



Oklee Herald

...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

OKLEE (RED LAKE COUNTY) MINN. 56742

www.TriCoCanary.com

Vol. 110, Number 28

Wednesday, February 23, 2022

\$1.00



It's Bus Driver Appreciation Day on Wednesday February 23rd!

Thank a driver for all they do! Getting up at the crack of dawn, returning home at midnight from a ball game, doing their pre-trip in the dark when it is -20, dealing with icy, snowy

conditions, finding phones and gloves, helping with bloody noses and lost teeth, watching for parents who may not be home, or simply listening to a student going through a hard time. You

may think they only drive a bus, but school bus drivers are called to fill a variety of roles. Make sure to send some appreciation their way!



Year In Review...

June 9, 2021

The sun shone, the temperature was warm and the wind was quiet—a perfect day for a Memorial Day program outside. Plummer Post 623 Commander Jerome Bakke was master of ceremonies for the Plummer Memorial Day program held in the Russell Pahlen Park in Plummer.

Red Lake County is hosting the annual fair. It will be held in Oklee and the dates to mark on your calendar are June 24, 25, 26, & 27.

Norman Nelson was presented a quilt by the TRF Quilters Guild in honor of his service to the county. Also pictured are Commander Rick Dulka, Shirley Dessellier from the Quilter's Guild and Norman's wife, Ione Nelson.

Commander Rick Dulka presented Ron Hegge with a Certificate of Continuous Membership and 50 years service to the Oklee American Legion Post 159.

Red Lake County Rebels Track and Field members advancing to the Section 8A are Gerald Melin, Emma Hendrickson, Hollie Knott, Brody Moen, Marissa Schiebe, Carson Lambert, Kiara Sauve, and Savanna Nelson.

Wilma Arlt celebrated her 90th birthday at Joe DiMaggio's in Red Lake Falls, May 28th.

We can say no rain on my plain these days. We had a couple of showers which were not dust busters and didn't even leave a little bit of water in the rain gauge. Others around us have gotten some rain but not a drought buster either.

June 16, 2021

Wednesday, June 9th started out as a fairly nice day, but as it came to the late afternoon and early evening it became hot and sticky. Which of course usually ends up causing stormy weather. A number of families northeast of Oklee sustained damage.

RLCC Senior Student Senate

members took on the responsibility of lowering the flags at the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial when a decree was issued by the President of the United States. The volunteer committee for the Memorial is grateful for their contribution to the community and to area veterans. They were: Tristyn Ferguson, Janae Olson, Karena Melby, Emily Kolstoe, Kia Bachand, and Adriel Bakken.

Congratulations to the eight RLC Rebels T&F athletes that competed in the Section 8A Track and Field meet in Park Rapids, MN that included Hollie Knott, Brody Moen, Marissa Schiebe, Carson Lambert, Gerald Melin, Kiara Sauve, Savanna Nelson, and Emma Hendrickson. Gerald Melin finished in 2nd place in the high jump and will advance to the Minnesota State Track and Field Meet on Friday June 18th.

Unfortunately, we didn't get rain here the last few days. Though northern Minnesota and North Dakota got good rains. I hope this dry pattern changes.

June 23, 2021

The 2021 Red Lake County Fair will have the barns open for the 4-Her's and open class to bring in their livestock from 6 - 8 p.m. along with the open class entries. But Friday, June 25th is the first official day of the fair with opening ceremony in the morning at 8:30 a.m. At 9:00 a.m. the booths will be open.

The American Legion Post 159 gathered on June 14th, Flag Day, to properly dispose of American flags that have designated not able to be in use. Pictured were Wallace Nelson, Larry Skallet, Don Brown, Jan Dulka, Brian Bjerklie, Commander Rick Dulka, Einar Kvasager, Don Stenberg, Benet Larson, John Lerohl and John Lessard.

Leona Eleanor Christianson, Oklee's oldest resident was honored with a 101st Birthday Party at the Oklee Senior Site

on Thursday, June 17th. She had many friends and relatives attend and she got many cards and birthday wishes.

That was a very nice rain we got on Sunday. It was very much needed and from what I understand we could have enjoyed more nice rain for a few days, but it is what it is. Thankfully we got some much needed rain.

June 30, 2021

Teresa Benson will celebrating 20 years as the operator of the Oklee Cafe on July 1st. Teresa is still full of laughter and fun and loves her Cafe. She offers good food and a happy fun atmosphere.

The Red Lake County Fair this year was much scaled down as compared to past years, but with the restrictions of Covid-19, just starting to loosen up it was difficult to make plans to far ahead. So the Fair Board decided to concentrate of three areas of the fair. The 4-H program, the Senior Day and the Baja races. Don Stenberg, American Legion Chaplin, gave an invocation prayer asking for a wonderful fair this year. Racers lined up for the second heat in the 4cyl. class at the Baja Races held at the South Park (Fair Grounds). The Looney Lutherans were a hit with the seniors at program held on Friday at 1 p.m. These gals were a hoot and they really got the seniors involved in the act. Paige Olson and Trista having a little ride around town.

The storm came over the Novak's house full of sound and fury signifying nothing. She just robbed a line from Shakespeare. The rumbling was nice the lightening was not that big but they didn't get more than ten drops. She counted them. We just can't get a break.

July 7, 2021

It was a HOT 4th of July. The Plummer American Legion led the parade, followed by the Freedom Riders, and many other floats and vehicles.

The Outdoor Summer Concert Series that is sponsored by the Fosston Community Library schedule was released and one of Oklee's own, Sydney Melby, was scheduled to play on July 15th.

The Red Lake County Rebels Boys' Basketball program has had from 30-40 boys participating in the summer youth basketball activities. Around 20 kids in grades 3-8 have been attending basketball skills on Sunday and Wednesday nights. About 15-20 kids in grades 7-12 have also been attending basketball skills on those same nights with some of the younger kids attending both sessions.

Not much rain this past week. Just 3 tenths graced our ground. We still are waiting. Hay fields are looking pretty dry and not growing at all for a second crop. This is just an observation of course, believe we will be hurting in the winter if there are cattle that need feed. All in all, we need rain, there is no doubt of it.

