

Oklee Herald

...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

OKLEE (RED LAKE COUNTY) MINN. 56742

www.TriCoCanary.com

Vol. 110, Number 37

Wednesday, April 27, 2022

\$1.00



Heavy rains and thunderstorms hit area on Friday night



The Omar Sundrud Park north of the Lost River just outside of Oklee was underwater as of Sunday night.

On Friday night around 10 - 11 p.m. a wave of thunderstorms moved into our area. The storm raged all night long with thunder, lightening and lots of rain coming down. Reports of 2 inches in the area of Oklee.

The Lost River near Oklee was over its banks on Saturday morning and as of Sunday night it had flowed into the Omar Sundrud park north of Oklee as the flooded fields emptied into the ditch system.

The extent of the damage wasn't apparent on Saturday morning, but as people started moving around on a much warmer Saturday, they found much damage.

The photos on the left and below are of State Highway 92 about 2 miles east of State Highway 32 heading towards Brooks.

Many other road closed signs popped up around the area on gravel and a few other tar roads.

There was also many flooded fields with overland flooding and ditches overflowing which is now causing flooding in Crookston and East Grand Forks and Grand Forks.

One bridge is already closed in Grand Forks and the flood wall barriers are going up as reported on Sunday night news.

Sandbagging is also being done in Crookston as the Red River is causing flooding in the area. Calls for help were for more people to come help fill sandbags. Flood levels were revised to a level of 27.1 feet on Monday, slightly lower than first predicted.

Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz has activated the Minnesota National Guard to NW Minnesota. They will be assisting where needed and helping local governments as there is not sufficient resources to address the flooding. Hwy 113 east of Waubun was closed and National Guard units were in the area helping out.



Between Brooks and Erskine on Sunday night, about 4 miles south of Brooks, the water was still running across the road from the rains on Friday night.



This culvert is along side the damage on Highway 92.

Don LaCoursiere received Honor Quilt from quilters group



Grace Dessellier from the Red White & Blue Quilting Club along with Shirley Dessellier presented Don LaCoursiere an Honor Quilt at the Oklee Cafe On April 16th. Don's son Scott was also present for the presentation.

Calendar of Events

Wed, April 27:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.

Thu, April 28:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.

Fri, April 29:
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news

Sat, April 30:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!

Sun, May 1:
-Worship at the church – check inside for church times and places.

Mon, May 2:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.

Tue, May 3:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.



Don & Annette LaCoursiere with the beautiful red, white and blue quilt that was presented to him on April 16th.

Artists Visited RLCC Schools



Red Lake County Central Schools hosted three art residencies during the 2021-2022 school year. The high school Art students of Michael Illies created poured metal sculptures with sculptor, Sarah Hanson, which was featured last week.

The fourth, fifth and sixth graders had the opportunity to learn circus arts from performing artist, Benjamin Domask. Elwyn Ruud, teaching artist, created art with students in grades kindergarten through third grade.

The first residency took place in December with Benjamin Domask. Benjamin Domask is a performing artist who combines the skill and technique of juggling with the theory and philosophy of clown to create a unique blend of circus and theatre. The goal of the residency was to help students perform

and leave their audience with good feelings! Benjamin has been involved in several theatre and performance art organizations including the Minnesota Thespian Conference, Circus Juventas, Superior School of Dance, and the International Clown Festival. He has also performed in the Orlando and Kansas City Fringe Festival, where he was awarded 'Best of Fringe' in Kansas City. Benjamin Domask brought a fun, accepting learning experience to students. He took time to make each student feel special and encouraged them in their performance skills making circus arts come alive! Students enjoyed their week and performed for the younger students and staff.

Elwyn Ruud, teaching artist created oil pastel drawings and paintings with the students in

Kindergarten through Grade 3.

