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Music for the Soul: Hospice Volunteer Makes Impact Through Song



by Hospice of the Red River Valley

Music is a big part of Gene Okerlund's life. He performed at his alma mater Concordia College, spent most of his career teaching music and in arts administration, and performs in big bands, master chorale, church choir, brass quintet and others.

But some of his most impactful experiences with music are through one-on-one visits with hospice patients as a volunteer with Hospice of the Red River Valley. "Music is one of the last things that leaves our soul," Gene said.

Gene noticed the impact of music on his first visit as a hospice volunteer. He was paired with a patient in a facility who was prone to outbursts. Gene pulled up a chair and started playing music.

"She calmed right down," Gene said. "I visited her for seven or eight months. She never spoke a word, but she would reach out and squeeze my arm. Every time I left, I would think 'as a hospice volunteer you really receive a whole lot more than you give.'"

Gene has been volunteering with Hospice for more than eight years. He admits being nervous at first meeting people who are nearing the end of life. The worries quickly faded.

"There's always a little bit of apprehension because you don't know how they are going to respond," Gene said. "But after my first experience, I realized there was nothing to fear."

Gene has many examples where someone reacted to his music:

The 90-year-old military veteran at a skilled nursing facility who, after a series of patriotic songs, told Gene how he survived the sinking of the USS Arizona in Pearl Harbor.

The patient who had difficulty communicating but kept gesturing to Gene as he set up and played a few songs before a nurse entered the room with the patient's hearing aids.

A 107-year-old who lived on a farm with her 86-year-old daughter and would end each song with an enthusiastic "Amen."

Gene's own brother-in-law who was otherwise unresponsive

the day he died, but smiled when Gene asked, "Should I put my guitar away?"—the final punchline to an ongoing joke between the two.

Another memorable moment was singing "Amazing Grace" at a memory care facility. Two young women came up to Gene with fresh tears on their faces following his set. They worked at the facility. The resident who sat between them had been nonverbal for three months as they cared for her physical needs. The resident had started singing along with Gene during that performance.

Gene plays many instruments, but his typical visit begins by taking out his guitar. Sometimes he'll chat with the patient about the song and its meaning. "Every song has a story to it," Gene explained.

His favorite song is "What a Wonderful World" by Louis Armstrong. He loves performing it, and he even has Armstrong's signature vocal style down pat.

"The lyrics talk about so much of what we need in this world," he said.

Gene tailors his music to each patient's preferences. Some like church hymns. Others like Broadway musicals. Often, it's songs they recalled from their childhood.

His repertoire thankfully included three Hank Williams songs for a patient who was a fan.

"She simply smiled when I was singing his tunes," Gene shared.

Gene was a part of Hospice of the Red River Valley's first We Honor Veterans recognition ceremony, where a patient who is a veteran is recognized for their military service and sacrifices. He led an audience of family and friends in singing "Battle Hymn of the Republic." The hospice patient was a veteran of World War II.

"Here's a fellow who spent an important part of his life serving us," Gene said. "I loved that his family was there to

support the occasion. I don't think we can say 'thank you' enough."

Gene is a four-time cancer survivor. He's learned many life lessons from spending time with those nearing end-of-life. One of the most significant is the ability to let go.

"One of the greatest revelations is when I'm sitting with someone at the end of their life, they have been able to release themselves of all the material stuff they have been wading through all of their lives and are focusing on that one thing, and that is their transition, sometimes with fear and trepidation, and sometimes with peace. But they have been able to let go, and it's too bad we have to wait until that moment. It's a blessed reminder of where I need to be in life," Gene explained.

Gene has advice for anyone who is apprehensive about playing music for a hospice patient: If music is something you love to do, then you have a gift to share.

"I don't think hospice patients are concerned whether you have a great musical voice or that you miss a chord," he said. "They just appreciate you being there. You make a new friend, and the more you are with people in these circumstances, you learn to understand the 'signals' and how much they are responding to the music."

Gene continues volunteering, leaving each visit knowing it was a valuable moment for both. He said that even if a patient isn't able to communicate, he knows from experience they are absorbing the music.

"I think of my parents and their message to us that as you get older and you have time to serve, you serve," Gene said. "I'm fortunate to have music to use as a tool. That's how I tell and share my story."

Whatever your skills and interests, there's a volunteer role of you at Hospice of the Red River Valley. Visit hrrv.org to learn more and apply.



Approximately 85 quilts were made this winter by volunteers from Oklee Lutheran Parish. These beautiful quilts were blessed this past Sunday at services at Salem and Zion Lutheran Churches and will be sent off to many different places this spring. The volunteer quilters would gather on Tuesday morning and spend the day quilting, having a potluck lunch and enjoy each others company. Oklee Quilting Supply also donated some of the materials needed for this project.



