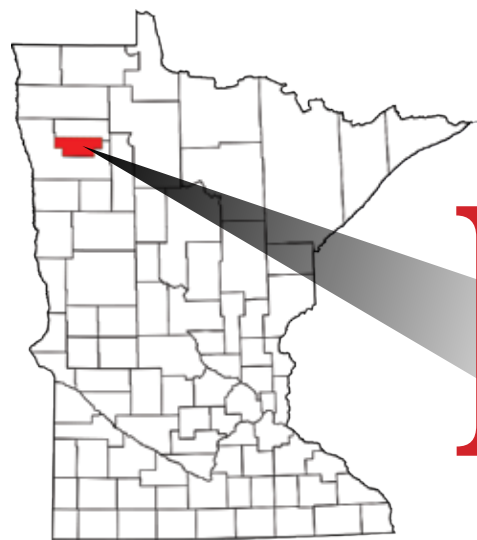




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Wednesday, March 29, 2023

Red Lake County SWCD will sponsor 2-3 students to attend Conservation Camp at Long Lake

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 2023 season offers one Outdoor Explorer Camp Session for ages 10-14. The Outdoor Explorers Camp will be held July 9-14, 2023.

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 two to three 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 21st.

Please send to Tanya Waldo at the Red Lake County SWCD, 2602 Wheat Drive, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750 by Friday, April 21st. If you have any questions, please contact Tanya at (218) 253-2593.

USDA Makes Grants Available in Rural Minnesota to Repair Homes Damaged By Severe Weather in 2022

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Minnesota State Director Colleen Landkamer today announced the availability of grants to help people repair their homes that were damaged by severe storms, flooding and tornadoes in 2022.

"When an unexpected crisis impacts our lives, it reminds us of our connection to our communities and to the places we call home," Landkamer said. "That's why USDA stands ready to help thousands of people across rural Minnesota access the resources they need to rebuild their homes, their communities and their lives. We do this work because we know that rural America is home to millions of people who make up America's spirit and character."

The grants are being made available through supplemental disaster funding under the Rural Disaster Home Repair Grant Program. Through this program, people may apply to receive grants of up to \$40,675 directly from USDA to repair their homes.

Funds will be available until expended. They may be used to:

- Pay for home repair expenses that were a result of a Presidentially declared disasters in calendar year 2022.
- Prepare a site for a manufactured home.

- Relocate a manufactured home.

To be eligible:

- Applicants must have household incomes that do not exceed the low-limits based on their household size and county.
- Homes must be located in an eligible rural area.
- Homes must be located in a Presidentially declared disaster areas 2022.

Homes must be located in presidentially declared disaster areas. Residents in the following counties may be eligible for the funding:

Aitkin, Beltrami, Big Stone, Cass, Chippewa, Clearwater, Cook, Cottonwood, Crow Wing, Douglas, Grant, Itasca, Kanabec, Kandiyohi, Kittson, Koochiching, Lac qui Parle, Lake, Lake of the Woods, Lincoln, Lyon, Mahnommen, Marshall, Morrison, Nobles, Norman, Pennington, Pine, Polk, Pope, Red Lake, Redwood, Renville, Rock, Roseau, St. Louis, Stearns, Stevens, Swift, Todd, Traverse, Wadena, Wilkin, and Yellow Medicine.

For more information on how to apply, contact your local Rural Development area office.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

Senior Menu

March 29 – April 3

Oklee Senior Meals (LSS Meals) are available for Home Delivery, Monday-Friday. If you want to order a meal, you need to let us know the day before by 12 noon. Contact Jo Lambert – 218-796-4527. If she is not home to answer her phone, leave a message.

Wed: Mar. 29: Goulash, Mixed Green Salad w/Dressing, Tropical Fruit, Bread/Margarine, Dessert, Low Fat Milk.
Thu: Mar. 30: Pork Loin, Candi Yam, Steamed Calif. Normandy Veggies, Dinner Roll/Margarine, Bar, Low Fat Milk.

Fri: Mar. 31: Lemon Pepper Fish, Baked Potato w/Sour Cream, Coleslaw, Bread/Margarine, Apple Brown Betty, Low Fat Milk.

