \$121,942.00 |

Note: Any appropriation over \$20,000.00 to be paid in quarterly installments.

The bills were paid with a motion by Sorensen, seconded by Simpson.

There were no minutes or committee reports.

Committee assignment lists were looked and there were a committee changes and a few where there were vacancies that needed to be filled. The changes will be made and presented at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on January 24, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the County Court house.

Schmitz brought to the board the need for replacing window blinds for the building. They blinds are about 20 years old and the plastic is fragile causing many failures. Twenty-seven new blinds of various sizes with a quantity discount, installed will be \$2600.00. Weiss made a motion to replace/install the blinds, Sorensen seconded the motion, carried.

Schmitz also reported that the repair work at the Social Services building has been completed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:09 a.m.



County Assessor Nancy Amberson, took the oath of office and had completed updated training for her position.

### Calendar of Events

**Wed, Jan. 11:**  
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.  
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.

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

**Thu, Jan. 12:**  
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.  
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.

**Fri, Jan. 13:**  
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.  
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.

**Sat, Jan. 14:**  
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!

**Sun, Jan. 15:**  
-Worship at the church of your choice.

**Mon, Jan. 16:**  
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.

**Tue, Jan. 17:**  
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.  
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards

-Senior Potluck at Oklee Café.

**Wed, Jan. 18:**  
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.  
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.

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

**Thu, Jan. 19:**  
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.  
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.

**Fri, Jan. 20:**  
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.  
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.

**Sat, Jan. 21:**  
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!

**Sun, Jan. 22:**  
-Worship at the church of your choice.

**Mon, Jan. 23:**  
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.

**Tue, Jan. 24:**  
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.  
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards

**Wed, Jan. 25:**  
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.  
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.

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



## City of Oklee raises rates on sewer, garbage and water

*November Meeting:*  
The City of Oklee called their meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with Alan Jensen, Lori Melby, Kaye Munt and George Burthwick present. The Financial report was read and approved and bills were paid. Sheriff Mitch Bernstein did not have a lot to report and discussed the nuisance properties. One was going to court and the other was getting repaired. A couple of calls about dogs and a chicken showed up in town. City Clerk Derek Cross added to the report that a couple of lose dogs were wandering on Lambert St. and he had talked to the owners.

On one other nuisance property, it was brought up that someone should be talked to about all the things in their yard. Bernstein will contact Cross and discuss what is to be done.

Korky Kleven came to the Oklee City Council to talk about

the possibility of trunk Hwy 222 being repaired and turned over to county control. The state has funds to take trunk highways off their books to be turned over to county control. However, if the state keeps the trunk highway, only minor repairs will be done. The fixes to the road if it is taken over and uses the grant from the state could include new shoulders, moving utilities if needed, etc. There are some options and the city needs to discuss this and let Kleven know what they decide. If it road is turned over, it will no longer be a trunk highway and will not be top priority for clearing snow to dry pavement like the state does. It will be maintained like a county road.

The other item Kleven brought to the table was about the Parks & Trails corridor group he is working with. He had a plan to upgrade the Omar Sundrud Park with monies from a grant he wants to

write from Enbridge for a boat landing, shelter, electricity, and water. The council asked if it would cost the City any funding. There is no known match at this time and the City would have to maintain it. The Council liked the idea.

Darrell Tougas, maintenance person for Oklee, reported that the sewer repair at the High Rise has been fixed. There is a grant for new doors and windows for the Pump Building he would like to pursue. Leo Olson has turned in his keys to Lori Melby and he would like to hire someone on an on call basis to drive the snow truck when he is cleaning streets. Depending on the snow amounts, he might need two persons to clear snow faster. The council made a motion and approved hiring of temporary on call persons to help when needed.

The Council also approved the wage increases for Tougas and Cross. Tougas received a 3%

raise and Cross's wages were raised to be more competitive to other local city clerk wages and a 3% increase.

The City of Oklee approved residential rate increase for 2017 for water, sewer and garbage.

The new rates are: 2 person-1 bag: \$64.58; 2 person-2 bags: \$68.81; 3 person-1 bag: \$70.76; 3 person-2 bags: \$74.99; Vacant lot rate: \$25.53. Annual rates are still available.

The election was discussed and the new council persons are Paul Cyr and Matthew Genova.

Cross asked if it was ok to train in Mandy Roisland to enter the water bills into the system while he is gone on vacation. He will be gone for two weeks. The council approved his request.

The vacant position needing to be filled because of Kent Bergerson's resignation due to his moving out of town, was filled by Paul Cyr for the

remainder of the year.

*December meeting:*  
On December 12<sup>th</sup>, the City Council of Oklee met and Burthwick, Jensen, Cyr, Melby and Munt present. Others were Gale Schmitz (accountant) and Darrell Tougas (maintenance).

Minutes were approved and Schmitz gave the financial report which was approved by motions by Cyr and Jensen. The Bills were paid with a motion by Melby and Munt.

Paul Cyr, was appointed the assistant mayor by a motion by Melby and Munt.

The Budget Levy was approved with a motion by Melby and Munt.

Darrell Tougas gave his maintenance report starting with tires for the Chevy pickup and also the need to look for an old Chevy truck – both were council approved.

**City of Oklee**  
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# Church news

**OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH**  
Zion and Salem  
Pastor Margaret Jacobus  
Wed, Jan. 11: 6:30 p.m.  
Confirmation Classes.  
Thu, Jan. 12: 7:00 p.m.  
Parish Board meeting.  
Sun, Jan. 15: 9:00 a.m.  
Zion. 9:00 a.m. SS at Salem.  
10:15 a.m. SS at Zion. 10:30  
a.m. Salem.  
Mon, Jan. 16: 9:00 a.m.  
Quilting at Zion.  
Wed, Jan. 18: 6:30 p.m.  
Confirmation Classes.

