



Oklee Precipitation

By Einar Kvasager

	Rain	Snow
March 16	Trace	Trace
March 17	Trace	Trace
March 18	Trace	Trace
Total	0.00	0.00

Oklee Herald

...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

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Artists at Red Lake County Central



Lauren Carlson



Anne McFaul Reid



Charlie McGuire

A year ago, Red Lake County Central Schools was anticipating three residencies with artists in the schools teaching them about writing, painting and music, then COVID became our reality. Now, a year later, the residencies are happening. They look different than first anticipated. Students will now meet the artists through in person Zoom meetings and recorded lessons. The Zoom meetings will help the artists provide instruction and students to experience interaction. Creativity is happening!

Ninth and tenth grade students of English teacher, Hannah Miller wrote with writer-in-residence, Lauren Carlson the week of March 8 – 12. Lauren Carlson has taught and led workshops in rural and remote areas of greater Minnesota. She has collaborated on community-led public art-exhibitions and presented at the *Rural Arts and Culture Summit* in Morris, Minnesota and *Art of the Rural: Next Generation*. She is the recipient of grants and awards from both the Collegeville Institute and Southwest Minnesota Arts Council. Her poems have appeared in various anthologies and literary journals, such as *Tinderbox*, *The Windhover*, *Bearings Magazine*, and *The Journal of Humanistic Mathematics*. She holds an M.A. in English Literature from Grand Valley State University. In this residency students explored their roots and where they came from. They created poetry about these explorations. One student's work will be chosen to be published in the annual anthology published by COMPAS.

Students in grades kindergarten through grade three will draw and paint with visual artist, Anne McFaul Reid the weeks of April 12-28. Anne's goal is to inspire students to make something meaningful. Anne graduated from Minneapolis College of Art & Design (MCAD) with a degree in fine art and has worked in numerous residencies such as the Walker Art Center, Science Museum of Minnesota and Metropolitan Open School.

Students will draw upon their own experiences in nature to create a landscape, bird painting, or any nature inspired work. This landscape can come from memories, places you have been or places you have always wanted to visit. Students will learn basic painting techniques, including brushwork and color mixing. Art kits are ready for the students to start creating!

The music students of Benjamin Wattenphul will create songs with musician, Charlie McGuire, the week of April 5 - 23. Students will meet with the artist via Zoom meetings and create musical songs that they will perform. Charlie is completely self-taught on guitar and various other folk instruments. He grew up in New York and at the age of 13 started his guitar "lessons" when he purchased a how-to book in a drugstore. After college, he was mentored by Pete Seeger, Lee Hays ("If I had a Hammer") and Don McLean, who taught him that being a songwriter and musician was not only rewarding, but absolutely possible. He met Garrison Keillor in 1974 and performed on "A Prairie Home Companion" for nine years. Other rewarding and exciting experiences followed: Centennial Troubadour for Minnesota State Parks; the Singing Ranger for the National Park Service; and appearances on "Good Morning America," "All Things Considered," and "As It Happens."

The residencies will provide wonderful learning opportunities for the students from Red Lake County Central Schools. The residency is arranged with COMPAS. COMPAS programs are made possible in part by a grant provided by the Minnesota State Arts Board, through an appropriation by the Minnesota State Legislature. This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Northwest Minnesota Arts Council, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund. A special thank you to the Northwest Minnesota Arts Council for their help in making these residencies happen a year later!



TJ's Tavern of Oklee has been updating the bar area and plans to open in April.

TJ's Tavern Update on Opening!

It is almost a full year since TJ's closed for the Covid-19 pandemic, and it has been a long time since they have posted an update.

"We miss our wonderful customers very much, and thank all of you who have helped us stay afloat by purchasing your off-sale and to-go food from us during our limited service. Thank you! Thank you!"

They plan to re-open soon, but first they have some fixing to

do. TJ's ancient bar coolers have broken down, and the process of replacing them has become an ever-enlarging project, with bad floors, broken tiles, and messed up walls. There are plumbing repairs, and there is painting to do, and along with all of that we want to revamp the liquor bottle shelving. Most of the interior will stay as it was, but the entire area behind the bar will be re-vamped and updated. They are also rear-

ranging the kitchen.

They say there is a lot to do, so please bear with them! Hopefully, we will open sometime in April, if all goes well. And they can't wait to see you all again at TJ's!