Kaylee Eskeli featured in the Tri-County Canary



Kaylee Eskeli, Plummer a resident and a graduate of Lincoln High School is in Pilot Training for the United States Air Force. This shows two T-6A flying in formation in which she did her solo flight. See complete article on the front page of the Canary this week.

~~~~ Junior and Varsity Girls Basketball Team ~~~~



Junior and Varsity members: Back Row: Kathryn Srnsky, McKaelyn Frizzle, Carlee Whalen, Evelyn Klammer, Maddie Inda-Valdez, Erin Sundquist, Cari Bachand, Quinn Graves, Jennifer Johnson, and McKenzie Hofstad. Middle Row: Assistant Coach Mr. Paul Nelson, Keira Morinville, Haley Hanson, Carly Vetteson Marissa Thomas, Jamie Flatgaard, Paige Olson, Peyton Olson, Shawna Majeres, Head Coach Mitch Bernstein, and Assistant Coach Kory Baril. Front Row: Aurora Mitzner, Emma Hendrickson, Alexa Chervestad, Natalie Hendrickson, Violet Tvedt, and Graceyn Kvasager, Not pictured, Arielle Rude.

Calendar of Events

Wed, April 6:

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

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

Thu, April 7:

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

Fri, April 8:

-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news

Sat, April 9:

-Support your local business – Shop Locally!

Sun, April 10:

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

Mon, April 11:

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

Tue, April 12:

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

Wed, April 13:

-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, Apr. 6: Zion: Lenten meal at 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service.
Sun, Apr. 10: 9:00 a.m. Zion. 9:00 a.m. SS at Salem. 10:00 a.m. SS at Zion. 10:30 a.m. Salem.
Tue, Apr. 12: 7:00 p.m. Salem Church Council meeting.
Thu, Apr. 14: Zion: 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service.

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.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive – Nazareth Oak Park – St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Wed, Apr. 6: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School. Oak Park – Lenten: Meal 6:00 p.m. Service 7:00 p.m.
Thu, Apr. 7: Mt. Olive – Lenten: Service 5:00 p.m.
Sat, Apr. 9: Mt. Olive: 9:00 a.m.

Sun, Apr. 10: 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.
Thu, Apr. 14: Maundy Thu: Mt. Olive 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Nazareth.

PUBLIC HEARING ON COUNTY REDISTRICTING

Notice is hereby given that on the 19th day of April at 10:30 a.m. the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners will conduct a Public Hearing in the Courtroom at the Red Lake County Courthouse, 124 Langevin Avenue, Red Lake Falls, MN for the purpose of considering the plans for redistricting Red Lake County County Commissioner districts and determining the terms of such districts.

Dated this 25th day of March, 2022
Robert Schmitz, Auditor
Red Lake County, MN

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Wed, Apr. 6: 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service at Ebenezer.
Sun, Apr. 10: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer. 9:15 a.m. Sunday School at Immanuel. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Immanuel. 11:30 a.m. Joint Council at Immanuel.
Thu, Apr. 14: 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday at Immanuel.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Wed, Apr. 6: 9:00 a.m. Faith WELCA.
Sun, Apr. 10: 8:00 a.m. Ekelund Worship, 9:00 a.m. SS at Ekelund. 9:30 a.m. Faith Worship, 10:30 a.m. SS at Faith. 11:00 a.m. Bethany Worship, 10:00 a.m. SS at Bethany.
Mon, Apr. 11: 9:30 a.m. Rachel Circle. Faith Quilting. 7:00 p.m. Parish Council at Faith.
Tue, Apr. 12: 9:30 a.m. Shalom Circle at Faith.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Jarred LeBon, Pastor
Tyler Stynsberg, Assoc. Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Apr. 6: 6:25 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Sun, Apr. 10: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.
Tue, Apr. 12: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions.
Wed, Apr. 13: 6:25 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Wed, Apr. 6: 6:00 p.m. Soup & Sandwich at Sand Valley. 7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship at Sand Valley.
Sat, Apr. 9: 9:00 a.m. Bake Sale.
Sun, Apr. 10: 9:00 a.m. Lund. 9:00 a.m. Sand Valley SS. 10:30 a.m. Sand Valley. 2:00 p.m. 8th Grade Confirmation at Lund.
Wed, Apr. 13: 2:00 p.m. Lund Ladies Aid.
Thu, Apr. 14: Maundy Thu.: 6:00 p.m. Soup & Sandwich at Lund. 7:00 p.m. Service.
CDC safety guidelines for COVID-19 will be followed.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston
Seth Johnson, Head Pastor
Sundays: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School. 10:00 a.m. Worship Service.
Wednesday Evening: 6:30 p.m. Kids, High School & Adult programs.
Services will continue to be live-streamed on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/bethelfosston>) as an alternative to attending in person.



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The Easter Bunny will be hopping into town for an Easter Egg Hunt!

April 16th at the Oklee Pickle Ball courts

Ages 0 - 3rd Grade 10:00 a.m. Starting with youngest age first.

Prizes for all participating kids!

In case of bad weather, it will be moved to the Oklee Community Hall.
Funded by the Oklee Community Club and Oklee Community Ed.

Kids' Easter Coloring Contest

Security State Bank Easter Coloring Contest for Preschool to 6th grade. Pictures need to be in by Friday April 9th. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

Pictures will distributed at the school.

GOODRIDGE AREA FIRE AND RESCUE

18th Annual Open House and Fundraiser

Saturday, April 9th, 2022

MENU: Burgers (with all the fixings), Fries, Ice Cream, Milk, Coffee, Juice (Dine In or Take-Out)

SUPPER at the Goodridge Fire Hall 4:00-7:30 pm

FULL BAR BY GOODRIDGE LIQUOR STORE AVAILABLE AT THE FIRE HALL!

MANY RAFFLES
-GUNS
-COOLER WITH MEAT
-FISHING GEAR
-LADIES ITEMS AND MORE!

City of Oklee Street Cleaning

6 a.m. Start time. April 14, 2022

~~ IF POSSIBLE ~~
Please Remove Vehicles from Streets

Oklee Senior Site Dining

April 11 - 15
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: Cream chicken dinner, mashed potatoes, veggie, milk, and dessert.
Tue: Pork chop, mashed potatoes, veggie, milk, and dessert.
Wed: Chef's Choice, milk, and dessert.
Thu: Meatloaf dinner, fried potatoes, veggie, milk, and dessert.
Fri: Tuna casserole, veggie, bread, milk, and dessert.

Sudoku Solution

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

Deadline: Fridays at noon!

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Choc-Mellow Bars
Jeanie O'Neill

3/4 cup butter
1-1/2 cups sugar
3 eggs
1 tsp vanilla
1-1/3 cups flour
1/2 tsp baking powder
1/2 tsp salt
3 Tbsp cocoa
1/2 cup nuts, chopped
4 cups mini marshmallows

Topping:
1-1/4 cup chocolate chips
3 Tbsp butter
1 cup peanut butter

In a mixing bowl cream the butter and sugar. Add eggs and vanilla and beat until fluffy. Combine flour, baking powder, salt, and cocoa to the mixture. Stir in the nuts. Spread in a greased jelly roll pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 – 18 minutes. Sprinkle marshmallows over the bars and return to the oven for 2 – 3 minutes more. Combine the topping ingredients together in a sauce pan and cook over low heat stirring often until well blended and then spread over cooled bars. GOOD!

Red Lake County Commissioners Minutes

RED LAKE COUNTY Regular Meeting Held March 8, 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 March 8, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Chair Weiss called the meeting to order. All Commissioners were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Dudycha to approve the agenda.

County Engineer Hove met with the County Board on a few topics.

Agenda Item #1:
Hove conducted a scheduled bid opening for three Gravel Stabilization Projects (SAP 063-620-003, SAP 063-621-003 and SAP 063-615-006). Five contractors submitted bid packages on the combined project with the low bid of \$733,133.20 submitted by Thygeson Construction, Thief River Falls, MN. Hove informed that the County Board may award to the apparent low bid contingent upon no errors, and if errors are discovered the bids will be brought back to the board for correction. Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried by unanimous vote to allow the County Engineer to award the low bid to Thygeson Construction contingent upon no errors.

Agenda Item #2:
Hove opened bids for a gravel project (SAP 063-600-001) for a Louisville Township. Three contractors submitted proposals with the low bid of \$128,229.60 submitted by Thygeson Construction. Hove mentioned that the County Board may award to the apparent low bid contingent upon no errors, and if errors are discovered the bids will be brought back to the board for correction. Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried by unanimous vote to allow the County Engineer to award the low bid to Thygeson Construction contingent upon review of no errors.

Agenda Item #3:
Hove requested board approval to advertise for a mill & overlay project on CSAH 11 and CSAH 33, (SAP 063-611-008 & SAP 063-633-002). The total project length is approximately 8 miles and will include shoulder paving and rumble strips. The proposed bid letting will be on April 12, 2022 pending State Aid approvals. Hove proposed that the County keep the millings and spread them on CAR 112 and CAR 108 and utilize a reclaimer to blend the millings with the existing gravel surface. The county would have to obtain separate quotes for reclaiming utilizing local funding. The total reclaiming project would be approximately 5 miles. Commissioner Dudycha moved, seconded by Flage and carried unanimously to approve the request as presented.

Agenda Item #4:
Hove requested approval to advertise for the Yearly Equipment Rental Bids. The solicitation of these bids is intended to provide Red Lake County with a readily available source of equipment. The Equipment Rental Bids will be opened publicly on April 12, 2022 at the County Board meeting. Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Remick and carried unanimously to approve the request.

Hove reported that a couple sections of sidewalk in the City of Oklee have heaved due to the frost causing some businesses not able to open doors to their facilities. Contractors are on site removing the damaged sections with final repairs completed when weather allows. Hove informed he attended a recent Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting and that there are many complaints on the hairpin intersection at Marcoux Corner.

Penny Grove of Social Services met with the board regarding establishing a wage for Kristen Hanson who assumed the Social Worker Supervisor position commencing March 1, 2022. Grove requested a Grade 22-Step 6 at \$37.92 per hour due to Hanson's prior experience. The position is full-time at 35 hours per week. Commissioner Gerardy moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried by unanimous vote to approve the request as presented.

HR Director Angie Lundeen met with the board and informed that she is due for her annual salary step increase. Commissioner Remick moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried unanimously to approve a step increase to Angie Lundeen from Grade 21-Step 6 (\$36.02 hourly) to Grade 21-Step 7 (\$37.05 hourly) with an effective date of March 4, 2022.

Commissioner Remick moved, seconded by Gerardy and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held February 22, 2022 as presented. Commissioner Flage moved,

seconded by Dudycha and carried unanimously to approve the following expenditures for the period:
Revenue: \$22,467.56
Road & Bridge: 21,911.38
SS Collaborative: 21,938.00
Total: \$66,316.94

The motion included the following added bills: \$4,421.00 to Counties Providing Tech; \$71.15 to MARCO; \$326.25 to Richards Publishing; \$84.24 expenses and \$80.00 per diem to John Dudycha; \$14.04 expenses and \$45.00 per diem to Ron Weiss.

The following Commissioner/Committee reports were shared:
Commissioner Reports
Dudycha: County Extension Committee on February 22nd.
Flage: Minnesota Rural Caucus discussing county control of speed limits, County Based Purchasing and Broadband Grants.
Gerardy: County Fair Board, dates of June 23rd to June 26th for county fair.
Remick: Attended meetings of County Extension, NW Mental Health and County Safety.
Weiss: NW Regional Development discussing budget, audit report and interviews for Aging Director.

Enbridge Energy representative Julie Huber was in attendance to provide an update on the overall Line 3 Replacement project that was completed in 2021. The new pipeline is now referred to as Line 93. Huber expressed appreciation to the County Board, County Sheriff Department and county residents for support during the 6-year journey and challenges of the Line 3 Replacement project. Huber presented a picture display of the project on behalf of Enbridge as a token of appreciation.

Auditor Schmitz mentioned that a replacement member is needed on County Extension and Deb Amiot is interested in serving on the committee. Commissioner Remick moved, seconded by Gerardy and carried unanimously to appoint Deb Amiot to the County Extension Committee. The term for Amiot will expire December 31, 2023.

The County Board discussed delinquent property taxes on mobile homes. The County Treasurer recently sent out letters to mobile homes owners that have delinquent or unpaid personal property taxes, several are many years in arrears. The letter notified that if the delinquent taxes are not paid within a specified time period it then will be turned over to the state for the Revenue Recapture process. The County Board Chair and the County Attorney have received calls from three parties who received the Treasurers letter. The owners feel they should have been made aware of the delinquent taxes years ago, and that the amounts now due are two to three times greater than the original tax base due to the accrual of penalty and interest over the years. There was discussion that to encourage collection of the tax that the county abates the penalty and interest charges if the affected mobile home owners would pay the base taxes for all delinquent years. The board discussed the issue at considerable length. Commissioner Remick moved, seconded by Flage and carried by unanimous vote to abate the penalty and interest costs for those mobile home owners who offered to pay the base tax of all their delinquent years on the condition the base tax is paid by March 31, 2022.

There being no further business the regular board meeting adjourned to March 22, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Attest:
Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

Ron Weiss, Chairman,
Board of Commissioners O3C

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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.

April 11 - 15
Oklee

Monday: Breakfast: Coffee cake, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chef salad, breadsticks, bread sticks, cottage cheese, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, toast, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Pulled pork w/bun, baked beans, macaroni salad, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Pancakes w/syrup, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Pizza, lettuce salad, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Donuts, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Soup (3 kinds to choose from), meat sandwich, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Friday: No School – Spring Break.

Plummer

Monday: Breakfast: Omelet, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Hamburger macaroni hotdish, corn, dinner roll, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Toast w/PB&J, cheese stick, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Sub sandwich, carrots/ranch, chips, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Hot dog, beans, fries, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Donuts, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Soft shell tacos, toppings, veggie cup, fruit, and milk.

Friday: No School – Spring Break.

RLCC Girls Basketball Awards Night



Conference awards : Carlee Whalen, All-Conference Team, Marissa Thomas Honorable Mention All-Conference, and Cari Bachand All-Conference.



Mustang Managers Aurora Mitzner and Keira Mornville.



Seniors Madelyn Inda-Valdez, Cari Bachand, and Erin Sundquist.



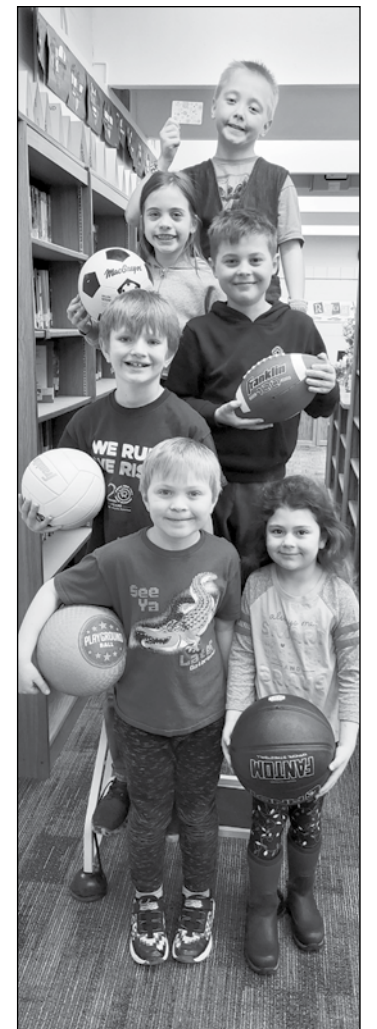
Back Row: Carlee Whalen, Evelyn Klamm, Maddie Inda Valdez, Erin Sundquist, Cari Bachand, Quinn Graves, and Jennifer Johnson. Front Row: Carly Vettleson, Marissa Thomas, Jamie Flatgaard, Paige Olson, Peyton Olson, and Shawna Majeres, Not pictured: Arielle Rude. All photos from the GBB Banquet by Kim Olson.



Marissa Thomas, +/- Award: Carlee Whalen, Most Improved Award, Paige Olson Super Sub Award, Cari Bachand, Free Throw Award, Shawna Majeres, Best Defender Award, and Madeline Inda Valdez, Mustang Pride Award.

March Caught Being Good Winners

(Bottom to Top) Malaya Hamilton, Wyatt Jensen, Jarrett Hammer, Logan Lee, Lola Hendrickson, Bently Benoit.



RLCC Sports Schedules

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

Boys Baseball

Thu, Apr 7: 4:30PM
Red Lake County Coop vs. Roseau @ Roseau High School.

Tue, Apr 12: 4:30PM
Red Lake County Coop vs. Warroad Public School @ L.E. Drechsel Field.

Thu, Apr 14: 4:30PM
Red Lake County Coop vs. Fosston @ L.E. Drechsel Field.

Fri, Apr 15: 4:30PM
Red Lake County Coop vs. Crookston @ L.E. Drechsel Field.

Tue, Apr 19: 4:30PM
Red Lake County Coop vs. BGMR @ Greenbush Field

RLCC Girls

Softball

Thu, Apr. 7:
Girls Varsity Double Header 3:30PM
Girls JH 3:30PM

Away vs. Fertile-Beltrami @ Fertile-Beltrami High School.

Mon, Apr 11:
Girls Varsity 4:30PM
Girls JH 4:30PM
Laporte @ RLCC High School.

Tue, Apr 12:
Girls Varsity 4:30PM
Girls JH 4:30PM
Away vs. East Polk
Tue, Apr 19:
Girls Varsity 4:30PM
JH 4:30PM

Ada-Borup @ Red Lake County Central High School

Fri, Apr 22:
Girls Varsity 4:30PM
Girls JH 4:30 PM
Bagley @ Red Lake County Central High

Boys Rebels Basketball Awards Night



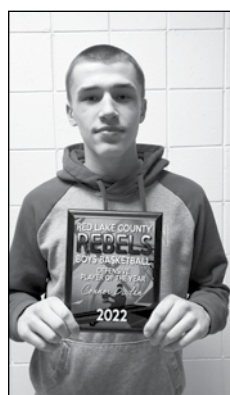
Red Lake County Rebel Captains Tyler Eskeli and Gerald Melin, Not pictured: Chase Nelson.



Tyler Eskeli: Most Improved and Best Teammate.



Mat Renner: Hardest Worker.



Connor Duden 2022 Defensive Player of the Year.



Perfect attendance: Will Gieseke, Tyler Eskeli, Gerald Melin, Ethan Majeres, and Izaiah Stordahl, Not pictured Luke Peterson.



Back Row: Gerald Melin, Tyler Eskeli, Clancy Hanson, Connor Duden, and Izaiah Stordahl. Front Row: Will Gieseke, Ethan Majeres, Matt Renner, Not pictured: Chase Nelson, Owen Chervestd, and John Powers.

Meet the Class of 2022



Name: Nolan Lloyd Magnell