On Friday June 18th Gerald Melin participated in the boys high jump at the Minnesota State High School League Track and Field Meet at St. Michael Albertville High School in Albertville, MN. He came in ranked 15th out of 16 who qualified for the state meet. He jumped 6'0" tying his team record jump set earlier this season. With that height he placed 10th.

Continued next week...



Members of the Oklee Senior Site held a Valentine's Day get together for the community. Serving coffee, cake & ice cream are Irene Rosten, Violet Cote and Ione Nelson.



On Monday, February 14th, the Oklee Senior Site held a Valentine's Day Party for anyone in the community that wanted to attend.

A cake was ordered from Dawn Fore, who made a delicious mable cake with strawberry frosting and a yummy filling inside.

Coffee was made and ice cream was served with the cake.

Many members of the community attended the event and had a great time visiting with each other as we have all been trying to limit going out much due to winter weather and Covid which is still in the area.

Serving were Irene Rosten, Jo Lambert, Violet Cote, Ione Nelson and Bonny Cote.

The Senior Site will be holding a St. Patrick's Day Party on March 17th at 2 p.m. Everyone in the community is invited to come and enjoy another day of visiting.

Photo Left: Starting in the back and going around the table are Anne Hammer, Jeanie O'Neill and Don & Alma Stenberg.



Photo right: From l to r: Larry Skallet, Eddie & Sharon Larson, back facing the camera was Rose Skallet and Shirley Cyr.



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 organizations 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.redlakeelec-tric.com

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



Wrestlers going to State



Congratulations to our Prowler Wrestling Team, including Damon Ferguson and Paul DeHate, who upset Pequot Lakes/Pine River-Backus for the Section 8AA team championship with a score of 36-33. The Prowlers will travel to the Excel Energy Center March 3-5 for the MN State Wrestling Tournament!

Inter-County Nursing Service Visit us on Facebook

COVID-19 Update for February 12th - 18th:

Pennington County had 3 additional cases hospitalized, a child under 5, 60's & 90's, 3 remain hospitalized. 1 additional COVID related deaths were reported, they were in their 90's.

Red Lake County had 1 additional case hospitalized and 1 additional COVID reported death, they were in their 80'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	42	8
• Total # of confirmed cases	3428	917
• Total # of Hospitalizations	153	39
• # Currently in Hospital	3	0
• # of Active Cases in Isolation	43	9
• Deaths	39	12

Calendar of Events

Wed, Feb. 23:

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

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

Thu, Feb. 24:

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

Fri, Feb. 25:

-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news

Sat, Feb. 26:

-Support your local business - Shop Locally!

Sun, Feb. 27:

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

Mon, Feb. 28:

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

Tue, March 1:

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

Wed, March 2:

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

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

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Wed, Feb. 23: 7:00 p.m. Confirmation.
Sun, Feb. 27: 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, Mar. 2: 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday service.
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. 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. 27: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer. 9:15 a.m. Sunday School at Immanuel. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Immanuel.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH
Bethany–Ekelund–Faith
Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Wed, Feb. 23: 6:30 p.m. Quake Meeting at Faith.
Sun, Feb. 27: 8:00 a.m. Bethany Worship, 9:00 a.m. SS. 9:30 a.m. Ekelund Worship, 10:30 a.m. SS at Ekelund. 11:00 a.m. Faith Worship, 10:00 SS at Faith. All Council Meeting at Ekelund at 7 p.m.
Mon, Feb. 28: 9 a.m. Faith Quilting.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

February 28 to March 4

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: Meat loaf dinner, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetables, milk, and dessert.
Tue: Ham & Swiss sandwich, macaroni & cheese, vegetable, milk, and dessert.
Wed: Ham & potato soup, grill cheese sandwich, milk, and dessert.
Thu: Pork loin dinner, baby red potatoes, vegetable, milk, and dessert.
Fri: Fish sandwich, hash browns, vegetable, milk, and dessert.

Legal Notice Notice of Chester Township Annual Meeting

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Chester Township, County of Polk, State of Minnesota, that the Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2022. In case of inclement weather, the meeting may be postponed until the third Tuesday, March 15, 2022.

The Annual Meeting will commence at 4:00 p.m. to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law.

The Annual Meeting will be held at the following location: Chester Town Hall

Pam O'Neill
Clerk of Chester Township
O49-50C

LAMBERT TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of LAMBERT Township, County of Red Lake, State of Minnesota, that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 8th, 2022. In case of inclement weather, the meeting and election may be postponed until the third Tuesday in March.

The election polls will be open from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., at which time the voters will elect:

One Clerk for a 2 year term
One Supervisor for a 3 year term

The Annual Meeting will commence at 8:15 p.m., following the closing of the polls, to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law.

The Annual Meeting will be held at the following location:

Lambert Town Hall

The board of Canvas will meet, following the close of the Annual Meeting to certify the election results.

Carol Chaput, Clerk
Township of Lambert

O49-50C

Red Lake County Commissioners Minutes

RED LAKE COUNTY Regular Meeting Held January 25, 2022

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 January 25, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Chairman Weiss called the meeting to order. Commissioner Gerardy was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Dudycha moved, seconded by Flage to approve the agenda as presented.

Sheriff Bernstein was present to seek authorization to hire one full-time Deputy to replace two vacant part-time positions in his department. Bernstein commented that he has been advertising for some time for part-time staff but it has not been successful. However, there is an individual that is presently working full-time at the Correction Center and will also receive his law enforcement degree this spring that is interested in a full-time position. Bernstein informed that there is a current deputy that is out for medical leave and another deputy scheduled for an extended medical issue this spring that will leave his department very short staffed. Bernstein commented that a full-time position would probably not be much more cost, if any, because of all the overtime being worked now to cover scheduled shifts. Commissioner Remick moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried by unanimous vote to allow Sheriff Bernstein to hire a full-time Deputy to replace two part-time positions.

