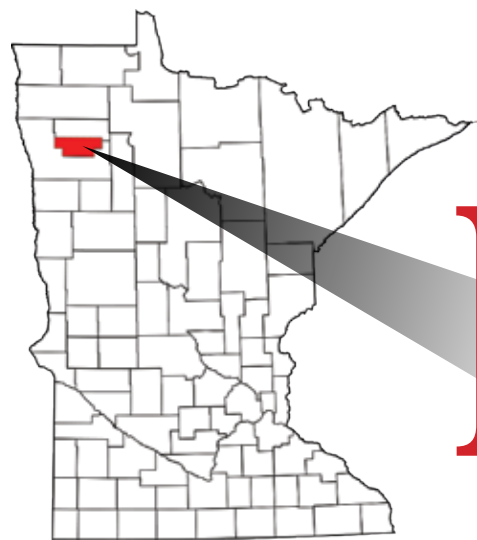




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John Melby Retires from Oklee Lumber after 46 Years



Pictured above is John's family L-R: John Syvertson, Tanya (Melby) Syvertson, Douglas Melby, Corey Melby, Lori Melby and John Melby. Kids in front L-R: Jude Syvertson, Nora Syvertson, Everly Melby and Mya Melby.



Pictured above are current and past Oklee Lumber employee that John worked with during his career. L-R: Tyler Eskeli, Doug Melby, Shane Vettleson, Tracy Hamm, John Melby, Norm Coulombe, Mike Dessellier, Cliff Melby, Jacob Melby, Sydney Melby and Isaac Melby.

John Melby started at Oklee Lumber in September of 1977 at the young age of 21. In the time since then many things have changed both at the Lumber Yard and in John's personal life, but one thing that didn't change was his dedication to Oklee Lumber.

John started out as a delivery driver when Cliff Melby owned Oklee Lumber. At that time Cliff's father Tom still worked there, and Cliff's son Isaac, who now owns the family business was just a young boy. Over the years John's duties evolved and he took on a sales position. He was also responsible for purchasing materials at the Lumber Yard.

During his 46 and a half year career at Oklee Lumber, John married Lori (O'Neil) in 1979 and they welcomed two children, Douglas, in 1983 and Tanya in 1986. Working close to home while raising their children was a blessing, and John appreciated the stability his position at Oklee Lumber provided.

John stated there are no set in stone plans for his retirement, but he knows there will be plenty of events and activities to attend for their

grandchildren. They currently participate in tennis, dance, soccer, gymnastics and baseball. He also stated there will be lots of snow to plow in the winters and golfing and fishing to do during the summers.

John hopes Lori will soon join him in retirement. When asked if they plan to spend the winters somewhere warmer, John stated they might, but not for the whole winter.

His time at Oklee Lumber was full of fun memories, good coworkers and especially great employers. John stated that working for Cliff and Isaac was great and they were always flexible if an employee had something come up or an activity to attend for family.

Much like his longtime co-worker, Mike Dessellier, who retired last year, John said he would be happy to come back to Oklee Lumber and help out if needed.

It was clear from the smile on John's face when I asked what he is most looking forward to, that his family means a lot to him and they are at the top of his list!

Congratulations to John on a long and successful career at Oklee Lumber!



John Melby is pictured at his retirement party with Cliff and Isaac Melby. John worked for both Cliff and Isaac during his time at Oklee Lumber.

Memorial Day Tribute

A Salute to

Their Courage,
Service and Sacrifice

"And I'm proud to be an American, where at least I know I'm free. And I won't forget the men who died, who gave that right to me."

In Remembrance of Those Who Died for Our Country,
Our offices will be closed on Memorial Day.
The newspapers will be delivered a day later.



Dental Clinic will be held on May 31st

Children's Dental Services offers hygiene services to children and adults regardless of income level. CDS accepts Medical Assistance, offers income-based, sliding scale for income eligible families.

The clinic on May 31st will be open from 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Pennington County

Government Center- Public Health, located at 101 Main Ave N in Thief River Falls.

Services provided include cleanings, exams, fillings, sealants and fluoride. They also provide extractions, crowns and X-Rays. Call 612-746-1530 or 866-543-6009 to schedule an appointment.

Talking Lawn Care

We're getting into our yards and gardens, with pent-up demand following a long winter. University of Minnesota Extension Educator Jon Trappe has tips for yards that accomplish multiple goals, including promoting pollinators, climate action and a lovely look.