They are planning a customer appreciation party to thank everyone when they are able to open to full-service!

Until then, we are still open for take-out food service and off-sale.



With very little snow this year and the nice weather we have been enjoying, the ice is almost off the Lost River and the water is low. Rain is needed for the fields, but just so it doesn't come too fast or heavy.

Calendar of Events

Wed, Mar. 24:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.

Thu, Mar. 25:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news

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

Sat, Mar. 27:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!

Sun, Mar. 28:
-Worship at the church – check inside for church times and places.

Mon, Mar. 29:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.

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

Wed, Mar. 31:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.

Thu, April 1:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news

Fri, April 2:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.

Oklee Veteran's Memorial lowers flag for Proclamation for Atlanta Victims

The American flag, as well as the POW/MIA flag and the Minnesota State flag at the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial have been lowered to half-staff by the students of RLCC High School Student Senate. The Student Senate, under the direction of Mr. Randy Huie, has voluntarily taken on the duty of lowering the flags as directed by the President of the United States. At this time the flags are lowered from March 18, 2021 to March 22, 2021.

This flag lowering proclamation by the President is as follows: "As a mark of respect for the victims of the senseless acts of violence perpetrated on March

16, 2021, in the Atlanta Metropolitan area, by the authority vested in me as President of the United States by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, I hereby order that the flag of the United States shall be flown at half-staff..." Protocol dictates that flags flying with the flag of the United States of America also be flown at half-staff and lowered to a distance lower than the United States flag.

The volunteer committee of the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial is appreciative of the involvement of the RLCC Student Senate. Any questions regarding the Veterans' Memorial may be directed to Mary Lynn Bachand at marylbachand@gmail.com.



Red Lake & Pennington County #'s

Daily Inter-County Nursing Service Covid-19 updates:

March 22nd weekend Update:

There are 15 new cases to report in Pennington County, the individuals age range from their teens to their 70's. There are no new cases in Red Lake County.

March 19th:

There are 3 new cases to report in Pennington County, the individuals age range from a child under 10 to their 30's. There is 1 new case in Red Lake County, the individual is in their teens.

March 18th:

There are 3 new cases to report in Pennington County, the individuals are in their 20's, 60's, and 70's. There are no new cases in Red Lake County today.

March 17th:

There are no new cases to report in Pennington County

or Red Lake County today.

March 16th:

There are 5 new cases to report in Pennington County, the individuals age range is between their teens to their 40's. It is with great sadness we report another death in Pennington County, the individual was in their 90's. Our hearts go out to their family and loved ones at this difficult time. There is 1 new case to report in Red Lake County, the individual is in their teens.

March 13th-15th:

There are 10 new cases to report in Pennington County, the individuals age range is between their teens to their 80's. There are 3 new cases to report in Red Lake County, the individuals age range from their teens to their 50's.

Vaccination Stats

	1st	2nd
Pennington	3,270	2,155
Red Lake	1,141	720
Polk	8,254	5,224

Statistics (3-22-21)

- 506,376 Positive Tests
- 7,968,369 Complete Tests
- 3,614,368 People tested
- 489,279 Patients Who No

Longer Need Isolation

- 6,782 Total Deaths
- 26,661 Total Hospitalized

As of this printing - Total Confirmed Cases in surrounding Counties:

- Pennington County: 1464
1424 recovered cases
22 active case
- 10 current hospitalization
18 death
- Red Lake County: 371
365 recovered cases
1 active case
- 1 current hospitalization
5 death
- Marshall County: 816
- Clearwater County: 731
- Beltrami County: 3,466
- Polk County 3,443
(as of 3-18-2021)
- 88 active cases
0 current hospitalizations
65 deaths

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH

Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Wed, Mar. 24: 7:00 p.m.
 Lenten Service at Salem.
Sun, Mar. 28: 9:00 a.m.
 Zion, 9:00 a.m. SS at Salem.
 10:00 a.m. SS at Zion. 10:30
 a.m. Salem.
Thu, Apr. 1: 7:00 p.m.
 Maundy Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
 at Salem.
 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. Fran-
 cis - 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. 28: 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. 24: 7:00 p.m.
 Worship at Faith.
Sun, Mar. 28: 9:00 a.m.
 Worship at Bethany. 10:30 a.m.
 Worship at Ekelund.
Mon, Mar. 29: 9 a.m. Quilt-
 ing at Faith.
Thu, Apr. 1: Maundy Thurs-
 day - 7:00 p.m. Worship at
 Faith.



CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH

Mt. Olive - Nazareth
 Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseth
Wed, Mar. 24: 5 p.m.
 Wednesday School. 7:00 p.m.
 Lenten Service at Nazareth.
Thu, Mar. 25: 5:00 p.m.
 Lenten Service at Mt. Olive.
Sat, Mar. 27: Mt. Olive:
 9:00 a.m.

Sun, Mar. 28: 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, Mar. 31: No Wednes-
 day School.

Thu, Apr. 1: Maundy
 Thursday - 5 p.m. Mt. Olive.
 7:00 p.m. Oak Park.
 Find services and past ser-
 mons at www.facebook.com/clearwaterlutheranparish

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH

Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg,
Youth Pastor

www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Mar. 24: 6:25 p.m.
 AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth
 Group.
Sun, Mar. 28: 9:30 a.m.
 Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday
 School.

Tue, Mar. 30: 9:30 a.m.
 Ladies Devotions.
Wed, Mar. 31: 6:25 p.m.
 AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth
 Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH

Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson,
Lay Minister

Wed, Mar. 24: 6:00 p.m.
 Bethany Parish Board. 7:00
 p.m. Lent at Bethany.

Sun, Mar. 28: 9:00 a.m.
 Lund, 10:30 a.m. Sand Valley.
Thu, Apr. 1: 7:00 p.m.
 Worship with First Commu-
 nion 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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*The Easter Bunny Will Be Hopping Into
 Town For An Easter Egg Hunt!*

April 3rd, 2021 • 10:00 am

at the Oklee Pickle Ball courts,
 for ages 0 - 3rd grade.

Starting with the youngest age groups first.

Prizes for all participating kids!

In case of bad weather, it will be moved to the Oklee Community Hall,
 we will be following MDH guidelines.

Funded by Oklee Community Club and Oklee Community Ed.

ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the Oklee Community
 Homes will be held on Tuesday, March 30, 2021, at
 6:00 PM at the Senior Center in Oklee. The purpose
 of the meeting is to present financial reports, and
 elect one Director. Prize drawings will be held.

ATTENTION:

Drivers for Senior Meals
 on Wheels are needed.

If you are interested in
 delivering meals, contact
 the Senior Site at 796-
 5149.

You pick the day that
 works best for you and
 your schedule. Usually 4 -
 6 stops in the City limits
 of Oklee.

It only takes about 20
 minutes of your time for
 a very important service
 to the Seniors of our
 Community.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

March 29 - April 2

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: Chicken breast, hash
 browns, peas & carrots, bread,
 milk, and dessert.

Tue: Taco on fried bread
 with all the trimmings, milk,
 and dessert.

Wed: Small cheeseburger,
 tator tots, green beans, milk,
 and dessert.

Thu: Chicken strip, mashed
 potatoes, cream gravy, mixed
 vegetables, bread, milk, and
 dessert.

Fri: Goulash hotdish, corn,
 bread, milk, and dessert.

Tri-Valley Public Transportation

T.H.E. Bus is available for
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 age of one must be secured in
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 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 Wednes-
 day - Fargo/Moorhead.

Every 2nd & 4th Friday -
 Bemidji.

**Deadline:
 Friday's at
 noon!**

ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the Brooks Community
 Homes will be held on Monday, March 29, 2021,
 at 7:00 PM at the Community Hall in Brooks. The
 purpose of the meeting is to present financial re-
 ports, and elect two Directors. Prize drawings will
 be held and a light lunch will be served.

KURTIS ELLEFSON
 RED LAKE COUNTY
 VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER

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Email: kellefsoncvso@hotmail.com

Oklee Centennial Cookbook Recipe Corner - From page 339

Snickers Cake Esther (Spong) Sætre

chocolate cake mix
 1 (14 oz) bag caramels
 1/2 cup butter
 1/3 cup milk
 1 cup chopped pecans
 1 cup chocolate chips

Frosting:
 8 oz Cool Whip
 4 oz instant chocolate pudding mix
 1 cup milk

Mix cake mix according to
 directions. Pour half the batter into greased 9 x 13 pan.
 Bake 20 minutes. While cake bakes, melt caramels,
 butter and milk. Pour this over baked cake. Sprinkle with
 pecans and chips. Pour remaining cake batter over
 top and return to oven and bake 20 minutes. Then turn
 oven down to 250 degrees and bake 15 minutes longer.
 Cool cake. Mix together Cool Whip, pudding and milk.
 Spread over cake and keep refrigerated.



