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Trick or Treat Safety

"Trick or treat!" That's the phrase shouted with glee by many a youngster across the country every Halloween night. But before your ghosts and goblins trick or treat this year, parents should keep in mind these trick or treating safety tips to make sure the only howls are those of fun.

Trick-or-Treaters Tips

Buy costumes and wigs labeled "flame resistant."

Never walk near lit candles or luminaries while wearing costumes.

Fasten reflective tape to costumes and bags to help drivers see you.

Carry a flashlight.

Walk, don't run.

Don't go into a stranger's house.

Stay on Sidewalks.

Don't cut across yards or driveways.

Make sure costumes don't drag on the ground.

Shoes should fit

Avoid wearing masks while walking from house to house.

Carry only flexible knives, swords or other props.

"No sidewalk?" Then walk on the left side of the road facing traffic.

Wear clothing with reflective markings or tape.

Approach only houses that are lit.

Never accept rides from strangers.

Avoid trick-or-treating alone. Walk in groups or with a trusted adult.

Parent Safety Tips

Ideally, an adult should accompany young children of

any age.

If you buy a costume, look for one made of flame-retardant material.

Older children should know where to reach you and when to be home.

You should know where they're going.

Although tampering is rare, tell children to bring the candy home to be inspected – before consuming anything.

Look at the wrapping carefully and toss out anything that looks suspect.

Homeowner Safety Tips

Make sure your yard is clear of such things as ladders, hoses, dog leashes and flowerpots that can trip the young ones.

Battery powered jack o'lantern candles are preferable to a real flame.

If you do use candles, place the pumpkin well away from where trick-or-treaters will be walking or standing.

Make sure paper or cloth yard decorations won't be blown into a flaming candle.

Driver Safety Tips

Go slow, slow, slow all evening.

Adult Halloween party goers should have a designated driver.

Don't Drink & Drive.

Have a safe and a Happy Halloween!



be removed and later roasted to make a savory snack. In addition to removing the seeds, be sure to get all of the pulp out.

Pulp left in the pumpkin will soon get moldy and that can shorten the lifespan of the jack-o'-lantern. In addition, when removing the interior, try scraping the front inner wall of the pumpkin thin, which may make it easier to carve.

Avoid candles when lighting the interior of the jack-o'-lantern. Candles might seem like the most authentic and even spooky way to light the interior of the pumpkin, but the heat produced by a burning candle can shorten the life expectancy of the jack-o'-lantern. An LED light won't give off much heat and will provide ample illumination.

A few simple tips can help Halloween celebrants ensure their jack-o'-lanterns make it all the way to the big day at the end of October.

early 20th century in the United States.

While the practice of begging for treats in some shape or form went by many names, Merriam-Webster reports that a newspaper in Saskatchewan, Canada first mentioned the words "treat" and "trick" together in print.

A 1923 article indicated, "Hallowe'en passed off very quietly here. 'Treats' not 'tricks' were the order of the evening." By 1927, more and more children were uttering "tricks or treats" to solicit candy from their neighbors.

Trick-or-treating gained steam throughout the 1950s, with endorsements by major candy companies. The custom also was showcased in popular comic strips.