The residencies provided wonderful artistic learning opportunities for the students from Red Lake County Central Schools. The Domask and Hanson residencies were arranged with COMPAS. COMPAS programs are made possible in part by a grant provided by the Minnesota State Arts Board, through an appropriation by the Minnesota State Legislature. The Domask and Hanson residency activity was made possible by the voters of Minnesota through grants from the Northwest Minnesota Arts Council, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.



Sharing circus arts with the primary classes.



Benjamin Domask sharing the art of juggling.

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Wed, Apr. 27: 7:00 p.m.
Confirmation at Zion.
Sun, May 1: 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, May 4: 7:00 p.m. Confirmation at Zion.
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, May 1: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Immanuel. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School at Immanuel. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Wed, Apr. 27: Confirmation: 6:30 p.m. Meal. 7:00 p.m. Class.
Sun, May 1: 8:00 a.m. Bethany Worship, 9:00 a.m. SS at Bethany. 9:30 a.m. Ekelund Worship, 10:30 a.m. SS at Ekelund. 11:00 a.m. Faith Worship, 10:00 a.m. SS at Faith.
Mon, May 3: Faith Quilting.
Wed, May 4: Confirmation: 6:30 p.m. Meal. 7:00 p.m. Class.

Please check your address label!

Oklee Herald subscribers:

Please check the address label in the upper right corner of the front page. Be sure all the information is correct. If not, call the Oklee Herald office at 218-796-5181 or email: okleeherald@gmail.com as soon as possible. You need to contact us with a change of address or corrections. Just giving the Post Office a change of address, **DOES NOT** change your paper address. Thank You.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseth
Wed, Apr. 27: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School.
Sat, Apr. 30: Mt Olive: 9:00 a.m.

Sun, May 1: St. Petri: 8:00 a.m. Worship, 9:15 a.m. SS. Nazareth: 9:45 a.m., 8:30 a.m. SS. Oak Park: 11:00 a.m. Worship. 9:45 a.m. SS.
Wed, May 4: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School.
Find services and past sermons at www.facebook.com/clearwaterlutheranparish

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Jarred LeBon, Pastor
Tyler Stynsberg, Assoc. Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Apr. 27: 6:25 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Sun, May 1: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.
Tue, May 3: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions.
Wed, May 4: 6:25 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, May 1: 9:00 a.m. Lund. 10:30 a.m. Bethany. 2:00 p.m. 8th Grade Confirmation at Lund.
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.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

May 2 - 6

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: Tomato soup, grilled cheese sandwich, milk, and dessert.
Tue: Pork loin, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, bread, milk, and dessert.
Wed: Meat loaf, hash browns, vegetable, bread, milk, and dessert.
Thu: Lasagna, garlic toast, vegetable, milk, and dessert.
Fri: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetables, bread, milk, and dessert.

OPEN HOUSE

Celebrating the 90th Birthday of Jeannette Carriere
Please join us for coffee and cake!

Saturday, May 7, 2022
2 pm - 4 pm
At the home of: Bob & Sue Carriere
614 Bourden St
Oklee, MN
No Gifts, please!

06-7C

Graduation Banners and Posters available

RICHARDS Publishing Co.
- GONVICK -
218-487-5225

Nerissa's Greenhouse

We have a Complete Line of Annuals, Vegetable Plants, Hanging Baskets, Perennials and Potting Soil.

Open Every Day 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Starting Next Weekend Sunday, May 1st

30822 240th St. SE
2 3/4 miles SE of Oklee
218-464-7769

Nerissa LaCourse
Owner

KURTIS ELLEFSON
RED LAKE COUNTY
VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER

218-689-8587
1-888-LINKVET

Email: kellefsoncvso@hotmail.com

Discharge of Sump Pumps

The City of Oklee requests all homes in Oklee to make sure their sump pumps are pumping into the street or yard and not into the waste water system. If you are pumping into the waste water system, you are putting a lot of strain on the system and causing harm to the settling ponds. If you have questions on sump pumps, call 218-796-5183.

