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Tornado Drill Day - Thursday, April 15

Minnesota Severe Weather Awareness Week is April 12 through April 16.

Severe Weather Awareness materials are available online at <https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/hsem/weather-awareness-preparedness/Pages/severe-weather-tornado-drill-day.aspx>.

For more than 20 years, the state of Minnesota has conducted Severe Weather Awareness Week in partnership with the National Weather Service and local governments. A statewide tornado drill is part of that event.

A few things you should know:

The Minnesota Department of Public Safety division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DPS-HSEM) has encouraged counties to sound their outdoor warning sirens at 1:45 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. on Thursday, April 15 so Minnesotans can practice their tornado sheltering plans.

Siren Activation Information

Counties and cities own, operate and maintain all local sirens, and set their own policy on how and when to activate them. The National Weather Service does not operate them. There are many different policies regarding siren activation that are used by the various cities and counties. Some will activate sirens across the entire county for tornado warnings only.

Others will activate sirens countywide for tornado warnings and all severe thunderstorm warnings. Some will activate sirens across the entire county for tornado warnings and severe thunderstorms that have winds of at least 70 or 75 mph. Others will activate sirens only for portions of counties. Local officials may also sound the sirens anytime they believe severe weather is a threat, even if there is no warning from the National

Weather Service.

Sirens normal sound for about three minutes, and then go silent. It is very rare to keep the sirens sounding for the entire warning, since that would cause the backup battery to run out, which would be critical in the event that power goes out. Furthermore, the siren motor will fail much more quickly if the sirens sounds continuously. Some jurisdictions may repeat siren activation every few minutes.

Note: There is no such thing as an all-clear siren.

Red Lake County communities will be sounding the weather warning sirens in RLF, Brooks, Plummer and Oklee at 1:45pm and 6:35pm on Thursday, April 15, 2021 for the Statewide Tornado Drill.

Afternoon Tornado Drill - 1:45 p.m.

The drill traditionally occurs on Thursday afternoon at 1:45 p.m., when jurisdictions across Minnesota sound their outdoor warning sirens. Schools, businesses and other facilities are encouraged to conduct a tornado drill at this time to practice their tornado sheltering plans.

Evening Tornado Drill- 6:45 p.m.

The reason for a 6:45 p.m. drill is that severe weather including tornadoes occurs most often between 3 and 8 p.m. The statewide 1:45 p.m. drill gives institutions, first-shift and day workers a time to practice, but it does not allow second-shift workers the same opportunity. The 6:45 p.m. tornado drill also allows families to practice their sheltering plans.



Saturday morning was a beautiful day for an Easter Egg Hunt in the town of Oklee. Many family's were gathering with their children. The Easter Egg Hunt is usually held in the Oklee Hall due to weather, so this was a blessing to have nice weather and have it outside.



Mareen (Munt) Barlett's son Lane got to see the Easter Bunny on Saturday at the Pickle Ball/Basketball court where the Easter Egg Hunt was held.



Luke Newton III had his first Easter Egg experience.



Amy Pendelton was held by her big sister with the Easter Bunny and had a good time collecting eggs in the Hunt.



This group of fellows were having a great time trying to fill their bags and buckets with the eggs filled with candy.



There were many children with the parents at the Oklee Easter Egg Hunt. After they finished their hunt, they emptied the eggs to be used again next year and received a gift item of a books or craft supplies.



The older children gathered to get their instructions on where they could go looking for eggs.

Calendar of Events

Wed, April 7:

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

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

Thu, April 8:

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

-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news

Sat, April 10:

-Support your local business - Shop Locally!

Sun, April 11:

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

Mon, April 12:

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

Tue, April 13:

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

Wed, April 14:

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

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

Thu, April 8:

-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals

Covid-19 Numbers stay low in our area

Daily Inter-County Nursing Service Covid-19 updates:

April 3rd-5th:

There is 1 new case to report in Pennington County, the individual is in their 60's. There is no new cases to report in Red Lake County today.

April 2nd:

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

April 1st:

There is 2 new cases to report in Pennington County, the individuals are their 20's & 30's. There is 1 new case to report in Red Lake County today, the individual is in their teen's.