Even though there are tricks to be made on Halloween, treats are the real draw of the day.

~~~~~ RLCC Day of Caring ~~~~~



RLCC High School students set aside a day for their Day of Caring. It is a Community Service Day for the students. Notices go out in the paper and on posters and citizens of RLCC school districts can sign up for help with outdoor jobs like raking leaves, helping clear out gardens, and washing windows.

This year it was held on October 20th which was a beautiful day to be outside working on yard tasks.

The kids enjoy the day out of their classes and the people receiving their services are very grateful for their help.

The students do good work and learn about how important Community Service is.

Beekeeping for veterans



Christian Dahm, a Marine veteran, tends his honey bee hives in Wrenshall.

Keeping bees enables a unique closeness to nature. For military veterans, beekeeping can be a peaceful and purposeful hobby for life after active duty.

"Beekeeping is rising in interest among veterans. It is an empowering experience, especially once you get into it and are able to work with colonies of thousands and thousands of insects," says Katie Lee, University of Minnesota Extension apiculture educator. She has witnessed how beekeeping builds community among participating veterans as they learn new skills.

History and hands-on experience

The University of Minnesota's Bee Veterans program was founded in 2016 in honor of veteran and beekeeper Michael Roche, who believed in the therapeutic benefits of

beekeeping.

Since 2016, more than 100 veterans have participated in the program, including Christian Dahm.

"I dabbled in school and took all the fun courses first," Dahm says, recalling the ecological restoration courses he took at the University of Minnesota Crookston following a seven-year stint in the Marines. He later transferred to the Twin Cities campus where he took a honey bee class after answering an email inviting interested veterans to attend at no cost. It was there, Dahm says, that he found his gateway into beekeeping, an endlessly complex challenge in which there is always more to learn.

"The class was cool, but I wanted to learn more, get some hands-on experience," says Dahm. "Eventually the Bee Squad hired me for a

summer position. It was just what I wanted, and I learned from the best."

An apiary with rows of beehives painted in red, white and blue.

Hive boxes are often colorful, and this Bee Veteran chose red, white and blue.

The Bee Squad

The Bee Squad offers a variety of ways to get involved with pollinators beyond its Bee Veterans program. Founded in 2011, the Bee Squad was designed to guide both the public and beekeepers in their efforts to support bee populations in Minnesota, including managed honey bees and over 450 species of wild bees. Extension educators and other University members are working together with scientists, youth, artists and the public to promote the conservation, health and diversity of all bee pollinators.

New career paths

Today, Dahm breeds winter hardy bees, keeping some of his many colonies on the certified organic Food Farm in Wrenshall. After another winter or two, he will be confident marketing those bees as winter-hardy to customers who want to use locally adapted bees.

Dahm's goal is to eventually make beekeeping his full-time job. To be successful, he said, a beekeeper must be 100% in the moment while with the bees, but also do a lot of planning. "To manage these bees correctly, it not only takes thinking outside the box but thinking months ahead at the end of each day."

Inter-County Nursing Service

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COVID-19 Updates

October 22nd: There are 3 new reported cases for Pennington County, the individuals ages are: 1 teen, 20's and 50's.

There are 2 new reported cases for Red Lake County, the individuals a child under 12 and in their 70's.

October 21st: There are 7 new reported cases for Pennington County, the individuals ages are: 1 infant, 1 child under 12, 20's - 40's, and 60's.

There is 1 new reported case for Red Lake County, the individual is a teen.

October 20th: There are 7 new reported cases for Pennington County, the individuals ages are: 2 teens, 20's, 30's and 50's.

There are 2 new reported cases for Red Lake County, the individuals are 1 child under 5 and 1 teen.