Mon: April 3: Baked Chicken, Green Beans, Fruit Cocktail, Bread/Margarine, Graham Cracker, Low Fat Milk.

Tue: April 4: Creamy Swedish Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Bread/Margarine, Sugar Free Pudding, Low Fat Milk.

Calendar of Events

Wed, Mar. 29:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.

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

Fri, Mar. 31:
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.

Sat, Apr. 1:
-April Fools Day!
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!

Sun, Apr. 2:
-Worship at the church – check inside for church times and places.

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

Tue, Apr. 4:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.

Wed, Apr. 5:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.



Krista Bernstein Performing arts will present their Dance recital on Sunday, April 16th, 2023 at 4 p.m. in the Oklee Gymnasium



Krista Bernstein is working with dancers aged preschool through sixth grade this Spring and will put on a recital on Saturday, April 16th at 4 p.m. at the RLCC High Gym in Oklee.

Last year there was an excellent turnout for the recital. Mrs. Bernstein and the participants did a wonderful job putting on a show for the families and community members.

The dancers meet weekly at the Oklee High School to practice their routines in preparation for the big day! The nerves of the first dance class have worn off for the youngest of the group, the preschool dancers, and they are improving by leaps and bounds weekly. Keep an eye out for more information about the upcoming performance in future editions!



Girls in Krista Bernstein's dance class stand in perfect position during practice.



Weather Forecast

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Sunday

Thursday
Monday

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Wednesday

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16°

29°
10°

28°
12°

30°
13°

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH

Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Wed, Mar. 29: 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service at Salem. 6:00 p.m. meal served.

Sun, Apr. 2: 9:00 a.m. Zion, 10:30 a.m. SS. 10:30 a.m. Salem, 9:00 a.m. SS.
Thurs, Apr. 6: Maundy Thursday, 7:00 p.m. Service at Salem.
Sermons are on GVTEL Channel 35 (10 am Sunday & 2 pm Tuesday), also on Facebook or YouTube.

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OKLEE, GRYGLA & GOODRIDGE

Fr. Bryan Kujava
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. St. Francis – Oklee, 10:15 a.m. – Grygla, 12:00 p.m. – Goodridge.
Goto: <http://www.oggcatholic.org/> for service times.

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
Wed, Mar. 29: TBD Lenten Worship.
Sun, Apr. 2: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Immanuel. 10:15 a.m. SS at Immanuel. 7:00 p.m. Worship at Ebenezer.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH

Bethany–Ekelund–Faith
Wed, Mar. 29: 12:20 p.m. Release Time.
Sun, Apr. 2: 8:00 a.m. Bethany Worship. 9:30 a.m. Ekelund Worship. 11:00 a.m. Faith Worship.
Mon, Apr. 3: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Faith Quilting.
Wed, Apr. 5: 12:20 p.m. Release Time.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH

Mt. Olive – Nazareth Oak Park – St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Tues, Mar. 28: 6:30 p.m. St. Petri Lenten Service.
Wed, Mar. 29: 5:00-6:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 6:00 p.m. Meal, 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service at Nazareth.
Thurs. Mar. 30: 5:00 p.m. Mt. Olive Lenten Service.
Sat, Apr. 1: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.

Sun, Apr. 2: 8:00 a.m. Nazareth, 9:00 SS. 9:15 a.m. Oak Park, 10:30 a.m. SS. 11:00 a.m. St. Petri.

Find services and past sermons at www.facebook.com/clearwaterlutheranparish

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH

Jarred LeBon, Pastor
Tyler Stynsberg, Assoc. Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Mar. 29: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Sun, Apr. 2: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School. 10:00 a.m. Worship.
Tue, Apr. 4: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions.
Wed, Apr. 5: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH

Bethany * Lund Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Wed, Mar. 29: Confirmation 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. Meal and 7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship at Sand Valley.
Sat, Apr. 1: 9:00 a.m. Sand Valley Bake Sale.
Sun, Apr. 2: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Lund. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Bethany. 9:00 a.m. SS at Sand Valley.
Wed, Apr. 5: 6:30 p.m. 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.