Q: Why do our yards matter?

A: For many people, their lawn is their first and most frequent point of contact with nature. The benefits of nature-based therapy can literally be found in their backyard. They're safe, convenient and private places for children and pets. Many people enjoy working in their yard as a hobby or as a connection to the outdoor world.

There are environmental benefits behind the turf that make up our yards. They protect surface and groundwater by serving as living filters. They grow well in suburban and urban areas that are often dominated by impervious surfaces, while helping cool these areas that tend to hold heat. Yards are incredibly efficient at storing carbon in the soil as organic matter, playing an important role as a carbon sink for greenhouse gasses like carbon dioxide and methane.

Q: Is No Mow May a good idea?

A: No Mow May gained popularity to help promote good habitat for pollinators, a goal we can all support. The idea behind it is to not mow your lawn for the entire month of May. It is still unclear if there is a benefit to pollinators, but we do know that it could stress out your lawn. May is the one month where our grass grows the most, and by not mowing we could be stressing our lawns out going into the most stressful time period of the year - the summer. If you are interested in promoting pollinators in your lawn, we have found several species like Dutch white clover, self-heal, creeping thyme and ground plum can all tolerate mowing and provide excellent forage for pollinators.

Q: It's more complicated than meets the eye. How do you do the right thing?

A: Aim for a yard with grass 3 1/2 inches tall or higher. That means letting it grow to 5 inches or more before mowing. One of the great things about letting grass get taller is that its roots will grow deeper, meaning it can withstand drought much better than shorter mowed yards. Letting grass grow higher also fends off weeds like crabgrass in your yard and

helps you reduce your carbon footprint by using less fuel.

Q: Should I use lawn fertilizer? Are there organic alternatives?

A: We encourage some supplemental fertilizer in lawns because it can help ensure a healthier turf. A healthier turf can be more resilient to stresses like foot traffic and allow the lawn to crowd out weeds like crabgrass. How much fertilizer to be applied can depend on a lot of things like the lawn species, soil type, or even how much shade you have. A good starting point is to have your soil tested. This will tell you the nutrient levels of your soil and the most beneficial type of fertilizer product.

From the plant's perspective, it doesn't care if the fertilizer is synthetic or organic. However, your soil might benefit from an organic-type fertilizer product. Check your soil test first. Many organic fertilizers have phosphorus, which cannot be applied unless the soil test shows phosphorus as deficient.

Q: What about watering, especially if we have a dry summer?

A: Many of the grasses that grow in Minnesota or the upper Midwest can get by without any extra water beyond what nature supplies. The lawn may get a little dry and the turf may get a little tannish, but this is likely the grasses going dormant. If we go more than 30 days or so without rain, consider watering to keep the lawn alive until the next rainstorm. When the lawn is stressed from lack of water, try and stay off it to reduce stress and it should be able to bounce back just fine.

If you are going to water, don't do it by a set schedule. By watering "deeply and infrequently", you can actually train the grass roots to go deeper into the soil. This just means that if you are going to water, it is better to do it less often but with a higher amount. If you have an irrigation system, look into using a smart controller that can adapt to local weather conditions. It will save you water and make your lawn more resilient.

This information comes courtesy of Jon Trappe, who has been a Turf Extension Educator for the University of Minnesota since October 2022. He grew up in Indiana and has lived in Minnesota for the past seven years. Jon is passionate about assisting homeowners and turf professionals manage their turfgrass areas more sustainably.

Weather Forecast

67°

79°

83°

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56°

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58°

Wednesday
Sunday

Thursday
Monday

Friday
Tuesday

Saturday
Wednesday

80°

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Calendar of Events

Wed, May 24:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
Thu, May 25:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals
Fri, May 26:
- Graduation
- Noon deadline for news.
Sun, May 28:
- Worship at the church.
Mon, May 29:
- Memorial Day
- 11:30 a.m. Senior Meals
Tue, May 30:
- 11:30 a.m. Senior Meals

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH

Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Sun, May 28: 9:00 a.m. Zion.
10:30 a.m. 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 Kujawa
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. St. Francis – Oklee. 10:15 a.m. – Grygla. 12:00 p.m. – Goodridge.
Go to: <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-BETHANY LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA

Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun, May 28: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Immanuel. 7:00 p.m. Worship at Bethany (Sam Allen presiding).