October 19th: There are 8 new reported cases for Pennington County, the individuals ages are: 2 children under 10, 20's - 40's and 60's.

There is 1 new reported cases for Red Lake County, the individual is in their 80's and hospitalized.



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	2175	591
• Total # of Hospitalizations	103	31
• # Currently in Hospital	3	2
• # of Active Cases in Isolation	48	18
• Deaths	27	9

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Wed, Oct. 27: 4:00 p.m. 1st
Communion. 7:00 p.m. Confirmation.
Sun, Oct. 31: 9:00 a.m. Zion. 9:00 a.m. SS at Salem. 10:00 a.m. SS at Zion. 10:30 a.m. Salem.
Wed, Nov. 3: 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, Oct. 31: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Immanuel.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Sun, Oct. 31: 8 a.m. Bethany; 9:30 a.m. Eklund, 11 a.m. Faith.
Mon, Nov. 1: 9:00 a.m. Faith Quilting.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Wed, Oct. 27: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School.
Sat, Oct. 30: Mt. Olive: 9:00 a.m.
Sun, Oct. 31: St. Petri: 8:00 a.m. Worship, 9:15 a.m. SS. Nazareth: 9:45 Worship, 8:30 a.m. SS. Oak Park: 11:00 a.m. Worship, 9:45 a.m. SS.
Wed, Nov. 3: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 7:00 p.m. LYS.
Find services and past sermons at www.facebook.com/clearwaterlutheranparish

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Oct. 27: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Sun, Oct. 31: 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship.
Tue, Nov. 2: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions.
Wed, Nov. 3: 6:25 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Wed, Oct. 27: 2:00 a.m. Sand Valley Ladies Aid.
Sun, Oct. 31: 9:00 a.m. Lund; 9:00 a.m. Sand Valley SS. 10:30 a.m. Bethany.
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.



Doris was happy to see Vi Cote. They have been good friends for many years.

Doris LaJambe honored at her 100th Birthday on October 16th

Doris LaJambe, former Oklee resident was honored with an open house birthday party on October 16th in Turtle River (Bethany Lutheran Church) which was hosted by her family. Doris received many visitors from all around and there was a good turn out from the Oklee area. Some that attended (sure some are missing from this list) were Barb & Cliff Melby, Isaac & Marcella Melby Sydney Melby, Anne Hammer, Carol Bachand, Jeanie O'Neill, Kaye Munt, Vi Cote, Lonny & Bonny Cote, Arlen & Sheryl Fore, Eddie & Sharon Larson, Donna Linder, Richard & Jami Hendrickson, Morris Hendrickson, Phyllis & Bob Melby. Also attending were: Shelly Wahlen (Bemidji), Pastor Bob Paulson (Shevlin), Doris' brother Richard Riel and his wife from Walker, Dianne & Bob Solheim (Bemidji), Sharon & Sharol Johnson (Erskine). And there were many more people there including Doris' family.



Thank You!

With the COVID-19 pandemic, many business's had to close their doors for a period of time. The effect was that customer's did not have the opportunity to pay with cash or coin.

Security State Bank would like to thank you for your support, bringing in coin as the federal reserve and U.S. Mint work on a long term solution.



TRUNK OR TREAT

October 30th from 4:00-5:30 pm
on Main Street in Oklee

Businesses and members of the community please join us and set up a spot for the trick or treats to visit.

Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place to best decorated Trunk.

If you want to set up a spot (trunk) you can set up starting at 3:30, please watch for signs to be posted on where to enter and we will direct you where to park and set up.

You must provide your own candy or non-candy items to hand out.
NO HOMEMADE TREATS.

Sponsored by Oklee Community Club

Oklee Senior Site Dining

November 1 - 5
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: Goulash hotdish, corn, bread, and dessert.
Tue: Drummies, hash browns, corn, toast, milk, and dessert.
Wed: Small cheeseburger, chili, milk, and dessert.
Thu: Ham & Swiss melt on bun, potato bacon soup, milk, and dessert.
Fri: BBQ Pork on bun, tuna macaroni salad, green beans, milk, and dessert.



Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial Update