04-5C



Tom Olson, a 1985 Oklee High School graduate, recently ran in the Boston marathon, finishing with a time of 3 hours, 30 minutes. Tom and his wife Jeanette currently live in Minneapolis.

Inter-County Nursing Service Visit us on Facebook

Weekly COVID-19 Case Update for April 15th - 22nd: Pennington County case ages: 3 teens & 20's-80's. 1 case has been hospitalized, they are in their 70's. Red Lake County case ages: 70's & 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	35	2
• Total # of confirmed cases	3594	938
• # of Active Cases in Isolation	40	2
• Total # of Hospitalizations	161	39
• # Currently in Hospital	0	0
• Deaths	41	13

Red Lake County SWCD will sponsor 4-5 students to attend Long Lake Conservation Camp

Long Lake Conservation Center has provided summer camp experience since 1965. Long Lake Conservation Center is located in the beautiful northland of Minnesota forests and bogs, and its campus buildings are situated overlooking Long Lake. The Center is near Palisade, MN.
The 2022 season offers one Outdoor Explorer Camp Session for ages 10-14. The Outdoor Explorers Camp will be held July 24-29, 2022.
This six-day, five-night camp is for youth interested in having adventures in nature! Every day campers will spend time exploring hands on activities to build skills in nature and conservation, wilderness meals, building survival shelters, canoeing, camping, bog exploration, fishing, astronomy and more. This camp also includes plenty of time for fun summer activities like swimming, crafts, fishing, campfires, and games! All meals, snacks and lodging included. You won't want to miss this!!
Red Lake County SWCD will sponsor four to five youth to attend camp. If you are interested, please write a short paragraph (300 words or less) describing why you would like to attend camp. **Also, please provide your full name, parent's names, and telephone number. The deadline is Friday, April 29th.**
Please send to Tanya Waldo at the Red Lake County SWCD, 2602 Wheat Drive, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750 by Friday, April 29th. If you have any questions, please contact Tanya at (218) 253-2593.

04-6C

Notice of Election Districts

Notice is hereby given by the Red Lake County Auditor, per statute 204B.14, that the election districts in Red Lake County, due to redistricting, are as follows:

US Congressional District 7
Minnesota State Senate District 1
Minnesota House of Representatives District 1B

County Commissioner Districts are as follows:
District 1 - The townships of Browns Creek, Red Lake Falls North, River, Wylie, and city of Red Lake Falls Ward 1.
District 2 - The townships of Lake Pleasant, Louisville, Red Lake Falls Southwest, and city of Red Lake Falls Ward 2.
District 3 - The townships of Equality, Lambert, Garnes, and the city of Oklee.
District 4 - The townships of Gervais, Red Lake Falls Southeast, and city of Red Lake Falls Ward 3.
District 5 - The townships of Emardville, Poplar River, Terrebonne, and the cities of Brooks and Plummer.

Certified this 19th day of April, 2022.
Attest: Robert Schmitz, Auditor
Red Lake County

06C

Oklee Residents Please Note:

Large Item Pick-up in Oklee Monday, May 2, 2022

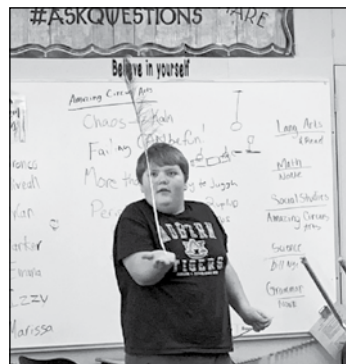
This pick-up is for household appliances & metal items. For example: washing machines, dryers, stoves, refrigerators, water heaters, and furnaces.

Items must be placed outside for pick-up.

This is not for household garbage. Just household appliances.

Please call:
Sanitary Service & Recycling, Inc.
Phone: 218-253-4126
On or before April 29th, 2022
With your name & your item(s) to be pick-ed up. Thank You!