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH

Bethany–Ekelund–Faith
Sun, May 28: 11:00 a.m. Joint Worship at Bethany.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH

Mt. Olive – Nazareth
Oak Park – St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Sat, May 27: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.

Sun, May 28: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri. 9:45 a.m. Oak Park. 11:00 a.m. Nazareth.

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

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH

Jarred LeBon, Pastor
Tyler Stynsberg, Assoc. Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, May 17: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

Sun, May 21: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School. 10:00 a.m. Worship.
Tue, May 23: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions.
Wed, May 24: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH

Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Wed, May 24: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation at Lund.
Sun, May 28: 9:00 a.m. Lund Service. 10:30 a.m. Bethany 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.



Pictured above is John Melby with members of his extended family at his retirement party from Oklee Lumber.

Writers & Writing

by Michael Tidemann



Tidemann started his journalism career at the Bismarck Tribune in 1978 and began college teaching career as a graduate teaching assistant at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion in 1977. He has worked at newspapers in Iowa and the Dakotas and his work has appeared in Overdrive, Writer's Journal, the San Diego Union-Tribune and Snowmobile. (Michael Tidemann writes from Estherville, Iowa. His author page is amazon.com/author/michaeltidemann.)

The Observer a remarkable collection

Sometimes the most remarkable things are in your own backyard.

Such is the case of The Observer: The Life and Writings of Bernt Olaf Wolden by Iowa native Amie Adams. Adams' meticulously researched book compiles many of the columns of Bernt Olaf Wolden that appeared as "Nature Notes" in The Estherville Daily News from 1930-1968.

Adams first became acquainted with Wolden while a camper and later counselor at Ingham Lake Bible Camp just across the road from Wolden Recreation Area and Campground, a 65-acre complex once site of the Wolden family farm and donated by Fred and Ida Wolden to Emmet County.

Adams, an Iowa Master Naturalist with an MFA in writing, has extensively researched the area history, going back to the glacial formation of High Lake where Wolden Campground is situated to occupation by Native Americans to exploration by the first settlers in the 1800s.

Probably most fascinating, though, is Adams' research on Olaf Wolden, his family and how the man with an eighth-grade education through sheer

dint of effort explored the natural area in intimate detail, forming relationships with professors at major universities. Wolden eventually published articles in Studies in Natural History, American Botanist and Iowa Academy of Science Proceedings as well as his column that ran 38 years.

Wolden wrote of the flora and fauna in Emmet County, Iowa, even down to the level of mosses for which he had an intense fascination. Wolden also wrote of the first expedition to cross into Emmet County in 1820 led by Lieut. Col Morgan.

"Their course can be traced

fairly well. They passed to the southeast of High Lake on July 12, 1820, and it seems almost certain that they halted at Crane Lake for dinner."

Wolden bewails the loss of certain species and lauds the "rediscovery" of others after they had previously vanished. His keen naturalist's eye pays almost microscopic attention to detail as he describes a flower:

"The flower of the fringed gentian has been called vase-shaped. At the top of the violet-blue corolla are four rounded lobes which are spread out in sunshine. These lobes are deeply fringed with slender teeth which have been likened to eyelashes."

Adams' rediscovery of Wolden's nearly forgotten columns is a boon for naturalists not just in northwestern Iowa but all of the state and the Upper Midwest. Wolden's columns evoke thoughts of Thoreau, Aldo Leopold and Edwin Way Teale.

Distribution of the book is limited. It may be ordered through Adams' website at www.amieadams.space.

(Michael Tidemann writes from Estherville, Iowa. His Facebook page is Author Michael Tidemann.)



The Observer: The Life and Writings of Bernt Olaf Wolden, Amie Adams, www.amieadams.space, \$20 .

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Oklee & Brooks Residents

Due to the
Memorial Day
Holiday
Garbage will be
Picked up on
Tuesday, May 30th
Thank you

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Tri-Valley Public Transportation

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

Every 2nd & 4th Friday – Bemidji.

Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial Updates

Flags at the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial and across the country were lowered to half staff on Monday, May 15, 2023. By proclamation of the President of the United States, flags were lowered in honor of Peace Officers Memorial Day in recognition of all peace officers. The Memorial Day is honoring fallen heroes and celebrating the courage of our law enforcement community.

