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~~~~~ 2021 Junior Senior Prom held at RLCC High School ~~~~~



The Senior Class of 2021 at prom: Back Row: Daniel Guillemette, Andrew Gryskiewicz, George Duden, Levi Flatgaard, Eric Gieseke, and Brock Tvedt. Middle Row: Jeremy Kruchowski, Morgan Plante, Katie Suchy, Karena Melby, Bella Russillo, Emily Kolstoe, Gavin Galkowski, and Isaiah Aquino. Front Row: Trystin Ferguson, Janae Olson, Bailey Culkins, Kari Bachand, Adriel Bakken, Faith Hanson, and Brody Moen.

New Era Begins in Red Lake County 4-H



Frankie Latimer (right) and Jeff Lytle (left) on May 10, Frankie's first day and Jeff's last day, at the Red Lake County Courthouse.

Francesca ("Frankie") Latimer started on Monday, May 10 as the 4-H Educator for Red Lake County 4-H. Frankie comes to Red Lake County 4-H via Beltrami County 4-H where she was the Extension

Assistant.

Frankie grew up in the Itasca County 4-H program, leading her to attend Bemidji State University. She has personal and professional experience in many different 4-H project areas including beef and rabbit production, wildlife, veterinary science, theatre, and music. She is excited to meet with 4-H families and hear what their interests and aspirations are for Red Lake County 4-H. Getting to know the Red Lake County 4-H program and community, while providing opportunities for youth to explore their passions while developing leadership and other life skills are priorities for Frankie.

Frankie is taking over the reins for Red Lake County 4-H following the retirement of longtime 4-H Educator Sharon Weiss in January. Jeff Lytle served Red Lake County 4-H in an Interim role, helping to support Red Lake County 4-H during the spring, including managing the Red Lake County 4-H Fruit Sale.

For more information about Red Lake County 4-H, call Frankie at the Red Lake County 4-H office at 218-253-2895.

Calendar of Events

Wed, May 19:

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

Thu, May 20:

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

Fri, May 21:

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

Sat, May 22:

-Support your local business - Shop Locally!

Sun, May 23:

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

Mon, May 24:

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

Tue, May 25:

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



As the work continued west down 2nd Ave on Wednesday and Thursday last week, you had to come in through the alley to access the post office. On Friday, they put in a temporary entrance until it is time to put in the concrete for the curb and gutter.



Looking east from Main Street down 2nd Ave. the dirt work is completed and ready for the concrete work. Crews still have more places to remove the old curb and gutters. Be careful where you park and walk while this project is being done.

RLCC High School Graduation Ceremony on May 28th, 2021 under new capacity rules

RLCC High School will be holding the commencement program for the Class of 2021 on Friday, May 28th, 2021 at 5:30pm in the high school gym in Oklee. On May 28th the Minnesota COVID restrictions for indoor gatherings will change. This change will allow the general public to attend the 2021 Graduation Ceremony at RLCC.

Seniors still get 8 "seats" for guests, but, those guests will not have to pre-register. Because we don't have to so-

cial distance chairs, the seats will all be moved closer to the stage (as in years past) in the order previously drawn. FACE MASKS must be worn at all times. Card baskets for each graduate will once again be available at the gymnasium entrance.

For those who are unable to attend or feel uncomfortable in a large group setting but would like to view the ceremony it will be aired live Garden Valley TV on RLCC Channel 35.

RLCC Honors 21 Graduates on May 28

Red Lake County Central Graduation will be held Friday, May 28, 2021 at the High School in Oklee. The ceremony will begin at 5:30 p.m. Twenty-four seniors will receive their diplomas during the graduation ceremony. Speakers will be the top three students of the Class of 2021. They include Kia Bachand, daughter of Jeff and Jodi Bachand; Janae Olson, daughter of Sara Olson and Dale Olson; and Karena Melby, daughter of Isaac and Marcella Melby.

The Class of 2021 graduates are Isaiah Aquino, Kia Bachand**, Adriel Bakken**, Wakely Bryl, Bailey Culkins**, George Duden*, Tristyn Ferguson**, Levi Flatgard, Gavin Galkowski, Eric Gieseke*, Andrew Gryskiewicz, Daniel Guillemette**, Faith Hanson, Zachariah Howard*, Emily Kolstoe**, Jeremy Kruchowski, Karena Melby**, Brody Moen, Janae Olson**, Morgan Plante*, Elijah Rathasack*, Isabella Russillo*, Katelyn Suchy**, and Brock Tvedt**. (**High Honors, Cumulative GPA 3.5-4.0, Gold

Cord; and *Honors, Cumulative GPA 3.0-3.49, Silver Cord)

The Class Motto of the 21 seniors is "Stay Positive, Test Negative." The Class Colors are emerald green and white, and the Class Flower is a white Lily.