Red Lake Falls Library

New DVD movies in-
 clude "Ava" starring Jessica
 Chastain, John Malkovich and
 Colin Farrell, "Bill & Ted Face
 the Music" starring Keanu
 Reeves, "Blackbird" star-
 ring Susan Sarandon
 and Kate Winslet,
 "Buddy Games" with
 Josh Duhamel, "Down-
 hill" starring Julia Louis-Drey-
 fuss and Will Ferrell, "Half
 Brothers" with Luis Gerardo
 Mendez, Connor Del Rio and
 Jaun Pablo Espinosa, and
 "Tesla" starring Ethan Hawke.
 Magazines are available
 through NWRL for a 3-week
 checkout period (which, as
 all other print materials, will

auto-renew for an additional
 three weeks.) RLF has sub-
 scriptions to "Birds & Blooms,
 Consumer Reports, Country
 Living, Family Handyman,
 Farm & Ranch Living,
 Gluten-Free Living,
 Good Housekeep-
 ing, Magnolia Jour-
 nal, Martha Stewart
 Living, McCall's Quilting,
 Minnesota Conservation Vol-
 unteer, Mother Earth News,
 People, Smithsonian, Web MD,
 and Woman's World. Other
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 & Gardens, Prevention and
 Reader's Digest are donated
 on a regular basis.



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 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.

Sudoku Solution

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

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RLCC Menus

March 29 – April 2
Oklee

Monday: Breakfast: Breakfast burritos, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Soup (3 kinds), meat sandwich, fresh vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Muffins, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Mashed potatoes, hamburger gravy, corn, dinner roll, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Toast, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Cheese Quesadilla, lettuce salad, carrots, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Donut, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken leg, baked potato, corn, dinner roll, fruit, and milk.

Friday: No School – Spring Break

Plummer

Monday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken noodle soup, mixed veggies, bread stick, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Egg wrap, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Pizza, salad, Ritz Bitz, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: French toast sticks, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken salad sandwich, Craisins, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: French toast sticks, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Ham & cheese sandwich w/ pickles & mayo, potato salad, fruit, and milk.

Friday: No School – Spring Break



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

Softball:

Girls Varsity

Mon, Mar. 29: 1st Day of Practice TBD

Thu, Apr. 8: 3:30PM Fertile-Beltrami @ Oklee.

Fri, Apr. 9: 5:00PM Away vs. Red Lake Falls @ Lafayette High School.

Tue, Apr. 13: 4:30PM East Polk @ Oklee.

Thu, Apr. 15: 5:00PM Away vs. Badger/Greenbush/Middle River @ Greenbush Field.

Fri, Apr. 16: 4:30PM Away vs. Ada-Borup @ Ada-Borup Highschool.

Fri, Apr. 23: 4:30PM Away vs. Kelliher/Northome @ Kelliher High School.

Mon, Apr. 26: 4:30PM Away vs. Laporte Laporte High School.

Tue, Apr. 27: 1:00PM Away vs. Bagley @ Bagley

RLC Coop Rebel Baseball: V/JV/JH

Thu, Apr. 8: 4:30PM Red Lake County vs. Roseau @ Roseau.

Mon, Apr. 12: 4:30PM RLC vs. East Grand Forks Green Wave @ L.E. Drechsel Field (Red Lake Falls).

Tue, Apr. 13: 4:30PM RLC vs. Warroad @ L.E. Drechsel Field (RL Falls).

Thu, Apr. 15: 4:30PM RLC vs. Fosston @ Fosston High School.

Fri, Apr. 16: 4:30PM RLC vs. Crookston @ L.E. Drechsel Field (RL Falls).

Tue, Apr. 20: 4:30PM RLC vs. BGMR @ L.E. Drechsel Field (RL Falls).

Thu, Apr. 22: 4:30PM RLC vs. Northern Freeze @ L.E. Drechsel Field (Red Lake Falls).

Fri, Apr. 23: 4:30PM RLC vs. Thief River Falls @ TR Falls High School.