RLCC Student Senate members, under the supervision of Mr. Randy Huie, have been lowering flags at the Veterans' Memorial throughout the year when a proclamation has been issued. The Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial Committee is grateful for the community service of these students.



A Tribute To Our Nation's Heroes

Memorial Day, which originated in 1868 after the Civil War, is observed on the last Monday in May.

This Memorial Day we remember the servicemen and women who gave their lives to preserve our freedoms.

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Students Create Art for Essentia-Fosston in Ms. Bingham's Class



Ms. Kelsey Bingham's art classes recently helped Essentia Health in Fosston brighten up patients' rooms as well as exam rooms and waiting rooms. Naomi Magnell came to Red Lake County High School to present each student an award.



RLCC Disney Themed Choir Concert was a Major Success!



Members of the RLCC Choir dressed up as Disney characters and were available for photos before the concert last week.



Mrs. Krista Bernstein is seen directed students at the Disney Themed Choir Concert last week. All members of the choir were matching Mickey Mouse shirts. The choir sounded excellent as they performed classic Disney songs for the audience.



Sandeen Receives \$500 Scholarship

Gunner Sandeen is the proud recipient of the Highway 2 Cruiser Scholarship of \$500.00. Gunner's application was selected from a pool of applicants from area schools that are adjacent to U.S. Highway 2. Gunner plans on attending NCTC for Auto Body Collision Technology.

On RLCC High School campus and pictured with Gunner is Superintendent Randy Bruer of Win-E-Mac schools and a founding member of the Highway 2 Cruisers. Congratulations to Gunner!

Crossword Solution

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COSEC	ADO	YEARN
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ORDEAL	CLUB	PER
	RAJA	NOM
FORAGE	SKIING	
BLOOP	TAN	LLOYD
RAZEE	TWO	ENURE
APES	YEW	RENEW



Boosters Club is looking for new Leadership!

After several years at the head of the Booster Club, Shannon Moen is looking to pass the torch.

The Booster Club raises funds to help provide to activities at RLCC. Most recently they sponsored the purchase of Senior Banners which can be seen outside of the high school.

RLCC Boosters also have an active Facebook page which details other contributions made.

If someone is interested in the position or receiving more information about what leading the Boosters would entail they are encouraged to contact Shannon, Mr. Pederson or Kate Moll.

Oklee Centennial Cookbook Recipe Corner - Page 386

Mexican Chicken Liz (Olson) Deraney

- 1 lb cooked and shredded chicken breasts
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- bag of corn chips
- 1/4 cup onion (sauteed in butter)
- 2 cups grated cheddar cheese
- 1 can green chilies

Grease 9 x 13 baking dish. Put half bag of chips on bottom. Spoon half of chicken, chilies, soups and onion mixture over chips. Top with 1/2 of cheddar cheese. Repeat layering. Bake in a 400 degree oven for 1/2 hour. Let set for 5 minutes.



RLCC 6th Grade Class Prepares to move to the High School come Fall



These students will be going to 7th grade next year. Back Row Emily Rathsack, Bella Brekke, Jordan Johnson, Oliver Vogel, Aubrey Halverson, Emmitt Melin, Brielle Reinbold, Naomi Stordahl, Ray Srnsky, Middle Row: Dylan Sogla, Molly Ferguson, Cameron Castaneda, Savannah Brekke, Keira Baker, Ethan Brown, Amelia Benson, Rhesa Wattenphul, Isabelle Paradis, Front Row: Avery Hagl, Alyssa Morinville, Easton Morinville, Parker Lundeen, Annessa Auginash, Jaylee Parsley, Kinsley Kruchowski, Brennan Christianson, Trevor Lee, Marshall Gagner, Emileigh Comstock.

Oklee Herald Early Files

Eighty Years Ago
May 22, 1943
Organization work to launch the Food Stamp Plan in Red Lake county June 3, was started at conferences at RLF between representatives of the Surplus Marketing administration, the local welfare department and food merchants of the county. Approximately 272 families in this county are eligible to participate.

The local American Legion post will stage a two-day celebration in Oklee, July 1st & 2nd. Jay Gould and his Outdoor Circus have been secured for those dates. Other plans include parades, rides, concessions, and afternoon and evening performances of the circus.