Recent donations to the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial were given in memory of Alden Morinville, Brooks. Clarence and Dianne Gagner remembered Alden Morinville's military service with a donation. Bob and Phyllis Melby, Oklee, and Scott and Judy Morinville, Brooks, also contributed to the Veterans' Memorial in memory of Phyllis and Scott's brother, Alden, with the purchase of a granite block. Alden served in the US Air Force and achieved the rank of Master Sergeant during his military service from 1972-1993.

Flags at the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial were lowered to half staff on October 18 in honor of General Colin Powell. As a mark of respect for General Powell and his life of service to our Nation, the President of the United States declared that the flag of the United States by flown at half-staff at all public places and military and naval stations through sunset on October 22. The RLCC Student Senate under the direction of Mr. Randy Huie have taken on the responsibility of lowering flags to half staff at the Veterans' Memorial.

Donations to the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial may be sent to Security State Bank, Box 69, Oklee, MN 56742, attn: Lori Melby. Any questions should be directed to Mary Lynn Bachand at marylbachand@gmail.com.

Sudoku Solution

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

American Legion Auxiliary Postpones Bingo Bake

The Oklee American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 159, has decided to postpone the annual Bingo Bake fundraiser held the Friday before deer hunting. Due to concerns for the health safety of the public, and the Auxiliary members, it was determined that this fundraiser and fun community event would be on hold for 2021. It is the plan of the Legion Auxiliary to host Bingo Bake in 2022 so mark your calendar!

The American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 159, appreciates everyone who has supported this fundraiser that allows the Auxiliary to donate to veterans' causes and community events. Enjoy a safe deer hunt and remember to thank a veteran.



Calendar of Events

Wed, Oct. 27
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
Thu, Oct. 28:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.
Fri, Oct. 29:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news
Sat, Oct. 30:
Trunk or Treat in Oklee at 4:00 p.m. on Main Street. Support your local business - Shop Locally!
Sun, Oct. 31:
-Worship at the church - check inside for church times and places.
Mon, Nov. 1:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.
Tue, Nov. 2:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.
Wed, Nov. 2:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.

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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.

Accepting applications for ICC's Board of Directors

Inter-County Community Council is now accepting applications to serve a three-year term on the Agency's 15-member Board of Directors. Applicants must reside in Red Lake County and must be a representative of the income eligible population who receives, has received, or is eligible for Community Action services. Meetings are evening meetings held on the forth Monday every other month. For more information or to request an application contact Catherine Johnson, Executive Director at 218-796-5144 ext. 1027 or electronically by CJohnson@intercountyycc.org. Board Applications are also available on our website at www.intercountyycc.org.

Red Lake Falls Library

New adult nonfiction includes "Lymph & Longevity: The Untapped Secret to Health" by Gerald M. Lemole, MD with a Mark Hyman, MD - "renowned cardiothoracic surgeon and pioneer in the study of lymph Gerald Lemole explains in straightforward language why the lymphatic system is the key factor in longevity and disease prevention, and how improving lymphatic flow can help our bodies eliminate the toxins and waste products that contribute to injury, inflammation, and disease. In ten short chapters he demystifies the lymphatic system, describes how powerful it is, and shows how to maintain a healthy lymph system to combat specific diseases and health problems—from heart disease to cognitive function to weight management." It also includes charts and graphs that illustrate basic principles, flow-friendly menus, recipes, and information on supplements.
And "Root Stem Leaf Flower: How to Cook with Vegetables and Other Plants" by Gill Meller - "a true celebration of seasonal vegetables and fruit, packed with simple and surprisingly quick recipes... roots: carrots, celeriac, beetroot; springtime stems: asparagus and rhubarb; leaves of every hue: kale, radicchio, chard; and the fruits of autumn - apples, pears, plums - the food year is marked by growth, ripening and harvest."