Sudoku Solution

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



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OR
EMAIL: [OKLEEHERALD@GMAIL.COM](mailto:okleeherald@gmail.com)

COUNTY PROJECT – BIDS CLOSE

Tuesday, April 25th, 2023
RED LAKE COUNTY
RED LAKE FALLS, MN 56750

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS – Bids will be received until 10:00 AM, Tuesday, April 25th, 2023, by Kelsey Gervais, County Auditor, at the Auditor's Office in the Red Lake County Courthouse, 124 Langevin Ave, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750, for the construction of the project listed below. Bids will be opened publicly by Mike Flaagan, County Engineer, or a designated representative, on behalf of the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners.
S.A.P.'s 063-604-002, 063-623-001, 063-624-002, 063-631-001
Stabilized Aggregate Base

The Major quantities of work include – 36,850 Ton – Aggregate Base Class 1 Mod., 47,650 Gallons – Calcium Chloride Solution, 1 Lump Sum – Traffic Control

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

Complete Plans, Bid Proposals and Specifications:

Counter Price: \$50.00 (includes tax)
Mailed: \$58.00 (includes tax)

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

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

Kelsey Gervais – Red Lake County Auditor

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The Easter bunny will be hopping into town for an Easter egg hunt and pictures!



April 8th, 2023 at the Oklee Community Club Hall, for ages 0 – 4th grade.

10:00 am – 11:00 am, starting with the youngest age groups first.

Funded by Oklee Community Club and Oklee Community Ed.

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2023 LOCAL BOARDS OF APPEAL & EQUALIZATION

TAXING DISTRICT	LOCATION	DATE	TIME
City of Oklee	City Hall	04/10/2023	5:30 p.m.
Poplar River	Town Hall	04/18/2023	9:30 a.m.
Garnes	Town Hall	04/18/2023	11:00 a.m.
Browns Creek	Courthouse	04/18/2023	2:30 p.m.
Louisville	Courthouse	04/18/2023	4:00 p.m.
Terrebonne	Town Hall	04/18/2023	5:30 p.m.
Gervais	Town Hall	04/18/2023	7:00 p.m.
Wylie	Town Hall	04/20/2023	4:00 p.m.
Lake Pleasant	Courthouse	04/20/2023	5:30 p.m.
Twp of Red Lake Falls	Courthouse	04/20/2023	7:00 p.m.
City of Red Lake Falls	City Hall	05/08/2023	6:00 p.m.

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SECTION 00 11 13 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

TITLE: Red Lake County Central Additions & Renovations
Oklee High School & Plummer Elementary

LOCATION OF WORK: **High School**
201 Governor St.
Oklee, MN, 56748
Elementary School
260 Minnesota St.
Plummer, MN, 56748
OWNER: **Red Lake County Central**
ISD #2906
201 Governor St.
Oklee, MN, 56748
218-796-5136
CONSTRUCTION MANAGER: **ICS**
1139 Franklin Avenue Suite 1
Sauk Rapids, MN 56379
(320) 360-5506
Contact: Jorden Pangrac
(Jorden.pangrac@ics-builds.com)

ARCHITECT: **Foss Architecture + Interiors**
810 1st Avenue North
Fargo, ND 58102
(701) 282-5505

STRUCTURAL: Engineers **Northland Consulting**
102 South 21st Ave West
Duluth, MN 55806
(218) 727-5995

MECHANICAL, CIVIL & ELECTRICAL ENGINEER: **CMTA**
2201 12th Street N., Suite E
Fargo, ND 58102
(701) 280-0500

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The project consists of multiple work scopes for all of the work necessary to construct additions and renovations to the existing High School in Oklee and the existing Elementary school in Plummer. Additions to the Elementary includes classroom space and bathrooms; renovations include gymnasium updates and restroom remodel. Additions to the High School includes a gymnasium, supporting spaces, and science classrooms. Remodel areas includes new restrooms, commons areas, an administrative area, and other supporting areas. This bid package consists multiple of work scopes including but not limited to: Earthwork, Precast Concrete, General Construction, Fire Suppression, Mechanical and Electrical.