The Colors will be presented by the American Legion. The Processional and Recessional will be played on the piano by Peggy Miller. Mr. James Guetter, Superintendent will welcome everyone to the commencement ceremony.

Kia Bachand and Janae Olson will address their class and the audience. "History" a song by *One Direction* will be sung by Karena Melby and Adriel Bakken. Karena Melby will give her address to the class & audience, presentation of Flowers and the Class of 2021 Video will be played.

The Principal Randall Pederson will be presenting the Class of 2021. Principal Randall Pederson and School Board Chair, Mr. Matt Kolstoe will present the diplomas. Congratulations to RLCC's Class of 2021.

Masks still required at some locations

Even though the CDC has announced that if you have received your last vaccination two weeks ago, you don't have to wear a mask, there will be some places that will require masks.

Essentia Health to continue requiring masks for visitors, patients and staff despite the

easing of mask mandates from federal agencies, state government and municipal leaders, Essentia Health will continue to enforce its mask policy. Universal masking for patients, visitors and staff will remain a requirement in all our facilities across Minnesota, Wisconsin and North Dakota.

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Sun, May 23: 9:00 a.m.
Zion, 10:30 a.m. 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. 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, May 23: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Immanuel. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer.
Wed, May 26: 7:00 p.m. Worship at Immanuel.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Wed, May 19: 7:30 p.m. Baccalaureate Service.
Sun, May 23: 10 a.m. Joint Community Worship. At Veteran's Park in Goodridge.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

May 24 - 28

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: ½ Grilled ham & cheese sandwich, fries, coleslaw, milk, and dessert.
Tue: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, mixed vegetables, bread, milk, and dessert.

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

Thu: Chicken strip, hash browns, carrots, bread, milk, and dessert.

Fri: Hamburger patty, baked macaroni & cheese, green beans, bread, milk, and dessert.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive – Nazareth
Oak Park – St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Wed, May 19: 7:00 p.m. OP Ladies Aid.
Sat, May 22: Mt Olive: 9:00 a.m.

Sun, May 23: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri. 9:45 a.m. Oak Park. 11:00 a.m. Nazareth.
Find services and past sermons at www.facebook.com/clearwaterlutheranparish

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, May 19: 6:25 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Sun, May 23: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.
Tue, May 25: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Wed, May 19: Canceled - Sand Valley Ladies Aid
Sun, May 23: No Services or Confirmation.
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.

Sudoku Solution

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

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Oklee Centennial Cookbook Recipe Corner - From page 482

Caramel Coffee Cake Carol Kvasager

1 loaf frozen bread dough, cut up
1 pkg (3-5/8 oz) regular butterscotch pudding
1 cup crushed walnuts
1/2 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup butter

Cover bottom of pan with crushed walnuts. Layer dough balls in bottom of pan. Sprinkle dry pudding over it. In a saucepan combine the sugar and butter and bring to a boil. Pour over the rolls. Let stand overnight on the counter or 6 – 8 hours, until rolls raise to the top of the pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Remove from pan, upside down immediately.



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Tri-Valley Public Transportation

T.H.E. Bus is available for anyone. There are no age or income guidelines. Curb-to-curb services is available, allowing those with special

Who's Dat?



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This weeks photo is of group of fellows enjoying a nice summer evening.

Last week's photo was of Tiffany Whalen and Dean Austad, both seniors at the Oklee Junior/Senior Prom held on May 11, 1991.

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.

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.

Covid-19 Numbers for area counties

Daily Inter-County Nursing Service Covid-19 updates:

May 15th - 17th: There is 1 new case to report in Pennington County, the individual is in their 20's. There are 3 new cases to report in Red Lake County, the individuals are in their 20's and 30's.

May 14th: There are no new cases to report in Pennington County. There is 1 new case to report in Red Lake County, the individual is in their 30's.

May 13th: There are no new cases to report in Pennington County and Red Lake County.

May 12th: There are no new cases to report in Pennington County and Red Lake County.

May 11th: There are no new cases to report in Pennington County and Red Lake County.

May 8th - 10th: There are 2 new cases to report in Pennington County, the individuals are in their teens and 30's. There are no new cases to report in Red Lake County.

Many people have questions and concerns about COVID-19 vaccines. This is normal!