Bonny's Bits...

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While typing the Early Files for the paper this week, I found this on the front page from 1951. I have heard tales of the pranks that were pulled long ago - here's proof they were true.

For a Sane Halloween (Front page of Oklee Herald October 25, 1951)

The eve of All-Saints Day, better known as Halloween, was intended as an occasion for merriment, so herewith is a friendly piece of advice to those who are inclined to be rascals.

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RLCC Menus

NOTICE: Food shortages are nationwide, and our school district is also experiencing unavailable items or last-minute food replacements from our food distributors. Menus are subject to change, but we will do our best to notify you via social media/bulletin if/when there are menu changes. We appreciate your patience and understanding! We look forward to serving all of our students nutritious meals.

RLCC School District.

**November 1 - 5
Oklee**

Monday: Breakfast: Biscuit & gravy, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** General T'so chicken, fried rice, egg roll, fortune cookie, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Muffin, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Pizza hot dish, breadstick, vegetable, string cheese, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Toast, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken patty, fries or tots, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

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

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Hot dogs or polish, baked beans, chips, fruit, and milk.

Plummer

Monday: Breakfast: cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** fruit, and milk.

RLCC Sports Schedules

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

RLCC Mustang Volleyball

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.



Mark Bagaason was the guest speaker for the Minnesota Honor Society Inductee Ceremony on October 15th. He spoke to the students about the importance of taking time to work through uncomfortable situations to improve learning and all aspects of their lives.

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

RLC REBEL'S PARENTS NIGHT



Seniors: Left to Right: Jed Duden, Son of Rodney and Jody Duden; Tyler Eskeli, Son of Steve and Andrea Eskeli, and Becky Eskeli; Blaine Schmitz, son of Jenny Schmitz and the late Chad Schmitz; Paul DeHate, son of Bernie and Jill DeHate.



Open Meetings at RLCC Schools

Join us for a community-wide conversation about the future of our buildings!



Wednesday, October 27th, 7:00pm

RLCC Elementary School, Plummer, in the gym



Thursday, October 28th, 7:00pm

RLCC High School, Oklee, in the gym

Juniors: Gerald Melin, son of Greg and Kelly Melin, Jackson Hoefer, son of Josiah and Brooke Hoefer, Marcelo Bravo, son of Irving Bravo and Laura Bravo, Matt Renner, son of Jeff and Nyssa Renner, Carson Erickson, son of Mark and Jackie Erickson.

Not Pictured: Damon Ferguson, son of Troy and Nicole Ferguson and Gunnar Sandeen, son of Darrel Sandeen and Mandy Roisland



Sophomores: Ashtin Fredrickson, son of Andy and Patty Olson, John Powers, son of Chris and Nicole Hanson, Michael Cymbulak, son of Doug and Kareana Cymbulak, Manager Julia Armentrout, daughter of Jessica and Jason Aarestad.



8th Grade: Connor Duden, son of Rodney and Jody Duden, Masen Pahlen, son of Andrew and Brittanie Pahlen, and Colin Taggart, son of Kristina and Tyler Nelson, and Troy Taggart.



Freshmen: Jacob Harmoning, son of Kurt and Carmen Harmoning, Brayden St. Marie, son of Kelli and Andy Brateng and Travis Klinkhammer, Guy Bergeson, son of Skip and Angel Bergeson, Ethan Majeres, son of Greg and Sylvia Majeres, Brock Seeger, son of Nick and Julie Seeger, Brock Knott, son of Jason and Janelle Knott, Hunter Dudycha, son of Kyle and Jesi Dudycha, Gavin Thomas, son of Gilbert Thomas and Kippy Thomas, Ruben Osborn, son of Alison and Shayne Melvie, Luc Peterson, son of Jamie and Wendy Peterson, Hayz Hanson, grandson of Tammy and John Pendelton, Owen Chervestad, son of Aaron and Jill Chervestad, and Dylan Dahle, son of Kristina Dahle and Chris Russell.