BID DATE AND LOCATION:

Sealed Bids will be received at the **RLCC District Office – 201 Governor St. Oklee, MN 56748** then publicly opened and read aloud. Bids will be received and stamped in prior to **2:00 PM local time on**

April 13th, 2023. Bids submitted after allotted time will be discarded, **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

E X A M I N A T I O N O F DOCUMENTS:

Bidders may view drawings and specifications for the project at the office of the Construction Manager.

For Electronic access to the bidding documents, please contact **Karin Borowicz** at **(612)-255-3543**. The Construction Manager can also provide locations of Builders Exchanges holding plans for contractors to access. Bidders are responsible for any and all costs associated with the production of plans and specifications for their use.

BIDDING REQUIREMENTS:

Each Bidder must comply with the following requirements to reassure acknowledgment and recognition of their Bids:

Bids must be accompanied by Bid security in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, or Bid bond in the amount of 5% of the base Bid submitted, made payable to the owner, as guarantee that Bidder will, if awarded, enter into contract in

accordance with contract documents and submitted Bid.

Submit Bid on the prescribed form, which is furnished with the specification, with full name and address of the Bidder.

Completely fill in all blank spaces on the Bid Form, in ink or typewriter, in both words and figures.

Sign in longhand, executed by a principal duly authorized to enter into an agreement. If a Bidder is a co-partnership, then signatures on the Bid shall be by an authorized member of the firm, with names and addresses of each member of partnership.

Base Bid and all alternate Bids shall be stated both in writing and in figures. In all cases, written and numerical figures must agree; otherwise at Owner's option, it shall be cause for rejection of Bid. Complete form without alterations.

Submit alternate prices (Bids) for either increasing or decreasing the costs, as called for on Bid form and Description of Alternates. Submit a Bid for all alternates.

Owner may make such investigations as they deem necessary to determine the ability, competency, and responsibility of the Bidder to perform the work. Any Bidder shall furnish to Owner all such information and data for this purpose, as the Owner may request. Owner reserves the right to reject any Bid if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of, such Bidder fails to satisfy the Owner that such Bidder is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the contract and to complete the Work contemplated therein. The competence and responsibility of Bidder will be considered in making an award, including, but not limited to: (1) proof of financial responsibility, (2) quality of similar work, (3) amount of experience with similar projects, (4) facilities, personnel and equipment, (5) reputation for performance, and (6) the ability to complete the work within specified time. Owner reserves the right to reject any Bid where there is reasonable doubt as to the qualifications of the Bidder.

Owner reserves the right to: (1) accept Bidder's Base Bid only, (2) accept any one or more of bidder's Alternate Bids, in any order regardless of the order in which they were listed, (3) reject all Bids, (4) award contract based on their investigation of Bidders, as well as acceptance of alternates, all of which the Owner deems to be in their best interest, (5) waive informalities or minor irregularities in Bids and waive minor irregularities or discrepancies in Bidding procedure.

Upon award of Contract, Contractor shall provide AIA A312 Performance and Payment Bonds in the amount of 100% of Contract Sum in accordance with General Conditions and Amendments to General Conditions.

BIDDING DOCUMENTS & SITE REVIEW:

Each Bidder (including subcontract Bidder where appropriate) is advised to visit the site and to fully inform

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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.

Oklee

Monday: Breakfast: Biscuit and gravy, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. Lunch: Hamburger or pizza patty, hash brown patty, baked beans, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Waffles, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. Lunch: Tomato soup, grilled cheese, vegetable, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, and milk. Lunch: Chicken fajita, Spanish rice, refried beans, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Apple turnover, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. Lunch: Pork fritters, mashed potatoes with butter, vegetable, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. Lunch: Pulled pork or BBQ chicken, baked beans, chips, fruit, and milk.

Plummer

Monday: Breakfast: Pop tarts, string cheese, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. Lunch: Chicken patty on a bun, fries, vegetable, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: French toast bread, cereal, toast, fruit, juice, and milk. Lunch: Hamburger Mac Hotdish, dinner roll, green beans, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Sausage, boiled egg, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. Lunch: Fish on a bun, gold fish crackers, peas, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Waffles, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. Lunch: Chicken alfredo, garlic toast, broccoli, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, fruit, juice, and milk. Lunch: Pizza, vegetable, fruit, and milk.