**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH OKLEE**  
Fr. Adam Hamness  
Sun, Jan. 15: 7:30 a.m.  
Confessions 8:00 a.m. Mass.

**BROOKS - RED LAKE FALLS CATHOLIC PARISH**  
Fr. Bob Schreiner  
Sat, Jan. 14: 5:30 p.m. RLF  
Sun, Jan. 15: 8:00 a.m.  
Brooks. 10:00 a.m. RLF.

**IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA**  
Pastor Jonathan Dodson  
Wed, Jan. 11: 6:30 p.m.  
Confirmation at Immanuel.  
7:00 p.m. Ebenezer WELCA.  
Sun, Jan. 15: 9:00 a.m.  
Worship at Immanuel. 10:15  
a.m. SS at Immanuel. 10:30  
a.m. Worship at Ebenezer.  
Ebenezer's Annual meeting  
and potluck to follow.  
Wed, Jan. 18: 6:30 p.m.  
Confirmation at Immanuel.

**GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA**  
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith  
Pastor Kristen Ostercamp  
Wed, Jan. 11: Release  
Time. Confirmation.  
Thu, Jan. 12: 10:00 a.m.  
Ekelund Quilting.  
Fri, Jan. 13: 10:00 a.m.  
Ekelund Quilting. 1:30 p.m.  
Ekelund Ladies Aid.  
Sun, Jan. 15: 8:30 a.m.  
Faith, No SS; 9:45 a.m.  
Bethany, No SS. 11:00 a.m.  
Ekelund, No SS.  
Mon, Jan. 16: 9:30 a.m.  
Faith Quilting with potluck.  
Wed, Jan. 18: Release  
Time. Confirmation. No  
Confirmation.

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## LSS Caregivers Group meets January 12th

The Thief River Falls Caregiver Group will meet on Thursday, January 12th at 10:00 a.m. at the Heritage Senior Center located at 301 E. 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH**  
Mt. Olive - Nazareth  
Oak Park - St. Petri  
Pastor Jeff Merseeth  
Wed, Jan. 11: 5:00  
p.m. Wednesday School/  
Confirmation.  
Sat, Jan. 14: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.  
Sun, Jan. 15: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri. 9:15 a.m. SS. 9:45 a.m. Oak Park. 8:00 a.m. SS. 11:00 a.m. Nazareth. 10 a.m. SS.  
Wed, Jan. 18: 5:00  
p.m. Wednesday School/  
Confirmation.

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

Wed, Jan. 11: 6:30 p.m.  
AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.  
Thu, Jan. 12: 12:00 p.m.  
Rotary.  
Fri, Jan. 13: 8:45 a.m.  
Friday School.  
Sun, Jan. 15: 9:30 a.m.  
Worship. 10:50 a.m. Sunday School.  
Wed, Jan. 18: 6:30 p.m.  
AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

**GULLY-TRAIL PARISH**  
Bethany \* Lund  
Sand Valley  
Dawn Hanson,  
Lay Minister  
Sun, Jan. 15: 10:30 a.m.  
Worship at Lund. Annual meeting to follow.

**BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston**  
Seth Johnson,  
Interim Pastor  
Sun, Jan. 15: 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School. 10:30 a.m.  
Worship.

## Oklee Senior Site Dining

### January 16 - 20

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:** Chicken drummies, hash browns, vegetable, and dessert.  
**Tuesday:** Cheesy chicken noodle hotdish, tossed salad, and dessert.  
**Wednesday:** Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, vegetables, garlic toast, and dessert.  
**Thursday:** ½ Pork & swiss melt on bun, hash browns, vegetables, and dessert.  
**Friday:** Meatloaf, mashed potatoes w/butter, vegetables, and dessert.

### January ECFE Events

**Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>** will be the second class, **Family Fun Gym Night** at the Oklee site at 6:00-7:00 p.m. for 0-5 year olds. Join us for soup and sandwiches, and then get up and move in the gym with lots of fun activities for you to try. Get some exercise and have fun!

**On Thu, January 26<sup>th</sup>,** ECFE Book Bingo will be held at the Plummer Site at 6:00-7:00 p.m. for 3-5 year olds. Start with the alphabet tomato soup and sandwiches, and then we will be playing different kinds of Bingo games to win books for your home library!

## Now Taking Tree Orders for Spring 2017

Red Lake County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) is taking tree orders now for springs' tree planting season. Anyone interested in purchasing trees from the Red Lake County SWCD should have their order in by February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Tree order forms are available at our office, on our website [www.redlakecounty.org](http://www.redlakecounty.org) click on Programs, Projects & Services tab; and then on the District Tree Program tab or we can mail you a form. The SWCD office is located in the basement of the Wheat Grower's Building south of Red Lake Falls.

If you are interested in placing a tree order, for springs' tree planting season, please call the Red Lake County SWCD office at (218) 253-2593 ext. 4.

## City of Oklee Water and Sewer Rates increases 2017

### - Residential New Rates 2017 -

For 2017 once again we have the one month free if you pay for the year.

Rate Rise, is purely to cover the costs of substantial repairs to both the water and sewer systems.

|                    |         |                  |        |        |
|--------------------|---------|------------------|--------|--------|
| Rate 2016          | \$60.08 | 2 persons 1 bag  | Annual | 710.38 |
| Rate 2017          | \$64.58 |                  |        |        |
| Rate 2016          | \$64.31 | 2 persons 2 bags | Annual | 756.91 |
| Rate 2017          | \$68.81 |                  |        |        |
| Rate 2016          | \$66.26 | 3 persons 1 bag  | Annual | 778.36 |
| Rate 2017          | \$70.76 |                  |        |        |
| Rate 2016          | \$70.49 | 3 persons 2 bags | Annual | 824.89 |
| Rate 2017          | \$74.99 |                  |        |        |
| <b>Vacant rate</b> |         |                  |        |        |
| Rate 2016          | \$23.75 |                  | Annual | 280.83 |
| Rate 2017          | \$25.53 |                  |        |        |

The new charges come into effect for 2017, so the raises will show up on the Febuary 1 Bill.