March 31st:

There is 2 new cases to report in Pennington County, the individuals age range between a child under ten to their 30's. There is 1 new case to report in Red Lake

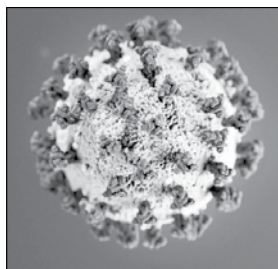
County today, the individual is in their 40's.

March 30th:

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

March 27th - 29th COVID-19 Update:

There are 4 new cases to report in Pennington County, the individuals are in their 30's and 40's. There is 1 new case to report in Red Lake County, the individual is in their 70's.



Vaccination Stats (4-2-21)

	1st	2nd
Pennington	4,934	3,050
Red Lake	1,547	993
Polk	10,650	6,905

Statistics (4-5-21)

- 527,650 Positive Tests
- 8,375,597 Complete Tests
- 3,370,840 People tested
- 504,712 Patients Who No Longer Need Isolation
- 6,885 Total Deaths
- As of this printing - Total Confirmed Cases in surrounding Counties:
- Pennington County: 1479
1456 recovered cases
5 active case
10 current hospitalization
18 death
- Red Lake County: 374
367 recovered cases
2 active case
2 current hospitalization
5 death
- Marshall County: 822
- Clearwater County: 738
- Beltrami County: 3,532
- Polk County 3,497
(as of 4-1-2021)
3,536 recovered cases
111 active cases
66 deaths



Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Wed, Apr.: 7:00 p.m. Confirmation.
Sun, Apr. 11: 9:00 a.m. Zion, 9:00 a.m. SS at Salem. 10:00 a.m. SS at Zion. 10:30 a.m. Salem.
Tue, Apr. 13: 7:00 p.m. Salem Council meeting.
Wed, Apr. 14: 7:00 p.m. Confirmation.
 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, Apr. 11: 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, Apr. 7: 7:00 p.m. Worship at Ekelund.
Sun, Apr. 11: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Faith. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Bethany. 11 a.m. Bethany annual meeting.
Mon, Apr. 12: 9 a.m. Quilting at Faith.
Tue, Apr. 13: 9:30 a.m. Shalom Circle.
Wed, Apr. 14: 6:15 p.m. 8th Gr. Confirmation at Faith. 7:00 p.m. Faith Worship.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY FOSSTON
Seth Johnson,
 Interim Pastor
Sundays: 10:00 a.m.
Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m. Elevate Youth.
 Services will continue to be live-streamed on Facebook www.facebook.com/bethelfosston as an alternative.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Wed, Apr. 7: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School.
Sat, Apr. 10: Mt Olive: 9:00 a.m.
Sun, Apr. 11: 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, Apr. 14: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School.
 Find services and past sermons at www.facebook.com/clearwaterlutheranparish

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Apr. 7: 6:25 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Sun, Apr. 11: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.
Tue, Apr. 13: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions.
Wed, Apr. 14: 6:25 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, Apr. 11: 9:00 a.m. Lund, 10:30 a.m. Sand Valley.
Wed, Apr. 14: 2 p.m. Lund Ladies Aid.
CDC safety guidelines for COVID-19 will be followed.



The Easter Bunny hid one of the eggs under a stuffed squirrel but this little gal was not intimidated at all and grabbed the egg.





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American Legion Auxiliary Meeting April 13th

Would you please put the notice in the paper for the American Legion Auxiliary meeting on Tuesday April 13 at 4:00 at the hall. Covid precautions of masks and physically distance will be observed.

Note: American Legion National Commander James W. "Bill" Oxford is coming to Bagley on April 9th at the Bagley Post 16: Noon lunch and he will speak on issues of importance to Minnesota veterans.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

April 12 - 16

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: Grilled cheese, split pea soup, milk, and dessert.

Tue: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, coleslaw, toast, milk, and dessert.

Wed: Sloppy Joe, macaroni salad, baked beans, milk, and dessert.

Thu: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, cream gravy, peas & carrots, milk, and dessert.