Environmental Officer Casavan met with the board for approval of the annual legal ditch levies. Casavan informed that there are only three ditches that have assessment changes from the previous year. Commissioner Dudycha moved, seconded by Flage and carried by unanimous vote to approve the payable 2022 legal ditch assessments and to authorize the County Auditor to levy such assessments for ditch maintenance purposes against the benefitted property owners in the following amounts:

Casavan reported that he has not heard any more information on the

Ditch #	Assessment		
CD-2	\$5,000.00	CD-64	\$2,000.00
CD-3	0.00	CD-67	\$1,500.00
CD-4	\$5,000.00	CD-69	\$2,000.00
CD-9	\$3,000.00	CD-70	\$500.00
CD-12	\$3,000.00	JCD-1	\$5,000.00
CD-17	\$3,000.00	JCD-3	\$2,000.00
CD-1865	\$2,000.00	JCD-11	\$1,500.00
CD-22	\$1,000.00	JCD-13	\$3,000.00
CD-23	\$500.00	JCD-15	\$4,000.00
CD-24	\$3,000.00	JCD-31	\$2,000.00
CD-28	\$1,000.00	JCD-60	\$6,000.00
CD-57	\$5,000.00	JCD-64	\$4,000.00
CD-58	\$4,000.00	JCD-66	\$8,000.00
CD-60	\$4,000.00	JCD-71	\$1,000.00
CD-61	\$5,000.00		
CD-62	\$5,000.00	TOTALS	\$92,000.00

multi-county grant for landfill funding.

County Auditor Schmitz presented a letter to the County Board as per MN Statutes 375A.1205, Subd. 2 notifying that he does not intend to file for another term in office.

HR Director Angie Lundeen was present to request that County Social Service Director Kristi Nelson be approved for her annual salary step increase. Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Remick and unanimously carried to approve a salary increase for Kristi Nelson from Grade 26-Step 9 (\$51.24) to Grade 26-Step 10 (\$52.59) with an effective date of January 14, 2022.

Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried unanimously to reschedule the regular board meeting from February 8, 2022 to February 1, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

County Engineer Hove was present regarding approval of the construc-

Crossword Solution

S	P	E	C		C	A	D			B	A	L	D		
Y	E	A	R		M	E	N	U		C	O	R	S	E	
N	A	S	A		I	D	E	A		O	C	E	A	N	
C	L	E	V	E	L	A	N	D		P	H	A	T		
			A	B	O	R	T		B	R	A				
O	R	A	T	O	R				P	I	A	N	I	S	T
B	E	L	O	D	D	S	O	N		A	N	T	E		
A	B	A	C	K		D	A	L	U	N	D	I	E		
M	E	M	O		B	A	L	K	A	N		I	N		
A	L	O		O	F	L	Y			S	T	O	C	K	Y
			L	I	T			T	A	K	I	N			
	W	A	I	F		J	E	F	F	E	R	S	O	N	
V	E	L	D			O	H	I	O		U	L	N	A	
E	L	E	G	Y		H	E	R	R		S	O	P		
G	L	E	E			N	E	E			H	E	S	S	

Sudoku Solution

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

Legal Notice

Terrebonne Township Residents Notice of Annual Meeting and Election of Officers

Election of Township Officers will be held at the Terrebonne Township Hall on Tuesday March 8, 2022. Polls will open at 5:00 pm and close at 8:00 pm.

One Supervisor and one Clerk will be elected.

The Terrebonne Township Annual Meeting will follow the election at 8:15 pm. In the event of inclement weather the Election and Meeting will be held March 15, 2022.

Josie Myhre
Terrebonne Township Clerk
O49-50C

Legal Notice

Notice of Garnes Township Annual Meeting and Election of Officers and Board of Canvass Meeting

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Garnes Township, County of Red Lake, State of Minnesota, that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Township Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2022. In case of inclement weather, the meeting and election may be postponed until the third Tuesday in March.

The Election Poll Hours will be open from 5:00p.m to 8:00p.m., at which time the voters will elect: One-Supervisor for a three year term

One-Clerk for a two year term

The Annual Meeting will commence at 8:00p.m.to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law.

The Annual Election and Meeting will be held at the following location:

Garnes Townhall

The Board of Canvass will meet on Thursday, March 10, 2022, at 7PM at the clerk's home to certify the election results.

The Garnes Township Board of Re-Organization will meet after the Board of Canvass.

Diane Kolstoe
Clerk of Garnes
O49-50C

tion contract for the Plummer Project (SAP 063-624-001, 063-652-006). Davidson Construction of Newfolden, MN submitted the low bid in amount of \$6,439,424.65 on the project. Hove distributed a tabulation of the bids received as follows:

Davidson Construction, Inc	\$6,439,424.65 bid amount.
Gladden Construction	\$6,643,216.13 bid amount.
RJ Zavoral & Sons, Inc.	\$7,174,769.10 bid amount.
Sellin Brothers, Inc.	\$7,240,117.00 bid amount.

The Engineer's estimate is \$6,893,958.84 for the overall project. Hove's recommendation is to award the low bid to Davidson Construction contingent upon City of Plummer approval. Commissioner Flage made a motion, seconded by Dudycha and carried by unanimous vote to award the low bid for the Plummer Project to Davidson Construction, Inc. as recommended by the County Engineer.

Hove informed that the existing highway department computer server is 7 years old and is in need of immediate replacement. The power supply recently failed and one of the hard drives is beginning to fail. Hove received a quote from Readitech IT Solutions in amount of \$8,851.00 to replace the server. Commissioner Remick moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried by unanimous vote to approve the purchase as presented.

Chairman Weiss closed the regular board meeting at 10:30 a.m. to conduct a Public Hearing to accept comment from the public on moving the offices of Auditor, Recorder and Treasurer from elected to appointed positions. There were seven county residents present. Weiss explained why the County Board was considering appointed positions. Comments were provided by citizens in attendance. One citizen was in opposition to making the offices appointed. Board members also provided comment. The Public Hearing was closed at 10:45 a.m. and the regular board meeting re-opened. Weiss informed that the County Board will make a final decision on the issue at its regular board meeting to be held on February 1, 2022.

Commissioner Flage moved and seconded by Remick to approve the minutes of the board meeting held January 4, 2022.

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

Vendor	Amount
Triple D Construction & Leasing	\$ 9,426.50
University of North Dakota	2,426.82
10 Vendors less than \$2,000.	4,654.74
Final Total	\$16,508.06

The motion included the following added bills: \$39.73 Creative Forms; \$780.00 GovOffice, Inc. and \$301.94 Quill.

The following Commissioner/Committee reports were shared:

Commissioner Committee Reports
Dudycha - Inter County Community Council, and provided comment on County Fair Board.

Flage - MRC meeting in Alexandria with transportation funding the main topic. Inter County Nursing discussing COVID, and Regional Development RTCC meeting.

