



Day Light Saving Time
begins on March 14th

Oklee Herald

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Skip To Serve Winners Isabelle Paradis & Ava Kolstoe ride in Fire Truck to School



Principal Foulger, Isabelle Paradis, Ava Kolstoe and Wade Westlake.

"Skip to Serve", formally known as "Jump Rope for Heart", is a fundraiser the students of RLCC Elementary take part in to raise money for our local emergency services (Plummer Fire & Rescue, as well as Oklee Fire & Oklee Ambulance). The funds are split evenly between the three departments and used to update emergency equipment to allow them both to better serve their communities during times of need.

Students collect pledges or donations and spend two weeks completing a jump rope unit in Mr. Larson's Physical Education class. In the past two years RLCC students have raised over \$13,000! All

students who participate are guaranteed a prize and depending upon the amount of money each student raises they have the opportunity to earn extra prizes. The student who collects the most in donations is awarded a television and the opportunity to receive a ride to school in a fire truck. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, last year's winner, Isabelle Paradis was not able to collect on her ride to school, so she joined this year's winner, Ava Kolstoe. Sheriff, Mitch Bernstein escorted the fire truck with lights and sirens as the entire student body greeted the girls with cheers. Great job, Isabelle and Ava!



Ava Kolstoe with her TV



Pennington numbers still high

Daily Inter-County Nursing Service Covid-19 updates:

March 6-8th weekend:
There are 21 new cases to report in Pennington County, the individuals age range from a child under 10 to their 70's. There are no new cases to report in Red Lake County.

March 5th:
There are 7 new cases to report in Pennington County, the individuals age range from their 20's to their 60's. There are no new cases to report in Red Lake County.

March 4th:
There are 7 new cases to report in Pennington County, the individuals age range from their teens to their 70's. There are no new cases to report in Red Lake County.

March 3rd:
There are 19 new cases to report in Pennington County, the individuals age range from a child under 10 to their 60's. There are no new cases to report in Red Lake County.

March 2nd:
There are 3 new cases to report in Pennington County, the individuals are in their 20's and 30's. There are no new cases to report in Red Lake County.

TRF Armory will be offering FREE vault health saliva testing this week.

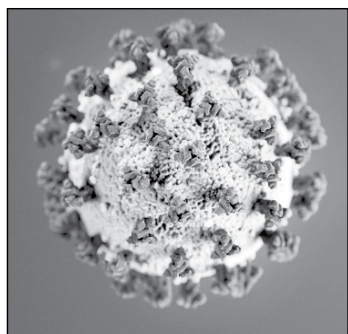
Testing site location:
Thief River Falls Armory
250 Emil St. Thief River Falls, MN 56701

Hours of operation:
Tuesday, March 9 – Thursday, March 11 Noon to 6 p.m.

Testing is open to anyone who believes they need a COVID-19 test, with or without insurance. State guidance on who should get tested was recently updated and can be found on the Minnesota COVID-19 Response webpage, <https://mn.gov/covid19/get-tested/who-should-test/index.jsp>

Those who arrive for a test should avoid eating, drinking, chewing, or smoking anything for at least 30 minutes before providing a sample. Once they arrive at the site, they will self-administer the test by salivating into a funnel attached to a small tube. Clinic staff will be available on-site to monitor the collection process.

Walk-ins are welcome. People seeking testing at the Thief River Falls site can schedule a test online through Vault Health. Results will be provided via email in approximately 48-72 hours. To schedule your test click the on this link: <https://mncovidtestingapppt.as.me/schedule.php>



Statistics (02-22-21)

- 490,483 Positive Tests
- 7,599,660 Complete Tests
- 3,539,172 People tested
- 476,856 Patients Who No Longer Need Isolation

- 6,556 Total Deaths
- 25,982 Total Hospitalized
- As of this printing - Total Confirmed Cases in surrounding Counties:

- Pennington County: 1398
1328 recovered cases
54 active case
6 current hospitalization
16 death
- Red Lake County: 361
356 recovered cases
0 active case
1 current hospitalization
5 death
- Marshall County: 787
- Clearwater County: 720
- Beltrami County: 3,395
- Polk County 3,443
(as of 3-4-2021)
94 active cases
0 current hospitalizations
63 deaths

CHS Harvest for Hunger fundraiser

On Wednesday, March 10th, Northland Grain & Ag Services will have Free Will Offering Curbside Pickup meal from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. to raise funds for the North Country Food Bank.

The Meal will be Burgers, macaroni chips, pickles, cookies and water and to order your meal, call 218-687-4400, 796-5100 or 796-5788.

Once you order, your meal will be waiting for you at the Oklee Fire Hall in Oklee.