Robotics: The wave of the Future

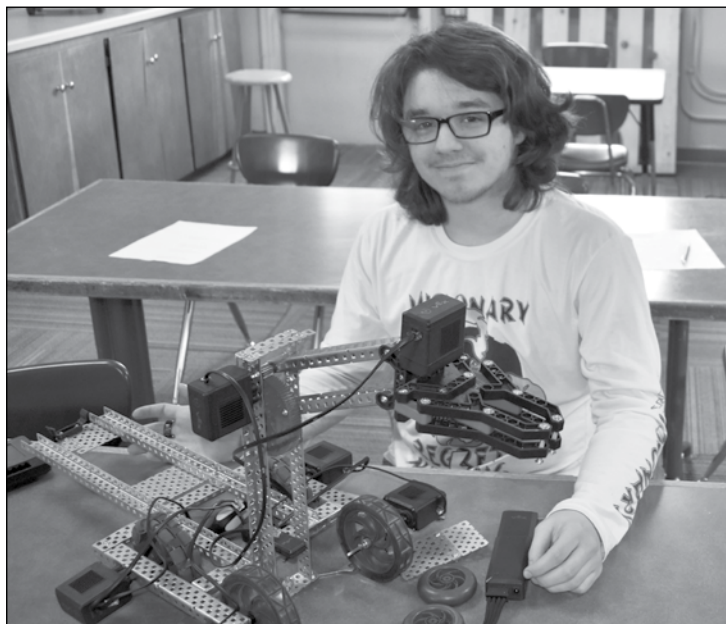


Peyton O'Neill and Everett Svendsen with their robot.

By Dylan Gerardy

Mr. Mike Illie's Robotic class has been busy at Red Lake County Central this year, building Robots and competing against each other in the classroom. Mr. Illie believes that Robotics is an excellent way for students to learn about future careers and use complicated problem-solving skills. "Each year, I like to expand the program to open up possibilities to students to help them constitute their robotics knowledge." Abraham Sepulveda, a junior at RLCC, loves the course, "I like getting to make stupid ideas work," He laughed. "A lot of problem-solving needs to

be done to make things work." We also talked to Arron Benoit, also a junior, about the class. He said that his favorite part about the class is learning how to code for the robots and building the robots. "It was tough at first, but it gets fun along the way," Aaron added. All the students in class talked about what a great teacher Mr. Illie is and how he inspires them to try new things. Sepulveda explained, "He gives you tips about how to improve your design and also gives you examples of how things work so that you can use those designs yourself."



Aaron Benoit With his Robot.



Nick Whalen works intently on his robot.



Lady Rebels 18s took 3rd place at the Ice Breaker Tournament held in Oklee. Back Row: Ella Moen, Quinn Graves, Jamie Flatgard, Evelyn Kamm, Clowie Magnell, and Coach Amy Sherman. Front Row: Kendra Christianson, Shelby Sherman, and Keira Morinville.



Lady Rebels 16s were consolation champs for the Ice Breaker Tournament held in Oklee. Back Row: Ava Arlt, Abigail Morinville, McKaelyn Frizzle, Gracyn Kvasager, Emma Hendrickson, and Coach Kelly Melin. Front Row: Kendra Morinville, Natalee Hendrickson, Izzy Horning, and Kassidy Torgerson.



Lady Rebels 14s took 3rd place at the Ice Breaker Tournament held in Oklee. Back Row: Keanna Landrus, Avery Nelson, Taylor Moen, Lilly Ann Busse, and Coach Maddie Paulson. Front Row: Gemma Kortba, Willa Kamm, and Leah Pahlen.

RLCC Speech Team Travels to Detroit Lakes



Red Lake County Rebels Speech team traveled to Detroit Lakes on Saturday, March 25th, to compete at the Loquacious Lakers Speech competition. Hayz Hanson received an honorable mention for Discussion, Peyton Williams received third place for the Poetry Category, and Hannah

Dudycha received first place for Informative. The Speech Team will host their Public Presentation night on Tuesday, April 4th, at 7:00 pm. The public is welcome to attend and view these students' hard work and talent. On Saturday, April 1st, the Red Lake County Rebels

Speech team will compete in Thief River Falls for their subsection competition. Advancing members will compete in the Section 8a competition on Thursday April 13, 2023 in Fosston, MN. The Rebels are coached by Ms. Jessie Hamrum and Mrs. Bobbi Aakhus

Red Lake County SWCD is still taking Tree Orders for Spring 2023

Red Lake County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) has been taking tree orders for 2023 springs' tree planting season since October of 2022. Anyone interested in purchasing trees from the Red Lake County SWCD should contact the SWCD office immediately.

