

Oklee Precipitation By Einar Kvasager		
	Rain	Snow
Nov. 14		Trace
Nov. 15		Trace
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...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

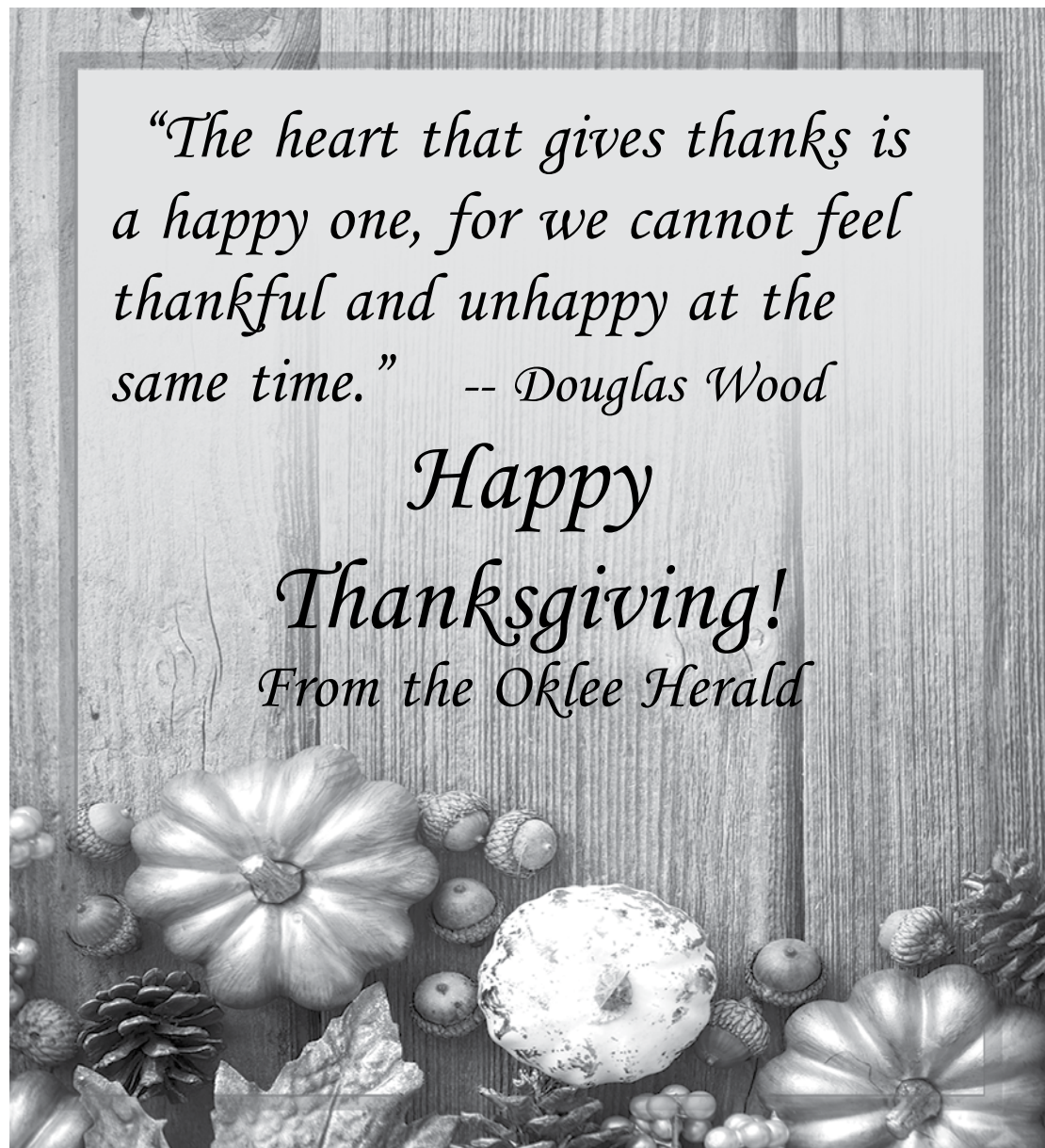
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“The heart that gives thanks is a happy one, for we cannot feel thankful and unhappy at the same time.” -- Douglas Wood

**Happy
Thanksgiving!**
From the Oklee Herald

Governor Walz unveils new restrictions because COVID-19 numbers and deaths are rising

Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz on November 18th, in a state-wide-televised address unveiled new restrictions that went into effect Friday, November 20 aimed at curbing the skyrocketing numbers of Covid-19.

“Much has been asked of you. And I need to ask a little more,” Gov. Walz said during the televised address.

Bars and restaurants will close for four weeks and can only offer takeout and delivery while gyms, bowling alleys, theaters, and museums will be required to close their doors completely during the four-week period. Youth and high school sports are also being paused during the four-week period. College sports are not affected by the new order, as are professional sports.

The governor's new tough measures come in the wake of the new Minnesota Department of Health data that shows hospitals, including their ICUs are at capacity mostly with coronavirus patients as hospitalizations and deaths climb. Hospital administrators have been urging the governor to

invoke the new measures so the hospital systems can cope. Thousands of medical staff have also been infected with Mayo Clinic announcing that 900 of their staff have been infected creating a staffing nightmare.

Most COVID-19 outbreaks since June have been traced to bars and restaurants, wedding receptions, gyms and sporting events. Bars and restaurants alone accounted for 3,200 cases since June while wedding receptions contributed 950 of the climbing numbers.

Minnesotans are also required to adhere to restrictions on private gatherings by restricting gatherings to those from their immediate household.

To continue operating Retail stores, places of worship will continue to operate under previous guidelines because state health officials have said previously that these settings are not contributing to the

spread because Minnesotans spend less time there and they wear masks. Salons can also continue operating under the existing COVID-19 guidelines.