Fri: Pulled pork w/bun, potato salad, green beans, milk, and dessert.



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TAXING DISTRICT	LOCATION	DATE	TIME
City of Oklee	City Hall	4/12/2021	5:30 p.m.
Poplar River	Town Hall	4/20/2021	9:30 a.m.
Lake Pleasant	Courthouse	4/20/2021	2:30 p.m.
Louisville	Courthouse	4/20/2021	4:00 p.m.
Terrebonne	Town Hall	4/20/2021	5:30 p.m.
Emardville	Town Hall	4/20/2021	7:00 p.m.
Red Lake Falls Township	Courthouse	4/22/2021	7:00 p.m.
City of Red Lake Falls	City Hall	5/10/2021	6:00 p.m.

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City of Oklee Notice

City of Oklee will be flushing the hydrants on April 15th-16th

Sudoku Solution

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



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.

Deadline: Friday's at noon!

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.

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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Oklee Centennial Cookbook Recipe Corner - From page 405

Marble Squares
Phyllis Melby
Thomas Erlandson

1 (8 oz) pkg cream cheese
 1/3 cup sugar
 1 egg
 1/2 cup margarine or butter
 1-1/2 cups (1 oz) squares of unsweetened chocolate
 3/4 cup water
 2 cups flour
 2 cups sugar
 2 eggs
 1/2 cup (4 oz) sour cream
 1 cup chocolate chips
 1 tsp soda
 1/2 tsp salt

Combine softened cream cheese and sugar, mixing well. Add egg and set aside. Combine margarine, water, and chocolate squares in a saucepan. Bring to a boil, remove heat and stir in combination of flour and sugar. Add eggs, sour cream, soda and salt. Mix well. Pour chocolate mixture into greased and floured jellyroll pan. Spoon cream cheese mixture over chocolate batter. Cut through to marble. Sprinkle with chips. Bake at 375 degrees for 25 - 30 minutes.





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RLCC Menus

April 12 - 16

Oklee

Monday: Breakfast: Ham & cheese croissant, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Pulled pork or BBQ chicken, baked beans, chips, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken strip, scalloped potatoes, vegetables, Uncrutable, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Toast, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Cheesy bread w/ dipping sauce, lettuce salad, fresh vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Waffles with syrup, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Tator tot hotdish, corn, dinner roll, vegetables, string cheese or yogurt, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Taco in a bag or soft shell, Spanish rice, refried beans, fruit, and milk.

Plummer

Monday: Breakfast: Scrambled eggs w/ham, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Hotdog on bun, chips, carrots w/ranch, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: pancakes, sausage patty, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken fajita, lettuce & tomatoes, refried beans, corn, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Toast, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Pancakes, sausage, carrots, yogurt, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Muffin, yogurt, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Sub sandwich, toppings, chips, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Taco in a bag, lettuce & tomatoes, cucumber cup, fruit, and milk.



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

Softball:

Girls Varsity

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.

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.

RLC 5th Grade Basketball Team finishes an excellent 2021 season!



From left to right: Bronco Bergeson, Myles Smith, Owen O'Neill, Coach Jensen, Kannen Freyholtz, Alex Bramer, Mason Williams, Peyton Jensen, Parker Klasen, Dylan Lundeen, Ben Gullingsrud, and Coach Gullingsrud.