Learn and share the facts:
- No safety steps were skipped during development.
- They work for everyone age 16 and older.
- They cannot change your DNA.
- They don't contain micro-chips, preservatives, eggs, or pork products.

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Red Lake Falls Library

New adult titles in the regional branches include "The Triumph of Nancy Reagan" by Karen Tumulty. "Biography of Nancy Reagan, fortieth First Lady of the U.S., seemingly recounts every known detail of this driven, complicated woman's life. Interviews, society columns, previously published accounts, personal letters, mind-boggling minutiae, and even state documents from the Reagan Presidential Library inform scenarios that often refute versions of events from

Reagan's 1989 autobiography or stepdaughter Patti's 1992 tell-all."

And "Brain Inflamed: Uncovering the Hidden Causes of Anxiety, Depression, and

Other Mood Disorders in Adolescents and Teens" by Kenneth Bock, M.D. "In Brain Inflamed, acclaimed integrative

doctor Dr. Kenneth Bock shares a revolutionary new view of adolescent and teen mental health—one that suggests many of the mental disorders most common among this population (including depression, anxiety, and OCD) may share the same underlying mechanism: systemic inflammation. In this groundbreaking work, Dr. Bock explains the essential role of the immune system and the microbiome in mental health, detailing the ways in which imbalances in these systems can generate neurological inflammation." (amazon.com)

Thank You

The family of Kimberly Bachand Johs would like to sincerely thank everyone for all the cards, prayers, and sympathy given during this sad time of loss for us. Your thoughtfulness means more than words can say.. Carol Bachand and family.

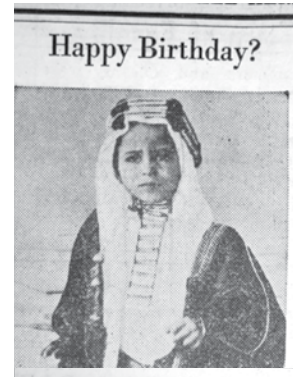
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RED LAKE COUNTY SMALL BUSINESS AND POTENTIAL STARTUP ENTERPRISES

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. Allen Bertilrud 218-684-1315, Dave Ste. Marie 218-686-4019 or Kelsey Gervais 218-686-5114.

PIECES FROM THE PAST 1941



Faisal II, king of Iraq, who celebrated his sixth birthday while the artillery of his army was shelling British troops who had taken refuge in the R.A.F. base at Habbaniyah, Iraq. Pro-Nazi Rashid Beg Gailani is in the saddle as premier of Iraq. Iraq was formerly Mesopotamia.



In the "danger zone," the Dover-Folkestone area of England, which has become the "front" in the battle of Britain, home-guardsmen patrol the barren sea cliffs and shore—ready to give Hitler's Nazis a warm welcome if they come. Sergeant W. Read, a retired civil servant, standing guard, typifies the spirit of Great Britain.

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RLCC Menus

May 24 - 28

Oklee

Monday: Breakfast: Cook's Choice, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Cook's Choice, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Cook's Choice, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Cook's Choice, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Cook's Choice, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Cook's Choice, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Cook's Choice, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Cook's Choice, fruit, and milk.

Friday: No School - Out for Summer!!

Plummer

Monday: Breakfast: Egg wrap, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Cook's Choice, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Ham & Egg patty, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Cook's Choice, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Cook's Choice, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Variety, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Cook's Choice, fruit, and milk.

Friday: No School - Out for Summer!!



Juniors that attended prom were: Back Row: Michael Lowell, Nolan Magnell, Tyler Eskeli, Noah Hanson, Jed Duden, Steven Sogla, and Peyton Fish. Middle Row: Jonathon Roue, Isabel Plante, Taya Morinville, Marissa Schiebe, Cari Bachand, Leilah Van Dam, and Bailey Sherman. Front Row: Thomas Benson, Madeline Inda-Valdez, Lauren Jones, Savannah Jerome, Erin Sundquist, and Paul DeHate.



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

RLC Coop Rebel

Baseball: V/JV/JH

Thu, May 20: 4:30PM
RLC vs. Ada Borup @ Tony Sipe Baseball Field Ada.

Mon, May 24: 4:30PM
RLC vs. Lake Park Audubon @ Lake Park-Audubon High School.

RLCC Track & Field - Boys & Girls

Thu, May 13: Boys & Girls Varsity Meet 3:30PM Away vs. Multiple Schools @ Bagley High School.

