



Red Lake County Central voters approve \$14.12 million RLCC bond referendum

Residents of Red Lake County Central Public Schools said 'yes' to passing a \$14.12 million bond referendum on Tuesday, February 8. *"Thank you to our community for their participation in the election and their support for our district. We're excited about how these improvements will create positive changes across our schools,"* said school board chairman Matt Kolstoe. The single-question ballot passed by an unof-

ficial margin of 479 yes votes to 304 no votes. The approved plan adds additional space for learning and activities, improves our science classrooms, and addresses safety, security, and accessibility needs in both our elementary school and high school.

The district will start the design process in the immediate future, which will be led by Foss Architecture and Interiors. Stay tuned for more

information about how you can get involved in that process. The project is expected to bid this fall and construction will start in spring 2023 with expected completion by fall 2024. If you have any additional questions, please visit [RLCCUnited.org/connect](https://www.rlccunited.org/connect). Once again, thank you to our community for their support of our district!

Jim Guetter,
Superintendent

Operation Round Up® Grant Applications due February 25th

Organizations involved in community projects and charities are encouraged to apply for funds from Operation Round Up at this time. Completed grant applications are due in the Red Lake Electric Cooperative (RLEC) office by Friday, February 25, 2022.

Operation Round Up is a program adopted by RLEC headquartered in Red Lake Falls. Members choosing to "round up" their monthly electric bill payment provide funds for this effort. Today 97% of RLEC members now choose to contribute pennies each month to enhance their communities. Funds will be donated primarily to nonprofit organi-

zations to help fund specific projects or programs. Since the program began in 1993, \$611,791 has been granted to community organizations and charities. Money is donated for the betterment of the community within the outside service area boundaries of RLEC.

The Red Lake Electric Trust Board of Directors determines grants. Board members are Julie Stennes, Thief River Falls; Stacy Bierman, Thief River Falls; Diane Kolstoe, Oklee; Stephanie Johnson, Gatzke and Bonnie Christians,

Crookston.

To apply for Operation Round Up grants, organizations should contact the RLEC office in Red Lake Falls at 218-253-2168 or 800-245-6068. A short application must be completed and submitted along with a financial statement from the organization. Grant application forms

are available on the Cooperative's website: www.redlake-electric.com

For more information contact Stephanie Johnson, General Manager of RLEC, at 218-253-2168 or 800-245-6068.



Year In Review...

May 5, 2021

RLCC Elementary had two winners in the VFW Auxiliary Youth Art Contest. Harper Morinville received Honorable Mention (\$10 prize). Violet Tvedt 1st Place Winner! Her drawing has been sent on to the District VFW Auxiliary for judging at that level.

On Monday, May 3rd, work began on the Oklee Street project. The County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 53 (1st Ave), Main Street and 2nd Ave (CSAH 22) in Oklee were reconstructed 20 years ago and are in need of reconditioning.

April Caught Being Good winners were: Brielle Reinbold, Emily Rath sack, William Mostrom, Chayton Lamb, Marvin Stauffacher and Brooklyn Anderson.

Rebel Participants were: Wakely Bryl, Chase Nelson, Isiah Olson, Gerald Melin, Brody Moen, Matt Renner, Everett Svendsen, Jake Duden, Carter Williams, Owen Chervestad, Connor Duden, Maverick Nelson, and Peyton O'Neil. Managers: Ella Moen & Aurimy Olson and Caden Lee.

The Red Lake County Rebels baseball team had their first game of the season against the Crookston Pirates on the 16th.

The Red Lake County Rebels track team had a meet on Tuesday April 29th, 2021 in East Grand Forks. The girls team finished 6th place overall and the boys team finished 7th place.

What a real treat we had on Sunday this week. The weather was wonderful. Not many kids get such a nice day to be receiving their first Holy Communion as did the children of St. Joseph's of Brooks.

May 12, 2021

Quilts were on display at Salem (above) and Zion (below) that the ladies of the Oklee Lutheran Parish made this winter. They were blessed on April 25th services. They made 77 quilts and have been sent off to various places. A job well done by the ladies.

Red Lake County Rebel Boys Track and Field's Gerald Melin broke the school record in the high jump with a jump of 6'0 on Tuesday at the Bagley Track and Field meet. The jump of 6'0 broke the previous record of 5'10 set by Ryan Melby in 1993.

Gov. Walz announced timeline for lifting of Covid-19 restrictions.

Jim DuChamp from Plummer was honored for 30 years as a volunteer Firearm Safety Instructor. He has shared his passion as an outdoor sportsman, with the importance of safety to generations of young people in the area.

RLCC Elementary Students of the Month are Lily Baker (5th & 6th) Dylan Soglo (3rd & 4th).

The Red Lake County Central Mustangs Wrestling team

had two seniors. Zach Howard and Tristyn Ferguson, Zach Wrestled half the year and had to miss the second half due to an injury. Tristyn finished the season by making it past sections to advance to Super Sections, where he took 4th place. Paul DeHate was the only junior on the team. Paul made it to the section tournament but lost out.

Everyone is still waiting for rain. It is critical in many areas. I hope this changes soon. Some lawn mowers have done their first cutting.

Hope you had a great Mother's Day. It was a real treat to have coffee and rolls after services and to catch up on the neighborhood news. It seems that we all were ready to hear more than just the news we heard on the radio.