Due to a lack in tree availability, here is a list of trees the SWCD currently has remaining for purchase. These numbers will be changing daily as tree orders continue to come in.

100 – Chokecherry	25 – Black Walnut
25 – Siouland Cottonwood	25 – Red Oak
25 – Sandcherry	125 – Black Hill Spruce
50 – Redosier Dogwood	

If you are interested in placing a tree order, for springs' tree planting season, please call the Red Lake County SWCD office at (218) 253-2593.

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Senior Site members gathered at the Oklee Café for a St. Patrick's Day Celebration.

Oklee Herald Early Files

Eighty Years Ago April 2, 1943

A.J. Holm of Thief River Falls arrived last week to assume the management of the Math Barzen elevator in Oklee. The former manager, Art Lerohl, resigned to prepare for induction into the army.

Weekly News Analysis: McNutt lashes 'Disciples of Despair' calls for All-Out attack on Tokyo; Pan-American solidarity increases; R.A.F. reverses tide in Malta battle. New enrollments in the 4-H Victory Garden project for 1942 will be encouraged during National 4-H Mobilization Week.

At the Star Theatre in Plummer "Bad Men of Missouri" with Wayne Morris and Dennis Morgan was the feature this week.

Seventy Years Ago March 27, 1953

Elaine Green and Merlin Norberg have the highest averages and will be the valedictorian and salutatorian at Oklee High School.

In this issue of the Herald marks the "end of an era" in small town newspapering. The printed syndicate service which has been part of the Herald most of the time since its establishment in 1914 is being discontinued by Wester Newspaper Union, its originators and producers for 87 years.

Pvt. Allen Nelson of Fort Leonard Wood, MO, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nelson has been hospitalized with a bad cold.

Fairway Foods specials included: Oh! Oh! Coffee 1 lb. bag for .77 cents.; Beet Sugar 10lbs. for .98 cents; Kidney Beans 2 no. 2 cans for .33 cents.

Sixty Years Ago March 29, 1963

Sharon Solheim, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nordal Solheim was chosen to attend the 1962 session of Girls State in St. Paul. Alternate was Karen Swenson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Swenson.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Emerson and Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Oftedahl accompanied the senior high school basketball players to Minneapolis on

Thursday to attend the state basketball tournament. Boys attending were Donald Fox, Richard Vigstol, Rodney Eskeli, Arthur Leining Jr., Larry Myhre, Clyde Paterson, Ronald Gauthier and Bobby Perreault.

Several boys helped Danny Champagne celebrate his birthday Wednesday at the Bill Champagne home.

Forty Years Ago April 1, 1983

Brenda Olson, daughter of John Olson of Oklee was recently awarded a \$1,000 scholarship, awarded by Alvin Jensen, from the Minnesota Masonic Lodge. She plans to use her scholarship to attend Bemidji State University next fall.

Plans were being made for the 1st Annual Oklee Old-Timers Tourney on April 3rd. Topping the list of returning wrestlers are state finalists: Joe Cyr and Brent Strand. Other State entrants returning to wrestle will include Duane Tougas, Kelly Lundeen, John Larson, Randy Bergeron, Wes Magnell, Pat Paquin, Darrell Sandeen and Lloyd Bergeron.

Thirty Years Ago March 25, 1993

Members of the Plummer School 5th grade class came to Oklee and put on two plays for the elementary grades. This was a English project under the direction of Mr. Les Hofstad.

Billy and Schoot Simpson of TRF spent the weekend at their grandparent's home, Bill and Helen Simpson to help grand-ma celebrate her birthday.

Twenty Years Ago March 28, 2003

Progress on the sharing/paring of Oklee and Plummer is proceeding well was the overall feeling of the Oklee school board at the Wednesday evening meeting.