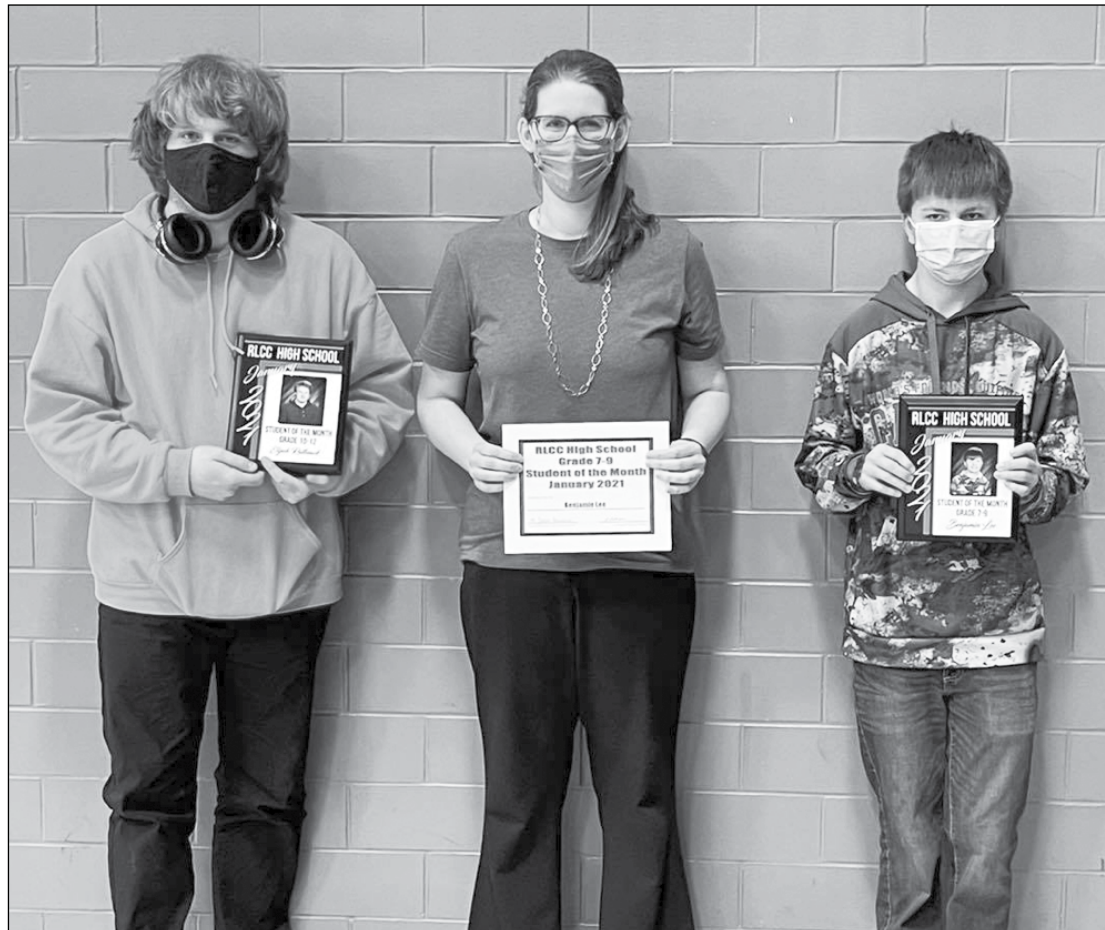
The Red Lake County Rebels began the 2021 5th grade basketball season last January! The 5th grade Rebels practiced once a week in January, February, and early March. The Rebels played their first game against Thief River Falls on Saturday, January 23rd. RLC played hard and tough after having only two practices! The Rebels defeated the Prowlers 39-24! Snowflake League began the following weekend! The RLC Rebels traveled to Sacred Heart on Saturday, January 30th. RLC played tough defense, worked together, and passed well that day! The boys all played well together as a team! RLC defeated Sacred Heart 32-18 in the first game. The Rebels defeated NCE/UH in the second game with a score of 26-20! On February 6th, the Rebels traveled to Sacred

Heart for the last weekend of the 2021 Snowflake League. The Rebels began the day by defeating Ada-Borup/NCW 26-14! Then, RLC played tough to defeat Sacred Heart 32-17! On Saturday, March 6th, the RLC 5th grade Rebel Boys Basketball Team traveled to Argyle to play in the Argyle Lions 5th grade tournament. The Rebels had a great day! They improved from beginning to end on offense and defense! The Rebels started the tournament off by defeating BGMR 18-17! Then, in the Semi-Final game, the Rebels lost to GG 25-33! The RLC Rebels defeated East Grand Forks Greenwave 23-14 for 3rd place in the tournament!!! The 5th grade RLC Rebels played their final game of the 2021 season against Win-E-Mac! The Rebels had a blast playing together and worked

hard throughout the entire game! RLC defeated Win-E-Mac 28-10! The RLC Rebels 5th grade Boys Basketball team finished the season with 8 wins and 1 loss!