Family members: Dad: Dennis, Mom: Danielle, Siblings: Jillian, Jarren, Jenna, Nathan, Miranda, Jessie.
Favorite movie: Dazed and Confused or Tommy Boy.
Favorite song/band: Can't You Hear Me Knocking by Rolling Stones.
Favorite class: Lunch.
Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Anything but math.
Favorite teacher/coach: Mr. Moll.
Most important person in your life: Dennis James Magnell.
Best memory from school: Building Tyler's deer stand.
Your plans for the Future: Go to NDSOS for diesel tech.



Name: Lauren Jones
Family members: Nanette & Troy Austad, Adrienne, Erin, and Meridian.
Favorite movie: Princess and the Frog.
Favorite song/band: Mr. and Mrs. Jones by Billy Paul.
Favorite class: American Literature.
Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Basketball.
Favorite teacher/coach: Mr. Huie.
Most important person in your life: My sister Adrienne.
Best memory from school: Decorating for Prom/Homecoming.
Your plans for the Future: Graduate with a bachelor's degree in education and then start my master's degree for social work from BSU.



Name: Jeremiah (Remi) Rathack
Family members: Mom: Nicole, Dad: Raymond, Siblings: Justin, Elijah & Emily.
Favorite movie: The VelociPastor.
Favorite song/band: Bloodsport by Sleep-taken.
Favorite class: Ms. Steva's science class
Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Speech, 3-Act play, Multimedia.
Favorite teacher/coach: Mrs. Aakhus.
Most important person in your life: Joseph R. Bigelow and Donald P. Scobie
Best memory from school: My first Speech season.
Your plans for the Future: Finish my AA at Northland then work in computer science the rest of my life.



Name: Issabella Plante
Family members: Mom: Renee, Dad: Danny, Brothers: Jacob, Jordan, Tyler, Brandon, Nick, Sisters: Allison & Morgan.
Favorite movie: Fast Furious, Home Alone.
Favorite song/band: I Don't Dance by Lee Brice.
Favorite class: Shop, English.
Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: 4-H and Volleyball.
Favorite teacher/coach: Mrs. Steva, Mrs. Hamrum, Mr. Brustad, Mrs. Bergeson.
Most important person in your life: Jacob, Jordan, Morgan and my mom's family is important to me.
Best memory from school: I have so many great memories, but the best part was meeting my best friends and hanging with them and making great memories.
Your plans for the Future: Undecided, but continue working at Hillcrest and possibly go into Child Development.



Name: Jonathan Brent Roue
Family members: Mark & Renee Roue. Siblings: Michael & Emily Roue, Rachel & Ryan Honl, Brian Roue.
Favorite movie: VelociPastor.
Favorite song/band: Pettai Rap
Favorite class: 11th grade physics.
Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: 3-Act play.
Favorite teacher/coach: Ty Hamrum.
Most important person in your life: Ty Hamrum.
Best memory from school: That time Mr. Pederson yelled at me for using my roller skates in the hallway.
Your plans for the Future: Study mechanical engineering at NDSU.



Name: Taya Morinville
Family members: Nick and Steph, Kya
Favorite movie: Home Alone.
Favorite class: Pre-Calc.
Favorite teacher/coach: Mr. P.
Most important person in your life: My parents.
Best memory from school: Being with my friends every day in the library.
Your plans for the Future: Attend NDSU for Computer Science.



Name: Michael Lowell
Family members: Michelle & Shaun Lowell.
Favorite band: Five Finger Death Punch.
Favorite class: Physics.
Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Multimedia.
Favorite teacher/coach: Mr. Baril.
Most important person in your life: My parents.
Best memory from school: Being with friends.
Your plans for the Future: Work at Digi-Key.



Name: Leah Peterson
Family members: Jamie & Wendy, Derek and Luke.
Favorite class: Pre-Calc.
Favorite RLCC Sport/Activity: Volleyball.
Favorite teacher/coach: Mr. P.
Most important person in your life: My mom.
Best memory from school: Spending every day in the library with my friends.
Your plans for the Future: Attend MSUM for Elementary Education.

April 2022 Health Points

April is Move More Month

The evidence is clear—physical activity can make you feel better, function better, and sleep better. Even one session of moderate-to-vigorous physical activity reduces anxiety, and even short bouts of physical activity are beneficial. Being physically active also fosters normal growth and development, improves overall health, can reduce the risk of various chronic diseases.

Adding Physical Activity to Your Life

There are a lot of ways to get the physical activity you need! Don't worry if you're thinking, "How can I get the recommended amount of physical activity each week?" You'll be surprised by the variety of activities you have to choose from. To meet the recommendations for aerobic activity, basically any aerobic activity counts, as long as it's done at a moderate- or vigorous-intensity. Any amount of physical activity has some health benefits.

Stick With It

To make sure you'll stick with it, pick physical activities that you enjoy and match your abilities.

For many people, walking is a great way to become more active.

Getting Started

Look for ways to reduce time sitting and increase time moving. For example, make it a tradition to walk before or after dinner.

Set aside specific times to make physical activity part of your daily or weekly routine.

Start with activities, locations, and times you enjoy. For example, you might like morning walks in your neighborhood; others might prefer an online class after work.

Try activities with others in your household for motivation and mutual encouragement.

Start slowly and work your way up to more time or more challenging activities.

Federal guidelines recommend 150 minutes of moderate-intensity physical activity a week for adults. You might split that into 30 minutes, 5 days a week.

When to Check with Your Doctor

Physical activity that requires moderate effort is safe for most people. But if you have a chronic health condition, be sure to talk with your doctor about the types and amounts of physical activity that are right for you. Examples of chronic conditions are heart disease, arthritis, and diabetes. Also, if you have been inactive, have a disability, or are overweight, discuss vigorous-in-

tensity physical activity with your doctor before beginning. <https://www.cdc.gov/physicalactivity/basics/index.htm>

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

The most important thing we can do to help children is to support families before they reach a crisis. <https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/preventing/preventionmonth/>

Celebrate National Volunteer Month

How Volunteering Improves Mental Health

Volunteers help the communities they serve. But did you know that volunteering can boost your mental health?

Some of the benefits of volunteering include engaging in social interactions with other people, being a helper, making a positive impact, and being part of something bigger than yourself.

No matter how you look at it, one thing is clear, volunteering is good for the world and beneficial for your well-being.

Benefits of Volunteering

One of the biggest benefits is that the more you volunteer, the happier you become. Studies show that people who start with lower levels of well-being may get an even bigger boost in

happiness from volunteering. Some of the other mental benefits include:

The "Helper's high." This is a term used to describe the feeling people have after volunteering. It feels like a prolonged calmness, a reduction in stress, and a greater sense of self-worth after doing something kind for someone else.

Life satisfaction. Volunteers experience greater satisfaction with life and life purpose, increased self-confidence, and a greater sense of identity.

Enjoyable aging. Older people have found that volunteering may reduce the onset of cognitive decline and is related to lower rates of depression and loneliness.

<https://www.webmd.com/mental-health/mental-benefits-of-volunteering>

Parenting Tips

No child is too young to be kind to others. So it follows that even preschoolers can volunteer. Helping others makes kids kinder, more empathetic, have higher self-esteem and much more likely to continue to volunteer as adults. Volunteering as a family sets a powerful message to kids of any age. Here are some age appropriate ways to introduce your kids to volunteering.

Ways to volunteer with preschoolers

1. Go through your pantry or

take a trip to the supermarket to pick out canned goods to donate to a food drive.

2. Pick flowers to bring to a senior in a nursing home.

3. Organize a toy drive and have your child donate one of his or her own and bring it to a community center.

4. Put coins in a charity box for a family in need or to support animal rescue organizations.

5. Help clean up a park to make it nicer to play in.

Ways to volunteer with elementary school kids

1. Go to an animal shelter and play with, walk or read to the puppies.

2. Write a get-well card and deliver them to a hospital.

3. Start a donation piggy bank and feed it every day. When it is full, talk about where to donate the funds to

and deliver them together.

4. Help bake cookies to deliver to a local fire station.

5. Collect and give out art supplies like markers, crayons, and coloring books for kids in homeless shelters.

<https://www.good-deeds-day.org/getideas/youth/>

STORY TO SHARE!

If you have a story or photos you want to share, please send to: okleeherald@gmail.com

Red Lake Falls Library

Programs are resuming at the RLF branch of NWRL, starting with a concert by the brass ensemble "Windblown" on Thursday, April 21 at 6:00 pm.