Remick- NW Emergency Communications, NW Mental Health (Alumna), and SWCD discussing the 2022 proposed projects.

Weiss: - Tri County Corrections, Quin CHS, and NW RDC. The new Director of the NW RDC is Darla Waldner; she replaces Cam Fanfuluk who retired.

The board reviewed a billing from MJB Architects, LTD for providing pre-design services through December 2021 for some repair/renovation projects on both the exterior and interior of the courthouse. Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried unanimously to approve payment of \$5,220.00 to Michael J. Burns Architects, LTD as presented.

Auditor Schmitz informed that the state requires each county to establish a County Absentee Ballot Board and County UOCAVA Ballot Board for a year when the State General Election will be held. UOCAVA is the Military and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act. Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Remick and carried by unanimous vote to approve **Resolution No. 01-01-22 "County Absentee Ballot Board"** and **Resolution No. 01-02-22 "County UOCAVA Ballot Board"**. The resolutions authorize the County Auditor to establish both of the absentee ballot boards to be comprised of a sufficient number of election judges to process absentee ballots for all elections conducted in 2022. Both documents are available for review at the Auditor's office.

Commissioner Remick reported that there is an individual that is interested in the old bank building if the county, and or, city are willing to provide some financial assistance to renovate. There was discussion that the county will incur a significant cost whether its demolition of the building or providing some financial assistance for repairs. And it was mentioned that keeping the current structure and renovating the building will increase the buildings tax base significantly; where an empty lot will result in basically no tax value.

Remick asked County Attorney Lacoursiere of the status for removing a party from a tax forfeited residence in the city of Red Lake Falls. Lacoursiere suggested that the issue be brought before the County Judge to begin the eviction process. The party has not responded to any of the notices served upon them nor made any attempt to pay delinquent taxes in full during the 60-day redemption period that expired in November 2021. Chair Weiss commented that it's a liability to the county if the individuals continue to reside there because ownership of the property has been assumed by the state as a result of the tax forfeiture process. The County Board asked Lacoursiere to file the documents with the courts and move forward with the eviction process.

There being no further business the regular board meeting adjourned to February 1, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Attest:
Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

Chuck Flage, Chair, Board of Commissioner O49C



KURTIS ELLEFSON
RED LAKE COUNTY
VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER
218-689-8587
1-888-LINKVET
Email: kellefsoncvso@hotmail.com



Don't Be A Victim

FBI crime statistics show that millions of Americans are victims of frauds and scams each year.

- Be wary of investment scams
- Know who you're dealing with - only do business with people you know and trust.
- Don't give our your Social Security or Driver's License Numbers.
- Be cautious when dealing with individuals/ companies from outside the U.S.

Security STATE BANK
PO Box 69 Oklee, MN 56742



Phone 218-796-5157

O49C

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

Oklee Herald

Corner 2nd Ave. & Main
218-796-5181
ESTABLISHED IN 1914
Published by Richards Publishing Co.
Bonny Cote,
Editor & Office Manager
okleeherald@gmail.com

\$30 subscription in
Local Trade Area
\$40 subscription
Out of Trade Area
\$25 Online Subscriptions

MEMBER MNA & NNA
PUBLICATION NUMBER 407240

****Winner of National Editorial Ass'n. first prize for Best News Story, 1959.**

****Winner of Honorable Mention for General Excellence, Minnesota Newspaper Ass'n., 1962.**

****Winner 1st place Typography Excellence, Minnesota Newspaper Association, 1971.**

****Winner 1st place Best Single Newsor Feature Story, Minnesota Medical Association, 1992.**

"The Oklee Herald" is published weekly by Richards Publishing Co., Inc., Box 159, Gonvick, MN 56644-0159. Periodical postage paid at Oklee, MN 56742-0009.
POSTMASTER: Send address changes to: Oklee Herald, PO Box 9, Oklee, MN 56742-0009.

PUBLISHER'S LIABILITY FOR ERROR: The Publisher shall not be liable for slight changes or typographical errors that do not lessen the value of an advertisement. The Publisher's liability for other errors or omissions in connection with an advertisement is strictly limited to publication of the advertisement in any subsequent issue or the refund of any monies paid for the advertisement.





MUSTANG STAMPED

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 28 – March 4
Oklee**

Monday: Breakfast: Biscuit w/gravy, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Pulled pork w/bun, baked beans, chips, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Waffle w/syrup, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken strips, scalloped potatoes, vegetable, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Toast, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Pollock, mashed potatoes, or mini bakers, vegetable, cookie, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Muffins, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Hot dog or polish, baked beans, chips, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Lasagna roll-ups, bread sticks, yogurt, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Plummer

Monday: Breakfast: Egg patty w/sausage, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Hamburger macaroni hotdish, corn, dinner roll, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: French toast bread, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Tomato soup, PB sandwich, green beans, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Toast w/PB&J, yogurt, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chili dog, Fritos, carrots, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Eggs & sausage, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken fajita, lettuce & tomatoes, cucumber cup, cookie, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Mini Cinnis, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Pizza, bread stick, salad, fruit, and milk.

RLCC Sports Schedules

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

RLCC Girls

Basketball

Senior Night

Thu, Feb 24:
Girls JV 6:00PM
Girls Varsity 7:15PM
Blackduck @ Blackduck
High School

Fri, Feb 25:
Girls JV 6:00PM
Girls Varsity 7:15PM
Fertile-Beltrami @ Plummer

Parents Night

Tue, Mar 1:
Girls Varsity Section
Pigtail TBD

Away vs. Multiple
Schools TBA

Thu, Mar 3:
Girls Varsity Section
Play-in Round
TBD Away vs. Multiple
Schools TBA

RLC Rebel Boys

Basketball

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

Mon, Mar 7:
Boys Varsity Section
Pigtail TBD Away vs.
Multiple Schools TBA

Thu, Mar 10:
Boys Varsity Section
Play-in Round TBD Away
vs. Multiple Schools TBA

