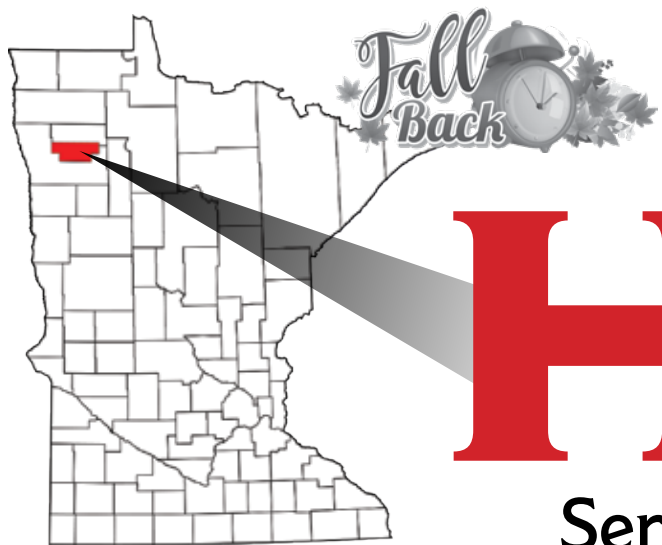




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Grow RLC Childcare Hosts Town Hall

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, concerned citizens can change world. Indeed it is the only thing that ever has." – Margaret Mead

This small group of concerned citizens, known as Grow RLC Childcare, hosted a Town Hall event in Plummer, MN on October 25. This event was facilitated by First Children's Finance as part of the RCCIP (Rural Child Care Innovation Program) in which Red Lake County has been participating. The purpose of the RCCIP is to guide communities in identifying the scope and size of their childcare challenges, as well as to empower and support them to develop solutions.

In addition to the Town Hall, the group has hosted a Childcare Provider appreciation event in Brooks, MN as well as collected survey responses from area employers, childcare providers, and community members with a focus on parents.

The Town Hall was used as a platform to share with the public information that was collected in our public surveys

over the past 6 weeks. They shared data regarding struggles that parents and employers attribute to the lack of childcare in our area, information on the true need for care in the area, as well as many comments from anonymous individual respondents. Following the presentation of data, First Children's Finance staff led the group through activities to generate ideas on how our community believes we can solve the childcare crisis, as well as group work to identify a handful of realistic tasks that we can take back to our next Core Team meeting.

The group discussed possibilities in the areas of facilities, financial support, community education & awareness, provider recognition & appreciation, partnerships, training, and more.

The event hosted a special guest, Senator Mark Johnson, who participated in the group discussions, as well as provided a closing message to the group. Senator Johnson thanked the group for their participation

and stated that he will take several of the ideas back to the legislature to continue working on this issue from the State level.

The event would not have been possible without the help of several RLCC volleyball players that provided childcare for parents to attend the Town Hall.

You can follow the team's progress by following our Facebook page found at <https://www.facebook.com/growRLC-childcare>

The Core Team will meet on Wednesday, November 1 from 4-8 pm at the Inter-County Community Council office in Oklee to start the next step in our RCCIP process, to identify goals for our group to work on over the next 18 months. Any interested community members are welcome to join our Core Team and work to make a difference in our communities. If you would like to participate, please contact our Core Team Leader, Kate Holmstrom at holmstromkate@gmail.com.



Jim and Nina Palubicki of Fosston and Cheryl and Rick Mollin of Gonvick in the vista overlooking old Jerusalem. Many of the photos were in the Tri County Canary last week.

Area couples return from trip to Israel that ended abruptly

On October 7, 2023, the Palestinian Sunni Islamist group Hamas led surprise attacks against Israel by land, sea, and air. The assault came on a Jewish holiday, 50 years after the Egypt-Syria surprise attack that sparked the 1973 Yom Kippur War.

On the same day, Saturday, October 7th, Jim and Nina Palubicki of Fosston, Minnesota and Rick and Cheryl Mollin of Gonvick, Minnesota set off on a vacation and tour of Israel on a Delta Airline flight out of New York. Turning off their phones for the 12 hour flight, the two couples were unaware of what was happening.

Deboarding the plane in Tel Aviv, the foursome, still not aware of the impact of the attack, were met by one of their tour guides and made their way to their hotel, as Israel's Iron Dome anti-missile system intercepted rockets launched from the Gaza Strip, about 50 miles away from Tel Aviv. During supper on their first evening, the group was ushered into a bomb shelter when a bomb hit nearby the hotel.

Sunday morning, the start of their tour was to begin, the two couples were told that there would be a postponement and they were going to remain in Tel Aviv, where they spent the day walking the beach of the Mediterranean Sea outside their hotel. The Country of Israel under attack was apparent due to the quiet streets, historical sites with no visitors, along with the presence of large numbers of armed soldiers and police nearly everywhere you looked.