The Red Lake County Ducks Unlimited chapter held a fundraiser on March 15th at the American Legion in Plummer. According to Tom Kolstoe, in an interview with the Grand Forks Herald, the annual fund raiser would have been the most successful in 20 years. However, the \$,800 dollars

collected during the night was stolen and is not yet recovered. RLC Sheriff's Office is questioning registered guests in hope of someone remembering something to pint them in the right direction.

Ten Years Ago March 28, 2013

Serving hundreds of students every day – hats off to Red Lake County Central Cooks: Val Paradis, Dianne Plante, Vicky Malwitz, and Sandy St. Cyr.

Oklee Parish Youth Group held their annual auction sale on March 18th to raise funds for their trip to the Convention this year.

We have a dramatic change in the weather with temperatures only 23 degrees this Sunday morning. The sun is shining brightly so guess it will get warmer later on. No reason to complain since we have had such beautiful weather all season long.

RLCC Elementary School February Students of the month were Brock Tvedt and Adam Cater.

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Senior Site News & Other Things

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

Senior Meals:

Meals on Wheels (LSS) meals will be furnished from Red Lake Falls and you need to order before the day you plan on having a meal. Please call and let Jo know a couple of days before.

Oklee Senior Meals (LSS Meals) are available for Home Delivery, Monday-Friday - Contact Jo Lambert at 218-796-4527. If Jo is not home to answer her phone, leave her a message. Or call Red Lake Falls LSS Site and let Carolyn know. That number is: 218-263-4454.

Since the Senior Site does not have Congregate Meals at this time, seniors should check out the Oklee Café menu. The Oklee Café is not part of LSS, but they do offer Senior priced meals if you want to eat out at the Café for Breakfast or Lunch. They do not deliver to your home.

It was sad news to hear of the passing of Oliver Kimbro. He was very nice person and was one of the Senior Site visitors quite often. He came to several Senior events and always loved visiting with the other members that were participating. He will be missed.

New Items in the Craft Shop

There are new items at the Craft Shop that were brought in last week. Some of the new items include mixer covers, Gnome jar tissue dispensers, many embroidered towels, decorative pillows, and table runners. Our hours have changed. The new hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday to Thursday and 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Fridays. Stop by and check out the new items.

St. Patrick's Day Party

The original plan was to have the party on St. Patrick's

Day, but weather predictions caused it to be moved to Tuesday, March 21st. Calls were made to Seniors to inform them of the change of date and posters were put up around the building. And there was a good turnout on Tuesday. Thank you to all who helped and those who came to the party. It was a fun day of visiting.

Activity Dates To Remember

Thursday is Game Day: on Thursdays at 2 p.m., games are available - Rummikub/ Rummy-O, Yahtzee, Checker, Scrabble or bring a game to play. Come on down and enjoy the fun! We have coffee and treats to enjoy while playing.

Wednesday: Cards at 1:30 p.m.

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

Have a great week!

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

On Saturday afternoon, the Vettleson's relatives had a pinochle tournament at the Community Hall. Shirley Vettleson of Thief River Falls came. Also, Jim & Debbie DuChamp came.

David Clifton and his dad, Jeff Clifton left on Monday the 13th and drove to Nashville, Tennessee. They went to a concert at the Grand Ole Opry and got to see the Oakridge Boys perform. They also went to see Johnny Cash's grave which was in Nashville. They got back on the 18th.

Wednesday supper guest at Anna DeHate's were Steve and Marlene Haugen of Thief River Falls. They had Reubens.

On Sunday, March 12th, AFRAN Association of the

French of the North had their annual dinner and meeting. They served Torture (French meat pie) and salads. It was held at the Community Hall in Red Lake Falls. There was a guest speaker who talked about gardening practices and eating healthy. There were a couple of meat pies given away as door prizes. Also a \$20 gift certificate to a French Café in Grand Forks which was won by Alice Jobe. It was an enjoyable day. There were about thirty who came.

Anna DeHate left Sunday to visit her daughter, Diane, at Coon Rapids. She helped with the bathroom. She went with Emily, her grandson's girlfriend.

On Wednesday night, at Bingo, Lisa Tvedt treated everyone to chocolate cupcakes for her birthday which was the following Saturday.