Sat, Mar 12:
Boys Varsity Section
Quarters TBD Away vs.
Multiple Schools TBA

Mon, Mar 14:
Boys Varsity Section
Semis TBD Away vs.
Multiple Schools TBA

Wednesday, February 23, 2022

~~~ Boys Basketball News ~~~



Freshmen Boys Basketball players with parents: Owen Chervestad, son of Aaron and Jill Chervestad (not pictured) was pictured with Kim and Tara Rosendahl, Guy Bergeson, son of Angel and Skip Bergeson, Ethan Majeres, son of Greg and Sylvia Majeres, Ryan Tvedt, son of Kevin and Tiffany Tvedt, Luke Peterson son of Jamie and Wendy Peterson, Gavin Thomas, son of Gil Thomas, and Kippy Thomas and Don Howard, Kane Nelson, son of Aaron Nelson and Noel Nelson and Dan May son of Clifton and Michelle May.



Junior Boys Basketball players with parents: Matt Renner son of Jeff and Nyssa Renner, Gerald Melin, son of Greg (not pictured) and Kelly Melin, Chase Nelson, son of Brandon and Shelly Nelson, Izaiah Stordahl son of Tim and Amanda Stordahl.



Sophomore Boys Basketball players with parents: Peyton O'Neill, son of Patrick and Jenny O'Neill, John Powers, son of Chris and Nicole Hanson, Clancy Hanson, son of Dean and Naomi Hanson, and Everett Svendsen son of David Svendsen and David and Lori Gulseth.

February 2022 Health Points

Post-COVID Conditions

Although most people with COVID-19 get better within weeks of illness, some people experience post-COVID conditions.

Some people experience a range of new or ongoing symptoms that can last weeks or months after first being infected with the virus that causes COVID-19.

Unlike some of the other types of post-COVID condi-

tions that tend only to occur in people who have had severe illness, these symptoms can happen to anyone who has had COVID-19, even if the illness was mild, or if they had no initial symptoms.

People commonly report experiencing different combinations of the following symptoms:

Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
Tiredness or fatigue
Symptoms that get worse

after physical or mental activities (also known as post-exertional malaise)

Difficulty thinking or concentrating (sometimes referred to as "brain fog")

Cough
Chest or stomach pain
Headache

Fast-beating or pounding heart (also known as heart palpitations)

Joint or muscle pain
Pins-and-needles feeling

Diarrhea
Sleep problems
Fever

Dizziness on standing (lightheadedness)

Rash
Mood changes
Change in smell or taste

Changes in menstrual period cycles

Multiorgan Effects of COVID-19

Some people who had severe illness with COVID-19 experience multiorgan effects or autoimmune conditions over a longer time with symptoms lasting weeks or months after COVID-19 illness.

Multiorgan effects can affect many, if not all, body systems, including heart, lung, kidney, skin, and brain functions. Autoimmune conditions happen when your immune system attacks healthy cells in your body by mistake, causing inflammation or tissue damage in the affected parts of the body.

"Long COVID," also known as post-COVID conditions, can be considered a disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Experiencing post-COVID conditions can be confusing and frustrating, and a person who feels sick long-term may feel isolated. Everyone experiences these conditions differently and may want different types of support or even no support at all. To determine the most helpful steps you can take for others, first listen with compassion and ask questions about what they need.

Children and Adolescents

Although post-COVID conditions appear to be less common in children and adolescents, long-term effects after COVID-19 do occur in children and adolescents. The symptoms are similar to those seen in adults. Information on post-COVID conditions in children and adolescents is limited. It is possible that other symptoms may be likely in younger age.

Prevention -The best way to prevent post-COVID conditions is to prevent COVID-19 illness. Get vaccinated, if eligible; wear a mask to help protect yourself and others.

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/long-term-effects/index.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Flong-term-effects.html

Parenting Tips

February is National Children's Dental Health Month - Brush Up on Your Daily Oral Health Routine

According to the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, a fluoride varnish is recommended beginning at six months of age. The varnish is applied by your dental care team every three to six months, depending on the risk of tooth decay. The process is safe and does not hurt.

When teeth start to appear until age 3, use a tiny smear of toothpaste, the size of a grain of rice, for brushing kids' teeth.

From ages 3-6 years, use a pea-sized amount of toothpaste. Monitor brushing to avoid any excess swallowing of toothpaste.

Brush twice a day and supervise to ensure they brush for at least two minutes, once in the morning and once at night.

As children get older let them use their own toothbrush. Try brushing their teeth first and then letting them finish.

Parents should begin flossing children's teeth as soon as two teeth touch, which is typically around ages 2-3. Flossing should be done once a day, preferably with the evening brushing. Until the age of 10, parents should assist children with flossing.

Let them see you floss as well to show it is an essential step in daily dental care for all.

https://www.adha.org/resources/docs/ncdhn/NCDHM_Guide_2021.pdf

Health Points
continued on page 5....

Minnesota School Board Recognition Week

Minnesota School Board Recognition Week scheduled for February 21-25

The Minnesota School Boards Association has set February 21-25 as Minnesota School Board Recognition Week to build awareness and understanding of the vital function elected school board members play in our society. Red Lake County Central ISD 2906 is joining other public school districts from across the state to celebrate School Board Recognition Week to honor local board members for their commitment to RLCC and its students.

"Strong schools help build strong communities – and the RLCC School Board devotes countless hours to making sure our schools are helping every child learn at a higher level," Superintendent Jim Guetter said. "School board members make the difficult decisions every month – and spend many hours studying education issues and regulations in order to provide the kind of accountability our citizens expect." Guetter said the key work of boards is to raise student achievement by: • Creating a vision for what the community wants the

school district to be and for making student achievement the top priority; • Establishing standards for what students will be expected to learn and be able to do; • Ensuring progress is measured to be sure the district's goals are achieved and students are learning at expected levels; • Being accountable for their decisions and actions by continually tracking and reporting results; • Creating a safe, orderly climate where students can learn and teachers can teach; • Forming partnerships with others in the community

