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What is Trunk or Treat?

Along with everything else in our lives this year, Covid-19 is making Halloween different again this year! It went over very well last year. So once again, the Oklee Community Club is hosting a site for Trunk or Treaters this year. On October 30, from 4:00p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Oklee's Main Street, there will be spots available. There will be signs posted where you can set up at 3:30 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place to the best decorated Trunk. And you must provide your own candy or non-candy items to hand out. NO HOMEMADE TREATS!

Halloween celebrations are a bit different this year again due to the COVID numbers in our area. Trunk or Treat is an alternative to the house to house trick or treating tradition associated with Halloween.

Participants park their cars side by side in a designated area of the parking lot. Most folks decorate their trunks for the event. Candy is handed out by the participants. Some folks actually sit amongst their decorations, some bring yard chairs and some stand to hand out the candy. In a recent Halloween 2020 trends report showed that 22% of parents surveyed expect to Trunk-or-Treat this year with families they know.

If you are not familiar with Trunk-or-Treat, it is a Halloween tradition in which cars get just as decked out as candy-seekers. Participants

decorate with some kind of thematic flair. Then, costumed trunk-or treaters roam from vehicle to vehicle, collecting candy and Halloween treats as they go. Trunk-or-Treat events are perfect for rural areas with spaced-out homes, for kids who get tired walking from house to house, or for families who want to add in an extra candy-gathering activity before or after door-to-door trick-or-treating. It also allows parents to show off their creative sides.

Trunk-or-Treat ideas run the gamut, from turning your open-trunk cars into open-mouthed monsters, to re-creating some of your favorite movie and TV show scenes and sets in and around your vehicle. If you're looking for Trunk-or-Treat inspiration, there is lots of examples online, just type in Trunk or Treat and explore the possibilities.

Trunk or Treat Decorating Ideas

This is fun for the adults! If you have no yard, a small yard, or have already filled your yard to the street with Halloween decorations, then this is a brand-new opportunity to add more festivity to the world. You have to get creative since it's such a small space to work with, but the results can be either adorable or spooky depending on your liking. Pick a theme! Spiders? Mummies? Monsters? Bring in balloons for a creepy clown circus or a monster bash! Take advantage of your car's CD player and play scary sounds or Halloween songs like "Monster Mash" at

this year's trunk or treat event. String cobwebs down from the trunk! You can create or buy a giant spider decoration and place it on top of your car. Stick a skeleton in the driver's seat and have it waving to people walking by, or press a scary mask up against the window to look out on the kids. Don't forget the ground around your car! Presumably you'll have a little extra space to move around your car as well as a spot near your trunk to sit while passing out candy. There may be space to stand a creepy creature of some sort or stage a spooky scene.

Supplies - Besides décor (and of course, candy!), you may wish to bring along the following: Water to drink. It can be a long night! A fog machine to add atmosphere. Balloons to draw attention to your car. A costume for yourself! A blanket or sweater. It can get pretty chilly just sitting still in late October. A friend, spouse, or family member. You're welcome to try to set up a trunk or treat scene on your own, but between décor and handing out candy, you're liable to want some help!

Benefits of Trunk or Treating

Deemed safer than normal trick or treating because you are less likely to encounter strangers. It is more convenient for parents because parents only have to take their kids to one place. Trunk or treating events can occur on a day other than Halloween. Provides access to Halloween festivities for those who do not live in a typical residential neighborhood. Can provide opportunities for promoting educational platforms and organizations.

RLCC Parents Night



Parents Night for Volleyball: Seniors - Bailey Sherman daughter of Jesse Sherman and Amy Sherman, Cari Bachand daughter of Jodi and Jeff Bachand and Leah Peterson daughter of Jamie and Wendy Peterson.



Juniors: Clowie Magnell daughter of Isaac Emily Magnell, Shawna Majeres daughter of Greg and Sylvia Majeres, Aurimy Olson daughter of Bobbie and Larry Olson, Paige Olson daughter of Kimberly and Conway Olson, Molly Smith daughter of Sue and John Smith, Marissa Thomas daughter of Gilbert Thomas, Kippy Thomas and Donnie Howard, Natalie Vettleson daughter of Shane and Amanda Vettleson.



Sophomores: Belle Morinville, daughter of Craig Morinville and Alysia Schmitz, Jamie Flatgard, daughter of Shelly and Craig Flatgard, Jennifer Johnson, daughter of JJ Johnson and Catherine Johnson, Ella Moen, daughter of Shannon and Jason Moen, and Bryn Vettleson, daughter of Miranda and Wyatt Vettleson.



Freshmen Volleyball Players with their parents; Evelyn Kamm with parents Theodore and Stephanie Kamm, Bailey Sherman with parents Jesse Sherman and Amy Sherman, Kendra Christianson with parents, Paula and Keith Christianson, Quinn Graves with parents, Megan Halverson and Kenneth Graves, and Hannah Dudycha with parents Jessi and Kyle Dudycha.

October 24th - Remember To Dial 10-digit Number

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has adopted 988 as a new three-digit number to be used nationwide to reach the National Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Crisis Lifeline, starting July 16, 2022. In order for 988 to work in your (218) area code,

10-digit local dialing must first be implemented.