~~~~ New inductees for Minnesota Honor Society ~~~~



Inductees are: Back Row: Caden Lee, Ella Moen, Jamie Flatgard, and Marin Peterson. Front Row: Sidney Fougner, Keira Morinville, and Jennifer Johnson.



Back Row: Paige Olson, Leah Peterson, Jamie Flatgard, Aurora Mitzner, Natalie Vetleson, Cari Bachand, and Marin Peterson. Middle Row: Caden Lee, Maddy Inda-Valdez, Marissa Schiebe, Ella Moen, Sidney Fougner, and Jennifer Johnson. Front Row: Lauren Jones, Taya Morinville, Aurimy Olson, Bailey Sherman, Shawna Majeres, and Keira Morinville.

Oklee Herald Early Files

Eighty Years Ago October 30, 1941

Vern N. Bergeron and Raymond W. Strande left here Monday for Bemidji where they were accepted into the Army. They were sent to Fort Snelling where upon passing the final physical examination they will be enlisted for the Air Corps at Wichita Falls, TX.

An exhibit by Mrs. Andy Knutson at fall festivals at Oklee, Plummer and Red Lake Falls were designed to show the part farmers and home makers may play in their country's defense.

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Linder on Friday evening, October 24th.

Walter Falardeau arrived here Monday evening from Fort Leonard, MO to spend a furlough at his home here.

Orlo Lintvet and Harold Rendal, who are attending the A.C. at Crookston spent last weekend with home folks.

Seventy Years Ago October 25, 1951

Al "Cyclone" Bergeron, excavating for the new creamery building in Oklee stuck some "hard digging."

About four feet under the surface the dragline shovel struck solid concrete which, when uncovered, appeared to be a floor of a basement, where as far as anyone remembered there had never been a building. Explanation came from oldtimers who recalled that a Mr. Lorentson, first manager of the creamery, constructed a concrete basement back in about 1912 with the intention of building a house, which never happened.

Anita Tucker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Tucker, Fort Ripley, and Gerald Gibeau, Oklee son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gibeau, south Milwaukee were married on October 13th.

Playing in a pre-season snowstorm, the Oklee Bobcats shattered the Gonvick Bulldogs' no-loss record here Friday night.

Lyle Nelson left Monday morning for Colorado after spending a brief furlough here.

Sixty Years Ago November 2, 1961

Alvin Jensen proudly displayed his awards he received from the Great Lakes Mink Association. Every year they honor the ranchers who received the top money for their pelts to the top five. This year he received the second highest male and fifth highest female awards

Mr. and Mrs. Ludger Tougas are the parents of a daughter born Saturday at St. Francis Hospital in Crookston.

A birthday party was held Sunday afternoon honoring Louis Linder on his 70th birthday.

The Oklee Bobcats lost their final game of the 1961 season to the Gonvick Bulldogs making the Gonvick Bulldogs, the Tri-County Conference champions.

Mrs. Arlie Brekke and children and Mrs. Earl Woods helped Mitzi Vettleson celebrate her birthday last week at the Ronnie Fore home.

Fifty Years Ago October 28, 1971

Eight new job opportunities have been created in Red Lake County according to a report from auditor David Kankel.

The state has approved and funded Federal Emergency Employment Fund to be used in wages to fill 8 positions. 3 for the county and 5 for the villages and cities in Red Lake County.

Lyle Mant and Stan Ridge-way of the Midwest Hatchery and Poultry Farms, Inc., were awarded a five-day trip to Acapulco by DeKalb Ag Research for achieving their 1971 goal of 1,005,000 chickens.

The Young Peoples Society of Clearwater Lutheran Churches met at the Deer Park Town Hall for a Hay Ride with chaperones and lunch served at the Oak Park dining hall.

Two pole barns have been built in our area, one in the John Nelson farm and one at the Harry Hanson farm. A garage is under construction at the Clara Bjerklie home.

Bonnie Brekke was guest of honor at a bridal shower on Sunday at Sand Valley Church.

When you haven't been involved in a game that's closer than 20-0 all year, 12-0 is a squeaker and that's what the Orange Machine (Bobcats) fought for that night against the McIntosh Scots.

Forty Years Ago October 29, 1981

The Oklee Schools were closed at 11 a.m. on Monday because of a bomb threat. Bonnie Cote answered the phone about 10:30 and a voice that sound female said something about a bomb. The Red Lake County Sheriff's Department was immediately called and the students were sent home.

The three seniors on the Oklee Volunteer team were recognized during the Oklee-Fosston match on Monday night. The three were Mary Johnson, Pam Parenteau, and Janet Klasen.

Meet the Kindergarten featured were Angel Mickelson, Paul Melby, and Stacy Lambert.

The Oklee football team ended their season in a winning way by defeating the Mac-Winger Scots by the score of 50-14.

Mr. and Mrs. Steven Radniecki, Twin Valley, are the proud parents of a baby girl born on October 24th. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Champagne and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Radniecki.