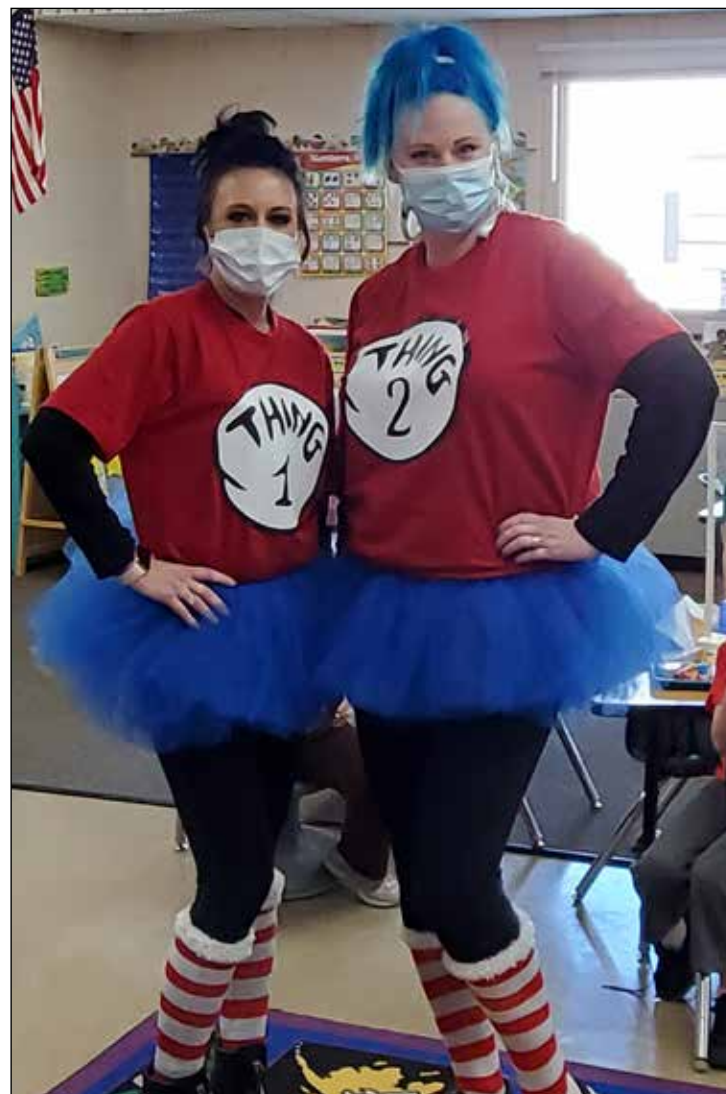
CHS Country Operations locations are working together to fight hunger.

Dr. Seuss celebrated at Elementary



Pictured with the Dr. Seuss cake was Brycin Bahmann and Lola Hendrickson.

Below: Amber Kvasager and Shannon Converse



Oklee

Precipitation

By Einar Kvasager

2020 Totals

	Rain	Snow
Jan.	0	13.375
Feb	0	2.00
Mar	0.00	0.25
Apr	0.81	4.25
May	1.23	0
Jun	5.77	0
Jul	4.75	0
Aug	6.43	0
Sep	0.74	0
Oct	0.6	5.25
Nov	0	4
Dec	0	11
	20.33	40.13

2021 Totals

	Rain	Snow
Jan.	0	2.00
Feb	0	0.50
Mar	0.00	0.25

Calendar of Events

Wed, Mar. 10:

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

Thu, Mar. 11:

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

Fri, Mar. 12:

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

Sat, Mar. 13:

- Support your local business – Shop Locally!

Sun, Mar. 14:

- Worship at the church – check inside for church times and places.

Mon, Mar. 15:

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

Tue, Mar. 16:

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

Wed, Mar. 17:

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

Protect Yourself from Social Security Scams

Scammers are pretending to be government employees. Scammers will try to scare and trick you into giving them your personal information and money. They may threaten you or your family and may demand immediate payment to avoid arrest or other legal action.

DON'T BE FOOLED! IF YOU RECEIVE A SUSPICIOUS CALL:

1. Hang up!
2. DO NOT give them money or personal information!
3. Report the scam at [OIG.SSA.GOV!](https://oig.ssa.gov)

Social Security may call you in some situations but will never:

- Threaten you
- Suspend your Social Security Number
- Demand immediate payment from you
- Require payment by cash, gift card, pre-paid debit card, or wire transfer
- Ask for gift card numbers over the phone or to wire or

mail cash

What to look out for: The call or email says there is a problem with your Social Security Number or account.

Someone asking you to pay a fine or debt with retail gift cards, wire transfers, pre-paid debit cards, internet currency, or by mailing cash.

Scammers pretend they're from Social Security or another government agency.

Caller ID or documents sent by email may look official but they are not.

Callers threaten you with arrest or other legal action. Protect yourself, friends, and family!

If you receive a questionable call, hang up and report it at oig.ssa.gov

Don't be embarrassed to report if you shared personal information or suffered a financial loss.