The recent snowfall of four inches is causing some problems with snow melt, ice, etc. I know other areas have more like Fargo/Moorhead. But it is causing problems on roofs, etc.

Thursday, Anne Traxler, Anna DeHate, and Alice Jobe went to Winger to Moran's for their salad bar. They also had cheeseburgers. It was an enjoyable drive down there.

The past few days I have been busy with a bird puzzle. It's a fun one with ten birds in it.

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

A first week of spring report. It is not spring yet in temperature or snow melting. We still have snow on the ground and little to no ground is showing yet. Maybe it will be spring soon, but this winter weather is the one that just will not quit. Keep hoping for warmer weather.

On Thursday Jerry Schindler came to visit with Jerome and Barb Novak. He used to patrol our road with the county plow while he was working. He has now retired and hasn't been on this road for a while. He was appalled at the huge snow piles we are experiencing. He said in all the years he was on the plow, he never saw piles like the ones we have now. We have been here nearly forty years and we never saw piles like this either. I guess the climate change they keep talking about has some merit.

The sad news we heard after Mass at church on Sunday just devastated many. Matt Proulx, our choir director, announced that we will have his services for only two weeks. Then he will be going to be Music director at the Cathedral in Crookston. It is a good move for him and we hope he will have a very

successful tenure there. He has been so faithful in playing for us and we are so grateful for being able to have his talent for this time. Good luck to you Matt. We will miss you.

Grady Huotari, of Moorhead and the grandson of Perry and Joyce Morinville of Brooks, turned 14 last week. We hope you had a great day, Grady.

Marlys Maki, of Plummer died this past week. She was the organizer of the flea markets that were so successful during Blast To Brooks and the July 4th activities in Plummer. She was a very committed supporter of our towns. We will miss you Marlys.

It has been a week in the trial of Gwynneth Paltrow who was sued in a skiing accident at Park City, Utah. She is counter suing for 1 dollar. It is interesting to listen to the testimony about damages and how injuries are perceived by various people. I can't wait for the final decision in this case.

Easter is just around the corner. It is time to get the house ready for company and for plans to be made for the dinner and where all will gather. I hope you all take some time to discern what

Easter really means and why we celebrate it. It is not about some bunny throwing eggs in the snowbanks.

Have a great week everyone. Plant a tree. I noticed on the news that Bemidji area records higher temperatures lately because the trees soak up the heat of the sunshine so it is warmer there. Think about it, pines and spruce are the trees that do that.

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Red Lake County Sheriff

Weekly News Release

On the afternoon of 03/16/23, the Plummer Fire Department and a Red Lake County deputy responded to a report of a one-vehicle rollover crash on Hwy. #59 north of Plummer. The vehicle had to be towed from the scene, but no injuries were reported.

In the early morning hours of 03/18/23, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report of a dog barking at a Red Lake Falls residence. A Red Lake County deputy responded, but could not make contact with the owner of the dog to remedy the nuisance. Dustin Dewitt Fornshell (37) of Red Lake Falls was cited for violating the city's animal nuisance ordinance.

On the afternoon of 03/20/23, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report that a

Wednesday, March 29, 2023

tanker truck loaded with diesel fuel went into the ditch along Hwy. #59 near the Brooks Cenex. There were no injuries but the deputy provided traffic control assistance until the truck was removed from the ditch.

On the afternoon of 03/20/23, a Red Lake Falls resident reported that their child was being harassed and possibly scammed on-line. The parent was counseled and advise was given.

On the morning of 03/21/23, a Red Lake Falls resident reported they had been a victim of a scam and some money had been stolen from their bank account. That report remains under investigation.

Mitch Bernstein, Red Lake County Sheriff: 03/24/23



Who's Dat?

This week's photo is of two cute sisters.

Last week's photo was of Delima Champagne, Pearl Riendeau, Bill Carriere, Alexina Dessellier. One other sibling was missing - Dore Boucher. The photo was taken on July 16, 1944. They are the children

of Sanislaus Carriere..

Everyone has a photo or two that would be great for this column. Please share them with our readers as it is one of most popular columns of the Oklee Herald.

I am always in need of more photos - School days, church events, sports, etc.



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