Governor Walz is excited about the new COVID-19 vaccinations announced recently by Pfizer and Moderna saying they should give people hope that restrictions like the ones he announced will become unnecessary in the near future.

“We’ve got a light at the end of the tunnel. I believe with every fiber of my being that there’s an incredibly strong possibility, more like a probability, that we will be vaccinating people before the end of this four-week pause in our long-term care facilities and our frontline health care providers,” he said. “We can do this, Minnesota. We can get this right.”

Those caught violating the governor's executive orders could face a \$1,000 fine or up to 90 days in jail.



Oklee Lutheran Parish (Salem & Zion members) worked on making quilts to donate. This fall they donated 87 quilts to Violence Intervention Project (TRF), Pathfinders, Clear Water Life (Gonvick), Crookston Missions, Veteran's Administration, and Dialysis. Zion's Graduate student Jacob Olson, also received a quilt. The quilters were Irene Rosten, Ginny Stonehouse, Betty Halverson, LaVonne Brown, Ione Nelson and Kaye Munt. Anyone is welcome to join them on Tuesdays at Zion. Masks are required.

Can You Recognize Signs of Stroke?

(StatePoint) Many people are avoiding in-person doctor's visits to limit potential exposure to coronavirus -- or are simply ignoring health concerns altogether. However, when it comes to medical emergencies such as stroke, immediate medical attention is critical.

The fifth leading cause of death in the U.S., stroke occurs every 40 seconds and it can happen to anyone, of any age, at any time. When 59-year-old Paul “David” Dyches had a stroke on the job this past August, he quickly realized something was very wrong.

“I never experienced a feeling like this before, and I knew we had to do something right away,” says Dyches, who was experiencing classic stroke symptoms of weakness in his arms and legs. Upon his arrival at the hospital, he was evaluated via tele-neurology by experts over 150 miles away. After doctors confirmed he was experiencing a stroke, they delivered treatment immediately and he was able to be discharged the following day.

While in some cases quick action can help with recovery, statistics suggest that many Americans may be avoiding hospitals when they need them most due to anxieties surrounding the pandemic. A recent study published in “JAMA Internal Medicine” showed

that emergency room visits to five major healthcare systems decreased by more than 40 percent as COVID-19 cases spiked.

As patients such as Dyches are learning firsthand, hospitals have a range of protocols in place to help keep patients and staff safe from coronavirus infection.

“The hospital staff set me at ease right away,” says Dyches.

Beyond pandemic fears, one age-old barrier to seeking timely medical attention for stroke is simply awareness of signs and symptoms. While Dyches can credit himself with recognizing a classic symptom -- arm and leg weakness -- and reacting rapidly, only one in five U.S. adults are able to recognize 10 signs and symptoms of stroke, according to a nationwide survey*. What's more, nearly 70 percent of the survey respondents say they're knowledgeable about stroke, yet 62 percent falsely believe that signs of stroke come on slowly over a day or two, when in fact symptoms of stroke can come on suddenly.

Experts say that immediate medical attention, which is vital, relies on everyone learning and being able to recognize the BE FAST signs and symptoms of a stroke in themselves and others and calling 911 immediately. BE FAST stands for Balance, Eyes, Face, Arm, Speech,

Time and refers to these signs of stroke:

- Balance: Sudden loss of balance
- Eyes: Loss of vision in one or both eyes
- Face: Face looks uneven or droopy
- Arm: Arm or leg is weak or hanging down
- Speech: Slurred speech, trouble speaking or seems confused
- Time: Immediately call 911

For more shareable information and resources, visit Stroke-awareness.com, developed by Genentech Inc, a member of the Roche Group.

“I am a testament to the fact that emergencies like stroke don't stop for a global health pandemic,” says Dyches. “Anyone who experiences stroke symptoms should call 911 and get themselves to the ER as quickly as possible.”

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*On behalf of Genentech, a nationwide Stroke Awareness Survey was conducted on March 25–April 10, 2020 among 2,009 adults ages 35+ in the U.S.

Numbers keep rising - Polk, Pennington & Red Lake

Daily Inter-County Nursing Service Covid-19 updates:

November 23rd:

There are 26 new cases to report in Pennington County, the ages of the individuals range from 18 - 70's.

There are 7 new cases to report in Red Lake County, the ages of the individuals range from 11 - 50's.

There has been 3 additional hospitalizations in Pennington County and 1 additional hospitalization in Red Lake County.

November 22nd:

There are 29 new cases to report in Pennington County, the ages of the individuals range from 12 - 80's.

There are 11 new cases to report in Red Lake County, the ages of the individuals range from 9 - 70's.

There has been 2 additional hospitalizations in Pennington County and 1 additional hospitalization in Red Lake County.

November 21st:

There are 14 new cases to report in Pennington County, the ages of the individuals range from teens - 80's.

There are 5 new cases to report in Red Lake County, the ages of the individuals range from teens - 70's.

We are sad to report that there has been an additional death in Pennington County. The individual was in their 80's. Our deepest condolences go out to the individual's family.

November 20th:

There are 16 new cases to report in Pennington County, the ages of the individuals range from teens - 80's. There has been an additional hospitalization in Pennington County.

There are 7 new cases to report in Red Lake County, the ages of the individuals range from teens - 60's.

November 19th:

There are 14 new cases to report in Pennington County, the ages of the individuals range from 6 - 80's. We are sad to report that there has been an additional death in Pennington County. The individual was in their 80's. Our deepest condolences go out to the family of the individual.

There are no new cases to report in Red Lake County.

November 18th:

There are 16 new cases to report in Pennington County, the ages of the individuals range from teens - 80's.

There are 8 new cases to report in Red Lake County, the ages of the individuals range from 2 - 50's.

November 17th:

There are 15 new cases to report in Pennington County, the ages of the individuals range from teens - 100's.

There are 10 new cases to report in Red Lake County, the ages of the individuals range from 20's - 90's.