Sat, May 15: Boys & Girls Varsity Meet 3:00PM Away vs. Multiple Schools Northland Community College

Mon, May 17: Boys & Girls JH Meet 3:30PM Away vs. Multiple Schools @ Bagley High School

Thu, May 20: Boys & Girls Varsity Meet 4:00PM Away vs. Multiple Schools @ Ada-Borup High School

Fri, May 21: Boys & Girls JH Meet 4:00PM Away vs. Multiple Schools NCC

Tue, May 25: Boys & Girls Varsity Meet 3:30PM Away vs. Multiple Schools @ Bagley High School.

Thu, May 27: Boys & Girls Varsity Meet 4:00PM Away vs. Multiple Schools @ Ada-Borup High School

Thu, Jun 3: Boys & Girls Varsity Subsection. TBD Away vs. Multiple Schools Northland Community College

Fri, Jun 18: Boys Varsity State Tournament TBD Away vs. Multiple Schools TBA.

Track & Field: Girls Varsity State Tournament TBD Away vs. Multiple Schools TBA

Sat, Jun 19: Boys Varsity State Tournament TBD Away vs. Multiple Schools TBA

Track & Field: Girls Varsity State Tournament TBD Away vs. Multiple Schools TBA



Sophomores who attended the 2021 Junior Senior Prom were: Back Row: Damon Ferguson, Kaleb Roussey, Caleb Nymann. Front Row: Marin Peterson, Molly Smith, Natalie Vettleson, Aurimy Olson, Payton Rystad, and Paige Olson.



English Award: Emily Kolstoe with her parents, Lisa and Matt Kolstoe.



Science & Math Awards: Kia Bachand with parents Jodi and Jeff Bachand.



Social Studies Award Janae Olson with her mother Sara Olson.



Mustangs hosted Sacred Heart on Monday, May 10th and lost. Left to Right: Carly Vettleson, Paige Olson, Natalie Vettleson, Carlee Whalen, Erin Sundquist, and Shawna Majeres in the dugout.

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Carlee Whalen holds the game ball. She scored her first home run of the season.

RLCC High School's Academic Banquet

By Aurimy Olson
Red Lake County Central High School hosted its annual academic banquet on April 6, 2021. This year's honored guest was Charly Wicks, a 1998 Oklee High School graduate who spoke to the students via video message. Ms. Wicks spoke on how having her small-town education helped her achieve big dreams.

To be invited to the banquet, students in grades 9-12 must have a GPA of 3.5 or higher in the core classes of math, science, social studies, and English throughout the first three quarters of the school year. 8th graders that meet these requirements are invited to the banquet as waiters and waitresses, but due to the no food this year, they were still asked to attend as guests. These students include Owen Chervestad, Kendra Christianson, Dylan Dahle, Hannah Dudycha, Evelyn Klam, Ciara Mitzner, Ruben Osborn, Luke Peterson, and Ryan Tvedt, who all received a certificate.

Freshman attendees were Jamie Flatgard, Sydney Fougner, Jennifer Johnson, Ella Moen, Keira Morinville, Kya Morinville,

Everett Svendsen, and Bryn Vettleson. Sophomore attendees were Damon Ferguson, Carson Lambert, Natalie Lindemoen, Shawna Majeres, Aurora Mitzner, Cael Nelson, Aurimy Olson, Paige Olson, Marin Peterson, Payton Rystad, Gunnar Sandeen, Izaiah Stordahl, Lucille Svendsen, and Natalie Vettleson. Junior attendees were Cari Bachand, Zachary Cater, Peyton Fish, Madeline Inda Valdez, Taya Morinville, Leah Peterson, Jonathan Roue, Bailey Sherman, Erin Sundquist, and Halie Thompson. Senior attendees were Kia Bachand, Adriel Bakken, Emily Kolstoe, Karena Melby, Janae Olson, and Katelyn Suchy. These students were all awarded medals.

The top GPA in grades 9-11 gets awarded a plaque. The freshman with the highest GPA was Kya Morinville, the sophomore was Aurora Mitzner, and juniors, all with a 4.0 GPA, were Cari Bachand, Zachary Cater, Taya Morinville, Leah Peterson, Jonathan Roue, and Halie Thompson.

Mr. Paksan awarded Kia Bachand the Math Award for her strong work ethic. Mr. Strutz presented the Science award to Kia Bachand because of her keen attention to detail. Mr. Randy Huie awarded Janae Olson the Social Studies Award based on her commitment to her Social Studies classes and her commitment to the Minnesota Honor Society and Student Senate. Mr. Randall Pederson awarded Emily Kolstoe the English award for her strong writing skills demonstrated in her college English courses.