Beginning October 24th, you must dial 10-digits (area code + telephone number) for all local calls. On and after this date, local calls dialed with only 7 digits may not be completed, and a recording will inform

you that your call cannot be completed as dialed. You must hang up and dial again using the area code and the 7-digit number. The price of a call, coverage area, or other rates and services, including Expanded Local Calling will not change due to the dialing change.

Oklee Community Ed and Zion WELCA hosting a Tumbler Class

The Oklee Community Ed and Zion WELCA will be hosting a Tumbler Class where you can create your own tumbler, water bottle, or mug among many other items.

Red Barn 94 will be instructing the class on Thursday, October 28th at the Oklee Community Hall at 6:30 pm.

These will make great Christmas Gifts for anyone on your list!

Come out for a fun evening. Zion WELCA will be serving a Taco Bar (free-will offering). Contact Sandra Tougas at 218-689-4656 or Patty Mickelson at 218-280-5696 to sign up by October 25th!



Inter-County Nursing Service Visit us on Facebook

COVID-19 Updates

October 16th - 18th: There are 13 new reported cases for Pennington County, the individuals ages are: 1 child under 2, 1 teen, 20's - 80's.

There are 8 new reported cases for Red Lake County, the individuals are: a child under 12, and 40's - 60's.

October 15th: There are 5 new reported cases for Pennington County, the individuals ages include: 1 child under 10, 1 teen, 30's, 40's and 70's. 1 additional case has been hospitalized, they are in their 80's.

There are 2 new reported cases for Red Lake County, the individuals are in their 20's and 60's.

October 14th: There are 7 new reported cases for Pennington County, the individuals ages include: 20's - 40's and 60's - 80's.

There are 2 new reported cases for Red Lake County, the individuals are a child under 12 and in their 30's.

October 13th: There are 11 new reported cases for Pennington County, the individuals ages include: 1 teen, 20's - 40's and 60's. 1 additional COVID

related death has been reported, the individual was in their 50's.

There are 2 new reported cases for Red Lake County, the individuals are a child under 12 and in their 60's. 1 additional COVID related death has been reported, the individual was in their 60's.

October 12th: There are 21 new reported cases for Pennington County, the individuals ages include: 2 teens, 20's - 70's. 2 additional cases have been hospitalized, they are in their 60's and 70's. 1 additional COVID related death has been reported, the individual was in their 80's.

There is 1 new reported cases for Red Lake County, the individual is in their 60's.



Please take precautions whether you are vaccinated or not. Wear a mask in indoor public spaces, social distance, stay away from crowds, stay home if you are sick, wash your hands frequently and get vaccinated.

	Pennington	Red Lake
• Total # of confirmed cases	2150	585
• Total # of Hospitalizations	103	30
• # Currently in Hospital	3	1
• # of Active Cases in Isolation	41	16
• Deaths	27	9

Church news

Oklee Senior Site Dining

Oct. 25 - 29

No congregate meals served. If you are over the age of 60 and you want a meal delivered to your home, call the Oklee Cafe 796-5666. Please call by Friday to order your meals from the menu below. If the cafe runs short, it will be Cook's Choice. A \$5.00 per meal donation is suggested.

Mon: Small hamburger w/ raw onion, potato ham soup, milk, and dessert.

Tue: Fish patty, baked potato, carrots, bread, milk, and dessert.

Wed: Grilled chicken breast, hash browns, broccoli, toast, milk, and dessert.

Thu: Hamburger patty, mashed potatoes, cream gravy, peas, bread, milk, and dessert.

Fri: Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, corn, bread, milk, and dessert.



4-H News

The Red Lake County 4-H is holding a free event on October 21st at the Plummer City Hall starting at 6:30 p.m. They will be having a Costume Contest and Pumpkin Design Contest.

Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial Update

A recent donation to the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial was received from Jeanie O'Neill, Oklee, in memory of Harold Cyr, Oklee.

Harold was well known in the community, and served in the U S Army during the Korean War. Donations to the Veterans' Memorial are used for perpetual care including the replacement purchase of flags, as well as for grounds maintenance including landscaping and flowers.

An additional donation to the Veterans' Memorial in memory of Harold Cyr was received from Einar and Carol Kvasager, Oklee.

Donations to the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial may be sent to Security State Bank, Box 69, Oklee, MN 56742, attn: Lori Melby.

Any questions regarding the Veterans' Memorial may be sent to Mary Lynn Bachand at marylbachand@gmail.com.

The Minnesota flag at the Veterans' Memorial is currently down for repairs.