Learn more at oig.ssa.gov/scam and share this information with others.



Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Wed, Mar. 10: 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service at Salem.
Sun, Mar. 14: 9:00 a.m. Zion, 9:00 a.m. SS at Salem. 10:00 a.m. SS at Zion. 10:30 a.m. Salem.
Wed, Mar. 17: 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service at Zion.
 Sermons are on GVTEL Channel 35 (10 am Sunday & 2 pm Tuesday), also on Facebook or YouTube.

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OKLEE, GRYGLA & GOODRIDGE
Fr. 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, Mar. 7: 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, Mar. 10: 7:00 p.m. Worship at Bethany. 7:30 p.m. Gr.7 Confirmation
Sun, Mar. 14: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Ekelund. 9:45 a.m. Ekelund SS. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Faith.
Mon, Mar. 15: 9 a.m. Quilting at Faith.
Wed, Mar. 17: 7:00 p.m. Worship at Ekelund. 7:30 p.m. Gr.8 Confirmation.

Oklee Precipitation
By Einar Kvasager

	Rain	Snow
Feb. 27	Trace	Trace
Total	0.00	0.00

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri Pastor Jeff Merseth
Wed, Mar. 10: 5 p.m. Wednesday School. 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service at Nazareth.
Thu, Mar. 11: 5:00 p.m. Lenten Service at Mt. Olive.
Sat, Mar. 13: Mt Olive: 9:00 a.m.
Sun, Mar. 14: 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.
Tue, Mar. 16: St. Petri: 6:30 p.m. Lenten Service.
Wed, Mar. 17: 5 p.m. Wednesday School. 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service at Oak Park.
Thu, Mar. 18: 5:00 p.m. Lenten Service at Mt. Olive.
 Find services and past sermons at www.facebook.com/clearwaterlutheranparish

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Mar. 10: 6:25 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Sun, Mar. 14: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.
Tue, Mar. 16: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions.
Wed, Mar. 17: 6:25 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund Sand Valley Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Wed, Mar. 10: 7:00 p.m. Lent at LuUnd.
Sun, Mar. 14: 9:00 a.m. Lund, 10:30 a.m. Sand Valley. 1:00 p.m. Confirmation at Lund.
CDC safety guidelines for COVID-19 will be followed.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston
Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor
Sundays: 10:00 a.m.
 Services will continue to be live-streamed on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/bethelfosston>) as an alternative to attending in person.

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Oklee Senior Site Dining

March 15 - 19
 No congregate meals served. If you are over the age of 60 and you want a meal delivered to your home, call Oklee Cafe 796-5666 to order a meal. A \$5.00 per meal donation is suggested.
Mon: Ham & Swiss on bun, hash browns, peas & carrots, milk, and dessert.
Tue: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, salad, garlic toast, milk, and dessert.
Wed: Biscuits & gravy, 1 egg, hash browns, milk, and dessert.
Thu: Meatloaf, boiled potatoes, beets, bread, milk, and dessert.
Fri: BBQ on bun, macaroni salad, green beans, milk, and dessert.

NOTICE

Annual Meeting of the **Oklee-Plummer Rural Fire Association** will be held **Saturday, March 13, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.** At the Plummer Hall in Plummer MN
Steven J. Rosten Secretary/Treasurer Oklee-Plummer Rural Fire Association 050-51C

Addition to Swenson Story about painting:
 Curt Swenson is the one who sent the information about his daughter's painting that she commissioned of the street scene of Earl in his Barracuda. Curt is Earl's son.
 Sorry for not having that information clear in the article.

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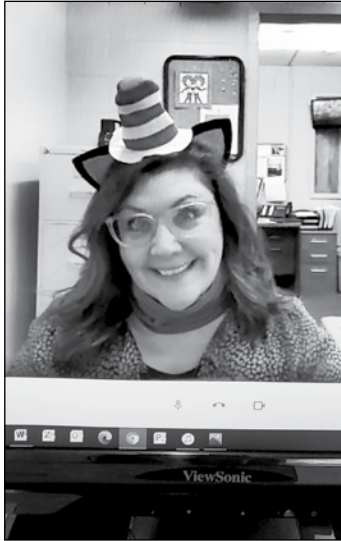
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More fun at the Elementary - 5th Grade: Back Row (L-R) Avery Nelson, Laura Conneran, Lynessa Castaneda, Keanna Landrus. Front Row (L-R) Mason Williams and Marissa Morinville



The Cat (Krista Bernstein) looked like she was Zooming from the office.



Jami Hendrickson with Keira Baker and Easton Morinville. Dr. Suess photos submitted by RLCC Elementary.