05-6C



Learning Circus arts from Benjamin Domask.

Sudoku Solution

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

JOHNSON
Funeral Service, Inc.

Funeral Pre-planning Monuments

Thief River Falls • 218-681-4331
Red Lake Falls • 218-253-2128
Oklee • 218-796-5177
www.johnsonfuneralservice.com

Deadline: Friday's at noon!

(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 Typographic Excellence, Minnesota Newspaper Association, 1971.
**Winner 1st place Best Feature Story, Minnesota Newspaper Association, 1981.
**Winner 1st place Best Single News or 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.
PRINTED WITH SOY INK



Financing For Your Business

As a locally-owned Independent Bank, we understand the value and positive impact local businesses can have on a community. **Whether your business is large or small, we're here to help you succeed.**

If you're buying a business, starting a new business or expanding your existing business, we invite you to come in and visit with us.

Security STATE BANK
PO Box 69 Oklee, MN 56742

Phone 218-796-5157

06C



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.

May 2 - 6

Oklee

Monday: Breakfast: Biscuit & gravy, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Hot dog or polish w/bun, baked beans, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Toast, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken strips, fried rice, vegetable, egg roll, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Waffle w/syrup, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chef salad, bread sticks, cottage cheese, fresh vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Coffee cake, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Pork fritter or rib patty, scalloped/au gratin potatoes, vegetable, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Cold subs, chips, fresh vegetables, macaroni salad, fruit, and milk.

Plummer

Monday: Breakfast: Pop-Tarts, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Macaroni & cheese, peas, PB sandwich, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Omelets, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, fries, corn, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Toast w/PB&J, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Pulled pork on bun, beans, chips, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Variety, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Soft shell taco, toppings, corn, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Cheese lasagna roll ups, garlic toast, salad, fruit, and milk.

Sara (Radniecki) Rosendahl, Class of 1991 Speaks on Success



Sara (Radniecki) Rosendahl, RLCC speaker at the Awards Banquet.

On April 4th, 2022, Sara Rosendahl presented to the Academic Banquet Honorees on the meaning of success. In high school, Rosendahl was in many activities including volleyball, basketball, student council, and the Jets team. She worked hard and was thankful for all the opportunities she had while attending Oklee High School in 1991. Sara Rosendahl's parents are Tim and Sandy.

Later, Rosendahl attended Moorhead State University, now Minnesota State University, Moorhead and graduated

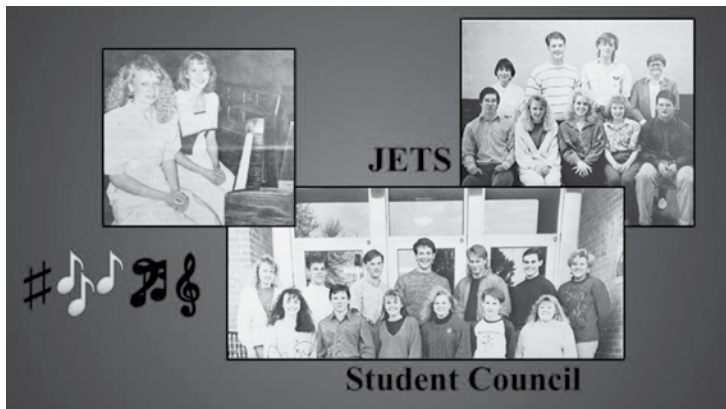
with her bachelor's degree in Bio-Chemistry. It was at MSU where she met her husband, Kim. Afterward, she enrolled at Augsburg College where she earned her Physician's Assistant degree. Following graduation, Kim and Sara lived in the twin cities area where she worked as a physician's assistant. Eventually, the couple found opportunities in Thief River Falls where she worked at Sanford Medical for some time.