Stop in for
Cake &
Coffee

Retirement Party
for
Darrell Tougas
in honor of
20-1/2 years of great service
October 29, 2021
2:00 p.m.
Oklee Cafe

Red Lake County - Commissioners Minutes

RED LAKE COUNTY Regular Meeting Held September 28, 2021

Pursuant to adjournment of its last meeting the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners duly met in regular session at the Courthouse in Red Lake Falls, MN on September 28, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Chairman Flage called the meeting to order with all Commissioners present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Weiss moved and seconded by Dudycha to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on September 14, 2021. The motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Dudycha moved and seconded by Remick to approve the minutes of the special board meeting held September 17, 2021. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried unanimously to approve the following expenditures for the period:

Vendor	Amount
Anthony Flage	\$ 5,336.62
Larson Helicopter, LLC	7,481.25
MN Department Transportation	8,752.97
Moore Engineering, Inc.	49,964.74
O'Day Equipment, Inc.	5,266.64
RJ Zavoral & Sons	176,492.57
18 Vendors less than \$2000.	3,222.29
Final Total	\$256,517.08

The motion includes the following additional expenses: \$1,275.00 Brandon Narlock; \$9,985.00 Hoffman, Philipp & Martel, PLLC; \$3,185.00 Prowest; \$11,825.00 Vern's Carpet; \$157.36 expenses and \$480.00 per diem to Anthony Flage; \$53.76 expenses and \$1,100.00 per diem to Al Remick; \$26.88 expenses and \$205.00 per diem to Ron Weiss.

The Following Commissioner/Committee reports were shared: Commissioner Meeting/Report Dudycha: Tri-County Corrections and Inter County Community Council meeting.

Gerardy: County Budget and met with County Engineer regarding the City of Plummer Project.

Remick: Red Lake County Affordable Housing Loan Pool, County Budget meeting and County Extension.

Flage: Inter County Nursing, County Budget and a NW Regional Development RTCC meeting.

Weiss: Tri-County Corrections and County Budget meeting.

The County Board again discussed the 4H Program Coordinator/Extension Office manager position held by Frankie Latimer and her request to work from home on Fridays. Commissioner Gerardy moved, seconded by Remick to allow Frankie Latimer to work from home on Fridays if needed. Voting aye: Commissioners Gerardy, Remick, Weiss, and Flage. Opposed: Commissioner Dudycha. Motion carried.

The Crime Victim Advocate requested approval of a Resolution to apply for the 2-year Crime Victim Grant from the state. The Resolution allows the County Attorney's Office to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Office of Justice Programs in the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, and allows Mike Lacoursiere, County Attorney to execute such agreements as necessary to implement the project on behalf of the Red Lake County Attorney's office. Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried unanimously to approve Resolution No. 09-01-21 "Resolution Authorizing Execution of Agreement". A complete document is on file at the County Auditor Office.

HR Director Lundeen was present to discuss a letter from Kristi Nelson dated September 27, 2021 informing she is no longer interested in being the Social Service Director for Red Lake County. However, Nelson stated she would remain on a part-time as needed basis at her regular pay rate until a permanent Director is hired. The change would be effective back to September 17, 2021. Commissioner Remick moved, seconded by Gerardy to authorize the request as presented.

Voting aye: Commissioners Remick, Gerardy, Weiss and Flage. Voting nay: Commissioner Dudycha. Motion carried.

Commissioner Dudycha moved, seconded by Weiss and carried by unanimous vote to authorize the HR Director to advertise immediately for a replacement County Social Services Director for either a full-time or part-time position.

The board again discussed the shared Child Support Worker position that was acted on at the September 17, 2021 Special meeting. Commissioner Weiss felt that the joint sharing agreement for the position should be extended beyond year-end 2021 as was agreed upon earlier. Extending the arrangement would allow the county more time to train and develop a local Social Service staff employee for the duties. Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Remick and unanimously carried to extend the sharing agreement for the Child Support Worker with Norman County from December 31, 2021 to December 31, 2022 and have a local staff person get the necessary training for the position.

Lundeen asked board members whether the county should continue with the paid sick leave under the COVID Leave Plan as the temporary policy is expiring at end of September. Commissioner Dudycha moved, seconded by Weiss and carried unanimously to not extend the temporary emergency paid sick leave under the COVID Leave Plan beyond September 30, 2021.

The County Board then proceeded to continue to discuss the proposed 2022 county budget. Auditor Schmitz presented detail information for the County Revenue Fund, including the Highway Department and Social Services budgets, and provided a summary of the overall county tax levy and budget. Schmitz also mentioned that the county's taxing capacity decreased by approximately 18.4% due to the recent court rulings regarding the reduction in value for Enbridge Energy. Therefore, the end result will lead to an increase to the tax rate even with a zero percent levy increase. Additional discussion ensued. Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Gerardy and carried unanimously to not increase the levy from the prior year, and adopt the proposed tax levy at \$3,685,792.00 less \$474,585.00 State County Program Aid, resulting in \$3,211,207.00 certified tax levy for the payable year 2022.

There being no further business the regular board meeting adjourned until October 12, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Attest:
Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

Anthony Flage,
Board of Commissioners Chair

(U.S.P.S. 407-240)

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Official City of Oklee Minutes

City of Oklee Regular Council Meeting Monday, Sept. 16th 2021

Oklee Café 6:00PM

Roll Call: Mayor Gulseth, Genova, Sandoval, Cyr and Olson, also present Schmitz, Cross, Larson and Tougas.