Sudoku Solution

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

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 (even)

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 RED LAKE COUNTY VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER

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1-888-LINKVET

Email: kellefsoncvso@hotmail.com 016-15C

Oklee Centennial Cookbook Recipe Corner - From page 186

Kauai Chicken
Mary (Bachand) Novacek

chicken breasts
 1/4 cup sugar
 1/4 cup brown sugar
 1/3 cup soy sauce
 2 Tbsp Hoisin sauce
 1 clove garlic, minced or pressed

Place chicken in shallow baking pan. Stir all ingredients. Spoon 1/2 of the sauce over the chicken. Bake uncovered at 400 degrees for 25 minutes. Turn chicken and add remaining sauce. Continue to bake until no longer pink, about 15 minutes.

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Serving:
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MUSTANG STAMPEDO

RLCC Menus

March 15 - 19

Oklee

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

Tuesday: Breakfast: Donut, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Rice hotdish, dinner roll, vegetables, yogurt, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: S'Mores, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Hot dog or polish, baked beans, chips, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: French toast, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken penne hotdish, bread sticks, string cheese, vegetable, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Cheese pizza, lettuce salad, fresh vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Plummer

Monday: Breakfast: Scrambled eggs w/ham, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Sloppy Joe w/bun, baked beans, celery w/PB, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Pancakes, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken rice hotdish, mixed vegetables, PB&J, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Toast, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Sub sandwich w/ lettuce & tomato, chips, Jello cup, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Muffin, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Soft shell taco, corn, tater triangles, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Cheese pizza, breadstick, salad, fruit, and milk.

RLCC Wrestlers Travel to Crookston

By Damon Ferguson and Zach Howard

On February 13th, The Red Lake County Central Mustangs traveled to Crookston to duel the Crookston Pirates and Blackduck Cass Lake Bena Bears.

The first duel for the Mustangs was against the Crookston pirates. Gunnar Sandeen would wrestle first for the Mustangs at the 152lbs weight class. Sandeen would have a hard time getting anything started and ended up getting pinned in the first by the time of 1:58. Tristyn Ferguson was up next. Ferguson would come out hot with four takedowns in the first and a pin in 1:15. Paul DeHate came out next. DeHate's first period was uneventful.

In the second period, he pinned his opponent in a time of 3:17. Zach Howard would come out at 220. Howard would fight hard in the first but ended up getting pinned in 1:35. Gunnar Sandeen had an exhibition match also. Sandeen would come out hot with a takedown and pinned his opponent in 1:30.

The next duel for the Mustangs was against the BCLB Bears. Again Sandeen would be first for the Mustangs. Sandeen would wrestle in the 145lbs weight class for this duel. He would fight hard in the first period, only giving up 6 points but would lose control in the second and lost by a pin in 3:46. Tristyn Ferguson wrestled in the 182lbs weight class. Ferguson would get lots of offense in this match and pinned his opponent in 1:30. Paul DeHate was next for the mustangs. DeHate also would have lots of offense and pinned his opponent in 1:37. Zach Howard would go out in the HWT class.

It was a slow first period for both wrestlers, but in the second, Howard would get the pin in 2:32. That would be the end of the duel. Cameron Lundeen and Nick Cervantes coach the Mustangs.



RLC Boys Basketball

Written by: Molly Smith and Gerald Melin

On February 27th, the Red Lake County Rebels Boys Basketball team played in Newfolden against the Northern Freeze. The varsity team won with a score of 59-45. The Rebels had Eric Gieseke with 15 points and 6 rebounds, Isiah Olson with 17 points, and Gerald Melin with 9 points.

On March 2nd, the Rebels

in Oklee against the Goodridge Grygla Chargers. The varsity team won with a score of 56-44. Bailey Hince had 17 points and 4 steals with 4 assists. Eric Gieseke had 15 points, 9 rebounds and 4 steals. Lewis Jones from the Chargers had 11 points and 8 rebounds, Jordan Coan had 11 points and 9 rebounds, and Ian Haugen had 10 points and 9 rebounds.



Bailey Hince makes a nice basket against the Fisher/Climax Knights. Photo by Mustang Stampedo.



Isiah Olson shoots a free throw in the game against Fisher/Climax Knights. Photo by Mustang Stampedo.

RLCC Mustangs

By Marissa Thomas and Andrew Gryskiewicz

The Red Lake County Central Mustangs hosted Goodridge-Grygla on Thursday, February 25th. The Varsity team lost with the score of 50 to the Chargers with 57. Leading the Mustangs team with field goals include Kia Bachand with nineteen points, nine rebounds, Jamie Flatgard with a double double with a total twelve points and eleven rebounds, Marissa Thomas with eleven points. The Red Lake County

Central Mustangs out rebounded the Goodridge-Grygla Chargers, forty-one to thirty-five.