May 19, 2021

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

Frankie Latimer took over the as Red Lake County 4-H Educator and Jeff Lytle, who was the RLC 4-H Educator Interim was off on a new adventure.

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.

Red Lake County Central High School hosted its annual academic banquet on April 6, 2021. This year's honored guest was Charity 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.

Congratulations to Chuck Simpson who has been a Plummer American Legion member for 50 years.

What beautiful weather. It seems that the fishing opener was a great success this year with warmer weather than usual and the snow stopped for the opener, unlike some other years. I hope everyone was able to fill out this year.

We still haven't been blessed with rain this month. The clouds went over and we could see many others got showers, while we are still dry. This is the driest it's been since 1895 in North Dakota and Minnesota.

It is Memorial Day weekend and a wonderful story about Harry D. Shetterly, Technician 5th Grade Medical Detachment

was the feature story.

Red Lake County Central Graduation will be held Friday, May 28, 2021 at the High School in Oklee. The ceremony will honor twenty-four seniors. The Class Motto of the 2021 seniors is "Stay Positive, Test Negative." The Class Colors are emerald green and white, and the Class Flower is a white Lily.

Local Artist Jesse Olson is inspired by nature. The birds have always been calling...it just took him all these years to realize...his calling.

The senior class recently nominated the 2021 yearbook to Suzie Gunderson on Awards Day May 12. Brody Moen presented the award to Mrs. Gunderson in front of the school.

The Red Lake Country track team had a meet Saturday, May 15, in Thief River Falls. The girls' team finished 6th overall with 15 place winners.

As of four p.m. on Thursday, we had one inch and 2/10ths. A very nice rain. Some of it came very fast. Now the crops will grow, and the grass will be hard to keep up with.

In Argyle they received up to 6 inches and maybe more. In Tabor the fields are under water. Northwest of us the soil is heavier and they may have problems with that much water at once.

June 2, 2021

On a cool evening for the end of May, families and friends gathered in the Red Lake County Central High School Gymnasium, nicely decorated for this special occasion. Four pillars draped with green material and white flowers made a grand entrance for the senior class.

Karena Melby and Adriel Bakken (on guitar) performed the musical number "History" as performed by One Direction.

Essentia Health eases visitor restrictions - Beginning Thursday, May 27, two adult visitors per patient will be allowed in our clinic and hospital settings, including emergency departments. Visiting hours remain between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Arik and Andrew Johnson recently graduated from Concordia University St Paul. Arik with a B.A in Business Management and Andrew with a B.A in Finance. Parents are Jeff & Kathy Johnson of Inver Grove Heights, MN and Grandparents are Jr. & Bev Johnson of Thief River Falls, MN.

6th Grade students promoted to 7th grade were: Brandon Steinkopf, Thor Thompson, Benji Bramer, Jett Hanson, Alexa Chervestad, Violet Tvedt, Brennan Sauer, Arlo Svendsen, Olin Eskeli, Graceyn Kvasager, Jordyn Almdarez, Lexus Waldal, Natalee Hendrickson, Xavier Sams, O'Rian Rude, Jack Dodson, Ethan Lee, Jackson Morinville, and Olivia Benson.

Continued next week.....



Mother Nature has once again blanketed the area with fresh white fluffy snow. She does beautiful work but I think everyone is tired of the snow and especially all the wind. Tired of clearing driveways almost daily lately.

Darla Waldner Named Executive Director of NWRDC

Written by Connie Troska, NWRDC Marketing Manager

Darla Waldner has been named the Executive Director for the Northwest Regional Development Commission (NWRDC). She took over the duties of the Director at the beginning of 2022. Waldner is excited to begin her role in developing initiatives, partnerships, and relationships.

Waldner is very familiar with the NWRDC. She has been a part of the Dancing Sky Area Agency on Aging (DSAAA) since 2005 as an Aging Planner and then being named the Director of Aging in 2013. The DSAAA is a program of the NWRDC, and she is excited to really take a "deep dive" into the other programs of the NWRDC.

Waldner has a passion for older adults and community development. As the Director of Aging, she worked to develop programs where older adults and caregivers would live independently with respect and dignity. She is eager to bring that passion to the rest of the NWRDC programs.

Waldner, having a bachelor's degree in Social Work and Sociology and a master's degree in Sociology, began her career as a Social Service Director for a nursing home and then became a case manager for adjudicated youth. She also served as a Director of Home and Community-Based Services prior to coming to the DSAAA. Waldner states, "I have spent time working with diverse populations and I think one of my greatest strengths is my ability to develop creative and strategic partnerships."

As Waldner is making plans for the direction of the NWRDC, she hopes to showcase the region's amazing innovations, tourism, and all that "rural" encompasses. "We have a lot of amazing programs, projects, services, and businesses. I want to take all of those factors and build on the strengths we have in the region."

Realizing there are going to be challenges. Coming out of the pandemic and building back infrastructure and programs in rural communities will be a priority. She said, "By addressing the barriers in our region and by providing assistance to, and support for local economic development, there are opportunities to be innovative. With new technological advancements that have



Darla Waldner is new NWRDC Exec. Director.

been made through increased broadband capacity, business and entrepreneur ventures, job development, and tourism, the region will continue to thrive, I want to build on that."