Meeting called to order at 6:00PM

August Minutes:

Motion to accept July minutes by Olson and seconded by Cyr, motion carried.

August Financials:

Motion to accept July financials by Olson and seconded by Genova motion carried.

August Bills

Motion to approve the July Bills by Genova and seconded by Olson, motion carried.

Sanitary Services contract

Cal Eckstein of Sanitary Services announce tipping charges for them is going to be raised from October 2021, the new proposed contract will run from October 2021 to December 31st 2024.

Motion to accept the new contract by Cyr and seconded by Sandoval, motion carried.

Sheriff's Report:

Sheriff Bernstein reported on

the fire on Lambert Street, no one was hurt thankfully, the fire is under investigation by the State Fire Marshall. The residents are now living in a camper in Plummer. The Fire Marshall has not yet signed off on the property.

There had been complaints about Go-carts/Golf carts around town, it was pointed out you cannot specify any particular user, if one was to be banned then all would have to be banned.

Dog bite to a resident in town, small dog got out, and owner has been warned and received a fine. Two residents were reported to be pushing each other, police called to calm it down.

Maintenance

IPS from Fosston are hoping to proceed soon as they now have the program required for our system.

Team Lab who provide us with various chemicals are now offering side scan sonar images of water treatment ponds for the depth of the sludge, cost of this service is \$500.00 per ponds. The levels of both ponds has risen now the hot weather has gone and we have had some rain, Primary pond is at 4 feet secondary pond is at 3 feet. Lift station running good.

Levy:

The provisional Levy rate was set at 5% for this year. We will have a budget meeting in the near future to decide on the final Levy. Motion by Cyr to accept the provisional Levy rate at 5% and was seconded by Genova, motion carried.

Motion by Cyr to close the meeting and seconded by Olson, motion carried.

Meeting closed at 7.20 PM

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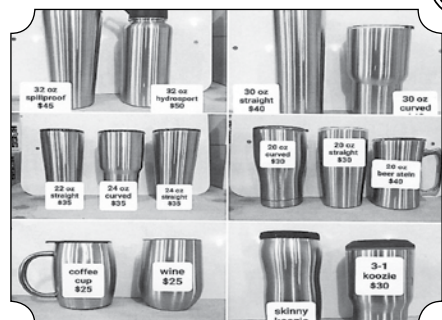
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TUMBLER CLASS

By Red Barn 94
Thursday,
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6:30 p.m.
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Taco Bar served by the Zion WELCA (free will)

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RLCC Menus

Oct. 25 - 29

Oklee

Monday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken fajita, corn, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Toast, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Pulled pork on bun, baked beans, chips, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Waffles w/syrup, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken spaghetti hotdish, bread stick, yogurt, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Toast, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Corn dog, macaroni & cheese, vegetable, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chili, corn muffin, corn chips, fresh vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Plummer

Monday: Breakfast: Pancake sausage stick, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, fries, green beans, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: French toast, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Tacos, rice corn, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Toast w/PB&J, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Subs, carrots/ranch chips, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Hamburger w/cheese & pickle, beans, fries, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Variety, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Cheesy bread, salad, cookie, fruit, and milk.



RLCC Sports Schedules

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

RLC Rebels Football Varsity

Wed, Oct. 20: TBD Ada
Borup at Ada High School.

RLCC Mustang Volleyball

Mon, Oct 25: Girls 9th/JV/Var Section Pigtail
TBD Away vs. Multiple Schools

Thu, Oct 28: Girls 9th/JV/Var Section Play-in Round
TBD Away vs. Multiple Schools

Fri, Oct 29: Girls 9th/JV/Var Section Quarters
TBD Away vs. Multiple Schools.

Mon, Nov 1: Girls 9th/JV/Var Section Semis
TBD Away vs. Multiple Schools.

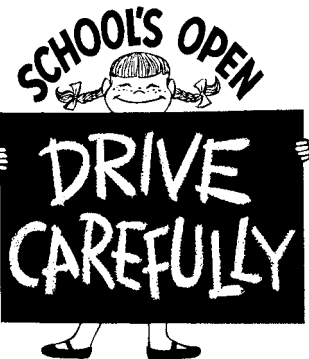
Fri, Nov 5: Girls 9th/JV/Var Section Finals
TBD Away vs. Multiple Schools

RLC Coop

Cross Country

Fri, Oct 29: Boys Varsity Section
TBD TBA Bagley High School. Girls Varsity Section
TBD TBA Bagley High School.

Sat, Nov 6: Boys Varsity State Tournament
TBD TBA @ St. Olaf College. Girls Varsity State Tournament
TBD TBA @ St. Olaf College.