Then on the following Tuesday, March 26th, poet Alexandria Maxwell will do a reading of her own materials, along with book sales and signing to follow.

Alexandria Maxwell is a poet, writer, blogger, travel-

at-home mama, and wife. She has been writing since middle school, and has appeared in Colorado Christian University's art and literary journal.

Paragon, each year she attended. Now, she and her family live full-time out of their RV while they travel the USA

and attempt to start a home-stand in Northern MN. For more information and titles visit her website at alexandriamaxwellwrites.com.

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Poplar River	Town Hall	04/19/2022	9:30 a.m.
Garnes	Town Hall	04/19/2022	11:00 a.m.
Browns Creek	Courthouse	04/19/2022	2:30 p.m.
Louisville	Courthouse	04/19/2022	4:00 p.m.
Terrebonne	Town Hall	04/19/2022	5:30 p.m.
Gervais	Town Hall	04/19/2022	7:00 p.m.
Wylie	Town Hall	04/21/2022	4:00 p.m.
Lake Pleasant	Courthouse	04/21/2022	5:30 p.m.
Red Lake Falls - T	Courthouse	04/21/2022	7:00 p.m.
City of Red Lake Falls	City Hall	05/09/2022	6:00 p.m.

**City of Oklee
Public Nuisances
Ordinance
ORDINANCE NO. 2201
AN ORDINANCE
REGULATING PUBLIC
NUISANCES WITHIN THE
CITY OF OKLEE, MINNESOTA
The City Council of Oklee,
Minnesota ordains:**

SECTION ONE.

PUBLIC NUISANCE PROHIBITION.

A person must not act, or fail to act, in a manner that is or causes a public nuisance. For purpose of this ordinance, a person that does any of the following is guilty of maintaining a public nuisance:

(A) Maintains or permits a condition which unreasonably annoys, injures, or endangers the safety, health, morals, comfort or repose of any considerable number of members of the public; or

(B) Interferes with, obstructs, or endangers dangerous for passage, any public highway or right-of-way, or waters used by the public; or

(C) Does nay other act or omission declared by law or this ordinance to be a public nuisance.

SECTION TWO.

PUBLIC NUISANCES

AFFECTING HEALTH.

The following are hereby declared to be nuisances affecting health:

(A) The exposed accumulation of decayed or unwholesome food or vegetable matter:

(B) All diseased animals running at large;

(C) All ponds or pools of stagnant water;

(D) Carcasses of animals not buried or destroyed within twenty-four (24) hours after death;

(E) Accumulation of manure, refuse, or other debris;

(F) Privy vaults and garbage cans which are not rodent-free or fly-tight, or which are so maintained to as constitute a health hazard or to emit foul and disagreeable odors;

(G) The pollution of any public well or cistern, stream or lake, canal or body of water by sewage, industrial waste, or other substances;

(H) All noxious weeds and other rank growths of vegetation upon public or private property;

(I) Dense smoke, noxious fumes, gas, soot, or cinders in unreasonable quantities;

(J) All public exposure of people having a contagious disease; and

(K) Any offensive trade or business as defined by statute not operating under local license.

SECTION THREE.

PUBLIC NUISANCES AFFECTING MORALS AND DECENCY.

The following are hereby declared to be nuisances affecting public morals and decency:

(A) All gambling devices, slot machines, and punch boards, except otherwise authorized and permitted by federal, state, or local law;

(B) Betting, bookmaking, and all apparatus used in those occupations;

(C) All houses kept for the purpose of prostitution or promiscuous sexual intercourse, gambling houses, houses of ill fame, or bawdy houses;

(D) All places where intoxicating or 3.2 malt liquor is manufactured or disposed of in violation of law or where, in violation of law, people are permitted to resort, for the purposed of drinking intoxicating or 3.2 malt liquor, or where intoxicating or 3.2 malt liquor is kept for sale or other disposition in violation of law, and all liquor and other property used for maintaining that place; and

(E) Any vehicle used for the unlawful transportation of intoxicating or 3.2 malt liquor, or for promiscuous sexual intercourse, or any other immoral or illegal purpose.

SECTION FOUR.

PUBLIC NUISANCES AFFECTING PEACE AND SAFETY.

The following are declared to be nuisances affecting public peace and safety:

(A) All snow and ice that is not removed from public sidewalks within twenty-four (24) hours after the snow or other precipitation causing the condition has ceased to fall.

(B) All trees, hedges, billboards, or other obstructions which prevent people form having a clear view of all traffic approaching an intersection.

(C) All wires and limbs of trees that are so close to the surface of a sidewalk or street as to constitute a danger to pedestrians or vehicles.

(D) Any person participating in any party or other gathering that causes unreasonable disturbing of the peace, quiet, or repose of another person in such a manner as to be plainly audible at the boundary of the real property, building, structure, or residence from which the noise originates, or at a distance of 50 feet from the source of the noise. "Plainly audible" is defined as sound that can be detected by a person using their

unaided hearing faculties.

(E) All unnecessary and annoying vibrations.

(F) Obstructions and excavations affecting the ordinary public use of streets, alleys, sidewalks, or public grounds, except under conditions as are permitted by this ordinance or other applicable law.

(G) Radio aerials or television antennae erected or maintained in a dangerous manner.

(H) Any use of property abutting on a public street or sidewalk or any use of a public street or sidewalk that causes large crowds or people to gather, obstructing traffic and the free use of the street or sidewalk.

(I) All hanging signs, awnings, and other similar structures over streets and sidewalks, so situated as to endanger public safety, or not constructed and maintained as provided by ordinance.

(J) The allowing of rainwater, ice, or snow to fall from any building or structure upon any street or sidewalk or to flow across any sidewalk.

(K) Any barbed wire fence located less than six (6) feet above the ground and within three (3) feet of a public sidewalk or way.

(L) All dangerous, unguarded machinery in any public place, or so situated or operated on private property as to attract the public.

(M) Wastewater cast upon or permitted to flow upon streets or other public properties.

(N) Accumulations in the open of discarded or disused machinery, household appliances, automobile bodies or other materials in a manner conducive to the harboring of rates, mice, snakes, or vermin, or the rank growth of vegetation among the items so accumulated, or in a manner creating a fire, health, or other safety hazards from such accumulation.

(O) Any well, hole, or similar excavation that is left uncovered or in such other condition as to constitute a hazard to any child or person coming on the premises where it is located.

(P) Obstruction to the free flow of water in a natural waterway or public street drain, gutter, or ditch with trash or other material.

(Q) The placing or throwing on any street, sidewalk, or other public property of any glass, tacks, nails, bottles, or other substances that may injure any person or animal or damage any pneumatic tire when passing over such substance.

(R) The depositing of garbage or refuse on a public right-of-way or an adjacent private property.

(S) Reflected glare or light from private exterior lighting exceeding .05 foot-candles as measured on the property line of the property where the lighting is located when abutting any residential parcel, and one

(1) foot-candle when abutting any commercial or industrial parcel.

(T) All other conditions or things that are likely to cause injury to the person or property of another.

SECTION FIVE.

NOISE VIOLATIONS.

(A) Prohibited noises.

The following are declared to be nuisances affecting public health, safety, peace, or welfare:

(1) Any distinctly and loudly audible noise that unreasonably annoys, disturbs, injures, or endangers the comfort, repose, health, peace, safety, or welfare of any person, or precludes their enjoyment of property, or affects their property's value in such a manner as to be plainly audible at the boundary of the real property, building, structure, or residence from which the noise originates, or at a distance of 50 feet from the source of the noise. (this general prohibition is limited by any specific restrictions provided in this ordinance). "Plainly audible" is defined as sound that can be detected by a person using their unaided hearing faculties.

(2) All obnoxious noises, motor vehicle or otherwise, in violation of Minn. R. ch 7030, as they may be amended from time to time, are hereby incorporated into this ordinance by reference.

(3) The use of any vehicle so out of repair or so loaded as to create loud and unnecessary grating, grinding, rattling, or other noise.

(4) The discharging of the exhaust or permitting the discharge of the exhaust of any statutory internal combustion engine, motor boat, motor vehicle, motorcycle, all-terrain vehicle (ATV), snowmobile, or any recreational device, except through a muffler or other device that effectively prevents loud or explosive noises therefrom and complies with all applicable state laws and regulations.

(5) Any loud or excessive noise in the loading, unloading, or unpacking of any vehicle.