Waldner moved from Michigan back to northern Minnesota to be closer to her parents. She and her husband, Jon, have four children, two sons-in-law and two grandchildren. So, as she begins her role as Director, she realizes the importance of family and how NW Minnesota has opportunities for all ages. "Learning from the lessons of the pandemic, really gave us an opportunity to really look at what are the gaps in our region, and how we can create successful initiatives that encompass all demographics. I think we can build capacity in our region as well as advocate for diversity, equity and inclusion."

As she plans for the future of the NWRDC, Waldner brings her experience of overcoming challenges to the position. When reflecting on one of her most challenging accomplishments, she states, "In my role as Aging Director during a pandemic like we've never seen before, serving those most at-risk of getting the virus – the older adult population was always on my mind. Assisting our grantees and partners with pivotable ideas so they could continue to deliver services to meet the needs of older adults, became an ever-changing endeavor." Waldner also spoke of challenges in funding. "A lot of funding is based on larger populations. The core funding has remained flat or declined in some capacities because funding is largely based on population. I think our ability to develop partnerships and identify the strengths and

needs of our region, where lack of funding happens, will continue to be a challenge. But partnership development and sharing resources can bridge that gap."

As she looks to the future of the NWRDC, Waldner is looking forward to opportunities to gather valuable input from the counties, cities, municipalities, the NWRDC Commission, staff, and residents of Northwest Minnesota. "I want to gather a collective vision and roadmap for identifying regional needs through our Comprehensive Development Strategy for Northwest MN." Working closely with DevelopmentMN, a collaborative effort of the Minnesota Association of Development Organizations, to align strategic economic development efforts throughout Greater Minnesota, Waldner envisions strong resilient communities building back after the pandemic. "In five years, we will work towards increasing our capacity, and achieving broader public awareness of the valuable assets under the auspices of the Northwest Regional Development Commission. We are resolved to strengthen and develop creative partnerships and instilling values of dignity, prosperity, service, and collaboration."

The Northwest Regional Development Commission was created on February 2, 1973, by the joint actions of local units of government. Programs were set up to reflect priority areas of development of the time. Programs and priorities have changed in response to economic and social trends; but the central mission of supporting efforts by cities, counties, townships, businesses, and individuals to improve living, working and natural resource conditions in Northwest Minnesota has remained the same.

"I really want to look at how we can increase our economic base and create communities where people want to live, work, visit and basically enjoy their lives."

Calendar of Events

Wed, Feb. 16:

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

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

Thu, Feb. 17:

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

Fri, Feb. 18:

-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news

Sat, Feb. 19:

-Support your local business – Shop Locally!

Sun, Feb. 20:

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

Mon, Feb. 21:

-President's Day.

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

Tue, Feb. 22:

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

Wed, Feb. 23:

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

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Inter-County Nursing Service Visit us on Facebook

COVID-19 Update for February 4th - 11th:

Pennington County had 5 additional cases hospitalized, in their 60's - 80's, 3 remain hospitalized. 2 additional COVID related deaths were reported, they were in their 70's & 90's.

*This case data does not reflect positive results from non-laboratory tests (example: antigen rapid home tests).

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
• New confirmed cases since last report	92	19
• Total # of confirmed cases	3386	909
• Total # of Hospitalizations	176	38
• # Currently in Hospital	3	0
• # of Active Cases in Isolation	108	34
• Deaths	38	11

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Wed, Feb. 16: No Confirmation.
Sun, Feb. 20: 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, Feb. 23: 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 Hammess
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. St. Francis - Oklee. 11:45 a.m. - Grygla. 10:00 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, Feb. 20: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Immanuel. 7:30 p.m. Worship at Ebenezer.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Wed, Feb. 16: 7:00 p.m. 7th & 8th Confirmation at Faith.
Sun, Feb. 20: 8:00 a.m. Bethany Worship, 9:00 a.m. SS. 9:30 a.m. Ekelund Worship, No SS at Ekelund. 11:00 a.m. Faith Worship, No SS at Faith. Ski Trip
Mon, Feb. 21: 9 a.m. Faith Quilting.
Wed, Feb. 23: 6:30 p.m. Quake Meeting at Faith.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

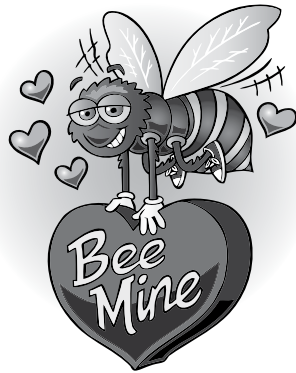
February 21 - 25
No congregate meals served. If you are over the age of 60 and you want a meal delivered to your home, call the Oklee Cafe 796-5666. Please call by Friday to order your meals from the menu below. If the cafe runs short, it will be Cook's Choice. A \$5.00 per meal donation is suggested.
Mon: Pork chop dinner, scalloped corn, fried potatoes, vegetable, milk, and dessert.
Tue: Sausage Egg Bake, muffin, milk, and dessert.
Wed: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy vegetables, milk, and dessert.
Thu: Swedish meatballs, mashed potatoes, veggies, milk, and dessert.
Fri: BBQ chicken sandwich, potato salad, vegetables, milk, and dessert.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Wed, Feb. 16: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School.
Sat, Feb. 19: Mt Olive: 9:00 a.m.
Sun, Feb. 20: St. Petri: 8:00 a.m. Worship, 9:15 a.m. SS. Nazareth: 8:30 a.m. SS, 9:45 a.m. Worship. Oak Park: 9:45 a.m. SS, 11:00 a.m. Worship.
Wed, Feb. 23: 5 p.m. Wednesday School. 7:00 p.m. Ladies Aid.
Find services and past sermons at www.facebook.com/clearwaterlutheranparish

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Jarred LeBon, Pastor
Tyler Stynsberg, Assoc. Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Feb. 16: 6:25 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Sun, Feb. 20: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.
Tue, Feb. 22: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions.
Wed, Feb. 23: 6:25 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, Feb. 20: 9:00 a.m. Lund. 10:30 a.m. Bethany. Youth Group Ski Trip - leave Lund at Noon.
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.