Thirty Years Ago October 30, 1991

The Oklee Headstart group was learning about fire safety this past week. As part of their study, they visited the Oklee Fire Department. There were 13 pre-schoolers and their three supervisors.

The 6th annual Holiday Craft Fair was held in Oklee on October 26th. Some of the vendors were: MaryAnn Lambert, Sandy Lambert and Loree Anderson; Maynard Mandt; Joyce Austad; Pam Asselin, Pat Asselin; Emily Bernier & Ardelle Olson; Cindy Novak & Barb Novak.

Aurel and Gloria Parenteau returned recently from a two week trip to Washington, visiting their sons, Mide & Donn and a Alisia Parenteau and Joey & Carol Parenteau and boys.

On Tuesday evening Wevell Sorenson attended a birthday (belated) supper for John, DeLayne and Maren Hammer at their home in rural Goodridge.

Twenty Years Ago October 25, 2001

A training session was planned for the Oklee & Plummer Fire Departments. The old abandoned 2 story home owned by the Lester Brown family, will be used as the training prop.

First Care Clinic in Oklee held a Fall Appreciation Festival. There were many donations and the winners were many.

Senior Birthdays at the Senior Site were: Dore Boucher, Bernice Berget, Ray Lessard and Doris LaJambe.

New student interviews included Kaitlyn Hernandez and Natalia Martushoff.

The Mustangs traveled to Waubun on Friday to face the Bombers. The Mustangs lost 32-18.

The RLCC School Art students are painting many of the local businesses in Oklee with beautiful artistic creations.

Rodney and Jody Duden moved into their new home last week, which has been under construction all summer.

Ten Years Ago October 26, 2011

A special election was held on October 18, 2011 for a District 5 Commissioner to fill the vacancy when Brent Strand left the area. Chuck Simpson won the election with a vote of 87 votes, Glenyce Eskeli received 66 votes and Phil Zimpel received two write-in votes.

October 15th, CHS-Northwest Grain participated in Offerdam (five aluminum panels that slide together and put around the person being rescued) training which is used in grain bin rescues by using the offerdam system.

One Body Health and Fitness is now open in Red Lake Falls – they offer a wide array of new exercise equipment and will provide screening and consultations to determine the best course of action for each client.

Neighbors turned out for old fashioned "Working Bee" to help out the Kenneth Bergerson family. Kenneth has received the diagnosis of lung cancer and is starting treatment.

Gunnar Halverson announce the birth of his baby sister, Aubrey Ann who was born on August 1, 2011.

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This week's photo is of a couple. The husband was originally from here, but later moved to another state. But he is related to many people in the area.

Last week's picture was of Karen Shulstad, Kathy Klasen and Jane Klasen. The photo was taken in 1969.

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.



Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteers Jo Lambert & Bonny Cote

According to news reports, Moderna and J&J vaccines are now approved for boosters. So anyone that is interested in getting a booster, you need to contact your health provider and make an appointment.

The Numbers of COVID cases for Red Lake County are coming down. Pennington is up and down but looks like it is on the down side. It is so important to be aware and to take the necessary precautions. Most of the seniors are vaccinated in the area. Wear your mask if you are not sure.

Senior Site Meeting: The Senior Site meeting was held last past week. We discussed the opening up of activities and the consensus was that it was up to each group. The Bingo players have been contacted and most thought they would start coming again.

The card players will be contacted and asked if they want to start up again.

The suggestion is for any one wanting to come back and play games is to be vaccinated.

If you have the booster, that would great. Wear a mask if you feel uncomfortable.

Also at the meeting, some interest was shown about the musical concerts held in Thief River Falls. It was discussed that the site could purchase 3 or 4 season tickets that could be used by Site Members. Then if a group of three or four wanted to go, they could all fit in one car and drive up. We would have to have a sign up sheet for each concert. Bonny was going to check on that further. If you are interested in buying your own ticket, the cost for an individual season ticket is \$30 for the concerts - there are four concerts left for the season.