Graduation exercise will be held on Thursday, May 29th at 8:15.

Selective Service call No.14 requires two men from Red Lake County to leave June 4 for Fort Snelling; four men will leave from Polk County district No. 2 on June 2.

Seventy Years Ago
May 24, 1953
Sixteen seniors received diplomas at the 34th annual Oklee High School commencement exercises held in the community hall on Wednesday night.

The Oklee Colts down Gully in a tight game for the League opener. Final score was 5 - 2.

Mrs. Gunda Myrum and Mrs. Bernell Myrum and baby spent Friday afternoon at the Little Oak School where Milton Myrum completed a nine months term of teaching.

Sixty Years Ago
May 25, 1963
Off to Texas with wheat fields ripe unto the harvest, a crew of Oklee men left here Tuesday morning for four combines to being their annual working tour of several southern states.

Misses Evelyn and Glenyce Eskeli left Friday by way of Minneapolis for Chicago, Ill, where they visited relatives.

Fifty Years Ago
May 27, 1973
Miss Isabelle Erickson, first grade teacher in the Oklee Public School, retires at the end of the year and was recently honored at a party and

presented with a gift by the Oklee faculty and other school personnel. She started in Oklee in 1943. She is a graduate of Oklee High School also. She taught at other schools before coming back to Oklee.

A nice easy rain is what we need, many were saying last week when spring seeding wrapped up. The farmers got exactly what they wanted in the form of a slow rain that lasted from Saturday through Tuesday. When it was over, it added up to 2.31 inches, recorded by Otto Bakken, official weather recorder.

Commencement is set for Plummer on Friday, May 28th at 8 p.m. There were 21 graduates.

Forty Years Ago
May 28, 1983

Senior Site Kitchen opened and the first item of business was parking spots for the senior site cooks to load the meals for McIntosh, and parking spots for those from ICCO who have loading and unloading to do. A designated loading zone will be set up east of the no parking area by the fire hall.

Roy Hokkanen was the speaker at the Memorial Day program at the Oklee School. Carol Bergeron sang, "One Little Candle" and Cheryl Hanson sang "God Bless America."

Woodmen of the World donate flagpole and Flag to the Oklee Community Homes last Friday.

Security State Bank has a new "Drive In Window" after an early morning accident last Friday. The car driven by a juvenile when out of control and ended up parked in the bank lobby.

Thirty Years Ago
May 29, 1993
Oklee Junior Engineering Technical Society (JETS) team has placed eighth in Division I schools in the nation.

82nd annual Setesdal Stevne set for June 29 at Oklee. Its going to be an extra special event because the lag entered into 'sistership' with Valle, Setesdalen, Norway and hopefully if all goes as planned the Valle township council in Norway is considering sending 2-3 members to the festival in June.

Twenty Years Ago

May 24, 2003
Mrs. Ione Berry of Oklee hosted the Bridge Club with Ione and Rose winning the traveling prizes. Guest were Audrey Bachand, Pearl Laniel, Rose Mandt, Eva Mae Bergeron, Dorothy Lambert, Joan Bronken and Jeannie O'Neill.

Ten Years Ago
May 25, 2013
Children in the Oklee ECFE and Head Start participated in the final family event of the year, Camping and Fishing night. They seemed to have enjoyed all the activities like catching fish and playing in the tent, cooking over a pretend fire.

Plummer Elementary held a Mini Relay For Life event with face painting and many other learning stations around the school.

Oklee received about 7/10ths of an inch of rain on Saturday. Brooks/Terrebonne area got about 1 and 8 tenths and they are looking for some sunshine for the crops.

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Senior Site News & Other Things

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

Senior Meals:
Oklee Senior Meals (LSS Meals) are available for Home Delivery, Monday-Friday - Meals on Wheels (LSS) meals will be furnished from Red Lake Lake Falls and you need to order a day or two before the day you plan on having a meal. Please call and let Jo know a couple of days before. 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.

The Senior Site held their meeting on Thursday, May 18th at the Senior Site Dining room. A few things were

discussed and decided on. The Senior Potluck will move to the Senior Site Dining area starting next month, monthly meetings will be held starting next month, and since June is Dairy month, a Ice Cream/ Cookie & coffee social will be held. More details next month.