Hope you had I nice Valentine's Day!

Sudoku Solution

2	8	7	3	9	1	5	4	6
3	5	6	4	7	2	1	8	9
4	9	1	6	8	5	7	2	3
6	4	9	2	5	3	8	1	7
7	2	5	9	1	8	6	3	4
1	3	8	7	6	4	9	5	2
9	1	3	5	2	6	4	7	8
8	7	4	1	3	9	2	6	5
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COUNTY PROJECT - BIDS CLOSE

Tuesday, March 8th, 2022
RED LAKE COUNTY
RED LAKE FALLS, MN 56750

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S.A.P. 063-615-006
S.A.P. 063-620-003
S.A.P. 063-621-003

Stabilized Aggregate Base

The Major quantities of work include AGGREGATE BASE CLASS 1 MOD.- TON 47,730; CALCIUM CHLORIDE SOLUTION - GALLON 61,610; TRAFFIC CONTROL - LS 1.0

Information and Bidding Documents for the Project can be accessed free of charge at the Red Lake County website <https://www.co.red-lake.mn.us/>. To proceed, you must navigate to the highway department page and look for "Projects in Bidding". Hard copy purchase is not required to bid as prime. Plans and Proposals may also be procured by purchase from the Red Lake County Highway Department, 204 7th Street Southeast, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750.

Complete Plans, Bid Proposals and Specifications:
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Mailed: \$58.00 (includes tax)

Bids must be accompanied by a cashier's check or bidder's bond made payable to the Red Lake County Treasurer in the amount of at least 5% of the total bid.

The Red Lake County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept any bid or reject any or all bids, waive irregularities, and award the contract in the best interest of Red Lake County.
Robert Schmitz - Red Lake County Auditor

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S.A.P. 063-600-001
Stabilized Aggregate Surface

The Major quantities of work include EXCAVATION-COMMON-CU YD 664; COMMON EMBANKMENT(CV)-CU YD1,221; CALCIUM CHLORIDE SOLUTION-GALLON 3,200; AGGREGATE BASE CLASS 1 MOD.-TON 4,780; 18" CS PIPE APRON-EACH 4; 18" CS PIPE CULVERT-LF 50

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Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial Update

Recent donations have been made to the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial in memory of Tom Sedler, Fosston. Tom is remembered by many in the area for teaching and coaching in the Oklee School District. Tom also served his country in the US Army from 1971-1974. David and Mary Lynn Bachand, Oklee, made a contribution recognizing Tom's military service. Bob and Phyllis Melby, Oklee, and

Dale and Becky Svaren, Twin Valley, honored their good friend, and his military service, with the purchase of a granite block for the walkway at the Veterans' Memorial inscribed with Tom's name.
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 should be directed to Mary Lynn Bachand at marylbachand@gmail.com.



The City crews have been busy clearing snow almost daily for the past week or two with all the windy conditions we have had lately. Time for the Spring Thaw, don't you think?

LSS Meals is offering healthy meals at a Pop-Up Event near you!

On February 23rd, LSS is offering healthy meals to anyone eligible. The Pop-Up events will be in Plummer at City Clerk's office at 11 a.m. located at 170 Central Avenue and at the St. Hilaire Community Center at 1 p.m.
Who is Eligible
Any seniors 60+ in Minnesota in need of nutrition can receive meals in bundles of 10 at each pop-up event. You need to reserve by Monday, February 21st. A quick, easy form will need to be filled out for anyone who would like to pick up meals, with the assistance of an LSS volunteer or worker.
About the Meals
The homestyle meals are produced at local LSS kitchens and are individually sealed and portioned with a balance of proteins, carbohydrates and spices to taste great.
There is no Cost. Donation are accepted.
Call to Reserve
Please call Shannon Olson for more information at 218-681-2793 or email her at heritage.c@hotmail.com.
YOU HAVE TO CALL AHEAD - Shannon Olson at 218-681-2793 to reserve their meals. You can't just show up, you need to register for the meals.

KC Free Throw Update:

Congratulations to Ethan Johnson for winning the age 13 Knights of Columbus District Free Throw Contest held on Sunday February 13th. Ethan will now advance to the Regional Free throw Contest in Kellihier on Sunday February 27

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Onion Cream Soup Polly Swenson

2 cups thinly sliced sweet onions
6 Tbsp butter or margarine, divided
1 can (14-1/2 oz) chicken broth (Campbell's is best)
2 tsp chicken bouillon granules
1/4 tsp pepper
3 Tbsp all purpose flour
1-1/2 cups milk
1/4 cup Velveeta
shredded cheddar cheese
minced fresh parsley

In a large skillet, cook onions in 3 Tbsp butter over med-low heat until tender. Add the broth, bouillon and pepper; bring to a boil. Remove from the heat. In a large saucepan, melt the remaining butter. Stir in flour until smooth; gradually add milk. Bring to a boil; cook and stir for 1-2 minutes or until thickened. Reduce heat; add Velveeta and onion mixture. Cook and stir until heated through and cheese is melted. Garnish with cheddar cheese and parsley. Makes 4 servings. Serve with warm crusty bread-yummy.