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See how you can benefit by visiting MNSure.org, or call 1-888-778-4008 to schedule an appointment.

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### Sudoku Solution

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

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## City of Oklee

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The new park sign was looked at and needs to be changed to Omar Sundrud Memorial Park.

The Oklee Historical Society (OHS) presented the OHS financial papers for approval and permission to start working on the museum again. Will Tougas or Cross to order to purchase the rest of the flooring.

Discussed the lighting and the City Flag in the front of the City building. Also discussion on flooring in the City Clerk's office.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Jensen & Munt.

## Tri-Valley Public Transportation

T.H.E. Bus is available for anyone. There are no age or income guidelines. - however, children under the age of four must be accompanied by an adult and children under the age of one must be secured in an infant seat.

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The schedule is different starting December 2016.

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Every Monday - Grand Forks.

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday - Mahnomen.

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**Brooks:** Brooks Travel Center.

**Plummer:** Plummer Coop Creamery.

**Red Lake Falls:** Eagle Square.

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## Search for Miss Teen Red Lake County Announced

If you are female, single, never been married between the ages of 13 to 18 years, applications are being accepted for the title of "2017" Miss Teen Red Lake County"!!! Miss Teen Red Lake County! will represent her county at the Miss Teen Minnesota pageant, which will be held at the "Wellstone Center", April 29th, 2017 in the city of St. Paul, Minnesota..

The young lady chosen as "Miss Teen Red Lake County" will become an ambassador from the Red Lake County area and will receive an official title and sash!

The young lady chosen as Miss Teen Minnesota will receive a prize package and College scholarship totaling \$30,000 and the chance to represent Minnesota at the "2017" Miss Teen International pageant in Charleston, West Virginia in July.

The "American Heart

Association's" Go for Red for Women" is the official Charity of the Miss Teen Minnesota Pageant.

The current reigning "2016" Miss Teen Minnesota is Kelly Brown of Inver Grove Heights. As Miss Teen Minnesota, Kelly speaks out on "See the Person...Not the Disability!" Kelly's two brothers were born with intellectual disabilities as a result of a blood order called "thalassemia". One brother is higher functioning but the other brother has difficulty communicating. Kelly says, "It is hurtful and frustrating when I see others only focus on their disabilities, which is what they have but not who they are. By partnering with The Arc organization, it is my goal to protect of those with disabilities and support their inclusion and participation in our community." For more information go to: [www.thearc.org](http://www.thearc.org).

## 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.

Just a reminder that "Mark Moran Appraisals" will be at the Red Lake Falls Public Library on Tuesday, February 7 beginning at 11:00 am. Anyone interested in bringing in an old, antique or unique item in to learn its value may do so, preferably by calling ahead for a time slot (253-2992.)

## Centennial Recipe Corner

### Dirt Cake Xavier and Olivia Hruby

1 large pkg instant chocolate pudding mix  
8 oz Cool Whip topping, thawed  
3 cups milk  
1 cup powdered sugar  
8 oz cream cheese, softened  
1 large pkg Oreo cookies  
1 pkg gummy worms  
1 stick margarine, melted

Combine chocolate pudding, milk and Cool Whip with a mixer. In another bowl, mix cream cheese, margarine and powdered sugar together until smooth. Combine the two mixtures and mix thoroughly. Place the cookies (with the filling still in the middle) in a gallon zip lock bag and use a rolling pin to crust the Oreos fine like dirt. Layer the cookies, pudding mixture and gummy worms in a new plastic planter or sand pail. Decorate with plastic flowers, a shovel, etc. Refrigerate.



Every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday - Thief River Falls

Every 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday - Fargo/Moorhead.

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Friday - Bemidji.

## Oklee Open Gym

Oklee Gym is open on Saturdays. 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.

For more information call Curt Halverson at 612-247-0812.

## Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial

Recently a donation to the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial was given by Don and Alma Stenberg, Oklee. Their contribution was made in memory of Leo LaCourisere who served in the U. S. Army until his honorable discharge. Leo was a lifetime resident of the Oklee area.

Donations to the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial may be sent to Security State Bank, Box 69, Oklee, MN 56742, Attn: Lori Melby. Please direct any questions to Mary Lynn Bachand at [marylbachand@gmail.com](mailto:marylbachand@gmail.com).

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## Search for Miss Teen Red Lake County Announced

Teens will compete in Personal Interview, Fitness Wear, Fun Fashion Wear and Evening Gown. (There is no talent or swimsuit competition)!!!

Young teen ladies living in Red Lake County interested in applying should write for bio-form to:

Miss Teen Minnesota International Pageant  
P.O. Box 240537  
Apple Valley, Mn 55124-0537

Or call for information:: (952) 432-6758 or Fax (952) 953-3896

Email: [pagunltd@frontiernet.net](mailto:pagunltd@frontiernet.net).

## Quin County CHS meeting

The Quin County Community Health Services Board and Advisory will meet on Monday, January 16, 2017 at 1:00 pm at the Newfolden Evangelical Free Church.