to solve common problems; and • Focusing attention on the need for continuous improvement by questioning, refining and revising issues related to student achievement. "Even though we're making a special effort to show our appreciation this month, school board members' work is a year-round commitment," Guetter said. The current school board members serving our district and are as follows: Matt Kolstoe, Lowell Hamrum, Pam Paradis, Jody Duden, Sylvia Majeres and Chelsey Vettleson.

MEET THE KINDERGARTEN OF RED LAKE COUNTY CENTRAL



Name: Bristol Vettleson Parents: Josh & Nicole Siblings: Easton, Hudson, Watson.

What does your Mom do for a living? She takes care of us.

What does your Dad do for a living? He goes to work in the morning. He goes so early, like 1:00.

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

Favorite movie: Mickey Mouse.

Favorite food: Bananas

Favorite school activity: When we cut out hearts.

Favorite color: Blue.

Favorite toy: A tractor.



Name: Leandra Berg Parents: Dustin & Maranda

Siblings: A sibling is expected this spring.

What does your Mom do for a living? Get the money. She works in the green room at home.

What does your Dad do for a living? He get cars, drives them and see how they work.

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

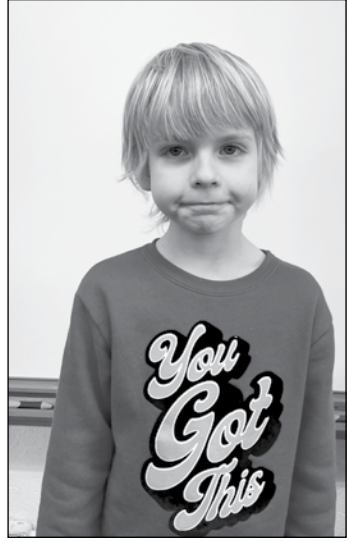
Favorite movie: Lady Bug. I watch it with my mom & dad.

Favorite food: Mac & cheese.

Favorite school activity: Do letters.

Favorite color: Rainbow.

Favorite toy: Barbies.



Name: Ashton Lee Parents: Alex & Carlee Siblings: Phoebe

What does your Mom do for a living? She cooks, cleans and she wakes me up.

What does your Dad do for a living? He plays with me.

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

Favorite movie: Mickey and the Roadsters Racers.

Favorite food: Mac & cheese.

Favorite school activity: Coloring.

Favorite color: The Rainbow.

Favorite toy: My Hot Wheels track.



Name: Devyn Dugstad Parents: Carl & Tiffanie Siblings: Ty and Will.

What does your Mom do for a living? She helps.

What does your Dad do for a living? He puts us to bed.

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

Favorite movie: Sing 2.

Favorite food: Watermelon.

Favorite school activity: Phonics.

Favorite color: Teal.

Favorite toy: Toy? A Nerf gun.



Name: Patrick Weber Parents: Dillon and Mcaulli Siblings: Orin

What does your Mom do for a living? Cleaning the house.

What does your Dad do for a living? He also cleans the house.

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

Favorite movie: Paw Patrol - the new movie.

Favorite food: Pizza and spaghetti.

Favorite school activity: Learning.

Favorite color: Blue and red.

Favorite toy: RC Lambo.



Name: Pyper Kahlstorf Parents: Eric and Kari Siblings: Caiden and Nickolas.

What does your Mom do for a living? She sits down and watches TV.

What does your Dad do for a living? He sits down and watches his phone.

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

Favorite movie: Sing The Magic House movie.

Favorite food: Pizza, hot dog, and mac & cheese.

Favorite school activity: Playing.

Favorite color: Blue and pink.

Favorite toy: My dolls and Elsa playhouse.

Girls Basketball News

2/11/22 Mustangs vs Sacred Heart Won 58-45

Great game against EGF Sacred Heart!!!

Stats

Cari Bachand: 17 pts, 5 RBs, 1 assist, 6 steals, 1 block
Carlee Whalen: 14pts, 6RBs, 4 steals
Marissa Thomas: 11pts, 6RBs, 2 assists
Shawna Majers: 6pts
Paige Olson: 5pts
Carly Vettleson: 5 pts

Photo right: #40 Carlee Whalen with a layup

These Stats are from last week.

Section	W	L
Cass Lake-Bena	15	2
Fosston	13	2
Fertile-Beltrami	15	5
Kelliher/Northome	11	4
Mahnomen/Waubun	13	6
Clearbrook-Gonvick	12	5
RLCC	7	10
Bagley	5	16
Win-E-Mac	2	15

Section 8A West	W	L
Stephen-Argyle	13	1
BGMR	12	5
Goodridge/Grygla	13	3
WAO	9	6
KCC	7	7
Red Lake Falls	5	10
Northern Freeze	5	11
Lake of the Woods	2	10
Climax-Fisher	4	12
Sacred Heart	1	14



Seniors #32 Maddie and #3 Cari playing defense



Boys Wrestling won Section 8AA team Championship.

January Memories



Mrs. Aakhus and Bailey Sherman try to shoot for the Junior 3 point fundraiser at half-time at the Mustangs Vs. Eagles on Tuesday January 11.

Wednesday, February 23, 2022



Red Lake Falls Library

This is the final week of the "Book Blizzard" adult winter reading program. Thank you to all who stopped by to check out library materials, make use of library services, enjoy complimentary coffee & treats, and register for prizes. Ceramic mug winners in February were Shirley Hanson and Jonna Pearson. Names of grand prize winners (long-sleeved "Let It Snow - I Have Books to Read" t-shirts) will be drawn at the end of the month.

"If you didn't grow up in northern climes, ice fishing may seem improbably, wacky, and perhaps a bit dangerous. The very words, 'ice fishing' suggest the bleakest aspects of northern winters and stoic people -- and even a parody of life in the rural North. Perseverance bordering on inertia. A dull sport for a dull people. After all, how much skill can it take to sit on a bucket, hold

a jigging rod, and stare into a hole? Being a good-humored bunch, we accept and revel in the stereotype, even though we know that ice fishing actually takes quite a bit of skill..." says author Greg Breining in his book "A Hard-Water World: Ice Fishing and Why We Do It," with photographs by Layne Kennedy. This title was released in 2008 by the Minnesota Historical Society, and is just as engaging and pertinent now as when first published. Greg Breining, former managing editor of Minnesota Conservation Volunteer, writes frequently about the outdoors for national magazines and newspapers and is the author of several books, including "Fishing Minnesota," "Wild Shore," "Minnesota Yesterday & Today," and "Super Volcano: The Ticking Time Bomb Beneath Yellowstone National Park," among others.

ATTENTION

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.

Oklee Herald Early Files

Eighty Years Ago February 26, 1942

The Legion boys will make a house to house campaign in Oklee on Saturday Feb. 28th, for the purpose of collecting books for the armed forces. Kindly have your donations ready.

Word was received here this week that Clarence Torgerson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Torgerson, has joined the Navy, and is at present at the training station at San Diego, CA.

Mrs. L.M. Berry returned to her home here Sunday after being a patient at a hospital in Crookston the past two weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Orrin Melby drove down and brought her back.

Weekly News Analysis: U.S. War Production games momentum; Churchill Government under fire as Prime Minister admits 'Heavy and Far-Reaching Defeat' in Singapore.

Seventy Years Ago February 21, 1952

Gerald Horstman arrived here Thursday form Oakland, CA where he has been hospitalized at the Oak Knoll Navy Hospital since mid-November as a result of injuries received in an auto accident.