On Friday, February 26th, the Red Lake County Central Mustangs hosted the Stephen-Argyle Storm in Oklee. The varsity team lost with the score of 43 to the Storm with 78. Leading the Mustangs team with field goals include Kia Bachand with fifteen points, seven rebounds, Cari Bachand with ten points Carlee Whalen with seven points.

The Red Lake County Cen-

tral Mustangs are Coached by Head Coach Mitch Bernstein and Assistant Coach Kory Baril. Next week, games from February 25th and 26th will be reported in next week's Mustang Stampedo. On Thursday, March 5th, the Mustangs travel to Win-E-Mac to take on the Patriots. Junior Varsity tips off at 6:00 and Varsity tips off at 7:30. Both games will be aired on Garden Valley Channel 30. The Mustangs take on Climax Shelly on Saturday March 6th in Oklee. Junior Varsity starts at 11:30 with Varsity starting at 1:00. Saturday's game will be aired on GVTV Channel 35.



Carlee Whalen takes a shot in game against the Chargers. Photo Submitted.



The Elementary students have been roller skating in Mr. Larson's PE class for the past few weeks. Pictured are Olin Eskeli, Olivia Benson and Lexus Waldal.

The Class of 2021



Name: Kia Bachand
Family members: Jeff & Jodi Bachand, Cade Bachand, Cari Bachand

Favorite movie: Only Marvel movie

Favorite song/band: Lord of my Life - Matt Maher

Favorite class: Math

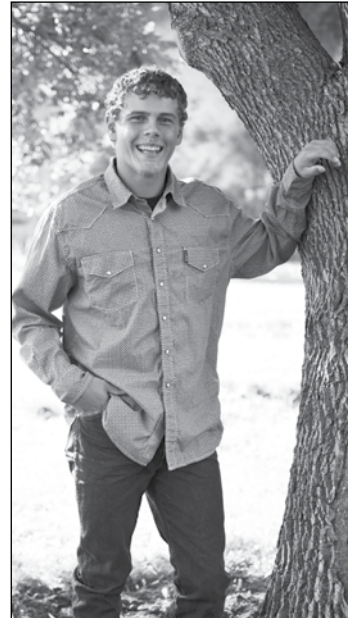
Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Basketball

Favorite teacher/coach: Mr. Paskvan

Most important person in your life: My family

Best memory from school: Scoring my 1000th point in basketball

Your plans for the future: Physical Therapy



Name: Brock Tvedt
Family members: Kevin and Tiffany Tvedt and brother Ryan

Favorite movie: Super Bad

Favorite song/band: Give Heaven some Hell by Hardy

Favorite class: Shop

Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Cross Country

Favorite teacher/coach: Mr. Moll

Most important person in your life: Jed

Best memory from school: Hanging with the boys during lunch

Your plans for the future: Going to Wahpeton for diesel mechanics



Name: Jeremy Kruchowski

Family members: Parents: Patrick & Lori Kruchowski. Siblings: Matthew, Kinsley, Jamie, Jason, Faith, Jacob, Jesse, Josh, and Corey

Favorite movie: Night School

Favorite song/band: Andy Grammer

Favorite class: Gym

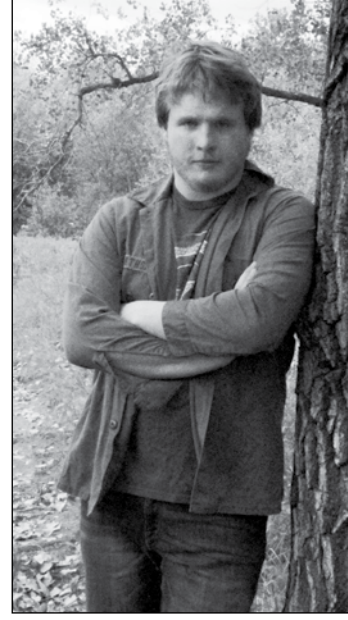
Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Basketball

Favorite teacher/coach: Mr. Baril

Most important person in your life: Dad

Best memory from school: Playing UNO in yearbook

Your plans for the future: Go to M-State for business management



Name: Elijah R. Rathack

Family members: Nichole Rathack, Raymond Rathack, Jeremiah (Remi) Rathack & Emily Rathack

Favorite movie: Hulk VS

Favorite song/band: Leave Me Alone - IDK how but they found me

Favorite class: Robotics

Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Knowledge Bowl

Favorite teacher/coach: Mr. Paskvan

Most important person in your life: My grandpa Larry

Best memory from school: I left a banana in my backpack for a few days. When I opened said backpack it had a smell of banana

Your plans for the future: Survive

Red Lake Falls Library

Winners of the Book Blizard red sweatshirts were, Shirley Johnson, Terry Weiss, Carmon Harmoning, Darold Johnston, and Kathy Walldal, and totebags Monica Stephens and Jan Kennedy.