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## RLCC Sports Schedules

### RLC Rebel Varsity

#### Boys Basketball

**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.

**Thu, Feb. 9:** Against C-G in *Oklee* at 6:00 p.m.

**Sat. Feb. 11:** Super Saturday at *NCTC-TBD*

**Tues, Feb. 14:** Against Northern Freeze in *New Folden* at 6:00 p.m.

**Thurs, Feb. 16:** Against Mahnomen in *Mahnomen* at 6:00 p.m.

**Fri, Feb. 17:** Against Sacred heart in *Sacred Heart* at 6:00 p.m.

**Tues, Feb. 21:** F-Bin *Fertile* at 6:00 p.m.

**Thu, Feb. 23:** Against G-G in *Plummer* at 6:00 p.m.

**Fri, Feb. 24:** C-G in *C-G* at 6:00 p.m.

**Mon, Feb. 27:** Against W-E-M in *Oklee* at 6:00 p.m.

**Mon, Mar. 6:** Section 8A Pig Tail at *High Seed* at 7:00 p.m.

**Thu, Mar. 9:** Section 8A Play in at *NCTC/UMC-TBD*

**Sat. Mar. 11:** Section 8A ¼ Final at *REA* in *TRF*-TBD

### Mustang Wrestling

**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.

**Feb. 4:** Northwest Tourney in *Fertile* at 11:00 a.m.

**Feb. 7:** Against Fosston in *Oklee* at 6:30 p.m.

**Feb. 10:** Against Fertile-Beltrami in *Oklee* at 6:00 p.m.

**Feb. 18:** Team Section in *Thief River*-TBD

**Feb. 24-25:** Team Individual, DGF- TBD

**Mar. 2-4:** State Tournament at *Excel Energy Center*-TBD

### Lady Mustang Varsity Basketball 2016-17

**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.

**Thu, Feb. 2:** Against Red Lake Falls in *RLF* at 6:00 p.m.

**Sat, Feb. 4:** Against Lake of the Woods in *LOW* at 1:00 p.m.

**Mon, Feb. 6:** Against Kittson Central in *Lancaster* at 6:00 p.m.

**Thu, Feb. 9:** C-G in *C-G* at 6:00 p.m.

**Fri, Feb. 10:** Against Sacred heart in *Sacred Heart* at 6:00 p.m.

**Thu, Feb. 16:** Against BGMR in *Plummer* at 6:00 p.m.

**Fri, Feb. 17:** Against Goodridge-Grygla in *Goodridge* at 6:00 p.m.

**Tues, Feb. 21:** Parent's Night; Against Mahnomen in *Plummer* at 6:00 p.m.

**Thu, Feb. 23:** Against Bagley in *Oklee* at 6:00 p.m.

**Tues, Feb. 28:** Pig Tail at High Seed at 7:00 p.m.

**Thu, Mar. 2:** Play-In Game at *UMC/NCTC* at 6:00 p.m.

**Sat. Mar. 4:** Section 8A ¼ at *REA* in *TRF*-TBD

**Tues, Mar. 7:** Section 8A Semi at *REA* in *TRF*-TBD

**Fri, Mar. 10:** Section 8A Final at *REA* in *TRF*-TBD

**Mar. 14-18:** State Tourney - various locations-TBD

Wednesday, January 11, 2017

## RLCC Menus

### January 16 - 20

#### Oklee

**Mon: Breakfast:** Ham & cheese croissant, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chili, corn muffins, corn chips, vegetable, fruit, and milk.

**Tue: Breakfast:** Muffin, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken burger, cheesy hash browns, vegetable, fruit, and milk.

**Wed: Breakfast:** Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Pork fritter, mashed potatoes, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

**Thu: Breakfast:** Pancake on stick, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken quesadilla, lettuce salad, carrot & celery sticks, fruit, and milk.

**Fri: Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Cold subs, chips, fresh vegetables, fruit, and milk.

#### Plummer

**Mon: Breakfast:** French toast sticks, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Toastie dog, baked beans, chips, fruit, and milk.

**Tue: Breakfast:** Breakfast Scramble pizza, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken fajita, yogurt parfaits w/ granola, cinnamon churros, fruit, and milk.

**Wed: Breakfast:** Coffee cake, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Spaghetti, carrot dippers, garlic toast, Go-Gurt, fruit, and milk.

**Thu: Breakfast:** Muffin, cereal, fruit, juice and milk.

**Lunch:** Fish sticks, garlic-buttered mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, bread, fruit, and milk.

**Fri: Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Hamburger w/ bun, sweet potatoe fries, fruit, and milk.

### RLCC hosts Wrestling Triangular

*By Julia Bernstein*

Red Lake County Central hosted a wrestling triangular Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. The teams who participated in the triangular were the RLCC Mustangs, Crookston Pirates and the Fosston-Bagley.

In the 113 lb weight class against the Pirates, Paul DeHate was pinned by Zack Brown in 3:43. At 120 lbs Bryce Bergerson won a 5-2 decision over Nolan Dans. Dylan Gustafson lost to Colton Weiland in a 12-3 decision at 145 lbs. In the 170 lbs weight class Tristyn Ferguson pinned Luis Argueta in 1:21. At 182 lbs, Kyle Gagner pinned Collin Leckie at 4:16. In the 220 lb weight class Nick Pahlen won by forfeit, and in the heavyweight class Alec Castaneda won by forfeit also. RLCC forfeited the 126, 132, and 138 lb weight classes. There were also double forfeits in the 106, 160, and 195 lb classes.

The Mustangs other match was against Fosston-Bagley. In the 113 lb weight class Paul DeHate was pinned by Carter Sorenson in :59. At 120 lbs, Bryce Bergerson was pinned in 1:27 by Brayden Sorenson. Dylan Gustafson pinned Dane Schoenborn in 5:18 in the 145 weight class. In the 170 lb weight class Tristyn Ferguson was pinned by Cole Olson in 5:02. At 182 lbs Kyle Gagner lost to Jacob Lomen by a pin in 5:30. At 220 lbs, Nick Pahlen lost in a 5-1 decision to Jake Ubert. In the heavyweight class Alec Castaneda was pinned in 1:57 by Nick Anderson. RLCC forfeited the 126, 132, 138, 152, and 195 weight classes. There were double forfeits at the 106 and 160 weight classes.