(6) The use or operation, or permitting the use or operation, of any radio receiving set, television set, musical instrument, music device, paging system, machine or other device for producing or reproduction of sound distinctly and loudly audible manner so as to disturb the peace, quiet, and comfort of any person nearby.

(B) Hourly restriction of certain operations.

(1) Domestic power equipment.

No person shall operate a power lawn mower, power hedge clipper, chain saw, mulcher, garden tiller, edger, drill, or other similar domestic power equipment, except between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. on any weekend or between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 9 p.m. on any weekend or holiday. Snow removal equipment is exempt from this provision.

(2) Refuse hauling. No person shall collect or remove garbage or refuse in any residential district, except between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. on any weekday or between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. on any weekend or holiday.

(3) Construction activities. No person shall engage in or permit construction activities involving the use of any kind of electric, diesel, or gas-powered machine or other power equipment, except between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. on any weekday or between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. on any weekend or holiday.

(4) Radios, music devices, paging systems, and the like. The operation of any device referred to in subdivision (A) (6) between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. in a manner so as to be plainly audible at the property line of the structure or building in which it is located, or at a distance of 50 feet if the source is located outside a structure or building shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this section.

(C) Noise impact statement.

The Council may require any person applying for a change in zoning classification or permit or license for any structure, operation, process, installation, alteration, or project that may be considered a potential noise source to submit a noise impact statement on a form prescribed by the Council. The Council shall evaluate each such statement and take its evaluation into account in approving or disapproving the license or permit applied for or the zoning changes requested.

SECTION SIX.

NUISANCE PARKING AND STORAGE.

A. Declaration of nuisance.

The outside parking and storage on residentially zoned property of large numbers of vehicles and vehicles, materials, supplies, or equipment not customarily used for residential purpose in violation of the requirements set forth below is declared to be a public nuisance because it:

(1) obstructs views on the streets and private property,

(2) creates cluttered and otherwise unsightly areas,

(3) prevents the full use of residential streets for residential parking,

(4) introduces commercial advertising signs into areas where commercial advertising signs are otherwise prohibited,

(5) decreases adjoining landowners' and occupants' use and enjoyment of their property and neighborhoods, and

(6) otherwise adversely affects property values and neighborhood patterns.

B. Unlawful parking and storage.

(1) A person must not place, store, or allow the placement or storage of ice fishing houses, skateboard ramps, playhouses, or other similar non-permanent structures outside continuously for longer than twenty-four (24) hours in the front yard area of residential property unless more than one hundred (100) feet back from the front property line.

(2) A person must not place, store, or allow the placement or storage of pipe, lumber, forms, steel, machinery, or similar materials, including all materials used in conjunction with a business, outside on residential property, unless shielded from public view by on opaque cover or fence.

(3) A person must not cause, undertake, permit or allow the outside parking and storage of vehicles on residential property unless it complies with the following requirements:

(a) No more than four (4) vehicles per lawful dwelling unit may be parked or stored anywhere outside on residential property, except as otherwise permitted or required by the city because of nonresidential characteristics of the property. The maximum number does not include occasional guests who do not reside on the property.

(b) Vehicles that are parked or stored outside in the front yard areas must be on a paved or graveled parking surface or driveway area.

(c) Vehicles, watercraft, and other articles stored outside on residential property must be owned by a person who resides on that property. Students who are away from school for periods of time but still claim the property as their legal residence will be considered residents on the property.

SECTION SEVEN.

INOPERABLE MOTOR VEHICLES.

(A) Declaration of nuisance. Any motor vehicle described in this section shall constitute a hazard to the health and welfare of the residents of the community as such vehicles can harbor noxious diseases, furnish a shelter and breeding ground for vermin, and present physical danger to the safety and well-being of children and

citizens. Motor vehicles also contain various fluids which, if released into the environment, can and do cause significant health risks to the community.

(B) Inoperable motor vehicles.

It shall be unlawful to keep, park, store, or abandon any motor vehicle that is not in operating condition, partially dismantled, used for repair or parts or as a source of repair or replacement parts for other vehicles, kept for scrapping, dismantling or salvage of any kind, or which is not properly licensed for operation within the state, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 168B.011, subd.3, as it may be amended form time to time.

(C) Screening. This section does not apply to a motor vehicle enclosed in a building and/or kept out of view from any street, road, or alley, and which does not foster complaint from a resident of the city. Privacy fencing is permissible.

SECTION EIGHT.

DUTIES OF CITY OFFICERS.

City officials may apply and enforce any provision of this ordinance relating to public nuisances within this jurisdiction. Any peace officer or other designated city official shall have the power to inspect private premises and take all reasonable precautions to prevent the commission and maintenance of public nuisances. Except in emergency situations of imminent danger to human life and safety, no peace officer or designated city official will enter private property for the purpose of inspecting or preventing public nuisances without the permission of the owner, resident, or other person in control of the property, unless the officer or person designated has obtained a warrant or order from a court of competent jurisdiction authorizing entry.

SECTION NINE.

ABATEMENT PROCEDURE.

(A) Procedure. Whenever the peace officer or other designated official determines that a public nuisance is being maintained or exists on the premises in the city, the official shall notify in writing the owner of record and occupant of the premises of such fact and order that the nuisance be terminated or abated. The notice of violation shall specify the steps to be taken to abate the nuisance and the time within which the nuisance is to be abated. If the notice of violation is not complied with within the time specified, the official shall report that fact forthwith to the City Council. Thereafter, the City Council may, after notice to the owner and occupant and an opportunity to be heard, determine that the condition identified in the notice of violation is a nuisance and further order that if the nuisance is not abated withing the time prescribed by the City Council, the city may seek injunctive relief by serving a copy of the City Council order and notice of motion for summary enforcement or obtain an administrative search and seizure warrant and abate the nuisance.

(B) Notice. Written notice of the violation; notice of the time, date, place, and subject of any hearing before the City Council; notice of the City Council order; and notice of the motion for summary enforcement hearing shall be served by a peace officer or designated official on the owner of record and occupant of the premises either in person or by certified or registered mail. If the premise is not occupied, the owner of record is unknown, or if the owner of record or occupant refuses to accept notice, notice of the violation shall be served by positing it on the premises.

(C) Emergency procedure; summary enforcement. In cases of emergency, where delay in abatement required to complete the procedure and notice requirements as set forth in subdivision (A), and (B) of this section will permit a continuing nuisance to unreasonably endangered public health, safety, or welfare, the City Council may order summary enforcement and abate the nuisance. To proceed with summary enforcement, the peace officer or other designated official shall determine that a public nuisance exists or is being maintained on premises in the city and that delay in abatement will unreasonably endanger public health, safety, or welfare. The officer or designated official shall notify in writing the occupant or owner of the premises of the nature of the nuisance, whether public health, safety, or welfare will be unreasonably endangered by delay in abatement required to complete the procedure set forth in subdivision (A) of this section and may order that the nuisance be immediately terminated or abated. If the nuisance is not immediately terminated or abated, the City Council may order summary enforcement and abate the nuisance.