Northwest Regional Library has begun to offer Mobile Wi-Fi Hotspots for Checkout! Mobile Hotspots allow internet connections anywhere they can get a signal on the Sprint Network (coverage map can be found at <https://coverage.sprint.com/>.) Up to 10 devices can wirelessly connect to the hotspot to get an internet connection. 11 of these hotspots are available for circulation within the region. These are only available to NWRL residents with a valid NWRL Library Card. Only one hold can be placed on a hotspot at a time. If your local library does not currently have one, place a hold and one will be sent to it. They are due 14 days after checkout. If, after 14 days, the hotspot doesn't have any holds on it, then it will automatically be renewed for another 14 days. Only 2 renewals will be allowed as long as no holds are placed on the item. Only one hotspot

can be checked out at a time per patron.

Mobile hotspots must be returned directly to the circulation desk where it was checked out, during normal library hours and not in the drop box. If not returned within 14 days after the due date, the hotspot will be marked "lost", deactivated, and patron will be billed for full replacement value (\$190). After the hotspot is marked "lost", the item cannot be returned.

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Oklee Herald Early Files

Eighty Years Ago March 6, 1941

The Oklee High School basketball team closed their regular season last Friday when they defeated Mentor in a hard-fought thrilling game. Score was 28-26.

Larry Dufault entertained a group of friends at his home Monday afternoon, the occasion being his fifth birthday. Those present were Donald Bruggerman, Kenneth Miller, Jerome Dufault and Patsy Bergeron.

Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Mickelson returned here last Thursday after spending the past two weeks visiting with relatives at Wheeler, Wisconsin.

Ferdinand Mandt of Oklee was named on the Honor Roll at the Crookston A.C. for the first six weeks of the winter term. Orlo Lintvet received a high scholarship rating.

Seventy Years Ago March 8, 1951

Abe Paquin of Oklee was a passenger aboard a Soo Line train which derailed near Buffalo, MN early Thursday morning last week. There were no injuries reported as a result of the accident.

A Holstein cow owned by Louella Farrington of Plummer last Friday gave birth to her third set of twins in four years. All three sent were born in March with two bull calves the in the first set, tow heifers in the second set and one of each in the last set.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Fortier at a Crookston hospital on Thursday, March 1st.

On February 27, Mrs. Johanna Nelson was honored on her 70th birthday.

Lloyd Cote is to be inducted in to service March 12th.

Allen Nelson was interviewed on Wednesday of last week at Fargo on the program, "Penny for Your Thoughts."

The sub-zero weather is not so welcome after the balmy weather we had last week.

Sixty Years Ago March 9, 1961

The Brooks Cheese Factory will mark its 35th year of operation Monday while at the same time noting impressive rate of growth. A.J. Parenteau came down from Canada in 1926 to launch the business and bought 330 bound of milk on opening day.

The farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert LaCoursiere south of Oklee was gutted by fire Tuesday afternoon in a blaze that destroyed or heavily damaged virtually all of the contents.

Nine 4-h Clubs in Red Lake County were formed by 136 boys and girls.

Those from this area who received mail-box drive-way service starting March 4 were Kenneth Stucy, Juell Chervestad and Orlando Chervestad.

The Depot in Plummer, effective March 4th, the Saturday relief agent at the Plummer Soo Line depot was taken off, announced Emil Larson, Depot Agent.

Direct from "The Land of the Midnight Sun," The Vikings, a widely acclaimed Scandinavian

folk-song group was planned for March 14th.

The Oklee Bobcats played on of their best ball games last Thursday afternoon at Fosston against the tough Clearbrook Hornets. The score was 34-31.

Fifty Years Ago March 11, 1971

A new look will be taken at the proposal to construct a dam on the Red Lake River south of Red Lake Falls downstream from Huot.

A painting by Russell M. Norberg is one of two paintings by Staples, MN artists to appear in Bell Telephone Company's 1971 appointment calendar. Mr. Norberg, who is now an art instructor at Staples High School and is formerly from Oklee and graduate from Oklee High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Boucher had their new little daughter Carin Marie baptized Sunday February 28th by Rev. Henry Carriere.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Nelson and family were Sunday visitors at the Wallace Nelson home to help Mark celebrate his 13th birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Mattison, Mrs. R.H. Pahlen and Mrs. Amanda Hofius of Red Lake Falls attended the wedding of Chester Yonke to Marla Holte Saturday at the Grace Lutheran Church in Grygla.

Mr. and Mrs. Juell Chervestad of Oklee announce the engagement of their daughter Joy, to Mr. James Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Johnson of Goodridge.

Forty Years Ago March 12, 1981

Bryan Delage, son of Robert and Janne Delage of Brooks has been accepted at the University of Minnesota, Morris for the fall quarter.

Joel Stolaas one 3rd place in the Heavyweight Division at the State of Minnesota Wrestling Tournament.