### January 13<sup>th</sup> Early Out for RLCC

*By Sarah Christensen*

The Red Lake County Central High School and Elementary School have an early out on Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. Students will be dismissed three hours earlier. Also the buses will be running three hours earlier.

### RLCC end of Second quarter

*By Julia Bernstein*

The second quarter ends for the Red Lake County Central Elementary and High Schools on Friday January 13<sup>th</sup>.



Red Lake County Central school board members Darby Trontvedt, Marcella Melby, Danielle Paradis, and Jason Cater are ending their terms of service to RLCC School District 2906.

## RLCC School Board Members Ending Their Service

*By: Sarah Christensen, Marie Johnson, Hannah Riendeau, and Sydnie Gunderson*

Four Red Lake County Central school board members with a total of 30 years of service to the Oklee, Plummer, and RLCC School Districts have chosen not to run again. Those leaving the board at the end of 2016 were Jason Cater, Marcella Melby, Danielle Paradis, and Darby Trontvedt.

Before consolidation Oklee and Plummer School Districts each had six board seats. In July 2013 when the two districts consolidated into Red Lake County Central District 2906, there were 12 board members. In 2014, it was reduced to nine board seats. The number of board seats was again reduced from nine to six in 2016. The current school board is now comprised of Tom Bray, Jody Duden, Lowell Hamrum, Matt Kolstoe, Pam Paradis, and Dave Person.

RLCC extends thanks to these four who have been willing to devote their time, energy, and expertise to the school district throughout their years of service. They held board offices and served on various board committees. They also were involved in the process of bringing the two districts into one consolidated district.

Each board member who was going off the board was asked to share about their decision to run as a school board candidate, accomplishments and positive improvements, future challenges, and why they chose not to run again.

#### Jason Cater

Jason Cater was asked by a local school board member if he had any interest in serving on the school board. He considered it and decided to run since “my kids were getting older so my interest in school polices was growing. Also, I am a taxpayer in the district so I felt it was a way to influence where those dollars go.” He served on the board for six years from 2010-2016. During those years he was on the classified and nonclassified staff negotiation committees.

Cater learned a lot while being a school board member. He learned how the school is financed and where the money comes from and where it goes. Cater thought “working to improve student outcomes was also very challenging. I wouldn’t say board members influence that directly but they do set the policies that the administration and teachers put into place.” Although school board members have a big influence, Cater believes parents can also impact what happens at the school.

Cater’s accomplishment while being a school board member was the consolidation of the two schools. He feels “it has worked well to date although there are always some challenges.” Cater also sees facilities challenges in the future including what is needed and how to pay for it as well as the challenges of having two sites. “I would suggest that in the not too distant future a long term plan for facilities will have to be discussed. Maybe nothing changes but it will have to be discussed. Easy questions but always difficult to answer.”

Teacher evaluations, interpreting them, then making changes based on the interpretation may also be a challenge. He would like it to be seen as a win-win situation instead of confrontational.

Even though Cater was on the school board for six years it still is more challenging. “Sometimes the more you know and learn, the more you feel responsible for the outcomes. To be a good school board member you do need to put in time outside of the meetings. Initially I felt the longer I served the more comfortable I would become but that wasn’t the case. The longer you serve the more invested you become in outcomes and it can lead to some sleepless nights. I felt I had a good relationship with the administration and we have good people (teachers and other staff) working there. But it is time for something else and the school is in good hands with the current administration and school board.”

#### Marcella Melby

After serving four years

on the school board from 2012-2016, Marcella Melby has chosen not to run again. Melby decided to be a school board member because she wanted to be involved in the education of the youth in the Oklee and Brooks area. Melby had thought that “the consolidation was going to be an important upcoming topic.” She had wanted to be a part of helping make the transition go as smoothly as possible. After consolidation with the Plummer School, Melby was able to serve as a board member for all three communities. Melby was the board treasurer during 2015.

Melby said she “enjoyed getting updates about what the students were doing and learning in school.” Some of the biggest accomplishments that Melby felt she did while she was a school board member was how smoothly the consolidation of the Oklee and Plummer school districts went. Melby said, “I feel that was a big accomplishment for both of the Boards.” She also said there has been nice improvements to the school facilities over the years.

Some challenges Melby sees in the future are staying up to date with all of the changes in the legislature. Melby noted that “We are also facing a teacher shortage in Minnesota that both the state and school districts will need to find new ways to address in order to find highly qualified teachers in all areas of our students’ education.”

Melby decided to not run again for her position because she thought that four years ago a top priority was the consolidation of the districts. Over the next two elections they needed to reduce their new board from 12 down to six. There were six terms ending this year with only three board seats available. Melby felt “confident that the people running for the three available spots would be valuable assets to the board,” so she chose not to run for another term.

#### Danielle Paradis

Danielle Paradis decided to get involved with the school board because she had two

children in the school and she also “wanted to see the school continue to succeed.” Paradis had graduated from Oklee High School and “is very proud and thankful for our small school.” She was on the school board from 2004-2016 for a total of 12 years and has been involved with the negotiations and served as secretary and treasurer.

Paradis has been through many changes the school has experienced. “I think the most positive thing that happened while I was on the school board was the consolidation of the two schools.” When she started serving on the school board, the two schools had a pairing and sharing agreement and had two separate school boards.

She believes “there will always be challenges to keep up with the legislative changes” affecting the school. After being on the school board for three four-year terms, Paradis decided it was time for someone else to serve on the board.