Great job to the RLC 5th Grade Basketball Team throughout the entire season! The boys learned important basketball fundamentals, how to play together as a team, represented RLC very well, worked hard, had great attitudes, and improved each day! Members of the Red Lake County 5th Grade Boys Basketball Team were: Bronco Bergeson, Alex Bramer, Kannen Freyholtz, Ben Gullingsrud, Peyton Jensen, Parker Klasen, Dylan Lundeen, Owen O'Neill, Myles Smith, and Mason Williams. The team was coached by Jason Jensen and Nikki Gullingsrud.

Red Lake County Central High School Students of the Month



Elijah Rathsack, Teacher Jessie Hamrum, and Ben Lee. Not pictured Teacher Bryan Paskvan.

January's student of the month at Red Lake County Central was Elijah Rathsack who was nominated by Mr. Pakavan and Benjamin Lee who was nominated by Ms. Hamrum.

Elijah Rathsack is in 12th grade. Rathsack has three siblings named Justin Dixon who is 24, Jeremiah (Remi) who is 16, and Emily who is 11. His parents' names are Nicole and Raymond. He was in Knowledge

bowl, and has a job in RLCC High School. Rathsack said that his favorite classes are robotics and precalculus. His hobbies are listening to music.

Benjamin Lee is in 8th grade. Lee has two siblings named Ethan, and Logan, his parents' names are Sarah and Jeremy. Lee said, "I like to watch tv and play video games. And my favorite class is the shop".

Mr. Pakavan said, "I nominated Elijah because he works

hard to get his work done, he participates in class really well, and he is friendly and respectful. Those are qualities I look for when nominating student of the month".

Ms. Hamrum said, "I nominated Ben because he works hard in class, treats others with respect, is kind to others, and consistently does what he needs to do. I look for kids who are kind and respectful and who put in a lot of effort in class".

The Class of 2021



Name: Daniel Guillemette
Family members: Mom: Shasta Pahlen-Guillemette; Dad: Marc Guillemette; Sister: Lily Guillemette

Favorite movie: Scott Pilgrim vs the World

Favorite class: Ethics

Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Speech

Favorite teacher/coach: The Hamrums (Ty & Jessie)

Most important person in your life: My sister Lily

Best memory from school: 10th grade speech season!

Your plans for the future: Not sure yet, just do know I wanna move to the cities



Name: Bailey Culkins

Family members: Richard & Carol Culkins, Daniel Maurstad, Sr., the late Amber Culkins. Siblings: Caleb, Tristen Stengrim, Harley Bernier, Kia, Daniel Jr., Evelyn and Vivian Maurstad.

Favorite movie: A Simple Twist of Fate

Favorite song/band: Still Going Down - Morgan Wllen

Favorite class: Art

Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Golf

Favorite teacher/coach: Miss Hamrum

Most important person in your life: My Grandpa

Best memory from school: Lunch time with my best friend Faith Hanson

Your plans for the future: Work at Digi-Key and go to Joseph's School of Hair Design in the fall of 2022.



Name: Isaiah Aquino

Family members: Sandra Reynoso, Zaryah Aquino

Favorite movie: Superbad

Favorite song/band: Grace by Lil Baby

Favorite class: Year Book

Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Basketball

Favorite teacher/coach: Kory Baril

Most important person in your life: My mother

Best memory from school: Playing sport with my best friends

Your plans for the future: Attending M State



Name: Adriel Bakken

Family members: Rob, Tanya, Noah, Kaleb

Favorite movie: Ferris Bueller's Day Off

Favorite song/band: Post Malone

Favorite class: Library

Most important person in your life: Mom

Your plans for the future: Attend college for my bachelor's degree

Red Lake Falls Library

This is National Library Week across the United States. The theme for National Library Week 2021, "Welcome to Your Library," promotes the idea that libraries extend far beyond the four walls of a building, and that everyone is welcome to use their services. Libraries go above and beyond to adapt to our changing world by expanding their resources and continuing to meet the needs of their users. Whether people visit in person or virtually, libraries offer opportunities for everyone to explore new worlds and become their best selves through access to technology, multimedia content and educational programs.