(D) Immediate abatement. Nothing is this section shall prevent the city, without notice or other process, from immediately abating any condition that poses an imminent and serious hazard to human life or safety.

(E) Unlawful parties or gathering. When law enforcement determines that a gathering is creating such a noise disturbance as prohibited under Section Four, Subdivision D, the officer may order all persons present, other than the owner or tenant of the premises where the disturbance is occurring, to disburse immediately. No person shall refuse to leave

after being ordered to do so by law enforcement. Every owner or tenant of such premises who has knowledge of the disturbance shall make every reasonable effort to see that the disturbance is stopped.

(F) Judicial remedy. Nothing in this section shall prevent the city from seeking a judicial remedy when no other adequate remedy exists.

SECTION TEN.

RECOVERY OF COST.

(A) Personal liability. The owner of the premises on which a nuisance has been abated by the city, or a person who has caused a public nuisance on property now owned by that person, shall be personally liable for the cost to the city of the abatement, including administrative costs. As soon as the work has been completed and the cost determined, the city clerk or other city official shall prepare a bill for the cost and mail it to the owner. Thereupon the amount shall be immediately due and payable at the office of the city clerk.

(B) Assessment. After notice and hearing as provided in Minn. Stat. § 429.061, as it may be amended from time to time, if the nuisance is a public health or safety hazard on private property, the accumulation of snow and ice on public sidewalks, the growth we weeds on private property or outside the traveled portion of streets or unsound or insect-infected trees, the city clerk shall, on or before September 1 next following abatement of the nuisance, list the total unpaid charges along with all other such charges as well as other charges for current services to be assessed under Minn. Stat. § 429.010 against each separate lot

or parcel who which the charges are attributable. The City Council may then spread the charges against the property under that statute and any other pertinent statutes for certification to the county auditor and collection along with current taxes the following year or in annual installments, not exceeding ten (10), as the City Council may determine in each case.

SECTION ELEVEN.

PENALTY.

Any person convicted of violating any provision of this ordinance is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisonment for not more than ninety (90) days, or both, plus costs of prosecution in either case.

SECTION TWELVE.

SEVERABILITY.

If any provision of this ordinance is found to be invalid for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, the validity of the remaining provision shall not be affected.

SECTION THIRTEEN.

EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance become effective on the date of its publication, or upon the publication of a summary of the ordinance as provided by Minn. Stat. § 412.191, subd. 4, as it may be amended from time to time, which meets the requirements of Minn. Stat. § 331A.01, subd. 10, as it may be amended from time to time. Passed by the City Council of Oklee, Minnesota this 14th day of March 2022.

/s/ Lori Gulseth, Mayor

Attested: /s/ Derek Cross.

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COVID-19 Update for March 26th - April 1st:

Pennington County: 1 child under 12, 30's - 70's & 90's. Red Lake County: 70'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 you hands frequently and get vaccinated.

	Pennington	Red Lake
• New confirmed cases since last report	10	1
• Total # of confirmed cases	3544	931
• # of Active Cases in Isolation	10	1
• Total # of Hospitalizations	160	39
• # Currently in Hospital	0	0
• Deaths	41	13

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Oklee Herald Early Files

Eighty Years Ago April 9, 1942

As we go to press, we are told that the new Oklee Municipal Liquor Store will open for business Friday evening this week.

Harold W. Torgerson, son of Dr. and Mrs. W.B. Torgerson of Oklee and Miss Verna Finger of Evanston, Ill, were married on Tuesday March 31st. They are making their home in Washington D.C. where the groom is a lieutenant in the Naval Reserves.

Mr. and Mrs. D.J. Bergeron are announcing the birth of their son on Sunday, April 6, at St. Luke's Hospital in Thief River Falls.

The Misses Emma and Thora Gunderson write they like it in California and hope no bombs will fall there so they may stay for some time. They have had three blackouts but none since February 18.

Weekly News Analysis: Jap failure to overwhelm Australia brings revision of Pacific timetable; anti-war feeling grows in Bulgaria as government meet Nazi demands.

Seventy Years Ago April 3, 1952

Oklee Senior High Spring Concert was scheduled for April 3rd at the Oklee Community Hall, directed by Mrs. Coya Knuton.

Sgt. Peder O. Barsness of Oklee is returning home under the Army's rotation policy after serving with the 7th Division on the Korean fighting front.

The West Johnson Birthday club met at the Harry Bergh home Sunday afternoon to help Mrs. Bergh celebrate her birthday.

Pvt. Donald Peterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. H.S. Peterson is stationed at Shinodayama, Japan. He is now attending medical aid school.

Sovde and Son ad featured: Snyder's catsup, 14 oz bottle for .23 cents; Velveeta Cheese, 2 lbs box .89 cents; Bread, twin loaves for .39 cents.

Sixty Years Ago April 5, 1962

Otto Bakken, manager of the Oklee Creamery, has been declared top buttermaker in District 3 of the Minnesota Creamery Operators and Managers Association.

Seeger's Hardware, an Oklee business firm since the beginning of the village in 1910, has a new owner. He is Fred Festler of Walker, MN who with Mrs. Festler will assume management next Tuesday.

Oklee Grade School will present Operetta 'Carnival Capers' on April 10th. The presentation in two acts, takes place in the deep woods on the night of Theophilus Turtle's 100th birthday, played by Byron Flatland.

Cadet Col. Martin C. Johnson, cadet commander of the University of North Dakota Army ROTC was congratulated by Col. Wellendorf, deputy commander of the 14th U.S. Army Corps at Minneapolis, at the close of the annual inspection and briefing.

Ray. W. Vigstol, aviation machinist's mate airman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nels Vigstol of Plummer, is serving with Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Four at Ream Field Navel Auxiliary Air Station,

Imperial Beach, CA.

A group of ladies surprised Mrs. Marc Parenteau at the Aurel Parenteau home Sunday afternoon, the occasion being a baby shower for Jill Marie, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marc Parenteau.

A bridal shower for Mr. and Mrs. Julian Gunderson was held at Oak Park dining hall on Sunday evening.

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 April 8, 1982

Mrs. Maurice (Marie) Reopelle of rural Red Lake Falls, retired from St. John's Hospital as of March 31st after serving that hospital for 23 years.

Bowl Down Cancer Tournament winners were Francis Bergeron (1st place high series), Jerome Bachand (2nd place high series), Lori Melby (1st place high series), and Arlana Johnson (2nd place high series).

Nine piano students of Marcia Knutilla are winners in the Minnesota Music Teachers Association state piano contest held in Minneapolis. Winning in the intermediate B category is Sandra Rustan, daughter of Gloria & Richard Rustan of Oklee. This is Sandra's fourth year of winning.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Halvorson are proud parents of a baby boy born on April 4th. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Earl Halvorson and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rustan, and great-grandfather Oscar Lundeen.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Lundeen entertained Sunday in honor of Shannon's third birthday.

Ryan Bjerklie celebrated his 8th birthday and Christopher Bjerklie celebrated his 5th birthday.

Thirty Years Ago April 1, 1992

Penni Nelson, Oklee School "Teacher of the Year." Penni has been teaching in the Oklee school since 1983. She was hired as a first grade teacher and is now teaching 2nd grade. She has also taught 4th grade during this time.

Don Fournier was the Oklee Senior Meal Site "Cook of the Month" on Thursday. He made potato klub for the seniors.

Gary Lee was in the Oklee School on March 26th demonstrating various animal traps and explained some of the trapping techniques.

Pokie (Mrs. Jake) Martel was awarded the Winter Sports Spirit Award. She and her husband are very faithful sports enthusiasts and have given much of their time in volunteering efforts.

Jenny Walter was named to the Northern Galaxie Conference All Conference team. Named as honorable mention was Cheryl Greenwald and Jill Radniecki.

Receiving Special Awards at the RLCC Boys Basketball sports banquet were Ryan Melby, Andy Dulka, Eric Kolstoe, Bill Maul, and Jacob Melby.

Wayne & Debbie Vettleson and Tom & Diane Kolstoe received a Dairy Award from Cenex and Land O'Lakes during the Oklee Farmers Co-

op Elevator Assoc. 80th annual meeting held in the Oklee School.

Twenty Years Ago April 4, 2002