JH ONLY: 4:30PM RLC vs. Thief River Falls @ L.E. Drechsel Field (Red Lake Falls)

Mon, Apr. 26: 4:30PM RLC vs. Sacred Heart

RLC Boys Basketball

Written by: Molly Smith and Gerald Melin

On March 12th the Red Lake County Rebels Boys Basketball team played in Red Lake Falls against the East Grand Forks Green Wave. The varsity team won with a score of 64-49. The Rebels had Bailey Hince with 21 points, Eric Gieseke with 20 points 4 assists, Isiah Olson

with 10 points, 13 rebounds, and 4 assists.

On March 18th the Red Lake County Rebels Boys Basketball team played in Red Lake Falls against the Northern Freeze. The varsity team won with a score of 76-61. The Rebels had Bailey Hince with 30 points and 4 rebounds,

Eric Gieseke with 18 points 10 assists, 6 rebounds and 5 steals, Isiah Olson with 12 points and 7 rebounds

The Rebels go on to play the Fertile Beltrami Falcons on Saturday March 20th at 6:00pm

The Red Lake County Rebels are coached by Head Coach Steve Phillion and Assistant Coach Randy Huie.

Red Lake County Central Mustangs beat Sacred Heart Varsity

By Marissa Thomas and Damon Ferguson

Red Lake County Central Mustangs hosted the Sacred Hearts Eagles in Oklee. The varsity team won with the

score of 46 to 31. Leading the Mustangs team with field goals include Cari Bachand with eighteen points, and six rebounds, Kia Bachand with seven points, and nine re-

bounds, Shawna Majeres with seven points, Carlee Whalen with eight rebounds. The Red Lake County Central Mustangs had a 71 percentage at the free throw line.

Parents Day Mustangs vs. Sacred Heart (JV rescheduled)

This game was supposed to be played on December 17, 2020. It was rescheduled to March 13, 2021. The final score 72-38.

Stats

Kia Bachand- 23pts, 7 rebounds, 3 steals, 2 assists, 2 blocks

Cari Bachand- 18 pts, 4 RBs, 3 assists, 1 steal

Shawna Majeres- 13pts, 4 RBs, 2 steals, 3 assists

Marissa Thomas- 9 pts

Jamie Flatgard- 6 pts

Aurora Mitzner- 2 pts

Madi Inda-Valdez- 1 pt

Submitted photos & Stats



Mustang Teamwork



Kia Bachand takes jump shot in the lane.



Cari Bachand throws a 3 pointer.

The Class of 2021



Name: Isabella Jane Russillo

Family members: Rob Russillo, Magen Anderson, Kelli Russillo

Favorite movie: Princess and the Frog

Favorite song/band: Just Like Magic by Ariana Grande

Favorite class: Art or Shop

Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Basketball

Favorite teacher/coach: Mrs. Aakhus

Most important person in your life: Myself, what would I do without myself?

Best memory from school: My favorite memory is doing all the homecoming events with my classmates

Your plans for the future: I plan to go to Northland and get my 2-year generals, then attend a 4-year college.



Name: Faith Hanson

Family members: Parents: Dean & Naomi; Siblings: Tyler, Clancy, Carter, Gracie, Tucker, Noelle

Favorite movie: The Man from Snowy River

Favorite song/band: My World by Seckond Chaynece

Favorite class: Science & Shop

Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Basketball

Favorite teacher/coach: Mr. Strutz

Most important person in your life: My boyfriend and everyone in my family, especially my mom.

Best memory from school: Shop Class

Your plans for the future: Attend a 9-month program called Checkpoint at Inspiration Point.



Name: Wakley Bryl

Family members: Steve Bryl

Favorite movie: Super Troopers

Favorite song/band: AC/DC

Favorite class: Shop

Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Basketball

Favorite teacher/coach: Mr. Baril

Most important person in your life: My Dad

Best memory from school: Graduating

Your plans for the future: Farming



Name: Brody Moen

Family members: Shannon Moen, Jason Moen, Taylor Moen and Ella

Favorite song/band: Drake

Favorite class: Mrs. Miller's

Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Volleyball

Favorite teacher/coach: Mr. Huie

Most important person in your life: Kory Baril

Best memory from school: Leaving

Your plans for the future: Full time streamer



Mustang Rebound (Cari Bachand/Jamie Flatgard)

Oklee Herald Early Files

Eighty Years Ago March 20, 1941

A real northwest blizzard, with wind which ranged from 50 to 80 miles an hour, hit northern Minnesota and eastern North Dakota Saturday night. The storm struck without warning and with the suddenness of a tidal wave. Temperatures which had been around the freezing mark dropped 15 degrees in an many minutes and by midnight, stood below zero. Cafes in Oklee and throughout the storm area remained open all night in order to provide shelter. Roads were quickly blocked by snowdrifts and many person were unable to get home until Monday.