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.

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. We still do not have enough volunteers for dining in our site.

Jo

An elderly friend was invited to his old friends' home for dinner one evening. He was impressed by the way his buddy preceded every request to his wife with endearing terms-Honey, My Love, Darling, Sweetheart, Pumpkin, etc.

The couple had been married almost 70 years, and clearly they were still very much in love. While the wife was in the kitchen, the man leaned over and said to his host, "I think it's wonderful that, after all these years, you still call your wife those loving pet names."

The old man hung his head. "I have to tell you the truth," he said, "I forgot her name about 10 years ago."

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

The Fall weather has been kind to us so far. Yes, we did get our hard frost but the days are nice and it isn't too blustery yet. I think we are in for a bit of blustery this week though as there is a front that is coming from the west that has a lot of energy in it. Nevertheless, with Halloween coming next weekend, make sure the costumes include enough warmth for the goblins to keep warm.

Happy Halloween all you little ghosts and goblins. They are so cute and are a little scared to knock on the door for tricks or treats. We never got a costume from a store. We made our costumes from what we saw in the closet and we came up with some pretty novel ideas

of pirates and fancy girls and ghosts. I remember once I made an old buffalo robe into a bear costume, and almost died from the heat it produced. It sure was fun though.

Last week Dianne and Clarence Gagner went to Farmington but stopped on the way at Maple Plain to help Stephanie Koralewski with a project she needed done. They then proceeded to Farmington to watch their grand-daughter Aydea play in her last game of soccer for the year. They were playing for the championship, but alas next year will be better. Dan and Alicia Gagner are the parents of Aydea. Clarence and Dianne returned home on Wednesday.

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe
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Ethan Gallant, of East Grand Forks, spent the weekend with his grandparents, Lynn & Roger Gallant.

Mel and Dan Brustad came for Arlene Zimpel's funeral. They visited old friends as well. They live in the Cities.

Marge and Don Ranstrom and Anna DeHate attended the football game Friday night in Oklee for RLCC. They beat Menagha. Paul DeHate played and is a senior. He's Anna's grandson and son of Bernie and Jill DeHate.

On Sunday, October 17th, Layla Jean O'Neill, daughter of Logan and Abigail, was baptized at Salem Lutheran Church of Oklee. Her sponsors were Charlie and Mallory Bernstrom and Patrick and Jenny O'Neill. A dinner was held at the Gerardy home. Those attending were Logan, Abigail,

and Layla, grandparents Tony and Sheila Gerardy, Les and Cheryl O'Neill, great grandparents, Jeanie O'Neill and Wavell Sorenson. Also, Charlie, Mallory, Briar & Blake Bernstrom, Brett, Hannah, Sawyer & Jett Gerardy, Patrick, Jenny, Peyton, Owen, Quinten and Calvin O'Neill.

Nancy Wallberg of Eagan, MN was a Wednesday through Sunday guest of Tony and Sheila Gerardy. Other weekend guests were Charlie, Mallory, Blake and Briar Bernstrom of Lancaster, Brett, Hannah, Sawyer and Jett Gerardy of Thief River Falls, and Logan, Abigail and Layla O'Neill of Moorhead.

On Tuesday, Alice Jobe drove to Park Rapids to see her Aunt Laura Johnson and Loretta Nilson (her daughter). They enjoyed visiting at her apartment and had lunch later.

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Alden Morinville who passed away last week. May his soul rest in peace.

With Halloween around the corner if you are driving that night, be careful of those little ones who will be out and about. I know we now hold parties to keep them in a contained area, but some still do go out to the neighbors. Make sure of where they are before you drive away.

This week we will experience some nasty weather, so make sure you get those things done before Wednesday or Thursday. It is no fun getting stuff done in nasty weather. I hope you enjoy the week, and get that Halloween mask on it will scare the trick or treaters for sure.

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