Throughout her speech, Rosendahl commented how she wanted to find success but found that success found new meaning when she had children. Kim and Sara have three children, Hailey, Jack, and Caleb. She decided she wanted to be home with her children and started a daycare within her home and started teaching piano lessons. She talked about how she enjoyed being close to her sister and brother-in-law, Jill and Aaron Chervestad. Because the Chervestads' children attended Rosendahl's daycare, the cousins have always been very close.

Rosendahl gave the students some key tips on success, "1. Know yourself, 2. Do research on your chosen career, 3. Set goals and get the education you need to achieve them. 4. Learn from your missteps and don't dwell on them. 5. Remember that success isn't always measured in money, awards, and achievements."

Currently, Rosendahl works with her husband, at Rehab Authority in Thief River Falls.

Below, some of the high school memories from her years at Oklee High School.



RLCC Elementary News



VFW Auxiliary Art Contest Winners!!!

Congratulations to VFW Auxiliary Art Contest Winners, Ruby Kruchowski (2nd Grade) and Willa Klamm (6th Grade).

Both girls received \$50 for placing 1st in their age divisions. Their art is now being forwarded for judging at the District level.

Erosion Site Inventory – Red Lake County

Red Lake County SWCD is conducting an Erosion Site Inventory in Red Lake County to collect information about potential erosion sites, their locations, funding needed, etc. There are various federal and state grants that are now available to assist with providing cost-share funding to fix these erosion problems.

What we are asking you to do is if you have any of these erosion problems on your property, there are three ways you can provide this information to Red Lake County SWCD.

- You can go online to the Red Lake County SWCD website: www.redlakecountyswcd.org. Towards the bottom of the first page, you can fill out the Erosion Site Inventory and hit the submit button.
- You can cut out this newspaper ad and fill out the information and mail it back to our office at Red Lake County SWCD – 2602 Wheat Drive – Red Lake Falls, MN 56750
- You can contact the SWCD Office at (218) 253-2593. SWCD staff will ask project location (township and section), estimated dimensions of the project, is the project located next to a stream or river, etc.

Landowner Name: _____

Phone: _____

Landowner Address: _____

City: _____

There are various types of erosion projects in Red Lake County: Streambank and Shoreland Protection, Grade Stabilization, Side Water Inlet Structures, Diversions, Grassed Waterways, Critical Area Seeding, Water & Sediment Basins, etc.

- Type of Erosion Project: _____
Location of Site: Township: _____ Section: _____
Qtr. Sect. (NE, NW, SE, SW): _____
Project Dimension: Length _____ Width _____
Height _____
Are you willing to provide funding for this project? _____
Is this project located on a river/stream? _____
If so, which river/stream? _____