November 16th:

There are 19 new cases to report in Pennington County, the ages of the individuals range from 20's - 60's. There has been one additional hospitalization

in Pennington County.

There are 4 new cases to report in Red Lake County, the ages of the individuals range from teens - 40's.

We are reminding people to take extra precautions during this time and avoid large gatherings, practice social distancing, wear a mask when out in public, stay home if you are sick, and practice good hand hygiene. Stay safe everyone!

Find us on Facebook

Statistics (11-23-20):

- 276,557 Positive Tests
 - 3,837,304 Complete Tests
 - 2,340,527 People tested
 - 227,311 Patients Who No Longer Need Isolation
 - 3,265 Total Deaths
 - 15,106 Total Hospitalized
- As of this printing - Total Confirmed Cases in surrounding Counties:
- Pennington County: 565 recovered cases
110 active case
32 hospitalization
6 death
 - Red Lake County: 198 recovered cases
33 active case
11 hospitalization
3 death
 - Marshall County: 427
 - Clearwater County: 435
 - Beltrami County: 1,549
 - Polk County 1949 (as of 11-19-2020)
402 active cases
17 hospitalizations
20 deaths

Essentia Health restricting hospital visitors

With the significant growth of COVID-19 cases in our communities, Essentia Health in Fosston will restrict visitors of hospitalized patients began Monday, November 23. Like other health care systems, we are taking this step to keep our patients and staff safe during a time of high community prevalence. Visitors will not be allowed in our hospital except in special circumstances and at the discretion of our care teams.

Hospitalized patients with COVID or suspected of having COVID will not be allowed visitors except for pediatric patients, patients for whom a support person has been deemed essential, obstetric patients and patients receiving end-of-life care.

For non-COVID patients, visitors will be allowed under the following circumstances:

Emergency department: One adult visitor is permitted for vulnerable adults, trauma or other patients requiring communication to a health care team on their behalf. Two adult visitors are permitted for pediatric patients.

Pediatric units: Two adult visitors are permitted per patient.

Labor and delivery units: One support person — plus a certified doula (for labor and delivery only) — for each mom.

Neonatal intensive care units (NICU): Two parents are permitted to visit at a time.

Surgery: One visitor is permitted for a vulnerable adult or other patient requiring communication to the health care

team on their behalf.

Care conferences should be done through virtual methods if possible. If visitors are needed, up to two will be allowed during the conference.

At end of life, only two visitors at a time will be allowed. Visitors can be rotated and will be required to wait outside the facility until it is their time to see the patient. Decisions regarding any variance requested for end-of-life visitation will be made by unit leadership and a patient's primary physician. Visitors under 18 are only allowed in end-of-life circumstances.

Essentia-employed chaplains are not subject to this visitor policy. At facilities with Essentia-employed chaplains, they are available for ritual, support, prayer and assisting with virtual and phone connections with family and a patient's clergy or religious leader. A patient's pastor or religious leader can visit non-COVID patients as long as the visit is not disruptive to patient care. Community clergy and religious leaders may visit patients with COVID only at end-of-life or for compassionate care and these visits should be scheduled in advance.

Special considerations for individuals and other exceptions may exist. These exceptions will be agreed upon by a patient's care team.

All visitors are required to remain in the patient's room

Essentia Restrictions
Continued to page 2.



Calendar of Events

Wed, Nov. 25:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.

Thu, Nov. 26:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.

Fri, Nov. 27:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.

Sat, Nov. 28:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!

Sun, Nov. 29:
-Worship at the church – check inside for church times and places.

Mon, Nov. 30:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.

Tue, Dec. 1:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.

Wed, Dec. 2:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
In-Person Services are on hold until after January 3rd. Sermons are on GVTEL Channel 35 (10 am Sunday & 2 pm Tuesday), also on Facebook or YouTube.

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OKLEE, GRYGLA & GOODRIDGE
Fr. Adam Hamness
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. St. Francis - Oklee. 10:15 a.m. - Grygla. 12:00 p.m. - Goodridge.
Go to: <http://www.oggcatholic.org/> for service times.

BROOKS - RED LAKE FALLS CATHOLIC PARISH
Fr. Bob Schreiner
Brooks - Red Lake Falls Catholic Parish
Fr. Bob Schreiner
Saturday: St. Joseph RLF 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: Brooks Sunday 8:00 a.m. St. Joseph 10:00 a.m.

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun, Nov. 29: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Immanuel.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Wed, Nov. 25: 6:30 p.m. Bethany.
Sun, Nov. 29: 8:30 a.m. Ekelund. 9:30 a.m. Facebook Live.
Wed, Dec. 2: 6:30 p.m. Faith. 7:30 6th grade confirmation.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth
Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseth
Wed, Nov. 25: Thanksgiving Eve: 5:00 p.m. Mt. Olive. 7:00 p.m. Nazareth.
Thu, Nov. 26: Thanksgiving Day: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri. 9:45 a.m. Oak Park.
Find services and past sermons at www.facebook.com/clearwaterlutheranparish

Sat, Nov. 28: Mt Olive: 9:00 a.m.
Sun, Nov. 29: St. Petri: 8:00 a.m. Worship. 9:15 a.m. SS; Oak Park: 8:30 a.m. SS. 9:45 a.m. Worship; Nazareth: 10:00 a.m. SS. 11:00 a.m. Worship.
Wed, Dec. 2: 5 p.m. Wednesday School.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Nov. 25: 6:25 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Sun, Nov. 29: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.

Tue, Dec. 1: 10:00 a.m. Quilting.
Wed, Dec. 2: 6:25 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, Nov. 29: 9:00 a.m. Lund. 10:30 a.m. Bethany. 1:00 p.m. Confirmation grades 7th.
CDC safety guidelines for COVID-19 will be followed.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY
Fosston
Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. Radio service continues on 96.7FM 10:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service. And on Facebook Live as well, Sunday at 10AM.