Emil Sandeen suffered a broken arm during the storm Saturday night. When he opened the storm door to respond to the fire alarm, the wind threw him off the porch and down onto the ice and snow.

Twenty-six guests who gathered at the Melvin Johnson home in Equality last Saturday evening were forced to spend the night there because of the storm.

Gully, as well as every other village in this territory, was host Saturday night and Sunday to a large number of stranded persons who spent the night in town.

Seventy Years Ago March 22, 1951

A fierce March blizzard lashed out at this area and all of Minnesota and parts of adjoining states this week bring virtually all forms of transportation (except perhaps walking) to a standstill. There were no reports of deaths which fact is credited to early warning of impending storm. Only about four inches of snow fell in the northern parts of Minnesota while in the southern half up to 19 inches were reported.

Movement of trains in and out of Thief River Falls on the Soo Line were delayed Last week when a diesel locomotive, snowplow and caboose were derailed at Hazel while enroute to Thief River Falls from Glenwood. About 300 feet of track was torn up in the mishap.

The War Department has informed Mrs. Mary Sund of Oklee that her son, Pfc. James M. Sund is missing in action in Korea. The Sund family home is in Deer Park Township.

Sixty Years Ago March 23, 1961

Army Pvt. Keith E. Peterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peterson of Plummer, recently completed eight weeks of military police training at the Provost Marshall General's School at Fort Gordon, GA.

Larry B. Dufault, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Dufault of Oklee, recently was promoted to specialist four at the Carlisle Barracks, PA, where he is a member of the staff of the U.S. Army Hospital.

Plummer Village Council hired Ernest Pederson as the village policeman. Delano Halvorson has been temporary policeman after the resignation of Thomas Lee some time ago.

The Junior Class play at

Oklee turned out to be a large success. The gross total made was \$209 and after all the expenses were paid – the net profit was \$154.00.

The Hickory Township election was held and re-elected for supervisor was Edwin Halvorson; treasurer Elmer Engstrom and assessor, Mrs. Arnold Haugen.

The threat of serious grass fires this spring hovers over wide areas of Minnesota, the department of Conservation reported this week.

Fifty Years Ago March 25, 1971

Ludeen Jensen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Jensen was named candidate to attend Girls State in St. Paul. Alternate was Annette Nelson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Nelson.

Soo Line hearing was held in Thief River Falls in the matter of the petition of the Soo Line Railroad for authority to centralize agency service on segments of its lines. Oklee feels that with as much freight business that is generated here, it was necessary to have a full-time agent on duty.

Frozen sewer mains are again causing problems in Oklee as they do nearly every spring. Crewmen from Salverson-Miller firm of Erskine attempted to clear the ice with a steamer due to ice interrupting the east side of town.

Between now and September, quilting machines at Oklee Manufacturing Company will turn out 160,000 yards of material for a Twin Cities jacket manufacturer and around 50,000 yards of material for a manufacturer of mattresses.

An Open House was held at Moy's Standard Station on March 11th in honor of John Moys' 72nd birthday.

Forty Years Ago March 26, 1981

A barn at the Irvin Flatgard from was destroyed by fire Sunday afternoon. Fourteen small pigs and one large butcher hog were lost in the blazes as was everything else in the barn.

Pam Parenteau has been selected to represent Oklee at Girls State. Brenda Olson was the alternate.

The Oklee Farmers Coop Elevator held their annual meeting and served about 200 people at the noon meal.

The beautiful spring weather has been bringing our robins, meadowlarks, crows and killdeer back to northwestern Minnesota and with the nice warm rain, the grass and leaves will really make it look like spring.

Meet the Seniors featured: Perry Lundeen, Greg Sebenaler, Joel Stolaas, Dale Flatgard, Debbie Janssen, Genevieve Radniecki, Debra Olson.

Thirty Years Ago March 27, 1991

Tom & Diane Kolstoe were the Red Lake County's Outstanding Dairy Couple in 1991. Along with their three children Chris, Mike and Pam, they take pride in their family farm and proud to be the outstanding Dairy Couple of RLC.