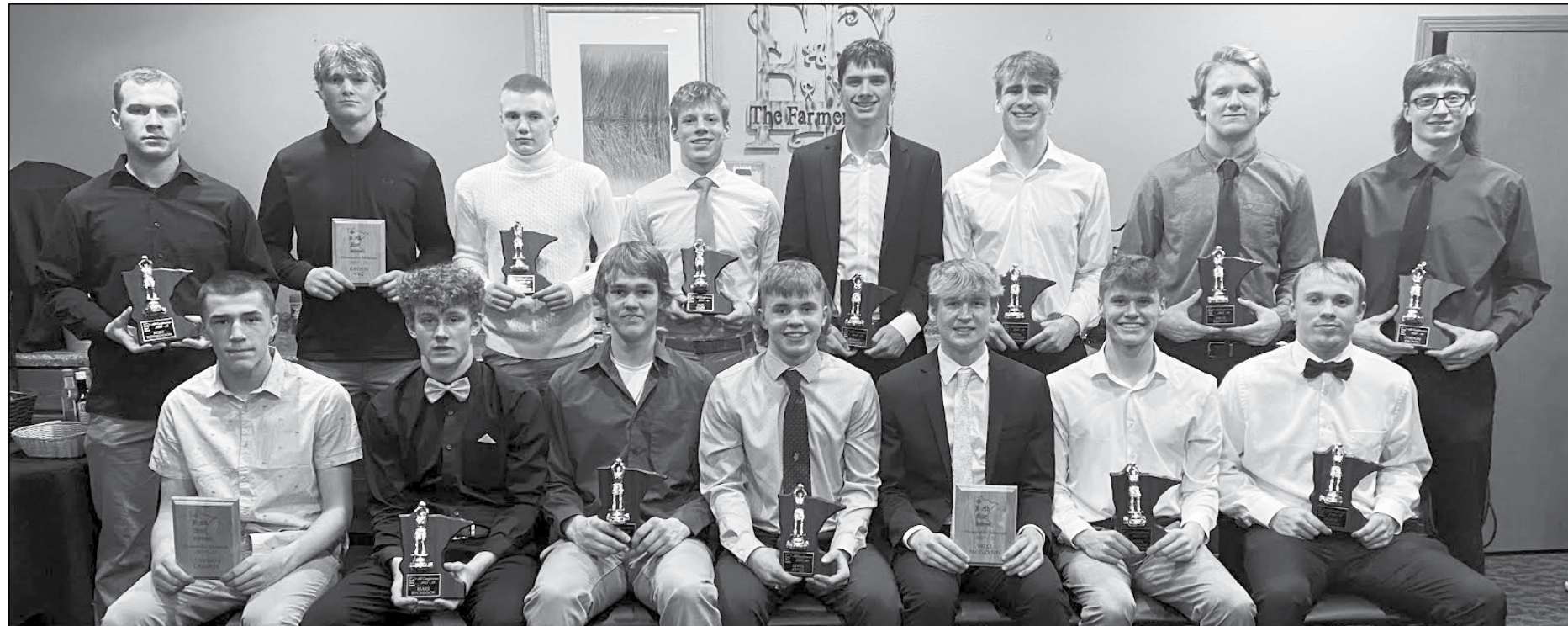
Inventory Deadline: May 31, 2022.

O6-7C

Boys Basketball Banquet Photos



RLC: L to R: Coach Pillion, Owen Chervestad, Coach Huie, Connor Duden



All-Conference Team: Back Row L to R: Kobe Tomkinson, Kaden Vig, Owen Chervestad, Sam Gapp, Jackson Woinarowicz, Tyson Mortimer, Zach Blawat, Colten Pagnac. Front Row L to R: Connor Duden, Blake Rychlock, Max Klopp, Lewis Jones, Will McGlynn, Gavin Gullikson, Kobey Dallager.

RLCC Sports Schedules

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

Boys Baseball

Thu, Apr. 28:

Game 4:30PM

RLCCoop vs. West Mar-

shall L.E. Drechsel Field

Fri, Apr. 29:

Game 2:00PM

RLC Coop vs. Crookston

@ Jim Karn Field

Invitational

4:00PM

RLC Coop vs. Hill-

sborough @ Jim Karn

Field

Double Header

4:30PM RLCounty

Coop vs. Warroad @

L.E. Drechsel Field

Sat, Apr 30:

Invitational TBD

RLC Coop vs. Crookston

@ Jim Karn Field

Tournament TBD

RLC Coop vs. Thief Riv-

er Falls M.E.C.

Mon, May 2:

Game 3:00PM

Red Lake County Coop

vs. Win-E-Mac Win-E-

Mac School

RLCC Girls

Softball

Thu, Apr 28:

Girls Varsity 4:30PM

Girls JH 4:30PM

Away vs. Waubun High

School @ Waubun High

School.

Mon, May 2:

Varsity 4:00PM

Girls JH 5:30PM

Badger/Greenbush/

Middle River @ R e d

Lake County Central

High School

Tue, May 3:

Girls JH 4:30PM

Girls Varsity 5:00PM

Away vs. Norman

County East @ NCE

High School.