Natalie Portman, Academy Award-winning actress, director, producer, author and activist, will lend her star power to shine a spotlight on our nation's libraries as the honorary chair of National Library Week, April 4-10, 2021. She will help highlight the essential role libraries, librarians and library workers play in serving their communities. "I'm delighted to join ALA and libraries everywhere in celebrating National Library Week," said Portman. "Libraries are open, inclusive places that foster a sense of belonging

and community. They show us anything is possible by encouraging a love of learning, discovery and exploration.

I hope people will take time during the week to visit their library online or in person."

In order to welcome patrons, the Red Lake Falls branch of Northwest Regional Library is inviting people to visit the branch throughout the week, enjoy complimentary coffee & cookies, and register for prizes to be given away on Saturday at its conclusion.

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Oklee Herald Early Files

Eighty Years Ago

April 3, 1941

Minnesota Game Wardens were uniformed and armed this week by the Department of Conservation. The uniforms are forest green with gold buttons on which is emblazoned with the State Seal.

Miss Eleanor Bergeron has accepted a position as teacher of the 5th & 6th grades of the Carmen addition school in Brookston and went Sunday to assume her new duties.

Mrs. Oliva Peterson returned to her home west of town lasts Thursday after spending the winter months at Winter Haven, Florida.

Beginning Friday, April 4, we will serve home cooked spaghetti an chili con carne at 15¢ a plate. – Berry's Place. There men from Red Lake County will leave on April 15th for induction into the United States Army. Seven men will leave from Polk County District 2 on April 14th.

Seventy Years Ago

April 5, 1951

Fire Chief Tom Melby called for more men to join the local department and suggested placing the department on a pay scale instead of a voluntary basis.

Two letters from Norway, “stalled” at the local post office for want of more complete identification, both were placed in the hands of the proper addresses Thursday as a result of a story in the Herald.

A local couple, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Knutson, observed their 63rd wedding anniversary here Sunday. Married in Kristiansand, Bygland, Norway, in 1888, they came to America the same year.

Lloyd Cyr of Oklee, who is with the Army Air Forces unit on Johnson Island in the Pacific, has recently been promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

Elaine Green was chosen by the junior class to represent Oklee at the Minnesota Girls State which is sponsored by the local American Legion Auxiliary. Muriel Magnell was chosen alternate candidate.

Sixty Years Ago

April 6, 1961

Elaine Fortier, daughter of Mrs. Ethel Fortier of Oklee, was chosen to attend the 1961 session of Girls State at St. Paul. Alternate was Louise Karel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lanis Karel.

The Oklee Village council, in regular session, hired Harold Cyr as constable succeeding Ed Nelson. Mr. Cyr will be on duty on a part-time basis, working mainly at night. He will be assisted from time to time by Tom Toulouse.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Bergeron, operators of the Red Owl agency food store in Oklee, will attend Red Owl's 1961's Food Show and convention on April 9th in Minneapolis.

Eldon Vigstol returned home last Monday from Fort Ord, California where he has been stationed having received his discharge from the armed service.

Mr. and Mrs. Aristide

Paquin of Brooks announce the engagement of their daughter Janis to Charles Seeger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Seeger.

Tommy Hofstad and Marland Skreland left for Montana Tuesday where they will be employed.

Fifty Years Ago

April 8, 1971

Burglars entered the Gambles Store in Oklee early Thursday morning and made off with about \$135.00 in cash and merchandise valued at about \$1,200. Taken were six guns, a chain saw, a radio, some watches and other items.

If a decision is reached to build the Huot dam on the Red Lake River west of Red Lake Falls, it couldn't be completed until the late 1970's or early 1980's according to Col. Charles McGinnis, district engineer of the St. Paul Corps of Engineers.

Installation has been completed on a system of holding bins at the fertilizer blending plant of the Oklee Farmers Co-operative Elevator Company.

Sgt. Clifford E. Olson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ingvald Olson of Oklee, has been given special commendation for his performance with the Marine Honor Guard.