The RLCC Speech team placed 2nd at sub-sections in Mahanomen on March 26th. Team members re Vickie Asselin, Lindsay Bergeson, Nikki Brekke, Ryan Demaris, Malloory Gerardy, Archie Gunderon, Molly Hagen, Kirsten Hagge, Jessie Hamrum, Riley Hemly, Katie Lundeen, Linette Lundeen, Mindy Lundeen, Corey Olson, Cynthia Raiter, Ashely Ramos, Haylee Stenberg, Andy Swenson, and Dede Vettleson.

Lisa and Benji Hofstad are the proud parents of a baby girl, Ashley Marie, born on March 18th. Grandparents are Sharon & Eddie Larson and Ardis & Rene Hofstad.

A group of 25 family members surprised Wesley Myhre to celebrate his 50th birthday on Saturday evening at Lakeview.

Cynthia Hendrickson and Wayne Schmiedeberg announce their engagement and upcoming wedding. An April 20, 2002 wedding was planned at Zion Lutheran Church in Oklee.

Ten Years Ago April 4, 2012

A semi-trailer truck driving on Highway 59 hit a train south of Plummer on Saturday morning and caused several cars to derail. One of the cars was carrying bunker oil, a heavy, thick fuel used aboard ships. The residents of Plummer were evacuated for safety to the Shooting Star Casino for a short period of time.

All-Conference players are Matt Schindler, Ben Hagl (Honorable Mention) and Tyler Hurst.

Cub Scouts Pack 160 collected 137 pounds of food for the "Scouting for Food" community service project. The scouts pictured were Elijah Rathsack, Noah Hanson, Grayson Rystad and Remi Rathsack.

RLCC Senior physics class set up a Rube Goldberg machine with a variety of simple machines. Gary Brantl was recognized at the RLC Rebels Basketball Awards night for his contributions to Mustang and Rebel athletics.

Last Sunday Immanuel Church put on their annual meatball spring dinner. They served meatballs, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, coleslaw and various refrigerated desserts.

Congratulations to Sue Hagge, the head coach of the RLCC Rebel Speech team for the honor of being voted Coach of the Year by her peers in Sub-Section Three.

Brody Rystad is proud to announce the birth of his baby sister Sophia who was born on March 16th. Parents are Mitchell and Lindsay Rystad of Thief River Falls.

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Senior Site News & Other Things

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

Senior Site Meeting

A special meeting is set for this Thursday, April 7th at 9:00 a.m. at the Senior Site. Please attend if you can.

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.

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.

**Remember if you don't feel good, stay home.

Craft Shop Now Open 4 days a week!

The Senior Site Craft Shop is now open four days a week from 10 am. to 1 p.m. on Monday - Wednesday - Thursday - 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.

Interesting Things to Think About...

What are the day-to-day things you do that really make you feel good?

If you could have a second chance at one event in your life, what would you choose?

Do you feel older or younger than your age?

If you could tell your young-

er self any one thing, what would it be?

What is your worst habit, and what is keeping you from stopping it.

It is ok to do nothing at times and just feel happy about it?

The words 'listen' and 'silent' consist of the same letters. So all good listeners always maintain silence.

How will you react, if you meet your playschool friend after 25 years? Will you stare, hug, or avoid?

Well, another nice week of weather overall. Possible shower or two but temperatures in the 40-50's. But this time of year can turn into a storm easily so still be prepared snow and ice. Ice is the worst this time of year as it can be slushy, shining or invisible, and it can send you in a ditch faster than you can imagine.

Have a good week, start planning your garden, getting your mowers ready, etc.

Summer is coming soon!

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe
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Wednesday morning at the Red River Ag C-Store, Clayton Larson of Red Lake Falls was honored. Roger Gallant had picked him up. Gina, the manager, treated everyone to an egg bake with coffee. Clayton was 100 years old this past December. He joined in shaking dice. Naomi and her husband also came. She took pictures of the group. It was a fun time.

On Tuesday, Alice Jobe met her sister Phyllis Unruh and their niece Angie Kukowski of Roseau in Thief River Falls at Las Ranitas for lunch. It is a cheerful restaurant with a real Mexican flavor. If you haven't been there, check it out some time. You won't be disappointed.

On Friday, St. Lawrence Catholic Church offered 600 fish dinner free. Hopefully many took advantage of this offer. Anne Traxler, Anna DeHate and Alice Jobe ordered fish. We were fortunate to miss out on the Monday evening snowstorms that hit eastern North Dakota and west Central Minnesota. The winds were so strong that two semi's had flipped over on their sides. Tuesday afternoon, I heard Sand Hill cranes near my place, but didn't see them. It's exciting to hear them. Also on Thursday there were many Robins in the years and other blackish birds too. They were so busy eating and occasionally scrapping with another bird. Also on Wednesday around 6:15 p.m. I saw two eagles in the ditch, I believe a male and

female. The female had a rusty brown color. I believe the first time I've seen a female.

More snow melted in our area. But there is still plenty left. The snow has very little water in it.

I wish it was warmer, so I could get some raking done. I have tons of leaves to rake and dispose of. Because, the next thing will be grass cutting.

It's a good time to do Spring Cleaning and declutter some. I started a week ago, at least, going through stuff and throwing it.

Until next week, take care and enjoy the warmer temperatures. Easter is late this year, so it should be fairly warm by then.

Have a good week!

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

We can't complain about the weather this past week. It isn't as warm as some years, but it hasn't been snowing adding insult to injury as it does in some springs. Thank you God.

We were surprised by a visit from our oldest daughter Becky Novak on Saturday. She phoned us and said she was in the vicinity. I was so glad to hear another voice that I was happy that she wanted to visit. She came and stayed overnight and started back to Mankato on Sunday. On her way back to Mankato she ran into the storm that was scheduled to go through the middle of the state. In Dassel she was passed by a pickup truck and just a mile down the road, the truck was in an accident with another car. That held her up some time, and then she found that the roads were worse, so she stayed at a motel the night to be safe, and continued on to Mankato on Monday.

An apology to the Myhre family is in order. They had a great 80 birthday party last week and I reported it as a party for Bob Solien. It was a party for Wes Myhre. Wes, I am sorry that I confused you with Bob. No excuses from me, I made the error. Now that is the apology. I'm sorry. The Ellenson Family was without a Mom and Dad this past week, and that is why Becky Novak came to our house. She was on house and children watch all week while Matt and Nancy went to their family trip to Tennessee. They stopped in Hannibal, Missouri to see the Mark Twain museum. They brought me back a cup for their English teacher mother who is a Mark Twain fan and many memories from their family trip. Our sympathies to the La-Coursiere family at the loss of Theresa LaCoursiere. Theresa was a bright and shining lady who loved to laugh and be a bright spot in all she did. She was fun to be with and was always up for fun. For a few years she was in our neighborhood a lot because her sister-in-law was our neighbor. We had get togethers often and we all attended church on weekends

at St. Anthony's with snacks after Mass. I always appreciated her humor and sunny disposition. We will miss her. Our sympathy and love goes out to the family of Theresa. May she rest in peace.

I have seen on TV, the total destruction of cities in Ukraine. This war on the people is just heinous. I pray that we find a way around hate and prejudice and are able to treat others with some dignity or we are subject to repeating this all over the world. God help us all. On Friday we were signed up for the free fish dinner at St. Lawrence. It was pick-up and eat. What a great system they have. The fish was great and the rest of the food was wonderful, including the baked potato. These folks work hard to make this successful meal, and they deserve a pat on the back for their ingenious system.

That is all I have for this week, so I hope you all have a great week and stop to enjoy nature and the love you have around you. Stay positive.

Who's Dat?



Who's Dat?

This week's photo is of a group of women. I don't know if I have run this photo before, but basically, I'm looking to find information about this photo. I don't know why they are gathered to go on a bus or where they are going. Also don't have any names. If anyone can help with these questions, please call or email the Oklee Herald office.

Last Week's photo was of the Carl Sweno family. Back row: Clary, David, Richard and Daryl. Front: Naomi and Carl Sweno on Carl's 80th birthday.

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 in need of more photos - School days, church events,

sports, etc. If you email a photo, please scan at 300 dpi (high quality) if you can. You can email to okleeherald@gmail.com.

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