If you have an idea for an activity or field trip you would like, please contact one of the Board Members of the Senior Site. They are Jackie Cross, Jo Lambert, Bonny Cote and Shirley Dessellier. It will be discussed at the next meeting which is scheduled for Thursday, May 18th at 10 am.

Craft Shop
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 great handiwork of our Seniors for some unique gift ideas.

Activity Dates To Remember
Wednesday: Cards at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday is Game Day: on Thursdays at 2 p.m., games are available - Rummikub/ Rummy-O, Yahtzee, Checkers, Scrabble or bring a game to play. Come on down and enjoy the fun! We have coffee and treats to enjoy while playing. ** Remember if you don't feel good, stay home.

Jokes:
Eyewitness to Crime
The elderly man was an eyewitness to the car shop crime scene. When the police asked him to tell them what happened, he told them what he'd seen.

"The guy with the beer belly grabbed a wrench from the toolbox!"

"What happened next?" the detective asked.

"Oh man, it was a gut-wrenching moment."

Remember the next paper will come a day late due to our offices being closed in observance of Memorial Day! Have a great week!

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

The weather has turned into spring. Yahoo! We can finally take the spring jackets out and ditch the winter coats. There was no rain this past week but there were a couple of tinkles around Brooks and Plummer. Terrebonne did get that. The hum of the mowers are heard because even if it doesn't rain, the grass continues to grow as do the dandelions. There is talk of rain this week Tuesday and Wednesday and Saturday and Sunday, but I question the weatherman's view. It seems he is predicting for Fargo and not the northern valley. We will see.

Molly Amberson married Eric Magnusson in Argyle at the St. Rose Catholic Church on Saturday. Many of the guests were Brooks residents. She is the daughter of Eddie Amberson and Nancy Amberson. Among the guests were Eldora and Brian Paradis, Dianne

Gagner, and Joyce and Perry Morinville.

Eldora and Brian Paradis came to Brooks and visited his mother Dellas Paradis in Fertile. It is good to see Brian and Eldora come back in the spring.

The fields are looking good all groomed and waiting for rain to grow the seeds planted in them. Those farmers have been busy early morning to dark getting the seeds in the ground. It makes the country side clean looking and neat after the farmer gets his work done. I love to see that fresh green cover on the fields in the spring. It makes one hope for a good summer.

Memorial Day is coming over the weekend. We need to remember our dead, and to honor them on that day. Years ago they called it decoration day. Our town had a family

gathering at the Fireman's Park after going to honor the dead. There were games for the kids, and Baseball for the Dads, and card games or bunco dice games for the Moms and just plain fun for the whole family. Of course, that was in the prehistoric era, which I grew up in. Decoration Day was looked forward to by one and all.

If anybody that is a keyboardist would like to play for an hour on Sunday morning at our church we would love to hear from you , Contact us or Father Bob Schreiner in Red Lake Falls. We are in desperate need of a musician. Froggy is getting older and can't hit the notes right anymore. So if you play, please contact us.

Have a great week and enjoy the spring flowers and the nice weather.

Red Lake County Sheriff

Weekly News Release

On the evening of 05/13/23, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report of possible physical abuse of a child. After investigation it was determined the injury was an accident and no abuse or neglect is suspected.

On the afternoon of 05/15/23, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report of a dog getting loose and attacking another dog in the complainant's yard. The matter is being handled by the owners of the dogs.

On the morning of 05/16/23, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report of counterfeit money received by Unity Bank in Red Lake Falls. That case is still under investigation.

On the morning of 05/16/23, Red Lake County law enforcement, the Red Lake Falls Ambulance and the Red Lake Falls Fire Department responded to a report of a single-vehicle crash on CR. #13 west of Red Lake Falls. The lone occupant had to be extracted from the vehicle by the fire department and they were transported to the Sanford ER in Thief River Falls, by the Red Lake Falls Ambulance, to be treated for non-life-threatening injuries. The vehicle was eastbound on CR. #13, left the roadway and entered the north ditch, striking a crossing and rolling. The vehicle was totally damaged and had to be towed

from the scene.

On the morning of 05/16/23, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report of a theft from an Emardville Township resident. That matter remains under investigation.

On the evening of 05/17/23, Red Lake County deputies spoke to individuals in Red Lake Falls who claimed that they were being harassed and threatened by one another. The involved parties were counseled, and the matter is still under investigation.