Confirmation was held at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Plummer on Sunday. Those being confirmed were John Rosten, Mitchell Norby, Edward Arntson II, Jon Anderson, Terry Kvasager, Threisa Witt, Esther Sheldahl and Gary Heden.

Forty Years Ago

April 9, 1981

Friday promised to be a day full of activity for Oklee with the Community Auction and Free Breakfast.

Sometime late Saturday night, April 4 or early April 5, 24 mailboxes in Plummer – Terrebonne area were damaged. The vandalism is under investigation by the Red Lake County Sheriff's Department.

Meet the Seniors featured: Dennis Magnell, Brenda Lessard, Holly Nelson and Elaine Lessard.

Winners in the Speech pre-district contest were Carol Bergeron, Jodi B, Pam Parenteau, Lori Vettleson, Cathy Cyr, Shannon Olson, Robin Buck and Debbie Rindahl.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Knutson Sr. of Oklee announced the engagement of their daughter Sherry to Gary Ralph, son of M. and Mrs. Robert Ralph.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Mostrom and Rand and Gladys Hanson attended the Fantasy on Ice in Thief River Falls on Saturday evening. Sarah Mugaas was one of the performers.

Thirty Years Ago

April 10, 1991

Speakers at the Minnesota Ag-O-Rama held at the Oklee School for the Elementary on Thursday were Orlan Stolaas, Keith Swenson, David Bachand, John Lerohl, Orrin Linder, Jerome Bachand, Irene Wishard, Jim Tholund, Connie Lundeen and Wes Magnell.

Milk quality production awards were presented at the annual Plummer Cooperative Creamery Association. Recipients were: Tony Gerardy, Roanld Rondorf, Brian Geske, David Miller, Sylvester Schmitz, Wayne Vettleson, Erwin Weiss, Warren Malwitz, Jerry Gerardy, Jim Hagge, Herb Trostveit, Earl and Don Hoefer, Joanne Schultz and Allan Guillemette.

Oklee Firemen have been busy with three fires reported on April 1, and April 6, two more fires.

Twenty Years Ago

April 5, 2001

There are 20 Oklee Firemen Volunteers at the present time, but two are retiring: Jerry Schue with 20 years, and Mark Hruby with 29 years of service.

The Red Lake County's annual 4-H Share the Fun program was held April 1st at the Plummer School auditorium. Seven different 4-H groups gathered to put on a show. First place winners were the Happy Go Lucky group. Second place was The Pembina Trail 4-H Club.

Seniors featured this week in the Oklee Herald were Rachel Schue and Cole Mickelson

Ten Years Ago

April 6, 2011

The RLCC Theater will present “Headin for a Wedding,” a hillbilly comedy.

Red Lake County Central River Watch team of Emily Riendeau, Trishia Braaten, Ashley Bierman and Shelly Johnsrud received the Judge's Select 2011 Bronze 3 Award at the River Watch Forum Display competition.

The weather has been sunny, the temperatures cool and the melting of snow has been slow without making ditches full and running fast.

At Oklee's ECFE “Going Green Night” parents made homemade laundry detergent and brought a sample home, and the kids washed their animals after hearing the story about “Mrs. Wishy Washy.”

Mahnomen High School was the site for the Junior High Honor Band where nearly 75 students from eight schools in the area attended. Students were under the direction of Dr. Kyle Mack, a member of the NDSU faculty since 1993.

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This weeks photo is of some family members all dress up for Easter.

Last week's photo was of Darrel and Deloris (Laniel) Grimm. They lived one and a half miles SE of Oklee. Darrel is 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 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 to okleeherald@gmail.com.

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Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteers Jo Lambert & Bonny Cote

News of Iona Berry's passing was received. She passed away on March 28th in Bemidji at Sanford Hospital. She had been a big part of the Oklee Senior Site and has held different positions over the years. She will be missed. A funeral will be held in May. Our sympathies to her family. She will be missed.

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.

The Senior Site is working on having the craft shop open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mon-

day-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.

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe
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Last week's news:

Brodie Traxler enjoyed visiting his grandma Anne Traxler this last weekend.