Presidents Day

In 1776, Thomas Jefferson authored the Declaration of Independence. He served as the first U.S. Secretary of State and later as the second Vice President. He was elected the third President of the United States in 1801.

One of President Jefferson's many achievements was the Louisiana Purchase. He acquired land from France and doubled the size of the U.S.
Every February, we honor all of America's Presidents.

Security State Bank of Oklee will be closed on Monday, February 21st in observance of President's Day.

Security STATE BANK
PO Box 69 Oklee, MN 56742



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Every Monday - Grand Forks.

Every 2nd Tuesday - Mahanomen.

Every 4th Tuesday - Thief River Falls

Every 1st, 3rd, & 5th Wednesday - Fargo/Moorhead.

Every 2nd & 4th Friday - Bemidji.

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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.

February 21 - 25

Oklee

Monday: No School - President's Day

Tuesday: Breakfast: Egg, cheese & sausage biscuit, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken patty w/bun, scalloped potatoes, vegetable, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Pancake on a stick w/syrup, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Taco in a bag or Soft shell, refried beans, potato olés, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Toast, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, scallop potatoes, veggies, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Tomato soup, grilled cheese sandwich, fresh vegetables, crackers, fruit, and milk.

Plummer

Monday: No School - President's Day

Tuesday: Breakfast: Toast w/PB&J, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Sub sandwich, lettuce & tomatoes, Sunchips, veggie cup, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Pop-Tart, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Hotdog, baked beans, carrots, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Waffles, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Super Nachos, lettuce & tomatoes, corn, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Variety, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Pizza, salad, veggies, fruit, and milk.

RLCC Sports Schedules

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

RLCC Girls

Basketball

Thu, Feb 17:

Girls JH 4:30PM
Sacred Heart High School @ Plummer 7th grade game only

Thu, Feb. 17:

Girls JV 6:00PM
Girls Varsity 7:15PM
Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears@ C-G High School

Mon, Feb 21:

Girls JV 6:00PM
Girls Varsity 7:15PM
Warren/Alvarado/Oslo @ WAO High School.

Tue, Feb 22:

Girls JV 6:00PM
Girls Varsity 7:15PM-
Waubun High School @ Oklee

RLC Rebel Boys

Basketball

Fri, Feb 18:

Boys C 5:00PM
Boys JV 6:00PM
Boys Varsity 7:30PM
Sacred Heart @ Sacred Heart High School

Sat, Feb 19:

Boys Varsity TBD
Northern Freeze @ Northland Community College

Tue, Feb 22:

Boys C 5:00PM
Boys JV 6:00PM
Boys Varsity 7:30PM
Fertile-Beltrami @ Plummer

Fri, Feb 25:

Boys JV 6:00PM
Boys Varsity 7:30PM
Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears @ RLF High School

Mon, Feb 28:

Boys JV 6:00PM
Boys C 6:00PM
Boys Varsity 7:30PM
Win-E-Mac@ WEM High School

Wednesday, February 16, 2022

~~~ Girls Basketball News ~~~

Mustangs lose to EGF Greenwave

Another tough loss Feb 8th to the EGF Greenwave !! Final score 37-61.

Stats

#3 Cari Bachand: 16 pts, 3 RBs, 4 assists, 2 steals, 2 blocks
#42 Marissa Thomas: 12 pts, 6 RBs
#40 Carlee Whalen: 4pts, 2RBs, 1 steal, 1 block
#14 Carly Vettleson: 2 pts
#25 Quinn Graves: 2 pts
#4 Paige Olson: 1 pt



Cari Bachand with a lay-up for 2 points.



Marissa Thomas fighting for possession of the ball.



Carlee Whalen driving to the basket.



Photo left:
#42 Marissa Thomas shooting a baseline shot for 2 of her 14 points.

Girls Basketball News

On Thursday, February 3rd the Mustangs traveled to Red Lake Falls and took on the Eagles in the Robert Matzke Gym at Lafayette High school. The Mustangs would win in a nailbiter over time with a score of 71 - 60. Cari Bachand led the way for the Mustangs with 20 points, 9 rebounds, and 4 steals. Shawna Majeres scored 14 points. Carlee Whalen had 15 points, 5 rebounds, and 5 steals. Marissa Thomas scored 14 points.

On Friday, February 4th the Mustangs took on the Kittson County Bearcats at the Plummer school Gym. The Mustangs lost with a score of 49-64. The leading scorers for the night were Senior Cari Bachand with 18 points. Junior, Carlee Whalen had 8 points and 4 rebounds. Freshman Quinn Graves had

3 points and 6 rebounds. Junior Marissa Thomas scored 6 points and 6 rebounds. During halftime, the Mustang Youth Basketball played made its debut on Channel 35 while fans at the gym and at home could enjoy watching our future talent.

During the past week, the Mustangs traveled to East Grand Forks twice. Mustangs played the Green Wave at East Grand Foks High school and lost 61-37. Friday Night, February 11, the Mustangs traveled to East Grand Forks again, but this time, they played the Scared Heart Eagles. This time, they came home with a win of 58-45.

This week the Mustangs will take on the Win-E-Mac Patriots and will be aired on Channel 35 with a pregame show starting at 5:30. The girls travel to Clearbrook/Gonvick to take on the Bears on Thursday, February 17th, and will be aired on GVTv Channel 39. On Friday, February 18 the Mustangs will travel to Goodridge to take on



Youth Mustangs at attention during the National Anthem with the Junior Varsity and Varsity players.

MEET THE KINDERGARTEN OF RED LAKE COUNTY CENTRAL



Name: Ashlynn Knutson
Parents: Dustin & Jessica
Siblings: Kassidy & Timothy

What does your Mom do for a living? She has to take care of me and does a lot of work.

What does your Dad do for a living? He plays with me all the time and takes care of goats.

What do you want to be when you grow up? I want to be everything.

Favorite movie: I like all of them.

Favorite food: My pizza.

Favorite school activity: Play and watch.

Favorite color: The whole rainbow.

Favorite toy: All of my toys.



Name: Korby Olson
Parents: Tyrone and Becky Olson.

Siblings: Henry.
What does your Mom do for a living? She works hard. She works by the bus. She works at the bank.

What does your Dad do for a living? He's a fire fighter and works with Leif. He's a worker.

What do you want to be when you grow up? A Fireman.

Favorite movie: Animals That Sing.

Favorite food: Hamburgers & pizza.

Favorite school activity: Doing Sorts.

Favorite color: Red and Blue.

Favorite toy: Dinosaurs.