Red Lake Falls Library

A visit to the library could be like a little visit to an art museum. To enjoy an array of art of many styles, choose from compendiums such as "The Louvre: All the Paintings" by Erick Lessinig and Vincent Pomarede, "American Drawings and Watercolors in the Metropolitan Museum of Art: volume 1, a Catalogue of Works by Artists Born before 1835, and "A Treasury of Art Masterpieces: from the Renaissance to the Present Day" by Thomas Craven, or particular styles such as "America's Folk Art: Treasures of American Folk Arts & Crafts in Distinguished Museums and Collections" by Robert L. Polley and "Impressionism" by

Pierre Courthion; or individual artists such as "Rembrandt's Life of Christ" by Owen S. Rachleff, "Pierre-Auguste Renoir" by Peter H. Feist, "Grandma Moses" by Oto Kallir and "Thomas Kinkade: Paintings of Radiant Light" by Thomas Kinkade and Philippa Reed; or themed collections such as "Men at Work: 400 Years in Paintings and Bronzes - Labor and the Evolution of Industry in Art" by Klaus Turk and "Japanese Prints: the Collection of Vinent van Gogh" by Chris Uhlenbeck,

Louis Van Tilborgh and Shigeru Oikawa. Then enjoy the art at length from the comfort of your home.

RLC downs Menahga

Red Lake County would host Menahga in the annual Parent's Night game in Oklee on October 15th. This year 96 students participated in Rebel football in grades 5th-12th.

The game started well for RLC. On the second play of the game, the Rebel defense came up big as Ashtin Fredrickson would recover a Brave fumble.

RLC would then cover 39 yards over 6 plays before Senior Blane Schmitz would score on a 3 yard run to give RLC a 8-0 lead.

Both teams would trade punts over the next two possessions. RLC would go back to work on their 3rd possession running 12 plays and covering 54 yards. This drive would end in Freshman Brock Seeger scoring from 10 yards out and giving RLC a 14-0 lead.

The Braves of Menahga would have an answer. They would voer 68 yards in 12 plays. On a 4th and goal from the 8, Menahga would get a diving catch for a score and cut the lead to 14-8.

The Rebels would have

Parenting Tips

Mental illness in children can be hard to identify. As a result, many children who could benefit from treatment don't get the help they need. Recognize warning signs in children and how you can help.

Common disorders among children

Mental health disorders in children — or developmental disorders that are addressed by mental health professionals — may include:

- Anxiety disorders
- Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)
- Autism spectrum disorder (ASD)

- Eating disorders
- Depression and other mood disorders
- Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)
- Schizophrenia.
- Warning signs of mental illness in children

- Persistent sadness — two or more weeks
- Withdrawing from or avoiding social interactions
- Hurting oneself or talking about hurting oneself
- Talking about death or suicide
- Outbursts or extreme irritability

- Out-of-control behavior that can be harmful
- Drastic changes in mood, behavior or personality
- Changes in eating habits
- Loss of weight
- Difficulty sleeping
- Frequent headaches or stomachaches
- Difficulty concentrating
- Changes in academic performance

- Avoiding or missing school
- How do health care professionals diagnose mental illness in children?
- Medical history
- History of physical or emotional trauma
- Family history of physical and mental health
- Review of symptoms and concerns with parents
- Timeline of child's developmental progress
- Academic history
- Interview with parents
- Conversations with and observations of child

<https://www.mayoclinic.org/healthy-lifestyle/childrens-health/in-depth/mental-illness-in-children/art-20046577>

Courtney Eskeli New Staff Member at RLCC

By Lily Hager and Kya Morinville

Courtney Eskeli is excited to be at Red Lake County Central as a paraprofessional. Mrs. Eskeli's job includes hands-on work with students, primarily on a one-to-one basis. Her favorite class in high school was science because she loved hands-on experiences. The class she struggled with the most was math which she finds iconic because it's now her favorite class to help students. Eskeli graduated from Grygla High School. She was interested in education from her elementary days because "Education runs in her family:"

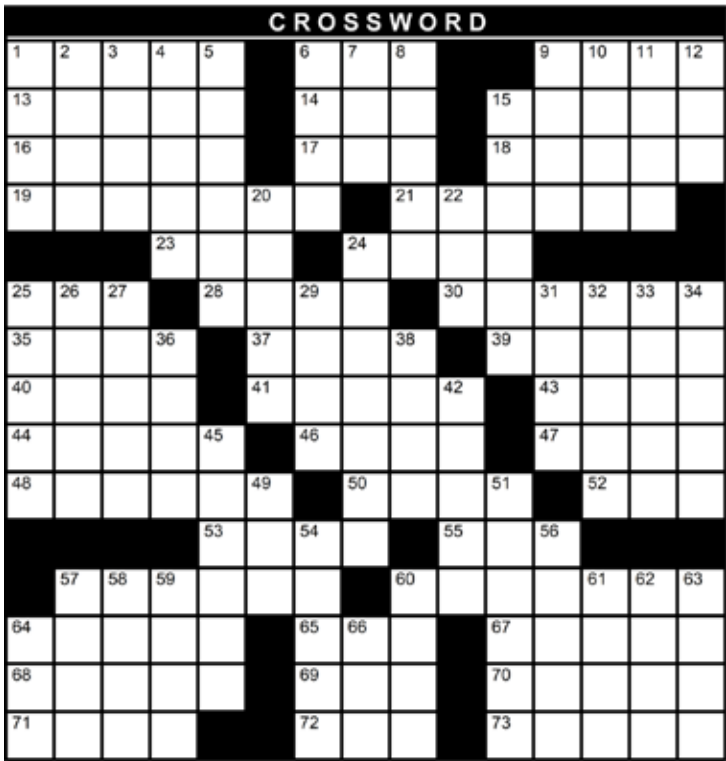
Many family members have worked in Grygla schools.