Betty Halvorson of Fergus Falls, came Sunday evening for a visit at her son's. She watched her granddaughter for a couple of days. She visited Monday at Red River Ag C-Store and had coffee. She is planning on buying a home in Madison, WI.

Wednesday night at Bingo at the Legion, Lisa Tvedt treated everyone to cookies for her birthday which was Thursday.

Karen Tvedt, Anne Traxler, Anna DeHate, and Alice Jobe went to Winger for lunch at Moran's. They had a delicious salad bar, cheeseburgers and hot ham & cheese sandwiches. Rice Krispie bar for a treat and coffee. It was delicious and a nice drive down there. They saw swans swimming as well as geese.

The weather has improved since those strong winds subsided. Warmer temps are coming as well as some rain which is badly needed in many areas. A lot of people are doing yard work and some even got their gardens ready or planted a couple of items.

Adam Gallant, who is a Sgt 1st Class (platoon sergeant) in

the Army National Guard has been deployed to Kuwait, on a peace keeping mission. He left March 9th for Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas for additional training. From there, he will be deployed to Camp Buehring in Udari, Kuwait. Camp Buehring is in the desert and is 25 miles from the border of Iraq. Adam will be deployed for approximately 1 year. Adam has been in the Guard for 25 years. Previous overseas deployments have included Bosnia and Iraq. Have a good week. Also hope you had a Happy and Blessed Easter!

This week's News:

On Monday afternoon, the RLCC track team were exercising at the ball diamond. Two coaches were also there. The temperature was 64° and it was quite windy.

Peggy Hesse visited Alice Jobe on Wednesday afternoon.

Anna DeHate visited Bunny DuChamp at Greenleaf Apts. On Tuesday and also visited her cousin at the Care Center.

Saturday a birthday party was held at Tony and Sheila Gerardy's for their granddaughter Blake Jean who turned two years old. She is the daughter of Mallory and Charlie Bernstrom, of Lancaster.

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

Happy Easter!!! What a wonderful Easter Sunday we were treated to. Not only was it warm but it was sunny and the Easter Egg hunts were easy to do this year because we didn't have tons of snow or mud to walk through. Wow, we are blessed.

We need rain. Last Monday the computers were down when I wrote my column and then I found out the internet wasn't working but miraculously, my column was able to be sent.

That evening I happened to look westward from my kitchen

window and that high wind we were fighting all day, was pushing billows of smoke across the fields. I had no idea how bad the fire was but I knew it was closer than usual. 15,000 acres of land was burned and after dinner on Sunday we took a drive to see how bad it was. How devastating to see how much was burned by that fire. I mostly was in the Glacial Ridge area but it did threaten areas north of Highway 2 because it jumped the highway just west of Mentor. Mentor was threatened too.

Guests at the Clarence and Dianne Gagner home for Easter were Tim and Brenda Gagner of Vergas, who came on Saturday and Stephanie Koralewski of Maple Plain who also came on Saturday. On Sunday Dinner guests were Tim and Brenda, Stephanie, Leroy and Joyce Christiansen of Red Lake Falls, and Nancy and Rolland Gagner of Erskine.

Prayers and good wishes go to Dick Delage who has suffered another stroke and is in

Sanford at Fargo. He suffered the stroke on Saturday of last week. He will be laid up for a while and doing rehab after that. Our prayers go out to Dick and the family in their time of trial.

Dale Knudson came to visit on Saturday to the Jerome and Barb Novak residence. It is good to see friends getting out and about after so long.

Our Easter plans fell through. We had planned to have the Ellenson's of Warroad over for dinner, but they had a cold or flu so we rescinded the invitation, because we didn't want to get any flu or even maybe covid. So I made a big ham for dinner and Rebecca Novak of Mankato will be taking it back home when she leaves today. And so I will be eating all that candy the kids were supposed to get. Not too bad a trade.

We hope your Easter was a fun day. I know that I was stuffed all day Sunday but that ham was so very good.

Stay safe and healthy.

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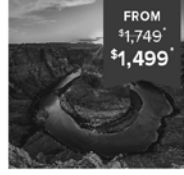
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