~~~ Boys Basketball News ~~~



Seniors Tom Benson son of Jennifer Benson and Tyrone Benson and Tyler Benson son of Steve and Andrea Eskeli and Becky Eskeli



Ethan Johnson son of JJ Johnson and Catherine Johnson, Gunner Halverson son of David and Ashley Halverson, Will Gieseke son of Randy and Pam Gieseke, Connor Duden son of Rodney and Jody Duden.

Red Lake Falls Library

The RLF branch of NWRL, has had several weather closure days this winter. In such a case, information about closure can be found on the library Facebook page, is announced on KROX radio news at 12:45 on weekdays, and if possible, posted on entrances to the building. Or calling the library at 253-2992 could confirm if open. RLF Library staff strives to have the facility open if at all possible, for the convenience of and service to our community.

New adult fiction by lesser-known authors includes "Antoinette's Sister" by Diana Giovinazzo: "Austria 1767: Maria Carolina Charlotte, 10th daughter and one of 16 children of Empress Maria Theresa, knows her position as a Habsburg archduchess will inevitably force her to leave

her home, her family, and her cherished sister Antoinette, whose companionship she values over all else."

But not yet...the family is celebrating that Charlotte's older sister Josepha has been promised to King Ferdinand IV of Naples, and will soon become queen. Tragedy strikes, however; Josepha contracts small pox and dies, and Charlotte is forced to face a new reality - she must now marry Ferdinand in her sister's stead.

And "Beasts of a Little Land" by Juhea Kim: "In 1917, deep in the snowy mountains of occupied Korea, an impoverished local hunter on the brink of starvation saves a young Japanese officer from an attacking tiger. In an instant, their fates are connected - and from this encounter unfolds a saga that spans half a century."

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Oklee Herald Early Files

Eighty Years Ago February 19, 1942

Reports from four registration points in the County indicate that about 425 men signed at the third selective service registration over the weekend for possible service with the U.S. armed forces. The exact figures were not available when we went to press. There were 91 who registered in Oklee.

A banquet was held here last Wednesday in honor of the men who were expected to leave soon for service and for reservists who were waiting to be called back.

Although they played the visitors even in the last quarter, the Oklee Orioles lost to the Gonvick sophomores, on the local floor. Final score was 36-15.

Zenophile Proulx, who has been visiting at his home here, left Monday for Minneapolis to report for Naval training.

Pvt. Eldon Walker left here Saturday after three months here at his home north of town, having been re-called into the army.

Weekly News Analysis: Jap 'Culture offensive' is assisting aggressor in continuing their attacks; heroic stories arrive from Luzon; Nazi's subs add more ships to toll.

From the Washington Digest column: Untied Nations are forced into postponing offensive – axis prepared for War before fighting started while U.S. and Allies must "prepare" as battles are raging.

Briefs...The Government Printing Office is rationing itself. The wrapper is which the Congressional Record is wrapped has been reduce one third. Now if congressmen would only ration their words.

Charley Jensen spent last weekend at his Mayfield home and visiting with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Rendal, Lloyd and Marion, Mrs. D.A. Wisheart and Leslie Espeland spent Saturday at Thief River Falls.

Seventy Years Ago February 14, 1952

A communication to the Herald from a Korea battle unit this week praises the combat leadership of an Oklee Man. He is Sgt. Peder Barsness. A fellow soldier wrote: "As long as we have cool-headed men like Sgt. Barsness in Korea, we feel the communist are fighting a losing battle. His bravery gives the men in his squadron confidence that cannot be equalled."

Cpl. Delton LaCoursiere, stationed at Fort Benning, GA is spending his leave in Oklee.

Mayor G. R. Clemenson announce this week that a full-time constable will be on duty in the village of Oklee beginning March 1.

Elmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hanson of near Oklee, underwent an appendix operation at the Thief River Falls Hospital Monday of last week. While his father was there to visit him, he fell down and needed several stitches in his head.