National Bible Week
November 23-30

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Any qualified candidates who wish to apply, should submit a letter of application for consideration by the Council. The term would run until a special election can be arranged.
Please apply in writing to:
City of Oklee
Derek Cross, Clerk
PO Box 190
Oklee, MN 56742
035-36C

Oklee Senior Site Dining

Nov. 30 - Dec. 4
No congregate meals served. If you are over the age of 60 and you want a meal delivered to your home, call Jo Lambert at 796-4527 or Oklee Cafe 796-5666 to order a meal. A \$5.00 per meal donation is suggested.
Mon: Hamburger with bun, ham & bean soup, milk, and dessert.
Tue: Turkey & Swiss melt on bun, hash browns, green beans, milk, and dessert.
Wed: ½ Chef salad, cottage cheese, toast, milk, and dessert.
Thu: Chicken strip, tuna mac salad, carrots, toast, milk, and dessert.
Fri: ½ Hot pork, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, milk, and dessert.

Deadline: Friday's at noon!



Here are a couple more photos of the Trunk or Treat vehicles. They all did a great job!

Sudoku Solution

6	7	1	9	3	2	4	8	5
9	2	8	7	4	5	1	6	3
5	3	4	1	6	8	2	7	9
2	8	5	4	7	3	6	9	1
7	4	9	5	1	6	8	3	2
3	1	6	2	8	9	7	5	4
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Essentia Restrictions Continued from page 1.

And are expected to wear a mask and eye protection at all times. Anyone who is sick or showing symptoms of COVID won't be allowed to visit patients.

In addition, Essentia Health will no longer allow visitors in the hospital cafeteria. Those hospital visitors who are allowed to visit under the policy exceptions will be able to order

trays of food to the hospital room.

At this time, visitors are still allowed in the clinic setting. We ask that patients limit bringing another person with them to appointments as much as possible and limit this to those who require assistance for their visit.

These restrictions were made in accordance with our infectious-disease specialists, infection-prevention experts,

nursing and physician leaders and our emergency-preparedness teams. They are necessary with record numbers of COVID infections and hospitalizations across our region.

We realize the additional restrictions will present an emotional hardship, and Essentia Health will continue to use and support other means for connecting our patients with their loved ones, including technology.



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.

Curb-to-curb services is available, allowing those with special needs more comfortable, safe and convenient method of transportation. All of our buses are handicapped accessible and lift-equipped. All of our drivers are trained and certified.

To reserve a seat, please call one business day prior to the scheduled trip - 1-800-201-3432.

The new schedule started 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.

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City of Oklee Residents

Garbage will be picked up in the streets starting December 2nd.



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Oklee Santa Claus Day Notice

Due to the current concern with Covid-19 Santa will not be coming to the Oklee Hall to visit this year. We want to keep Santa safe for Christmas delivery.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will continue to wear their masks but remember he can still see you. Happy Holidays from the Oklee Community Club and Santa & Mrs. Claus



ATTENTION

RED LAKE COUNTY SMALL BUSINESS AND POTENTIAL STARTUP ENTERPRISES

The Red Lake County Economic Development Corporation can help you start your own business or expand an existing one. We are here to assist with a five (5) year loan for an amount up to \$20,000 at 2% APR. The business must be located in Red Lake County.

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

Or call Mike Spurgin, 218-465-4648; Allen Bertilrud, 218-684-1315; or Kelsey Gervais, 218-686-5114. 043-43C (2x/mo.)

Counting Our Blessings This Thanksgiving

In the autumn of 1621, the Pilgrims invited their Indian friends to join them in a three day festival. It was a time to give thanks to God for the year's blessings and for a successful harvest.

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." - Psalm 33:12

We hope you and your family have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

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RLCC Menus

Nov. 30 – Dec. 4

Oklee

Monday: Breakfast: S'Mores, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken fajita, Spanish rice, refried beans, lettuce, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Apple turnover, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Ham patty w/bun, tots, corn, pineapple, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Cereal, Poptart, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Orange chicken, fried rice, egg roll, steamed broccoli, peaches, fortune cookie, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Waffle w/syrup, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken bacon ranch hotdish, green beans, mixed fruit, yogurt or string cheese, and milk.

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

Plummer

Monday: Breakfast: Apple filled donut, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Corn dog, macaroni & cheese, broccoli cups, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Hamburger w/bun, cheese, fries, beets, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Egg wrap, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken fajita, toppings, corn, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Shredded pork w/bun, baked beans, carrots, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: French toast sticks, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Pizza Pocket, mixed vegetables, red peppers w/ranch, fruit, and milk.



Schedules subject to changes - please check the school web site at <https://www.rlcc2906.org/>

Basketball: Girls Varsity

Mon, Dec 7: Opening Day TBD

Thu, Dec 17: 6:00PM Sacred Heart High School @ Oklee School

Fri, Dec 18: 6:00PM Stephen-Argyle Central @ Oklee School

Tue, Dec 22: 6:00PM Away vs. Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears @ Clearbrook-Gonvick High School

**Basketball:
Boys Varsity**

Mon, Nov 23: Opening Day TBD RLC Basketball

Tue, Dec 8: 6:00PM RLC vs. East Grand Forks Green Wave @ Red Lake Falls High School

Fri, Dec 11: 6:00PM RLC vs. Stephen-Argyle Central Stephen-Argyle Central High School

Tue, Dec 15: 6:00PM RLC vs. BGMR @ Greenbush-Middle River High School

Tue, Dec 22: 6:00PM RLC vs. Goodridge-Grygla @ Oklee School

Thu, Jan 7: 6:00PM RLC vs. Fosston @ Fosston High School

Wrestling: Varsity

Mon, Nov 30: 1st Day of Practice TBD Away vs. TBA

Thu, Dec 17: Tri TBD Away vs. Multiple Schools

Tue, Jan 5: Tri 5:00PM Away vs. Multiple Schools Walker-Hackensack-Akeley High School

Tue, Jan 12: Triangular TBD Away vs. Multiple Schools @ Mahnomen High School

JoAnn Lundeen Joins Staff as a paraprofessional at RLCC High School



JoAnn Lundeen new Paraprofessional at RLCC High School.