#### Darby Trontvedt

Darby Trontvedt has been a member of the school board for eight years from 2008-2016. She first became a member because she was “curious how the school system worked and why things are done the way they are.” She was interested in many things including improvements in our buildings, busing, and teacher contracts. Trontvedt has served as the school board clerk for the last three terms.

When asked about accomplishments and positive improvements, she commented, “I feel making the transition of consolidating the two school districts went very smooth, also all of the choices the children have for online courses.” Balancing the budget and the cost of the upkeep on the buildings are two challenges she feels the school will see in the future.

Trontvedt has chosen not to run again since her children have graduated. She also wanted to “give another parent with children in the school district the opportunity to be a part of the decision-making with the future of our schools.”

For more information, call Steve Philion at 253-2499.

### Oklee Ice Skating Rink Open

*By Marie Johnson*

The ice skating rink in Oklee has been opened. The rink is open Monday to Friday 3:30 pm to 8:00 pm, Saturdays 9:00 am to 8:00 pm, and Sundays 12 noon to 8:00 pm. The ice skating rink is open to the public. The skating rink will remain closed on days of home school events.

The skating rink is sponsored by RLCC Community Education.



# Oklee Herald Early Files

## Seventy Years Ago January 16, 1947

A midwinter blizzard swept over Minnesota and North Dakota the first part of the week, starting on Monday evening and continuing all day Tuesday.

Sam Gibeau and Alfred Bachand of Oklee and Gust Synder of Fisher returned here Thursday after an ice fishing trip to Lake Winnibigoshish.

Magnell Motors of Oklee will have its grand opening on Saturday, January 18th with free coffee and donuts being served.

The Oklee Independents scored 8 points in less than two minutes of play in Plummer but lost the game by the score of 54 to 52.

## Sixty Years Ago January 10, 1957

About 125 friends and relatives and neighbors dropped in at the Russell Norberg home east of here on Sunday afternoon and evening on the occasion of their "open house" celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

The Oklee Fire Department was called to the Ingvald Olson farm northeast of town on Wednesday forenoon to check a chimney fire. No damage was reported.

A new electrically operated bell system and bulk fuel oil tank holding 4500 gallons of oil have been installed at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Terrebonne.

## Fifty Years Ago January 12, 1967

Emile Neadeau was named president of the Oklee Community Club at the civic

organizations annual meeting held at the Corner Café.

Three Oklee businesses are holding "Open House" this weekend. Vern's Red Owl, Oklee Radio & Television and the Farmer's Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Solheim of Trail announced the engagement of their daughter, Lynette to Raymond Sundrud, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orvin Sundrud of Fosston.

## Forty Years Ago January 13, 1977

Without an official Mayor since December 1<sup>st</sup>, 1976, the Oklee City Council will attempt to resolve the question in a special meeting to be held in the Oklee Municipal Center on January 14<sup>th</sup>. The appointment of a new Mayor comes as a result of the November 2<sup>nd</sup> general election. At that time, Mr. K.B. Knutson defeated incumbent Mayor Alvin Jensen. At the regular meeting in December, Mr. Knutson declined the mayorship and state law does not provide for a special election.

Br-r-r-r-r it's been quite weather for Eskimos and penguins in Oklee the few days with reports of lows as cold as minus 35 in Oklee. The nations official low was at Thorholte where it reached 44 below 0.

## Thirty Years Ago January 14, 1987

In a closed meeting held Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, Mayor Shirley Cyr swore in newly elected Ilene Bergerson. It was also decided at this closed meeting that the office of City Clerk/Treasurer would be eliminated and duties added to the duties of the

Oklee Municipal Liquor Store manager Leo Olson as a cost savings to the City. Many disapproving voices were heard at their regular meeting held on January 12<sup>th</sup>.

The Red Lake County Court Administrator's office recorded 46 births and 59 deaths for 1986.

## Twenty Years Ago January 3, 1997

Oklee's One Act Play for 1997 is "Goodbye to the Clown" by Ernest Kenoy and is being performed by Elizabeth Munt, Juli Gamm, Tracy Rystad, Kelli Jo Hofstad, Rachel Melby, Anna Rustan, and Quinn Bishop.

The Oklee and Plummer School boards met in a joint meeting Wednesday to discuss I.T.V. classes, football fields and other things.

Richard Krogstad, 57, of rural Gully lost his life due to a blizzard. His truck went off the road and he was found near his truck.

## Ten Years Ago January 11, 2007

The campaign to make the Oklee Fire District safer is a success according to new Fire Chief Darrell Tougas. After the loss of three family members, the firemen and the ambulance personnel joined forces to make sure everyone had a working fire alarm.

Tri River Pioneer museum building shell is almost completed.

Author Maggie Carlson visited with the Oklee Preschool children and read one of her books, "It Looks Dangerous to Me!"

## Senior Site News and Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

I just returned from a trip to Laughlin, NV. My regular companions were Gary and Merlaine Evje. Although, the weather was cool for that area (it was in the 40's in the morning), it was a great trip. They are such a fun couple to be with.

We were ready for the return trip at 4 o'clock when we were informed the plane was having trouble of some sort. However, they said we would be leaving about 6 p.m. We waited until 8 p.m. before we boarded, that is 10 p.m. our time. By then we were sleepy. We arrived in Bemidji at 1:00 a.m. and to bed at 2 a.m. It was a very tiring trip but we arrived to icy temperatures here. Glad

to be home.  
I still haven't read the newspapers which came while I was gone, but I'll do that after I finish this column. I haven't heard of anything exciting happening in Oklee the past few days.

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### Dates to Remember

Jan. 11: Bridge  
Jan. 12: Bingo  
Jan. 17: 5 p.m. Potluck at Cafe.  
Jan. 19: 10 a.m. Site Council meeting.  
Jan. 20: Birthday meal

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### Words of Wisdom

When in a leadership role, never show fear.  
Find something to

compliment about any meal you didn't have to prepare.