Sixty Years Ago February 15, 1962

Marine Pvt. Raymond A. Hofstad, son of Mr. and Mrs. Osmund Hofstad of Oklee was scheduled to complete training February 9th at the Second Infantry Training Regiment at Camp Pendleton, CA.

Sharon Hegge, Garnes Go-Getters 4-H Club was winner of the Red Lake County 4-H radio speaking contest.

Heavy snow which began early Tuesday mornings snarled up traffic in this area and caused two Oklee school buses to become stuck when making their Tuesday morning routes. Temps were mostly well in the area of thawing, a condition that has contributed to icy conditions on highways.

Miss Judy Laniel was the honored guest Sunday afternoon and was presented with a corsage of kitchen gadgets when she attended a bridal shower at Pearl's Plaza.

A pink and blue shower was held Sunday afternoon at the William Koskela home in honor of Mrs. Arlan Koskela.

A pink and blue shower was held Sunday at Oak Park Church for Mrs. Tenny Myrum and baby. Hostesses were Mmes. Juel Chervestad, Darrow Lundeen and Richard Rustan.

Fifty Years Ago 1972

There are no loose copies or bound books for this year. If you have saved 1972 papers and are looking for a new home for them, bring them in to the Oklee Herald office. Thanks

Forty Years Ago February 18, 1982

The Oklee Clinic is open every Tuesday and Friday and so far the doctors schedules have been busy ones.

Interest rates for loans disbursed in February will be 14% for the remainder of the year. The interest rate for loans disbursed in January, or those loans made last fall that were adjusted on the 1st of January, will be 12.25% for the remainder of 1982.

Winning 1st place in the Oklee Men's Bowling Assoc Tournament was the Oklee Elevator Team: LeRoy Hruby, Randy Magnell, Milo Sandeen, Mark Nelson and Lawrence Melvie.

Darrin Tougas and John Cyr were the only finalists for the Oklee Bobcats on Feb. 13 at Fertile's Northwest tournament.

Thirty Years Ago February 12, 1992

Mauro Rodoni, a 16-year old foreign exchange student attending school in Oklee is from Santiago, Chile. He is a member of the junior class. He is staying with host family Paul and Susanne Marquis.

The City of Oklee has received a grant of \$375,335 to rehabilitate 30 owner-occupied housing units, rehabilitate five rental housing and demolish four dilapidated structures.

Charity Wicks, age 12, daughter of Mike and Lorna Wicks of Oklee competed in the Northwest Minnesota Teachers Association District Piano Contest at MSU on February 1st. Charity was a winner in the intermediate A category, performing Rhapsodie by Maxwell Eckstein, and advances to the state piano contest.

Sheila Sebenaler of Oklee, a student at Northland Community College in Thief River Falls, will participate in the Minnesota Community College Honors Choir on February 15th.

Kevin and Vicki Yaggie of rural Brooks were happy to

announce the birth of their son, Aaron Daniel, born on January 24th at St. Lukes in Fargo.

Twenty Years Ago February 14, 2002

The Red Lake County unit of the American Cancer Society (ACS) received a nationwide award for being 8th in the nation per capita fund raising for the Relay for Life 2001 in population under 10,000.

The Fourth Annual Plummer Snowmobile Safari, is planned for February 16th. Snowmobilers of all ages and from all communities are welcome to come to Plummer and spend a fun-filled day.

Spelling Bee champions from Oklee contest on February 5th were First Place: Courtney Halvorson, 2nd place, Christopher Bernard, and 3rd place, Daniel Wright.

The Mustang Varsity girls basketball team played Clearbrook-Gonvick on January 29th, winning with a score 75-45.

Forecasters predicted a winter storm for Friday night & Saturday, which never materialized. Don't give up hope-there are plenty of chances remaining for a good old-fashioned blizzard.

The 35th Annual Moonlighters Safari – wasn't canceled, they just got together and had fun without the snow. They had about a half-dozen members gathered at the Corner Pub and they made the best of it. They had an egg toss, a football throw through a target several yards away, and last but not least, Cornish Game Hen Bowling. The bowling ball was a frozen sold Cornish hen and the one quart bottles filled with water were the pins.

Ten Years Ago February 15, 2012

At the Annual Christmas Party for the Oklee Ambulance Services at the Oklee Hall, Mike Dessellier was presented with a plaque for his 35 years of services.

About twenty 4-H members and parents participated in the Annual Ice Fishing trip to Lake of the Woods. This year they went to Babbler's Landing.

A long-standing all-time scoring record for basketball at RLCC has been broken by Michaela Casavan. Casavan scored 29 points against the Ely Timberwolves in a game played February 4th at Bemidji State University, bringing her career total to 2,195 points breaking a 16-year long record.

Oklee Senior Site held a Valentines Dinner and the Valentines King and Queen were Allen Kastner and Carol Kvasager.

Remember This?

The boys went to Home Ec for the day and the girls went to shop class.



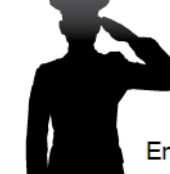
The Boys in Home Ec: Boys from the Oklee High School Industrial arts department went across the hall to the home economics department recently to learn some of the rudiments for the culinary arts. Pictured here with the boys are two student instructors from Minneapolis, Sylvia Bucher and Patricia Martinson, who were practicing under the general supervision of Mrs. Richard Norquist, Oklee home economics teacher. Meanwhile, back in the industrial arts department...