Pvt. Orville Hanson of Oklee recently arrived in Tokyo, Japan, according to information received by his family here. He is with the U.S. Signal Corps and had special training in cryptography at Camp Gordon, GA.

Pvt. George N. Nelson of Plummer, now in Korea, wrote his mother, Mrs. Matt Christenson, that in an attack by the Chinese on February 4th, he had received mortar shell wounds in his right arm.

Peace Talks: After weeks of stalemates and pessimism, an unexpected feeling of optimism surrounded the Korean peace talks. There were reports of a possible early settlement. However, the hard core of disagreement on fundamental issues which have delayed as armistice have been shoved aside only temporarily and must be settled eventually.

Sixty Years Ago February 22, 1962

The Oklee Herald was awarded honorable mention for general excellence among Minnesota newspapers up to 1500 circulation at the annual convention of the MNA.

Red Lake County has 343 more television sets than it has bathtubs or showers, according to statisticians of the U.S. Dept. of Commerce. The Census of Housing counted 1785 housing units in RL county Of these--828 were in sound condition with all plumbing; 1546 were occupied; 1292 were occupied by owners; \$6,500 was the median value of owner-occupied places; 1,062 had hot and cold running water; 929 had a bathtub or shower; 1,272 had a TV, 1,478 a radio, 1,138 had 1 automobile, 181 had 2 automobiles, and 23 had 3 or more automobiles.

Pvt. Kenneth Asselin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Asselin of Brooks, is now stationed in Berlin, Germany. He recently attended a two-weeks school and is now driving a truck.

Personal Property Taxes now due—The current personal property tax must be paid on or before February 28 to avoid

penalty. *The general property tax applied to all wealth—real and personal, tangible and intangible. It was administrated by elected local officials who were to determine the market value of the property, compute the tax rates necessary to raise the amount levied, compute taxes on each property, collect the tax, and remit the proceeds to the proper government. Because the tax was uniform and levied on all wealth, each taxpayer would pay for the government services he or she enjoyed in exact proportion to his wealth. Today property taxes are an insignificant source of state tax revenue.*

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 25, 1982

Many farmers from Red Lake and Pennington counties attended the Disaster Status meeting. FmHA officials requested the attending farmers to fill out forms giving information needed to re-apply for disaster status. The FmHA planned to have the information ready to be presented to the Governor by this Friday and then it would go on to the Secretary of Agriculture's office.

A full page ad was in the Herald congratulating K.B. and Min Knutson's 50th wedding anniversary on February 25, 1982.

Gary Parenteau, Darrin Tougas and John Cyr will advance to Region after winning 1st in Sub-Region. Don Tougas and Jim Bergeron will advance to the Region after taking 2nd in the Sub Region.

Windbreaks were being recommended to provide protection for farm sites and farmyards.

The weatherman gave us a break after all those cold days. Looked like he must have gone south or have overslept. But last week was just beautiful, even if we had rain Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Seyller and Rachel announce the arrival of a son and brother on Feb. 18, 1982 He was named Lee Otto Carl Seyller. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Howard Flatland of Trail and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Seyller of Burlington, Ill.

Thirty Years Ago February 19, 1992

Meet the Kindergarten featured Chelsey Paradis, Maureen Munt, and Jennifer Magnell.

Jessica Chervestad of Oklee has been accepted for admission at Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, MN Jessica is the daughter of Kim and Barbara Chervestad.

Oklee Senior Site Meal Valentines were Bernice Hage and Henry Burrack.

Julian Gunderson accompanied Lyle Mandt to Las Vegas to spend some time at Lyle & Muriel's home. On his way home, Julian spent a few days with his cousin, Roy and LaVonne Gunderson in Denver, CO.

Recently Connie Dugstad's reading class read the story, "The Post Office." After reading they toured the Oklee Post

office. They were Serena Hart, Adeline Chervestad, Heidi Vettleson, Jesse Sherman, Skip Bergeson, Adam Swenson and Chris Lessard.

Ivy Hahn and Jessica went to Grand Rapids on Saturday to attend the wedding of Julie Hahn.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Walter were supper guests at the Roger Walter home in honor of their son Roger's 37th birthday.

The RLCC Mustangs played the Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears surprisingly tough for three quarters before the Bears were able to put the game away with a score of 68-55.

Twenty Years Ago February 21, 2002

The RLCC Junior Danceline performed during the Special Valentines Day evening meal for the Senior Site. They were Mcaulie Berns, Arlene Red Eagle, Brianna Spong, Andrea Olson, Casandra Vettleson, Hannah Vettleson Madison Berns, Lisa Bergeson, Samantha Thies, Kaytlin Trontvedt, Jordan Corneliusen, Brooke Magnell, Abby Gerardy and Karleigh Sorenson.

Trenton Boucher, a student in the Automotive Machining program at Northwest Technical College in Bemidji, recently attended the Performance Racing Industry International Trade Show in Indianapolis. He is the son of Ken & Shirley Boucher.

On February 7th, the Lady Patriots traveled to Oklee to take on the Oklee Mustangs. The two evenly matched teams took the court in a re-match that was sure to be exciting. The final score was WEM 56 - RLCC 50.

Ten Years Ago February 22, 2012

The "Valentine Shower" for the Freedom Living Center residents can not be described as anything more than an astronomical outpouring of love and support for the 11 residents. Hannah Enge, the 120 year old great-granddaughter of Clara Peterson, was the recipient of \$400 from the Zehlian Club in TRF. She could use the money anyway she chose. Hannah sponsored a "Valentine Sweet-heart" dinner on February 12th for the residents and their guests. She bought the groceries, and valentine decorations. Special music was provided by Lois & Lois. This all cost \$300. Marlin Barsness and Elna Halle were named King & Queen of the Sweetheart Dinner by Hannah Enge. The last \$100 she used to make Hugs for Hannah bracelets that are being sold for \$1.00 each, the money raised to be used to continue other stewardship projects that help others with simple acts of kindness.

The RLCC Speech team members who received ribbons at the Bagley Speech meet were Kevin Bray, Amy Paquin, Cassandra Wollman, Tyrell Hamrum, Rachel Roue and Nathan Magnell.