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### Joke Time

The customer wanted to buy a chicken and the butcher had only one in stock. He weighed it and said, "A beauty. That will be \$1.25, lady."

"Oh, that's not quite large enough," said the customer.

The butcher put the chicken back in the refrigerator, rolled it around on the ice several times, then put it back on the scales again.

"This one is \$1.95," he said adding his thumb for good weight.

"Oh, that's fine!" said the customer. "I'll take both of them."

## Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

An open house was held at Ultima Bank in Plummer for Elinor Olson's retirement. She had worked quite a number of years. They had subs, meat and cheese trays, veggies and dip, cake, coffee and cider. Elinor worked Friday, which was her last day.

Friday a retirement open house for Don Fox was held at the Plummer Creamery (Cenex). They had hoagie sandwiches, donuts, candies, and coffee. Some of jobs Don did were mix and haul fertilizer, worked the counter and hauled fuel.

January 1<sup>st</sup> was a beautiful day. A high of 28 degrees. The calm before the storm. I went skiing in the afternoon

and it was beautiful. Monday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> we got 1 ½ inches of snow. Then Tuesday we got 5 inches of snow with about 25 mph winds. School was still closed for vacation Monday, but Tuesday, at first buses would run 2 hours late, but then they closed most all in NW Minnesota.

Wednesday, because it had blown snow so long, the plows went out early or during the night. Some schools started 2 hours late. Temps Wednesday were 20 below. High about 8 below 0 degrees. While we were lucky to get less snow than others, the blowing snow made it difficult or impossible driving. I feel sorry for the animals, livestock, deer,

rabbits, birds, etc. They don't have it very nice during the winter.

Tuesday, I put a 300 piece puzzle together. It was so fun. I finished it Wednesday. Also, on Wednesday, Wayne Malwitz plowed out and widened my driveway across the road from me. I really appreciate it.

On New Year's Day, I called my distant cousin, Stan, in the Czech Republic. I wished him a Happy New Year. He said they only had ice, no snow there. Guess they have mild winters there.

Hopefully, I'll have more news next week. It's soup and hotdish weather. Stay warm and well. Be careful driving!

## Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

Monday again and the weather got a bit warmer over the weekend. It is promising a few more inches of snow tonight and Tuesday so get the shovels ready again. The wind is supposed to pick up again. I guess we are living in January in Minnesota so it is expected. Snowmobiling is going well and I see lots of people are out on about on the trails. Be careful though sometimes there are things under the snow hidden to the eye. Go carefully on uncharted territory. The reports of a person killed at Pine Lake over the weekend are unfortunate. Our sympathy to his family and friends.

The news is finally getting caught up on the holidays. Vern and Mary Schindler spent Christmas Eve and Christmas Day enjoying the holiday goodies. On Monday they were surprised by the Joe Pueringer family who braved the storm to come to

Grandma and Grandpa's home. They came for dinner and an afternoon of visiting opening presents and games for the younger set. The grandkids enjoyed the day and enjoyed even going outside for a bit. Merry Christmas to all.

Clarence and Diane Gagner spent time Christmas week at their son Danny's home and enjoyed the grandkids. On their way home they visited with Mae Wichterman. They also spent time at Diane's sister's home in East Grand Forks over the New Year holiday.

On Sunday of this week they went to West Fargo to visit with Mitch and Brittny Grunig, their grand-daughter and husband. They celebrated Christmas, New Year's and birthday. They returned on Sunday evening.

Pam Paradis said that she spent a quiet New year's eve. She had a bit of grandma time with Isabella and that was a highlight of the weekend. She

also went to the movies on New Year Eve night.

I love the colored lights of Christmas and wish the decorations of the holiday would stay up even longer. This year it seems that I wish they were on for much longer. We have enough darkness in our world and the bright lights warm my inner spaces. A call to take down the decorations in church went out so that people would help on Wednesday evening. It kind of sunk my heart. I wish that Christmas were a month long like the Advent we go through to prepare.

With the cold weather I haven't been out and about all week so there is nobody I saw doing good stuff. By golly though I know that there are all sorts of good people in this area. So pat yourself on the back doing those good works for others that you do. Our area is unique in it's care for other people. Keep caring!

## The American Cancer Society Health Spotlight: Cervical Cancer

Cervical cancer was once one of the most common causes of cancer death for American women. However, over the last 30 years, the cervical cancer death rate has gone down by more than 50%. The American Cancer Society fights cervical cancer on many fronts – we help women get tested for cervical cancer, help them understand their diagnosis, and help them get the treatments they need. The Society also funds new research to help prevent, find, and treat cervical cancer.

Screening, along with the human papilloma virus (HPV) vaccine, can help prevent approximately 90% of cervical cancers.

The human papilloma virus, or HPV, can cause several types of cancer, including nearly all cervical cancers. While HPV vaccination can prevent many types of cancer, vaccination rates remain too low. HPV vaccines are safe and effective, and work best if given before an infection occurs. That's why, in part, the American Cancer Society recommends starting at ages 11 or 12.

As of January 2017, the American Cancer Society is funding 26 research grants totaling more than \$4.5 million

to help prevent, find, and treat cervical cancer.

The American Cancer Society has been funding cancer research since 1946. Over the last 30 years, the cervical cancer death rate has declined by more than 50%. One of the main reasons for this is increased use of the Pap test which was developed by George Papanicolaou in the 1923. It wasn't until the American Cancer Society actively promoted the test during the early 1960s that the Pap test became widely used.