By Leilah VanDam

Mrs. JoAnn Lundeen is a new paraprofessional at Red Lake County Central High School. Mrs. Lundeen is married to Gary Lundeen. They have 5 children and 9 grandchildren. She loves to travel in the winter months to enjoy some warmer climate. She also loves gardening

and spending time with my family and friends.

For high school she attended Goodridge High School and for college she attended American Commercial College in Abilene, Texas. After taking the para position, we asked her what her thoughts were on the school. She said "I love the "small school" atmosphere. Everyone knows everyone and helps each other out when needed." She said her thoughts on the students were that the Oklee Student body has a great bunch of "kids" and was happy to come to the school because three of her five children had graduated from Oklee. She says that helping children succeed in class is important, she says "Our hope is to have every child succeed. I will do my part to assist in any way possible way, teaching and assisting any student when needed."

She has never worked in another school district before. The closest she has been is being a licensed daycare for 20 years in North Dakota and Texas. She was a Dealer Support Rep at Arctic Cat/Textron Specialized Vehicles for 25 years, after that she took an early retirement. She wanted to find a job by winter and the Para job was brought to her attention. She says "I applied for the para position and was lucky to be offered the job."

We asked one of our teachers, Ms. Jessie Hamrum her thoughts on Mrs. JoAnn Lundeen, she said "JoAnn has been a great addition to our staff! She jumps in wherever needed and is always willing to help out."

Writers & Writing by Michael Tidemann

Tidemann started his journalism career at the Bismarck Tribune in 1978 and began college teaching career as a graduate teaching assistant at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion in 1977. He has worked at newspapers in Iowa and the Dakotas and his work has appeared in Overdrive, Writer's Journal, the San Diego Union-Tribune and Snowmobile. (Michael Tidemann writes from Estherville, Iowa. His author page is [amazon.com/author/michaeltidemann](https://www.amazon.com/author/michaeltidemann).)



Novel highlights Midwest human trafficking

Anyone who doesn't think human trafficking is a problem in the small-town Midwest should read J.D. Erickson's entertaining and enlightening novel, *Angels of the Night*. Erickson lives in Sioux Falls, S.D.

Police and anti-human trafficking activists are beset with a slate of trafficking victims who find themselves embroiled in several ways. Most tragic was the case of Mary Jacinto, a Latina woman whose battered and bruised body was found in a park restroom.

However, the police and activists can't go it alone. They're assisted by the divine help of Angel Billy, a huge man of color who intercedes at key times to help victims, and also to warn those traffickers wise enough to hear his sage and heavenly advice.

When Taney Smithson, described as the creator and driving force of SAFE, a non-profit that saved victims of sex trafficking, relates the story of one victim, Wendy Mahew, to Police Chief Ted Storm, Smithson's reaction to Mahew's story is very credible.

"Taney shook her head, 'She says an angel brought her here,' Taney said." Mahew was somehow transported from a Kansas City, Mo., hospital to

Taney. Taney's reaction, as well as Chief Storm's, makes the story real for the reader.

The same goes for Bethany, another victim fleeing human traffickers.

"She slept and woke again, only to find the black man's warm hand covering her own right hand. There were empty seats on the bus. She was a white woman with swollen, red

eyes and face, and yet here he was. The warmth of his hand radiated through her, calming her. It was a strong hand. It seemed perfectly natural to be holding hands with a stranger as they rolled through the countryside.

"Her sudden vision of that strong hand holding a golden, flaming sword startled her, and she pulled her hand away. When she looked into his face, she saw that his eyes were closed."

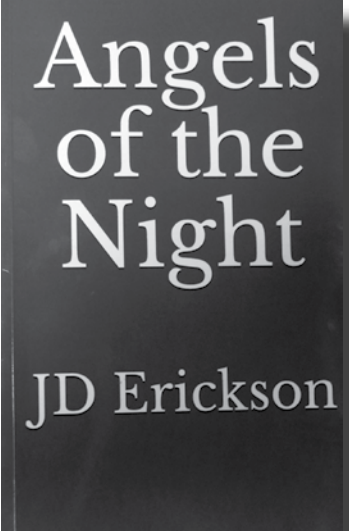
Angel Billy appeared yet again to Samantha, a would-be victim.

"I supposed he was an undercover guy. A black guy, tall, wearing a flannel shirt," she said, looking around the room again."

Angel Billy makes a final appearance at the end of the novel when he tells trafficking mobster Tony Lakso, "You have much to account for."

While it also has its lighter moments, Erickson's novel still highlights the tragedy of human trafficking, making us realize that all of us can be angels.

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Red Lake Falls Library

The Red Lake Falls branch of NWRL will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26. Regular hours will resume the next day, Friday - noon to 5 pm, and Saturday 10-2.

Effective January 1, 2021 the open hours at the Red Lake Falls Public Library will change slightly to make Tuesday through Friday hours as 12 noon to 6 pm. Saturday hours will remain the same, 10 am to 2 pm. This change, which shortens Tuesday and Wednesday by 1 hour and extends Thursday and Friday by one additional hour each, has been decided based on patron usage and demand, since the

6 o'clock hour has little or no traffic, but the 5 o'clock hour has more patron activity. This should help provide a more useful schedule, tailored to our community, while retaining all of the current 28 weekly hours of operation.