Top prize winners in the

Jump Rope for Heart held in Oklee were Chad Lundeen, Matt Hruby, Michelle Fore, Gretchen Thorp and Jenni Morinville.

RLC Boys Basketball team Mustang awards went to Chris DuChamp; Best Field Goal Percentage; Eron Mattison for Most Steals and Rebounds; Eric Kolstoe – Hustle Award; Jason Nelson – Best Free Throw and 3 point percentage; Benji Hofstad – Best Defense; and Jeff Bachand – Most Assists and Leading Scorer. Jeff also received a plaque for his 1000 point high school career and Most Valuable Player.

The Oklee Health Fair sponsored by Community Ed and AAL were held on Thursday afternoon. There were a variety of booths featured and about 500 students and adults attended.

Twenty Years Ago March 22, 2001

The Oklee High School will be presenting "Life of the Party" as their class play.

The 15th Annual Arizona Red Lake Day where members of Red Lake County and from around Minnesota gather for a President's Day bash.

Letty and Brian Peterson announce the birth of their son Alex Jan on February 28th.

Meet the Kindergarten featured Cassandra Wollman and Ryan Voeltz. And Meet the Seniors featured Sonia Kolstoe, Cindy Lambert and Mick Gamm.

First Care Clinic was celebrating Women's Health Week and featured were Shelley Wahlin and Kari Lomen.

A Salute to Agriculture featured two local farmers for the farmer-built sprayers – Roger Buchholz of McIntosh and Keith Swenson of Oklee.

Ten Years Ago March 23, 2011

On March 17th, the Oklee Seniors held a St. Patrick's Day Tea inviting anyone who wanted to join them for coffee or tea and some St. Patty's treats.

In celebration of Dr. Seuss birthday, the Plummer Fire Department volunteers read to the elementary students on March 2nd. Participating were Lonnie Longtin, Philip Zimpel, Tony Gerardy, Dean Torkelson and Jim DuChamp.

The Oklee Lutheran Youth Group held their annual auction Sunday afternoon to raise fund for their Lutheran Youth Convention in New Orleans.

RLCC 7th graders who went on the Shoot For the Stars field trip to Lakeland News included Brianna Hernandez, Samantha Smith, Katheryne DeHate, Shelby Haugen, Taylor Klasen and Tristan Larson.

The Plummer Bank has been acquired by Ultima Bank Minnesota who had locations in Winger, Fosston and now Plummer.

Who's Dat?



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This weeks photo is of group of children for a birthday party. Last week's photo was of School District #202 - Roosevelt school. Back row (l to r): Adeline (Egeland)Parenteau (deceased), Shirley (Nelson) Dahle (deceased), Gerald Cote (deceased), Marlowe Matson, and Jerry Nelson (deceased). Front row (l to r): Ordean Nelson, Karlene (Enerson) Solle, Vernona (Nelson) Gardner, and Barbara (LaJambe) Knutson. 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



Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteers Jo Lambert & Bonny Cote

The Senior Site is working on having the craft shop open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday-Friday. We need people to volunteer for Tuesday - Wednesday - Thursday. If you are interested in working in the craft shop, please call in to the Site on a Monday or Friday.

The Craft Shop is not officially open but if you are looking for a gift, you can call Bonny at the Oklee Herald office or Jo Lambert to make arrangements.

And once we are able to start gathering is small groups, what kind of activities would you like to see offered. 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.

Over 70 percent of Seniors (age 65 and over) are now vaccinated in Minnesota. That is great news!

This, however, doesn't mean that vaccinated people should stop taking precautions, such as wearing a mask and social distancing.

Even if you're vaccinated and you're going out, keep masking up until we get more people vaccinated.

Dates to Remember

March 25: National Medal of Honor Day.

March 29: National Mom and Pop Business Owners Day & National Vietnam War Veterans Day.

March 30: National Take a Walk in the Park Day

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe

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Arnie and Barb Schmitz recently went to visit their daughter Amanda and husband Sean Roff and family in Delano.

Roger Gallant and Anna DeHate went to Devils Lake, ND on Sunday for the baptism of Anna's great granddaughter Kennedy, daughter of Kat and Michael. Also Brandie DeHate and Blake and his girlfriend went. They were served dinner following the baptism.