Mrs. Eskeli and her husband, Matt, have a daughter Olivia, who is three, and a son, Tomlin, four months old. They also have a dog, Mabel. Matt owns Eskeli Electric. Her mother, Shawna Olson, works as an Administrative Assistant at Grygla High School, and her Father, Greg Olson, works for the Minnesota Department of Transportation. Mrs. Eskeli's hobbies include studying trees with Mr. Nelson in the science room. She also enjoys photography and owns a business called Click by Courtney.



Courtney Eskeli, Paraprofessional at RLCC.

Statepoint Crossword Halloween



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17. Quaker Man's cereal
18. Oozes
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24. Bébé's mother
25. General Post Office

28. Actuary's concern
30. Named, in bygone era
35. Not easy
37. Accepted behavior
39. Kitchen floor layer?
40. Northern European capital
41. *Overly consumed on Halloween?
43. Actress Spelling
44. Nature's rage
46. Bangladesh currency
47. Colossal
48. Bowling prop
50. Famous Himalayan
52. Bugling ungulate
53. Valedictorian's spot
55. Possessive of "it"

Writers & Writing by Michael Tidemann

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

Proles envisions abuse of technology

We've all heard about George Orwell's dystopian novel 1984. But what could happen in the future?

That's the question Joel E. Lorentzen tries to answer in his novel Proles: A novel about 2084.

Lorentzen, who was born in Davenport, Iowa, moved with his family to various acreages between Blue Grass and Buffalo as he was growing up, later settling on a 144-acre farm in Muscatine County. He later graduated from Muscatine High School which he identifies as his hometown. He now lives in Rock Island, Ill.

Lorentzen's Iowa roots continued when he received his electrical engineering degree from Iowa State University then his MBA from the University of Iowa. With a lifelong career in robotics development, Lorentzen offers a background that uniquely qualifies him to write about technology run amok in the late 21st century.

At the heart of the novel is Julianna-119, a scientist who plots threats to humanity hundreds of years in the future. While Julianna is a Thelite, one of the elite who govern society, she has Prole roots through her father and uncle David.

At first, Thelite society seems a utopia. Members are implanted with BioGrams

at birth which control their thought patterns. Thelites are also provided with 'spirit dispensers' that promote happiness and undisturbed sleep. Thelite society encourages freedom of interpersonal relations between men and women with multiple partners, and the Center for Reproductive Liberty matches genetically perfect parents to perpetuate the perfect Thelite society.

But when her father is admitted to the Center for

Transition Management, a euphemism for execution, Julianna starts to question the very society of which she is a part.

"The algorithms also indicate that the cost of sustaining his life with the complexity will exceed his value," a ranking Thelite official told Julianna about her father.

That is when she begins to dream, a phenomenon virtually unknown to the Thelites whose Best Society tries to control peoples' every thought and breath and where dreams are discouraged because they are a source of ideas and communication between the Proles who have not been adapted nor admitted to Thelite society. Through her dreams, Julianna communicates with Proles, such as her uncle David, and to develop empathy with two Prole couples, Meghan and Chad and Abby and Keaton, who face the same fate as her father.

Lorentzen presents some disturbing possibilities if technology should come to rule us rather than us ruling technology. What Orwell has started Lorentzen has continued, and in a very moving and frightening way.

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Oklee Herald Early Files

Eighty Years Ago October 23, 1941

Miss Violet Christopherson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christ Christopherson and Ole Breivold, son of Mrs. Bergit Breivold, were married at the Lutheran parsonage in Oklee in October 18th.

Corporal Vern Gray, who has spent a 15 day furlough at his home here, left yesterday for Fort Leonard Wood, MO. His parents accompanied him as far as Grand Forks.

Miss Reine Varin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D.M. Varin, became the bride of Lawrence Boucher, Tuesday morning at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Brooks. Rev. K. Patnode officiated.

Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Torgerson returned here Monday after a two weeks visit with their daughter, Mrs. R.E. Bilbrough, an family at Kansas City, MO.

Selective Service Call NO. 26 requires four men from Red Lake County to leave November 5 for Fort Snelling for induction into the Army.

Russell Bergh is spending a furlough at his home south of Gully.

Seventy Years Ago October 18, 1951

Lawrence LaCoursiere, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert LaCoursiere of Brooks, who recently enlisted in the United States navy, is stationed at the Naval Training Center at San Diego, CA.

More than 100 Red Lake County 4-H members and their parents attended the annual 4-H completion party at the community hall in Plummer.

The Oklee Bobcats, lacking the dashing stamina of previous games, scored a weak victory over the McIntosh Cardinals with a score of 28-12.

Howard Qualley arrived at the Burnell Myrum home Saturday evening after being at Grafton ND picking potatoes. Howard is a brother of Mrs. Myrum.