Librarians' choice for adult nonfiction reading this week is from November issue of Primary Doctor Medical Journal which includes article entitled "Masks, False Safety Real Dangers - Part 1: Friable

Mask Particulate and Lung Vulnerability, Part 2: Microbial Challenges from Masks and Part 3 - Hypoxia, Hypercapnia and Physiological Effects" by Boris A. Borovoy, MPH, Master in Public Health from Moscow Medical Academy; Colleen Huber, NMD, Naturopathic Medical Doctor and author of articles regarding CD19 topics for PrimaryDoctor; and Q Makeeta, DC, graduated from Pennsylvania College of Chiropractic.

Red Lake County Rebels Football Season Comes to an End

By Mustang Stampede Staff

Football season has come to an unfortunate end for the Red Lake County Rebels. Due to Covid 19, the Rebels have had to shut down their season for the year as many other schools across the state. Despite the cancellation of the tournament game they were to play on November 21st against the Polk County West Thunder, senior players appreciate the enormous amounts of support going out towards them. They appreciate all of the parents who came to watch them play, which got them excited to play for the season. The Red Lake County Rebel Football team includes Zak Kennett, Zach Howard, Andrew Gryskiewicz, Andrew Johnson, Carter Williams, Tristyn Ferguson, Wakely Bryl, Isaiah Olson, Isaiah Aquino, Baley Hince, and Jordan Kasproicz, and Brayden Swendra.

Rebel team members and Mustang Stampede staff members Zach Howard and Andrew Gryskiewicz commented on their season's end.

Zach Howard stated, "During my football career, my parents have been the most influential on me. My Dad has pushed me to get to where I am now. This summer, my dad took me to Colorado to a football camp. My mother has been there from a distance; she either watches or listens to the games. She messages me after every game, and it means a lot. In recent years, Kippy has been there for me supporting me every step of the way."

The football players agreed. Their parents have been a great support and influence on their success both on the field and

in the classroom. Andrew Gryskiewicz joined the Red Lake County Rebels Football team for the first time his senior year. "My parents supported me through the whole season, and I was happy because it was my first year playing football. I was having fun through the whole season with my friends."

The football players were grateful for the hard work put in by their coaches and athletic directors also. Andrew said, "Thank you to the coaches for dealing with us. Thank you to our Athletic Directors, Mr. Pederson, and Mr. Schmitz, for helping with the season. We all appreciate it. I wish this season didn't have to end. I wish that we could've played the playoff game."

The fans have been an essential support for the football team, "The football team's fan base come out every Friday night. They would come out in whatever weather or conditions we had. It meant a lot to have that as a player to fire us up on big plays and big game."

Both Zach and Andrew agreed that they would miss their team members. Zach summed it up with, "I think the thing I'm going to miss most about high school football is the team, we grew over the years as a team. Most importantly, I looked at them as a group of brothers on and off the field."

Zach was very thankful for the Rebel coaches' support, "I transferred here my sophomore year. The coaches risked it and put me in the starting lineup for offense and defense." Brian Remick is Head Coach for the RLC Football Team. Assistants include Seth Schmitz, Kory Baril, and Trevor Page.

2020 Volleyball Season Remarks from our RLCC Seniors

By Leilah VanDam, Aurimy Olson, Shyla Styles, Jeremiah Baker, and Hannah Bassage

As the Red Lake County Central Mustang Volleyball players are wrapping up the 2020 season due to Covid-19 restrictions, the Mustang Stampede asked our senior volleyball players to give some remarks about their season. Even though they missed out on the typical parents night or senior night, the girls wanted to express their appreciation to their coaches, activities director, fans, and especially their parents.

Emily Kolstoe said "I am so thankful we were able to have a season at all. Though it didn't end the way any of us planned, I still have so many memories from this year I will treasure forever. This year I have noticed so much support from my family, friends, coaches and our whole community. New restrictions made Angie and Mr. Pederson's jobs more interesting than ever before. My parents haven't missed a game my entire volleyball career this year being no exception. Along with my parents I want to mention other parents, coaches and Mr. Pederson. Without you guys this season wouldn't have gone so smoothly. To my other teammates, thank you so

much for making this year and past years so fun and special. Mustang volleyball is something I will always treasure. Thank you!"

Senior Kia Bachand said "I am very grateful for the season we were able to have even though it was cut very short for us. I am thankful for my parents, my family, my coaches, our school faculty, and all other community members that have supported my team and me these past couple years. It would have been difficult to get through this year if we didn't have everyone standing beside us! I have enjoyed being with every single one of my teammates and will miss them greatly next year! Thanks again to Angie and Rhonda for a fun and rewarding past four years and thank you to all school faculty for helping us with the difficult season! And thank you to my parents for supporting me in my athletics all throughout high school, love you both!"

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Oklee Herald Early Files

Eighty Years Ago November 21, 1940

Mr. and Mrs. Monrad Stenvold of Trail were honored Sunday by a large gathering of over 150 friends and relatives who helped them celebrate their silver wedding anniversary.

The biennial deer season in Minnesota opened last Friday and deer hunting is the principal topic of conversations. They appear to have had good luck.

The Oklee High School basketball team played their first regular game of the season at Gonvick Tuesday. Results were not available at the time we went to press.

Most of the side roads in Equality Township are blocked to automobile traffic after the severe snowstorm.

The Gully Public School did not hold classes until Wednesday of last week, due to the storm.

Seventy Years Ago November 23, 1950

A former local couple celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their home in Eau Claire, WI on Nov. 4th. They are Mr. and Mrs. Sam Farrington, who lived in this community from 1920 to 1944.

The body of Torkel Odee was found in the shack in which he had been living in King Township near McIntosh Monday afternoon. Dr. Nelson said a neighbor, Fred Jurgens, found the body, lying on the floor in an upstairs room. It was frozen. The man was 72 years of age and apparently died of a heart attack.