Kindergarteners celebrate 100th day of school. The boys were Everett Svendsen, Dylan Gerardy, Peyton O'Neill, Clancy Hanson, Paul Malwitz, and Luke Sannes. The girls were: Presley Kramer, Cintia Morford-Garcia, Kya Morinville, Xia Kingbird, Keira Morenville, Madalyn Torkelson and Carly Vettleson. They had made crowns, Fruit Loops necklaces, colored 100 rectangles with a partner using dice to set the pattern.

Senior Site News & Other Things

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

Card Crafting Day

The Oklee Senior Site is sponsoring a craft day. If you would like to come and create a beautiful home-made card or other items, please sign up at the Senior Site or call in to put your name down. There is only 8 spots.

The class will be March 1st at 1:30 p.m. in the Senior Site. Sue Beaudoin is the teacher.

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

Tues, March 1st: Card Craft with Sue Beaudoin.

Wednesday: Cards at 1:30 p.m.

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

The next meeting is March 17th at 9:00 a.m. It is important for all seniors to attend the meeting. Planning for spring & summer events will be starting.

We would like your input.

Craft Shop Open limited hours

The Senior Site Craft Shop is open limited hours - usually from 10 am. to 1 p.m. on Monday - Wednesday - Friday. If those time don't work, call and make arrangements for visit.

We have lots of great hand-crafted items. Things for pets, children and adults. Mittens, decorative floral arrangements, doilies, embroidered towels, wooden shelves, quilts, and much, much more.

This past week has been a tough week with the steady winds and snow. Most have just stayed in and that is probably the safest thing to do when the weather is bad. Hopefully we soon will be out of this current cycle and spring will start to show up soon.

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe

218-465-4402

Did you watch the Super Bowl? I didn't. I heard about the half time entertainment. It sounded pretty bad. The ads they have so expensive, there is no sense for these companies spending that kind of money. I guess the temps were in the 80's, hot for football. The rams beat the Bengals 23-20. I'm not a football fan, but lots of people are.

This week I completed a 750-piece puzzle. It was really challenging, but I stuck to it. It's a good pastime.

The winter is really wearing on most everybody. Guys are very tired of blowing, plowing snow and shoveling. What we didn't have for snow and cold last winter, we've more than made up for it this winter. The county guys are plowing Tuesday and Wednesday. They moved snow. There are two

rows south of me, that are four and five feet above the level of the road. This in the ditch. Another row south of that, also, just as high. This will slow down drifting from the south.

Minnesota has more eagles than all the other lower 48 states. This was on the radio. I see eagles from time to time, especially if there is a dead deer carcass.

Tuesday morning, a crow flew over my place. I hadn't seen any around all winter. Otherwise for birds at my feeder, I get blue jays, sparrows, chickadees, nut hatches, flickers, or woodpeckers. They are fun to watch in the morning. When it's eight o'clock, their ready for breakfast.

Hopefully, I'll have some news next week.

Be good and stay warm.

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

It seems that there is no end to the storms. We have more snow in our yard than we have ever had in the past 36 years. I hate to see spring come because it is going to flood and I have no control over that. I hate cleaning basement after water gets in. We are living a groundhog day everyday. It is the same you get up stay in the house because there is a whiteout outside, and wait till the next one. The next day it is the same.

Enough complaining about the weather, lets get down to what is positive. The Olympics are over and our Minnesota representatives did us proud. skiers, curlers, skaters, snowboarders and the rest have done their best to get the job done. They used all their energy to make the best of their trip and were rewarded by winning a medal. Many of them gold but the silver or bronze is nothing to sneeze at either. The closing ceremonies were wonderful and what I was able to see of them the sports-people were enjoying themselves walking into the arena. Thanks to these sportsmen and women for their sacrifices to put out country on the map and for doing what you do.

There are some finishing

touches to that "Old People" piece I had last week.

"Old People don't brag on themselves and what they accomplished they brag on their grandkids.

"Old People" have more courage and personal integrity.

"Old people" remove their hats when they are eating in a restaurant in respect for the ladies and other guests.

"Old people" know that our country is not protected by politicians but by the voters and the military serving our country. This country needs old people with their work

ethic, sense of responsibility, pride in their country and their decent values.

Thank God for old people.

On Saturday we had a meeting of people of this synod with the bishop of Crookston Diocese at St. Joseph's Church. About 26 people came to speak and give ideas for running of the diocese. Even though the weather was so terrible these people came to speak their piece and that is admirable. Thank you for taking this seriously.

That is it for this week. Have a good week.

Bonny's Bits...

okleeherald@gmail.com

I like checking out websites occasionally and this was one that I found interesting. It is a site that shows you where your electricity comes from and what type of process is used for generating it.

<https://app.electricitymap.org/map>

You can see what your electricity uses and what other countries are doing also.

Check it out.

I know I haven't been in my office as much as I like to be, but this weather has been hard to deal with. Our

Who's Dat?



Who's Dat?

This week's photo is of two young fishermen.

I am short of Who's Dat photos. Please send in some of your favorite photos for this column.

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.

If you mail a photo to the Oklee Herald office, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope so the photos can be returned. Mail them to: Oklee Herald, PO Box 9, Oklee MN 56742 Or stop by the office and I will scan your photo while you wait.

SUDOKU

GRAND ALASKAN CRUISE & TOUR

12 days, departs May - Sep 2022



promo code N7017

1-855-208-9533

*Prices are per person based on double occupancy plus up to \$250 in special fees. Single supplement and excursions not included. All sea fares available. Onboard Credit requires purchase of Shore Excursion or Buttery Cabin. Offers apply to new bookings only, valid by 9/30/22. Other terms & conditions may apply. Ask your Travel Consultant for details.



FROM

\$4,949

\$1,699*

FREE ONBOARD CREDIT

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

© StatePoint Media

Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.