Sixty Years Ago October 26, 1961

Historical Book least to Strang Development the head line reads: In the publication "The Oklee Community Story" Dr. W. O Tessier, pioneer Oklee and Red Lake County physician, was crossing the swollen Clearwater River east of Plummer in 1903 lost a fur coat and a bag of surgical instruments and supplies when his team and buggy were swept downstream. Oscar Giere, then a young man living near the old LaCaume crossing found the instrument while he was wading in the river. 60 years later, he was reading about Dr. Tessier experience of crossing the river and discovered who they belonged too. Last week he brought what he had left of his find to the Oklee Lumber Yard and presented them to

Dr. Tessier's granddaughter, Mrs. Tom Melby.

Raymond A. Hofstad, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Osmund Hofstad of Oklee, joined the Marine Corps recently.

Pvt. Kenneth J. Asselin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Asselin of Brooks, recently returned to duty after spending a 14-day furlough here.

The Oklee Bobcats play Erskine on Friday night with the final score 55-12 in the Bobcats favor.

Fifty Years Ago October 21, 1971

Rain is another commodity in surplus in these parts with remaining harvesting now practically at a standstill. Otto Bakken reported there has been 4.55 inches from Oct. 1 - 18 at his weather station.

Last Friday night guests at the Don Berg home celebrated Sheri's 6th birthday.

Mrs. Selma Johnson and Mrs. Birdie Gunderson attended the Nordevestre Telelag of America convention in Oklee over the weekend.

Midway through the third quarter, Lowell Arlt caught a pass from Ray Fisher and raced 40 years for the only score in the came when the Cardinals downed Clearbrook 6-0 last Tuesday.

The Bobcats controlled the game from the outset and rolled to a 52-14 win over Erskine Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Olin Vandeventer of the Twin Cities spent the weekend here with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Bud Vandeventer.

Forty Years Ago October 22, 1981

Community Halloween Party plans have been made. The Hall will be divided into two halves with one half easy games for the youngsters and the other half for the older ones. A jack-o-lantern contest with prizes, and bingo are also happening.

Meet the Kindergarten featured Amy Camling, Darren Hofstad, Joey Johnson.

On Tuesday, October 20, the Bobcats played Ada. The varsity was defeated in two games. The first game was very close 18-20 but the Bobcats fell apart loving the second game 7 - 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Seibel celebrated their 40th anniversary Saturday afternoon at the Legion Club in Plummer with an open house.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Lussier and family of Grand Rapids, Mrs. Lois Holmberg and Miss Kim Fjerstad of St. Paul were guests of the David Plante's over the weekend to attend the Qualley and Piper weddings.

An open house was held at the East Polk Extension Staff, Agents Donna Rae Jacobson and Howard Person.

Thirty Years Ago October 23, 1991

Last weekend Ricky Bjerklie and Matthew and Eric Bjerklie when on the bus to Minneapolis to see the twins play.

Martin and Fern Eskeli returned last week from a trip to Illinois where they visited son Craig and wife at Waukegan and son Randy and family at Elk Grove Village.

August 2nd was the big day for Ginelle and Brian as they took over the operation of Joyce's Café in Trail and renamed it Ginelles. The café has been especially busy this fall with road and pipeline construction, included with the regular customers.

Twenty Years Ago October 18, 2001

During the October 9th Board of Commissioners meeting, retired Veteran's Services Officer Harvey Bakke was presented with a plaque of appreciation for his years of dedicated service.

The metal building owned by the estate of Orlo & Mildred "Millie" Melby has been donated to the Red Lake County Fair.

On October 14th, Kelly & Connie Lundeen celebrated Brian's birthday. Family members helped him celebrate.

A benefit was being planned for Joseph Allen, son of Marlene (Johnson) Allen, formerly of Oklee. He has been diagnosed with MS and a free will spaghetti supper was held at the Gonvick Legion Cabin.

Ten Years Ago October 19, 2011

Bob Melby, retired Executive Director of Inter County Community Council, was honored at the 45th Annual Community Action Program (CAP) Conference held in Duluth, received the Steve Chadwick Advocacy Award. Since Bob was unable to attend, Catherine Johnson, the current Executive Director, accepted the award on his behalf.

Red Lake County hosted the Homecoming games Friday, October 2nd in RLF. The RLC Rebels took on the Fertile Beltrami Falcons but lost the homecoming game 8 - 36.

Sunday was another extremely windy day and it felt like the wind would knock you down.

Jack "Dirt Sandwich" Ubert, wrapped up the 2011 DMC Motorsports Series at the 7 Clans Casino in TRF on September 17th. Jack placed 3rd in the 50cc Oil Injected class. Jack is the son of Andy & Nicky Ubert of Fosston.

Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteers Jo Lambert & Bonny Cote

The Numbers of COVID cases are starting to come down. It is so important to be aware and to take the necessary precautions. Most of the seniors are vaccinated but a person can still catch COVID. You can still get sick. And if you are asymptomatic, you can spread it.

Senior Site Meeting: The next Senior Site meeting will be this week on October 21st at 9 a.m. All seniors are welcome to attend and it is important to come to the meetings. Your input is valuable.