Garden Valley Telephone Company crews have begun installation of underground telephone cables in the Oklee in a project that will eventually remove much of the overhead wiring.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Flateland of Trail are the parents of a son born at the Fosston hospital on November 14th. He has been named Byron Blaine.

Sixty Years Ago November 24, 1960

Alfred Bergh of Oklee Recreation scratches his head as he looks over the highly complex automatic pin-setting machines installed this week. He attended a 30-day special school on the subject in Chicago last month.

Pvt. Norman Lien, son of Mr. and Mrs. T.O. Lien of Oklee is with the Adjutant General Corps working in the personnel administration. He unit has headquarters at Augsburg, Germany.

Pvt. Alden Landreville of Brooks has completed advanced individual training with the 2nd Armored Division's 41st Infantry at Fort Hood, Texas.

The Oklee Fire Department was called to the Ralph Soren-

son farm in Garnes Township on Wednesday evening. There was not damage to the building.

Melby's Fairway Foods - Register each week for a Gift-O-Rama Prizes - this week's prize: Mirro Electric Corn Popper (retail value of \$9.50).

Fifty Years Ago November 26, 1970

One Oklee lady won two turkeys in the weekend drawing sponsored by Oklee business firms. She was Mrs. Marie Nistler, whose name was drawn from Oklee Lumber Yard and Kaiser's Kozy Korner. A total of 18 turkeys were awarded.

A weekend snow storm that began Saturday night and continued through most of Sunday brought the first real taste of winter to the area. Temperatures Sunday night and Monday morning dipped below zero for the first time this season.

Those who helped Mrs. Lester Vad celebrate her birthday Friday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Vad of Highland, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Nelson and children and Mrs. Betty Hanson and Children, all of Oklee.

Poor visibility in Saturday night's snowstorm caused numerous drivers to lose their bearings and land in the ditch. At one time early Sunday morning there were five cars ditched in the first mile south of Oklee.

The senior class of Plummer High School presented "Room and Bored," a comedy in three acts, to the elementary students.

Forty Years Ago November 27, 1980

The old Oklee Herald building "bit the dust" last week. The building, now owned by Earl Swenson, was to be moved to his lot by the highway to be used for storage. The old building collapsed during the moving and will now be destroyed. The downtown lot has been cleaned and will be used by Swenson Equipment to park used cars.

Mike Dessellier has been named the Fire Chief of the Oklee Volunteer Fire Department after the resignation of Mark Hruby. The Assist. Fire Chief will be Jim Dessellier.

Leo Olson has been hired by the City of Oklee to manage the Oklee Municipal Liquor Store. Before working for the City, Leo was employed at Wennbergs in Thief River Falls.

Meet the Kindergarten featured Ryan Melby, Aaron Chervestad and Travis Nelson.

Mark Nesland and Anita Dommer of Legher, Montana were married Saturday at the Ebenezer Lutheran Church north of Oklee with Pastor Randall officiating the ceremony.

Thirty Years Ago November 28, 1990

Sara Radniecki, a senior student at Oklee High School, recently received a great honor - being named to the Minnesota Academic All State Volleyball Team, Class A. Only twelve volleyball players on Class A throughout the state of Minnesota are given this award.

The Oklee Junior Class recently held a magazine subscription drive. Receiving a stereo car cassette player with speakers was top salesman with \$950 in sales was Jody Martell; MaryBeth Erlandson was the winner of a gift certificate from the Oklee Herald and Matthew Smith won a stereo car cassette player in a drawing.

Kim Chervestad, Done Eide and Tony Furuya, who are employed by Arctco, just returned home from a business trip to Japan. They report a good time.

A blood drive was held in Oklee recently and some of those donating blood were Larry Skallet, John Lerohl, Dawn Maul, Wayne Vettleson, Loretta Flatgard, and Clarence Christianson. Norman Nelson completed giving his 32nd pint of blood. A total of 70 persons volunteered to donate blood that day.

Twenty Years Ago November 23, 2000

The County Board was shocked and extremely disappointed to receive a letter of resignation from County Engineer Tara Ratzlaff. She was the first female County Engineer hired in Minnesota.

Velma Oakland was given the Oath of Office on November 14th. She is filling in for the vacancy caused by the resignation of Kevin Amiot of District 4.

Named Red Lake County Central Mustang Fans of the Year were the Oklee Fire Department members and their wives.

Named to the North Tri County All Conference Football Team from RLCC Mustangs was Chris Nelson, Adam Koralewski and Honorable Mention was Ryan Paradis.

Named to the Polar All Conference Team from the Red Lake Central Mustang Volleyball team were Brittany Berberich, Jessica Spong and Cindy Lambert.

The movie "Dr. Suess' How the Grinch Stole Christmas" has a local connection. Taylor Momsen, who plays the little girl in the movie is related to the Sengers of Gully and Gonvick.

Ten Years Ago November 24, 2010

The last service for the parishioners of St. Frances Xavier, St. Ann and St. Clement with Father Kleinwachter was held this week. Fr. Kleinwachter took up a new assignment to a parish in Roseau that includes the parishes at Badger and Falun.

Many people came out to enjoy the Red Lake County Central High School choirs and bands at their concert on November 16th.

Annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving celebration was held on Sunday evening at St. Frances Xavier Catholic Church in Oklee. Cynthia Raiter and Neil Jensen announced their engagement and upcoming wedding on November 27th at Zion Lutheran Church.

James Dulka, son of Jim & Kathy Dulka of Oklee, is the recipient of the Argosy University, President's Leadership Award.

RLCC Riverwatch team does montly monitoring of rivers in the area. Members are Shelly Johnsrud, Trishia Braaten, Emily Riendeau, Ashley Bierman, Lael Erickson, and Cody Trontvedt.

Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteers Jo Lambert & Bonny Cote

We are going to be switching over to a new system in December for paying for your Senior Meals. A letter will be sent out to all of our senior site members that regularly receive meals.