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## RED LAKE COUNTY SMALL BUSINESS AND POTENTIAL STARTUP ENTERPRISES

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**For more information, contact the Red Lake County Economic Development home office at 1-218-253-2897.**

**Or call David Ste. Marie, Red Lake Falls, 218-698-4279; Mike Spurgin, Red Lake Falls, 218-465-4648 or Leo Olson, Oklee, 218-796-5656.**

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## Red Lake County Extension Educator

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## New Polk and Clearwater County Extension Educator hired

On January 9<sup>th</sup>, Eli Gindele will be assuming duties as the Extension Educator in Polk and Clearwater Counties with emphasis in Agricultural Production Systems/Home and Community Horticulture. I encourage farmers, homeowners, and members of our local communities to welcome Eli to the area as he starts his new duties with the U of M Extension Service. The two counties are continuing to support the position on a 60% basis, the same as when Mr. Jim Stordahl worked before

his retirement last June. As of this writing I'm not sure what Eli's scheduled office hours will be in McIntosh and Bagley but feel free to contact him at 218-563-2465 (McIntosh) and 218-694-6151 (Bagley). I would encourage calling first before a visit because of the part-time nature of the position and the dual offices. You may also be able to reach him on the Extension Cell at 218-280-1129.

I thank you for your support, visits, and calls while I worked

the Interim position and encourage you to continue to utilize the resources your University of Minnesota and Counties bring to you. I will continue on as the Interim Extension Educator for a couple of more weeks to help orientate Eli in his new position. As I leave this position, I will be focusing some of my available time, working with landowners/producers through the Mahnomen Soil and Water Conservation District. Again thank you for your support.

Wednesday, January 11, 2017

## Red Lake County Extension Educator

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## Early Season Cover Crop (Part 3)

Most farmers are now starting to plan their crops for the 2017 growing season. Jodi DeJong-Hughes; U M Crops Extension Educator indicates that farmers should not only be planning their major cash income crop for the year, but also start thinking about and planning for a cover crop they could work into their cropping system. When they do; she says they should keep it simple. Early harvested crops in our area; especially small grains gives producers an opportunity to plant a cover crop that has many benefits.

What are some of those benefits? Some of the benefits farmers can gain by growing a cover crop include; improving water infiltration, reducing soil erosion, scavenging excess nitrogen and phosphorus, providing nutrients, using excess moisture, extending the grazing season, improving soil health, and providing a food source for pollinators.

How and when should a producer get started with cover crops? The best approach is to keep it simple. In fields where wheat will be harvested; consider letting the wheat reseed itself without tilling the land. As long as the soil is covered, this would be considered a cover crop. However, this may cause issues by creating a wet mat of plant residue on the soil surface in the spring. Another option to consider is to seed cereal

rye into volunteer wheat, so the rye can utilize any extra moisture that may be present in the spring. When starting out, using one or two cover crops is an excellent way to get acquainted with their benefits. With lower commodity prices, expensive seed mixes are not necessary. The most popular choices are forage radish and cereal rye. Before choosing a cover crop, consider the following issues.

1. WHAT IS MY CROP ROTATION AND HARVEST TIMING? If sugar beets have just been harvested, brassicas, (turnips, canola, or radishes) will not be needed in the cover crop mix as there isn't enough time for adequate growth to justify the cost. Instead, plant a small grain or grass. If the field is going to be wheat the next spring, then do not use cereal rye as a cover crop. Instead, choose oats, so that any volunteers that come up in the wheat crop can be killed.

If cover crops can be seeded around mid August, use cool season crops. These may include forage peas, barley, wheat and triticale. In our northern climate, there may not be enough time to truly benefit from a legume's nitrogen credit when they are planted in late summer. Herbicide carryover and rotation restrictions are another consideration when planting cover crops. Look at herbicide product labels or call an agronomist for exact

restrictions. The University of Wisconsin has a helpful, in depth fact sheet that can be used as a guide: HERBICIDE ROTATION RESTRICTIONS IN FORAGES AND COVER CROPPING SYSTEMS which can be obtained at the website; (ipcm.wisc.edu).

2. DO I WANT A COVER CROP THAT WILL OVERWINTER? A cover crop that overwinters will provide the best soil protection through the winter and into spring. However, it will need to be terminated before the cash crop is planted in the spring. A combination of cereal rye, which will overwinter, and radish (which will winter kill) is an example of a mix where the rye provides added soil protection, while the radish residue decomposes quickly. For a quick grain that does not overwinter, seeding barley in the fall is a good option. While typically winter killed, it should be noted that turnips overwintered in parts of North Dakota and Minnesota in the 2015-2016 winter. However, if radish is in the mix and there aren't grazing cattle, then another cover crop that serves the same purpose as radish isn't needed.

3. HOW SHOULD COVER CROPS BE SEEDED? There are several choices for seeding cover crops. They include a no till drill, slurry seeded, broadcast and lightly incorporated for seed to soil contact, or by airplane. If the soil is moist, all of these methods are viable options. If the soil is dry, leaving the seeds on the soil surface will reduce germination and coverage during the fall. Oats are better equipped to be seeded a little deeper if soil moisture is a concern. Peas also need to be seeded deeper than most other cover crops. In general, when broadcasting or flying on cover crops, smaller seeds are a better choice: radish, turnip, flax, dwarf Essex, rapeseed, cereal rye, or barley. Larger seeded crops, like peas, sunflowers, etc. should not be broadcast or flown on.

Producers are encouraged to consult with seed dealers and other sources for selecting the right mix and rates for specific field and crop rotation situations. Consider visiting U of M and NDSU EXTENSION websites, MIDWEST COVER CROP COUNCIL, and NRCS publications for more information. You can also contact Jodie DeJong-Hughes by e mail at dejon003@umn.edu with questions or concerns.

Cover crops can be an excellent addition to crop rotations as they improve water infiltration and reduce erosion. Trying one to two species of cover crops and planting them in early harvested fields will set up the fields for long term success.

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

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