Senior Meals: If you want to order a Senior Meal call the Oklee Cafe at 796-5666. Teresa is asking that Seniors call in their order for the week as soon as possible so she can order appropriately. So call in by Friday for the menu in this weeks paper. If you don't

and call in later, you may get a Cook's Choice meal instead.

Weekly Activities

Please call in to see if any activity is going to be held before coming up. As of now, all activities are not meeting until further notice.

Congregate Meals: If you want to eat in (congregate meal), please call the Cafe and arrange for your meal to be served in the cafe.

Birthdays this Month

Well, I think we are more organized than when we first started this column. I started listing birthdays for the month, but there were in a jumbled list. I have them now listed by dates so here are the October Birthdays:

Joyce Tougas	Oct. 1
Doris LaJambe	Oct. 17
Pat Glick	Oct. 19

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

The weather has been so nice up till now, but we did have a couple of frosty nights. I watched 6 deer cross the road the other day and they were in no hurry to get where they were going. Just ambling along. It is nice to see wildlife in no real hurry. The birds left so early this year that it is no fun to see the feeder almost full rather than almost empty. There aren't too many around to eat. Maybe next year.

The kids are busy these days. I understand there are plays that are being rehearsed in the schools to be put on later in the fall. My granddaughter is rehearsing for an "Adams Family" play in Warroad that will be on stage on the 29th

and 30th of October. It sounds like fun to watch. I suspect it will be at the school, being it is school sponsored. If it isn't storming we will try to get there to see it.

Clarence and Dianne Gagner of Brooks went to a birthday party for their great granddaughter Katlyn, who turned 7 years old. They traveled to Battle Lake where Tyler and Lynn Gagner have recently moved to. They formerly lived in Arizona. Katelyn is also the great-granddaughter of Leroy and Joyce Christianson of Red Lake Falls, and they also attended the birthday party. Clarence and Diane and Leroy and Joyce also met their newest great grandchild Ryker son

Henry Linder Oct. 24.

Jokes

"Bill," said a sailor looking up from his writing, "do you spell 'sense' with a 'c' or a 's'?"

"That depends," replied his friend. "Do you refer to money or brains?"

"Aw, I don't mean either of them two," was the reply. "What I want to say is, 'I ain't seen him sense.'"

Trivia

It has been calculated that in the last 3,500 years, there has only been 230 years of total peace throughout the civilized world.

Bamboo, which is the tallest grass in the world, can grow up to 90cm in a day.

The human heart creates enough pressure to squirt blood up to 30 feet.

The strongest muscle in the body is the tongue ~ relative to its size.

Have a good Week!

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe
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On Friday, October 8th, the 1-6th grade from RLCC Plummer got to visit the Fire Department and were instructed by Wade Westlake and Derrick Gagner about the firetruck and use of the hoses. They also were instructed about the importance of having working smoke detectors in the home, as well as fire extinguishers. It was Fire Prevention Week, October 3rd - 9th. Carbon monoxide detectors are also needed for those who have gas furnaces or gas stoves.

Anne Traxler attended the football game of her grandson Brodie in Thief River Falls, Monday afternoon. Brodie goes to Franklin Junior High. They played Crookston.

Marge and Don Ranstrom, from the Cities, came Thursday to Anna DeHates.

On Friday, the funeral for Arlene Zimpel was held at Immanuel Church. Some of those attending were Kelly and CJ

of New York, Grant Paquin of Florida, Jenny and Logan Wallace of Killdeer, ND, Brittaney Bray from Washington, Phyllis Zimpel from Alexandria. Also Arlene's sisters and a brother, all from Minnesota. Arlene taught school in Plummer for several years.

Anne Traxler and Alice Jobe attended the concert at Lincoln High on Monday evening. Micki Duden joined them. "Waking Up In America" was the name of the group. The two sisters in the group are from Croatia (formerly Yugoslavia). They play guitar, lute and accordion. They came from a musical family. The group played guitar and piano. They did some country and show tunes. It was very special and entertaining. They did "Cabaret", "Crazy", "Misty", "Gentle On My Mind", "What a Wonderful World", "You Raise Me Up," and "Jackson." The sisters wore beautiful sequined dresses. It was a special evening of music.

We've gotten plenty of rain; eight tenths Wednesday evening, added to almost three from the weekend before. The sugar beet farmers are having to wait for things to dry up. Temperatures can't be too warm.

On Wednesday morning, William Shatner when up in the space capsule, "Blue Origin." He's 90 years old. He was in "Star Trek" years ago. He went with two guys and a girl. He loved it but was a bit anxious. It was a very fast ride. He still rides bike and horses.

The worst out break of Army worms in 50 years hit Minnesota this fall.

A two-headed turtle hatched out on the east coast. The heads operate individually.

Maine has thousands of moose. But the herd has been drastically reduced because of ticks. They demonstrated how to do a moose call & get one out of the woods. They have an unusual sounding bellow.

Have a good week!

Who's Dat?



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This week's photo is of a group of ladies having a nice chat while their curls dry, notice the curlers on two of the ladies.

Last weeks picture was of the Burman family. Axel Burman with Marie standing in the back and Faith.

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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