Instead of collecting the money at the Senior Site in Oklee for your meals, please keep track of the meals you receive starting December 1st. You will receive a statement in January or February for the December meals. The suggested donation amount is \$5.00 per meal, but you may donate what you want. If you have questions, call the Senior Site at 796-5149.

The Oklee Cafe will be closing on December 17th for a couple of weeks. At that time, our Senior Meals will be coming out of Erskine's LSS kitchen. If you want to order a meal, you will have to call Jo Lambert at 796-4527 or Erskine at 687-2262. Remember you have to call the day before in order to

get a meal. You have to call on Friday for Monday's meal.

The Site is open Monday from 10am to 1pm, Tuesday 11am to 12:30pm, and Wed. 11am to 12:30pm, Thursday 11am to 12pm and Friday 10am to 1pm.

Dates to Remember

Nov. 26: Thanksgiving Day
Dec. 1: National Christmas Lights Day.

Dec. 4: National Cookie Day.

Quote of the week

"The three greatest essentials to achieve anything worth while are, first, hard work; second, stick-to-itiveness; third, common sense."

- Thomas Edison

Words of Wisdom

A woman who considers her man her "Knight in Shining Armor" may well have to clean up after his horse.

Life is like a bath...the

longer you stay in there, the more wrinkled you get.

Interesting Facts

The first American Indian Day was celebrated in May 1916 in New York. The event culminated an effort by Red Fox James, a member of the Blackfeet Nation who rode across the nation on horseback seeking approval from 24 state governments to have a day to honor American Indians. More than seven decades later, then-President George H.W. Bush in 1990 signed a joint congressional resolution designating the month of November "National American Indian Heritage Month." Similar proclamations have been issued every year since 1994 to recognize what is now called "American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month."

Have a great
Thanksgiving!



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Plummer News

By Alice Jobe
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Bob Traxler, Hayley and their dog Pearl recently came home after working down south for the summer and fall.

The deer hunters season was over and the hunters had a good time. Many were successful, but they think there's a lot of deer still out there.

Friday, the 13th, Alice Jobe went to her sister Phyllis Unruh's home south of Warroad for her birthday. She is now 73. They had lunch together and homemade chocolate cake and frosting with ice cream. Joe, Phyllis' husband, joined them later after working out in the woods as a logger.

Wednesday evening, bingo players gathered at the Legion for the last time as business places, bars, ect. Will be shut down for a month.

Independent Petroleum Services installed new gas pumps

at Red River Ag C-Store. It has a canopy over it and has touch-tone tabs to activate the pump. They were ready for use late Wednesday.

ON Thursday, Karen Tvedt, Anna DeHate, Anne Traxler and Alice Jobe went to Carol's Cozy in Brooks for potato klub (dumplings) and with 2 strips of side pork. They were very good. Dessert was apple crisp with ice cream. There was a small group there.

Brodie Traxler spent a few days with his Grandma Anna Traxler. Brodie spent time with his friends Sawyer and Connor doing fun things outside.

Recently on the "Today Show" there was a 98 year old lady named Lucy showing her baking skills. She bakes bread, rolls, pies, and cookies. She been baking since she was a girl. She was very spry and

cheerful. She gave advice about being organized and said, "if you are tired don't bake." She has a book coming out, not sure if it's about her life or about baking. She was a delightful lady. She looked much younger with her dyed hair. What an inspiration.

Pepsi plans to have apple pie flavored pop coming out this month.

I just finished the Minnesota Rocks jigsaw puzzle. It was a real challenge, but yet really fun. It's a good pass time during these difficult times.

Thanksgiving will be different for millions of American's this year. Many are choosing to stay home.

If you do travel, please be careful and wear your masks.

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone!

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

The weather has been rather nice for this time of year. There is hardly any snow on the ground and only in some spots. The temperatures are good and not below zero yet. Thank you Mother Nature.

We recently celebrated hunting season. Many people moved around, and went hunting this year. Dianne and Clarence Gagner had a few guests during the season, and she reported that they were lucky enough during the season, and bagged a few deer in their group. Visitors and hunters were Tim and Brenda Gagner of Fergus Falls, Tyler Gagner of Battle Lake who brought his children Kallyn 6, Nolan 4, and Bennett 1 ½ year old, Brittany and Mitch Grunig of West Fargo. Everyone enjoyed Dianne's great hospitality. It was good to have guests and someone at the house for a change. These are times to remember.

Delores (Mercil) DeLage has

passed away last week. She was Ralph Mercil's daughter, and battled cancer for many years. Our prayers and sympathy go out to the entire family. She is Duane DeLage's wife. There was a private funeral held for her in the cities.

My friends that come every year are out on my tree eating their fill on the flowering crab tree that I planted many years ago. Each year around the holidays the birds (Bohemian Cardinals) come to clean up the red apples that abound in the fall of the year. I love to see them come out and eat their fill.

This year they have thousands of fruits to eat off that tree. It is loaded with apples.

Our prayers continue for Francis Bradley who is battling cancer. Joanne Bradley says he feels better and is doing pretty well considering the protocol that they are following. Get well quickly Francis. We are looking forward to your smiling face gracing our town again.

We hope you have a Happy Thanksgiving, and that you will enjoy some good turkey dinners. When you go to Grandma's make sure you wear a mask. Be safe and be happy.

Who's Dat?



Who's Dat?

This week's photo is of a local family that lived near Oklee. The little girl now lives in the Cities.

Last week's photo was of the Bluemke family during Christmas 1985. Pictured was Allen, Yvonne, Richard, Audrey, Bob & Alice.

Everyone has a photo or two that would be great for this column. Please share them with our readers as it is one of most popular columns of the Oklee Herald.

I am always in need of more photos - please send or bring some more of your great old photos. School days, church events, sports, etc. If you email a photo, please scan at 300 dpi (high quality) if you can. You can email

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