On the evening of 05/17/23, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report that an employee was being harassed and threatened by a customer at a Red Lake Falls establishment. The involved parties were counseled.

On the evening of 05/17/23, a Red Lake County deputy investigated a report of a suspicious vehicle parked on a minimum maintenance road in Garnes Township. The deputy located the vehicle and found that it was occupied by an adult female. The vehicle was having mechanical issues and she was given a ride to her home.

On the evening of 05/18/23, Jamie Kyle Nelson (42) of Viking was cited for speeding on Hwy. #59 south of Plummer.

Mitch Bernstein, Red Lake County Sheriff: 05/19/23

Oklee EMS hosts dinner to raise funds for a new Ambulance



The Oklee Volunteer First Responders held a fundraising event to held raise money for a new Ambulance. A nice crowd gathered for a meal in support of the cause. Photos submitted by the Oklee Community Club.



"Outdoor Fun"

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1. Knee-related acronym
2. Make pretty (2 words)
3. Mushroom spore sacs
4. Shawn Mendes' 2016 hit
5. Parts of a play
6. Secular
7. Commercial break clips
8. Fast food option

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| 10. Get bacon? | 45. Serape, alt. sp. |
| 11. H.S. math class | 49. Jet follower |
| 12. All Nippon Airways, acr. | 51. Water-heating appa- |
| 15. Rattled on | ratus |
| 20. Writer Asimov | 54. Bulwark |
| 22. Like icee | 56. Hundred Acre Wood |
| 24. Not an original | creator |
| 25. *Call to Polo | 57. Wing motion |
| 26. Opposite of adore | 58. Exude |
| 27. Triangular road sign | 59. Fish eggs, pl. |
| 29. *Capture it! | 60. Winter precipitation |
| 31. Speech defect | 61. Person, place or thing |
| 32. Drink like a cat (2 words) | 62. Swirling vortex |
| 33. Chilled (2 words) | 63. *Part of a bikini |
| 34. *Balloon filler | 65. Leave speechless |
| 36. U.K. art gallery | 67. Morning condensation |
| 38. Place for a house plant | |



A black and white photograph showing four students working on a landscaping project. One student is using a shovel to dig near a brick wall, while others stand nearby. A tree is visible on the left.

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5 THE OKLEE HERALD

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

ANSWER: BIKE WHEEL IN PUDDLE

GERMAN: Vater

FAMILIES MAY INCLUDE MANY DIFFERENT PEOPLE. AS LONG AS THERE IS LOVE INVOLVED, ANYONE CAN BE CONSIDERED FAMILY.



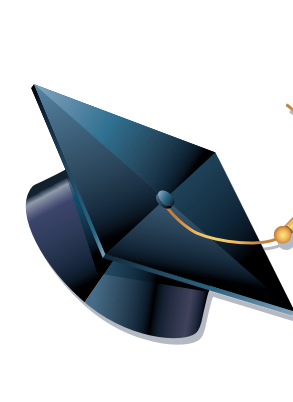
Red Lake County Central

2023 High School Seniors

Commencement
Friday, May 26, 2023 ~ 5:30 pm
RLCC HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM
Oklee, MN

CLASS MOTTO
“And they said it couldn’t be done, but we’re full of surprises.”
CLASS FLOWER
Red Carnation
CLASS COLORS
Red, Black, Silver

****High Honors GPA 3.5 – 4.0 (Gold Cord)** ***Honors GPA 3.0 – 3.49 (Silver Cord)** **◆Minnesota Honor Society (Medallion)**

 Brett Anderson	 Oscar Duden	 Damon Ferguson**◆	 Kaleb Fougner**	 Orin Hofstad	 Carson Lambert*
 Natalie Lindemoen**	 Clowie Magnell	 Shawna Majeres**◆	 Gerald Melin	 Aurora Mitzner**◆	 Cael Nelson*
 Caleb Nymann	 Aurimy Olson**◆	 Paige Olson◆	 Tyler Parsley	 Marin Peterson**◆	 Kaleb Roussy
 Arielle Rude	 Payton Rystad*	 Gunnar Sandeen**	 Molly Smith◆	 Izaiah Stordahl**	 Lucille Svendsen*
	 Marissa Thomas*	 Natalie Vettleson**◆	 Carlee Whalen*	 Nickita Whalen	

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