Julie and Gene Arveson of Trail were among seventy-six young farm couples to attend the Grain Terminal Association's Young Farmer Conference in Bismarck, ND.

Mr. and Mrs. Rene Hofstad and family, Darmes Piva, Lester LaJambe and Mr. and Mrs. Ed LaJambe and Jon were Sunday dinner guests at the Paul Hofstad home.

A bridal shower was given in honor of Mrs. Jerry Monroe, a recent bride at Immanuel Lutheran Church parlors on Sunday afternoon.

Thirty Years Ago March 13, 1991

The Oklee Brownies participated in a fun day hosted by the Mentor Girl Scouts on Saturday, March 9th. Participating were Rachel Schue, Ashley Gunderson, Emily Hagen, Kelsey Lambert, Rebecca Anderson, Sylvia Hilgeman, Angie O'Neill, Emma Rustan, Lindsay Hegge, and Anna Rustan.

The Oklee Senior Site held their spelling bee on March 8th. The pronouncer was Joan Bronken and the judges were Eileen Erlandson and Bernice Torkelson. Frances Anderson won 3rd place, Grace McManus

won 1st place, and Pauline Walker won 2nd place.

Meet the kindergarteners featured Ryan Bachand and Emily Bjerklie.

The Koskelas of rural Plummer are being selected Red Lake County Farm Family of the year. Arlan and Gerda along with their children Dean and Dixie are involved in the day to day operations. Another daughter, Debbie Walter, teaches in Rothsay. The Koskelas have lived on the farm since 1963 and milk about 35 head of cows and farm approx. 440 acres.

Twenty Years Ago March 8, 2001

Katie (Whalen) holding 10th month old son Gavin and Bo Tobiasen from Denmark were in Oklee for a visit. Katie's article talked about the difference between living in Oklee and Janderup, Denmark. Katie is Tim and Linda Whalen's daughter.

The Red Lake County Mustang boys varsity basketball team beat Lake of the Woods Bears in a very exciting overtime game with a score of 48-36.

Doug Melby, son of John & Lori Melby, was awarded February Student of the Month Award.

Meet the Kindergarten featured Dylan Brekke, Jordan Corneliusen, Robert FURNALD Jr., Zachary Grove, Maisie Januszewski, and Ethan Klasen.

Ten Years Ago March 9, 2011

This was a spur of the moment trip for Vincent and Shirley Dessellier, who shared a time-share with friends in the balmy state of Florida. Little did they know they would be experiencing history. ON February 24th, thousands gathered to was the launch of the space shuttle Discovery. After Discovery returned it was retired.

Red Lake County Central Students of the Month were Michelle Sundquist, Kevin Longtin and Nathan Magnell.

RLCC Speech team member who received ribbons at the Bemidji Speech meet were Nathan Magnell, Casandra Wollman, Emily Riendeau and Kevin Bray.

Oklee-Plummer Mustang 6th grade boys team played Sacred Heart in the final championship game. The score was 31-14 in favor of the Mustangs.

STORY TO SHARE!

If you have a story or photos you want to share, please send to:

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Who's Dat?



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This weeks photo is of three young men who had been fishing!

Last week's photo was taken in June 2012 at the 95th birthday party for Eunice Bourque at Pioneer Memorial Care Center in Erskine. Pictured beginning on the left is Paul Boucher, Elmer Hanson, Clarence Boucher and Leonard Boucher. The Bouchers' are Eunice brothers. Growing up, Elmer Hanson was their neighbor and friend living two miles east of Oklee. All are now deceased.

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



Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteers Jo Lambert & Bonny Cote

Some members of the Senior Site gathered on Friday to discuss plans for the future for the Site. Some members that served in positions have said they want to participate in the activities, but no longer want to serve on the board. Other things discussed were recruiting new members, start meeting once a month on the third Thursday at 9 a.m., have the craft shop open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday-Friday (need people for Tue - Wed - Thu) and what kind of activities we would like to offer seniors when we are able too. If any seniors have suggestions, please call the Site at 796-5149 or talk to Jo Lambert or Bonny Cote.

If you want to order a Senior Meal call the Oklee Cafe at 796-5666. Remember you have to call the day before in order to get a meal. And you have to call on Friday for Monday's meal.

We are not officially open yet working on it), but if you

are looking for a gift, you can call Bonny at the Oklee Herald office or Jo Lambert to make arrangements.

Dates to Remember

March 11: Johnny Appleseed Day.
March 12: National Girl Scout Day.
March 13: National Good Samaritan Day.
March 14: DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME!! YEAH!!
March 15: National Napping Day – Day after Return of Daylight Savings Day!