On St. Patrick's Day, the Red Hats got together at Carol's Cozy for lunch. Barb Novak, Anna DeHate, Alice Jobe, Karen Tvedt, and Anne Traxler. They served Irish Stew and Reuben sandwiches with French fries. For dessert it was lime jello. The previous Saturday evening they had a

St. Patrick's dance.

In West Fargo, you could skate for free on green ice at the rink on St. Patrick's Day. A St. Patrick's Parade was planned for Saturday in Fargo. Sounds like fun!

The pipe liners have moved on farther south. There is less traffic already.

The crows are back a few days ago. I wonder if the robins will be early.

Some around town have started yard work. At my place there is much to do, especially the ditches. The weather is nice, maybe a cool some days, but not bad.

On March 10th, at the Houston Zoo, a baby elephant was born and weighed 265 pounds. The elephants have strong family ties. It showed

Jokes

A little old lady had just returned home from an evening church service when she was startled by an intruder. As she caught the man in the midst of robbing her home, she yelled, "STOP! ACTS 2:38!" (That's the one that goes, Repent and be baptized in the name of the Lord, so that your sins may be forgiven.)

The burglar stopped dead in his tracks. The woman calmly called the police to explain what she had done. As the officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar, "Why did you just stand there? All the old lady did was yell scripture."

"Scripture?" replied the burglar, stunned. "She said she had an ax and two .38s!" (elderoptionsoftexas.com)

the mother and father with the baby.

On St. Patrick's Day on TV, they showed a McGillin's Pub in Philadelphia. It's the oldest bar in the U.S. It goes back to Civil War times. They McGillin's came from Ireland. They serve an Irish Potato drink. They serve Shepherd's Pie and have green beer and serve corned beef and cabbage all year. Sounds like a interesting place.

I'm finishing a puzzle with five parrots, 500 pieces. It was quite hard. All of the greenery around them, like rain forest was tough. This will be my last puzzle til next winter.

I hope everybody is well. Have a god week and enjoy the spring days!

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

Well, Spring has sprung and most of us are happy for that. The snow is almost all gone except way back in tree lines. Wow, that is almost unheard of here. But be aware April isn't gone yet and we have had some tough April snows, as well a few in May. Let's hope not. Many years ago, we went to visit my folks in Wisconsin and the weather was just like this, and it rained back home while we were there. On our way back we noticed when we were getting closer to Brooks, we saw snow on the ditches. Then we found out there was no Easter Sunday Mass at Brooks or Terrebonne because they had so much heavy wet snow that travel was very difficult. We missed it altogether. It was melted when we were on

the road.

Yvonne Kush visited with Joanne Bradley and Dick and Karen Delage last week. It was so good to see her. She is the sister of Dick Delage.

The Red Hats met on Wednesday. They haven't met for 14 months during the pandemic but those who met were all protected with shots, so it was time to get going on our socializing. What fun we had celebrating St. Patrick's Day at Carol's Cozy. Those attending were Barb Novak, Anna DeHate, Alice Jobe, Ann Traxler, and Karen Tvedt. It was a refreshing thing to get together after so long.

Keep praying for Steve Novak, he had a quadruple bypass last Monday and he has a long recovery ahead of him. He is our nephew and a hard worker. This will mean a new normal for him.

I received news that the last of my cousin's generation has died. She was an English war bride and came to a boisterous loud family of Polish people. There were six boys in the family, and she married the oldest of them. She was quiet, serene, and lovely. Her name was Jean, and she learned some of the American customs early on. At tea one day my

Aunt made tea for her in the teapot, and the bag with its string was sticking out of the pot under the cover. My Uncle came to the table and he saw the string sticking out and he quickly took the pot to the sink and threw it out. My Aunt and Jean asked him what he was doing with their tea? He said he didn't like to see a mouse in the kitchen. They explained that that was how we made tea with a bag attached to a string. He apologized to Jean. Jean laughed and forgave him. We will miss her she was 93 years old. She was a favorite throughout the family.

On Friday evening we were able to eat meat I was told but the fish fry at St. Lawrence's that was a drive through pick up was so tempting that we took advantage of it. What a good meal and the people who helped at St. Lawrence in Mentor were many. A small girl was a runner and she asked what I needed and she ran to get my dinners. She was back in a jiffy bringing the two meals we ordered. What good service and great food. Thank you for the treat St. Lawrence and town of Mentor.

We hope you have a great week. Easter is just around the corner so get ready to hide those

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