These Home Ec Girls were learning about ceramics and leather crafting, subjects taught in the industrial arts department by instructor John Christensen, shown standing in the background.



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Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteers Jo Lambert & Bonny Cote
Site number: 218-796-5149

Senior Meals:

If you want to order a Senior Meal call the Oklee Cafe at 796-5666.

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.

If you are interested in volunteering at the Senior Site, please stop in and visit with one of the volunteers for more details.

Activities: The regular activities are happening. Just remember, if you don't feel good to stay home.

We try to have them every week, but with weather, Covid and other factors, they may be canceled. Please check with your fellow players if it has been canceled before coming.

Activity Dates to remember

Wednesday: Cards at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday: Bingo at 2 p.m. Will call regular players if it get canceled.

There is no Senior Site meeting this month. The next meeting is March 17th at 9:00 a.m.

Valentine Party

On February 14th, the senior site had planned a Valentine's Party for anyone that wanted to attend. Coffee, cake and ice cream was the menu.

We are planning for a St. Patrick's Day party on March 17th. Mark it on your calendar.

Not much news to tell of. The weather has been bad and blustery, but the sky is starting to get the nice light blue

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe

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On Saturday, February 5th, the Sportsman's Club held their annual meeting. About 50 people attended. Big Deer Contest winners were: Big Buck - Bryce DuChamp, 2nd - Cody Lundeen, 2nd - Derrick Blackburn. Big Doe: Robbie Lundeen. Big Deer for Youth: Jack Dodson. Also Jack won for Antlers, Cody Hanson, 2nd place. A potluck lunch was served at the Plummer Hall. They also had a meeting.

Anna DeHate visited Faith Guillemette and Wayne on Sunday afternoon. She also had supper with them.

On Monday evening, February 7th, Tri-River Pioneers met at the museum. Kyle Qualley filled in for Eric Mickelson to conduct the meeting. They discussed planting in the spring and may try to use the drill that is stored next to

the museum. The guys got the John Deere tractor running. Also they want to have a gun raffle tickets for this summer and drawing would be July 4th. Main Street may be under construction during this time. No celebration is planned.

Roger and Lynn Gallant left Sunday for Phoenix. They planned on visiting Marge and Don Ranstrom. Marge is Roger's sister. Also Diane DeHate of Coon Rapids went.

Steve and Marlene Haugen, Linda and Marty Hoganson also went. They picked a good time to go, since the weather got bad later.

The Winter Olympics has been fun to watch. An American skier, Nina O'Brien at the Olympics, was seriously hurt in her downhill skiing. She was hospitalized in China and was flown back to the U.S. She

hue that signifies that spring is coming.

Grandkids

A grandmother was telling her little granddaughter what her own childhood was like: "We used to skate outside on a pond. I had a swing made from a tire; it hung from a tree in our front yard. We rode our pony. We picked wild raspberries in the woods." The little girl was wide-eyed, taking this in. At last she said, "I sure wish I'd gotten to know you sooner!"

A Sunday school class was studying the Ten Commandments. They were ready to discuss the last one. The teacher asked if anyone could tell her what it was. Susie raised her hand, stood tall, and quoted, "Thou shall not take the covers off thy neighbor's wife."

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

Last weeks weather was wild and wooley. The winds were up in the 30's gusting to 40's for too many hours and too many days. It is tiring to see that you can't go to town because the drifts are piling up on the roads. I am sure the businesses are hurting with this type of weather so common. Our yard has more snow now than we have ever had. I hate to think what spring will

bring when it melts.

The Olympics are so exciting this year. Last week Kirk Baumgartner was disheartened because he felt that he let the hometown folks down because he made a mistake and didn't place in his snowboarding run. But he redeemed himself because this time he was able to make it down the run and did it in style. He and his partner got the Gold. Congratulations for them and for the town of Iron River Michigan. He was so happy when he realized that they had won the gold it made it so much more of a real win, after he was practically crying when he lost last week. My cousins in Michigan were so happy for him as they knew his family growing up in that area.

The youth of St. Joseph's Church put on a breakfast bake for a fund raiser on Sunday for their trip this summer. They really outdid themselves with delicious egg bakes and fruit. They did the working of the dining room themselves and were polite and helped with the dishes and all the work. I am hopeful for these young people because they work together very well and like helping people. Big kudos go out to them.

We have a lot of old people in our area and they are the mainstay of our traditions.

For instance the "old people" are the ones who stand for the flag, they stand at attention and put their hand on their hearts when the national anthem is played. And if they know the words they sing without embarrassment.

"Old people" remember WWII, Pearl Harbor, Guadalcanal, Normandy, and Hitler, and Mussolini.

"Old people" remember the H-Bomb, Korean War, the jet age, going to the moon, and the moon landing, and the Viet Nam War.

"Old people hold the door for ladies or the next person, and when walking they make sure that the lady is away from the street. All of these old people sayings were sent to me by email by one of my cousins in Michigan and the author is unknown to me.

If you watch what old people do, you may find that it must have been a good life in the past because they cared for others so much more than we do now. One day I got to the door first when an older man came to the door and I held it for him to walk through. He made the comment that He should have been holding the door for me. I counted that as a compliment

Have a great week and enjoy the indoors. We need to make lemonade out of the lemony mix of weather we are getting.

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