Food Facts

The average American will eat about 11.9 pounds of cereal per year.
Americans on the average eat 18 acres of pizza every day.
Coca-Cola would be green if the food colorant wasn't added.
Honey is the only food that does not spoil. Honey found in the tombs of Egyptian pharaohs has been tasted by ar-

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe

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On Saturday, February 27th, Brody Traxler celebrated his 12th birthday. He and Hudson Smeby went to Buena Vista ski slopes to ski. He also visited with his dad Bob over the weekend.

Roger and Lyn Gallant's son Adam and wife, Crystal and kids, Ethan, Owen, Mia and Calle were weekend guests. They are from Grand Forks.

On Saturday, Ryan Tvedt had his 14th birthday. Karen Tvedt went to Kevin & Tiffany Tvedt's for supper and birthday cake. His grandma Linda Whalen was also there.

On Monday evening, Tri River Pioneers met. There was some discussion about the fourth of July. Also, a door is to be installed on the north side. The guys also talked

about planting wheat out west of town this spring.

On Monday afternoon, I went skiing out in the field. It was 9 above, the high. I'm thinking that may have been the last time this winter, thought we may get a couple of inches in a few days. The warm weather is very welcome. Though it is sloppy and icy in the morning and evening sometimes.

A weather kid on Channel 11 had a cute riddle. "What do clouds wear for pants?" Answer: Thunderware!

In Warroad, which is Hockey Town, the connected three hockey rinks joins the Warroad river for 2 and a half miles, so people can skate long distances. Even one guy who hadn't skated in many years, put on

chaeologists and found edible.

Jokes

For over a year a man had eaten in a small restaurant whose sign read, "Mary's Home Cooking." But never once had he seen Mary. Finally, his curiosity got the better of him and he said to the waitress, "I've been having lunch here for a long time and Mary is never around. Where is she?" "She's just where the sign said, she is," the waitress answered, "home cooking."

Out in West Texas, a cowboy rushed out of a saloon, made a running broad jump and landed on his "sittin-spot" in the middle of the street.

Hurt yourself? Asked a bystander.

"Recon I'll live," bellowed the cowboy, dusting himself off, "but I'd sure like to get my hands on the cussed varmit who moved my horse."

his skates and joined the rest!

On February 18th, the Rover Perseverance landed on Mars. They showed rocks that have formed there. Pictures were sent from Mars.

On Saturday night, the 28th, they had a special from the Grand Ole Opry, "Feeding America." Travis Tritt and Chris Jansen sang a couple of songs together. Travis sang, "I'm Gonna Be Somebody Else Someday." He also sang his latest release, "When the World Turned Slower." Chris and Travis sang Waylon Jennings song, "I Don't Think Hank Did It This Way." Chris is an excellent harmonica player. Hopefully they raised a lot of money.

Have a good week. Stay well!

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

What nice weather we have today. It is supposed to get up into the high 50's. Enjoy it get out and walk around in this abundance of warmth.

Our community was saddened when word came that Lynette (Mercil) Grove died suddenly while visiting her Mother Lorraine Mercil. Her funeral will be tomorrow at Johnson Funeral Home. Lynette grew up in Brooks, and she graduated from Oklee High School. She married her high school sweetheart and they lived forty-five years. She retired from Cornerstone Bank just in December 2020. She was 63 years old. Our prayers and condolences go out to Lorraine and family for the loss of Lynette. May she rest in peace.

Word also came that Florence Cyr of Red Lake Falls has passed away. She will be remembered as a diligent supporter of St. Joseph's in Red Lake Falls. If there was something she could help with, she was first to volunteer. I remember her as the playground monitor rain or shine, and she volunteered for many other duties around the various organizations at the church. She will be missed by all. May God Rest her soul in peace.

Don't forget that we have to tear off the top of the blanket and sew it to the bottom to make it longer this weekend. On Sunday Daylight Savings time starts. We spring forward this week, which means we lose an hour of sleep.

Father Duane Pribula was saying Mass in the area so was invited for dinner at Jerome and Barb Novak's home on Sunday. We enjoyed talking and visiting after dinner and then he went to see his new nephew in Grand Forks.

Big news this past week was that Pope Francis went to Iraq. This is a first time that

a Pope went to Iraq. Now he is back in Rome, with a plan to go to Lebanon. He visited some of the Biblical sights in Ur, where it is believed that Abraham was born and lived.

Prince Harry and the Duchess of Sussex had a big interview on TV last night. I could stand an hour of it before I flipped to my Hallmark channel, but some bombshells were talked about, and today the TV is full of controversy. Talking publicly about the hurts only makes the hurts worse.

Attention*** Red Hats information, we will be having a special Red Hats dinner on March 17th. It is St. Patrick's Day and all of us fake Irishmen with our Red Hats will be able to celebrate. It will be at Carols Cozy at 11:30.

I hope you have a great week. It looks like with two vaccine shots now I should be able to relax a bit and be able to get around more. Now I have to be excited enough to be able to get out of my chair. I think that I am cemented into it, and I don't have the energy to get up.

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