Monday morning the couples were told that the tour would continue on schedule with only ten people arriving from the 38 people who had been originally booked. On Monday morning, the group learned that Delta Airlines, along with all other major airline companies, had canceled all flights to and from Israel until at least October 31st. Left in a war zone by Delta Airlines, they were now tasked with finding another way out of the country.

They spent Monday and Tuesday making the best of a difficult situation, their tour guide, an older gentleman Moshe Hilik, with sons in the military, whom he stayed in contact with, took those in the tour group and headed out to Kibbutz Lavi, a religious kibbutz located in the Lower Galilee near the city of Tiberias in northern Israel. (Kibbutz were initially almost universally agricultural settlements. Not economically motivated, the residents of the communes shared everything and worked as members of a collective. In the early days, times were tough, everything was shared and life was hard.)

On Wednesday the group arrived in Jerusalem. As a holy city for Judaism, Christianity and Islam, Jerusalem has always been of great symbolic

importance. Among its 220 historic monuments, the Dome of the Rock stands out: built in the 7th century, it is decorated with beautiful geometric and floral motifs. It is recognized by all three religions as the site of Abraham's sacrifice. The Wailing Wall establishes the quarters of the different religious communities, while the Resurrection rotunda in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre houses Christ's tomb.

The tour continued through the quiet streets and near empty holy sites in Jerusalem (Jim and Nina, who have traveled there before, said there are normally crowds of people, where now there were few, or even none). Upon stopping for lunch in a market in Old Jerusalem, the shop owner told the group he had not seen anyone earlier in the day and did not expect to see anyone after the group left. The Palubicki and Mollin had been working on a plan to get back to the United States and were in contact with their travel agent, who was working with a travel agent in Israel.

Israel announced that anybody in the country who wanted to leave should, due to the imminent possibility of the borders closing on Thursday, October 12th. With this announcement,

the tour ended abruptly and Jim and Nina, Rick and Cheryl went to the task of finding a way out of the Country and into Jordan, where they were heading in hopes of finding their way back to America.

The two couples, along with a guide, made their way to Sheikh Hussein Border Crossing between Israel and Jordan. The furthest north of the three crossings into Jordan (and the only crossing which remained open), situated just outside of the Israeli city of Beit She'an and given its northern proximity, this border serves as the ideal passage from Israel. They crossed over into Jordan on Friday, October 13th and spent Saturday and Sunday in Amman, the capitol and largest city in Jordan.

On Saturday, Jim and Nina traveled out to Petra, a historic and archaeological city in southern Jordan. Famous for its rock-cut architecture and water conduit system, it contains tombs and temples carved into pink sandstone cliffs. Early Monday morning the group of Jim and Nina Palubicki and Rick and Cheryl Mollin made their way to the King Hussein airport in Amman and boarded a Royal Jordanian Airplane to Paris. They arrived in Paris, and quickly made their way home, landing in Minneapolis.

Considering their trip an experience of a lifetime, the two couples do not plan to quit traveling and already have another vacation planned. They felt their primary anxiety on the trip was getting to the border and making it across before it was closed. They felt the tour guides made the best of a "not so great" situation, were friendly and kept the now close knit group of ten, relaxed and feeling safe.

By Kim Spaeth-Hedlund, Editor McIntosh Times



Cheryl and Rick Mollin on a boat on the Sea of Galilee in Israel.



Calendar of Events

- Wed, Nov. 1:**
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call RLF to order.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
- Thu, Nov. 2:**
-10 a.m. SAIL Class at the Oklee Hall.
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call RLF to order.
- Fri, Nov. 3:**
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
- Sat, Nov. 4:**
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!
-Fall Back on your Clock!
- Sun, Nov. 5:**
-Worship at the church – check inside for church times and places.
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Weather Forecast

Wed.	36/21°	☁
Thur.	32/23°	☁
Fri.	39/28°	☁
Sat.	36/27°	☁
Sun.	35/27°	☁
Mon.	34/25°	❄
Tues.	34/24°	☁
Wed.	35/25°	☁

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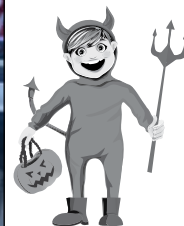
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The children were busy downstairs at the Plummer Hall during the Town Hall event having fun playing.



Watch for Trunk or Treat and Halloween Party photos in next week's paper



Church News

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Wed, Nov. 1: 7:00 p.m. Confirmation.
Sun, Nov. 5: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Zion. 9:00 a.m. SS Salem. 10:30 a.m. SS at Zion. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Salem.
Wed, Nov. 1: 7:00 p.m. Confirmation.
Sermons are on GVTCL 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 RLF LUTHERAN PARISH
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Nov. 5: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Immanuel, 10:30 a.m. Worship Ebenezer. 7:00 p.m. Worship at Bethany in RLF.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Wed, Nov. 1: 6:30 Confirmation meeting at Faith. 7:00 p.m. Class.
Sun, Nov. 5: Ekelund: 8:00 a.m. Worship, 9:00 a.m. SS; Faith: 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:30 a.m. SS; Bethany: 10:00 a.m. SS, 11:00 a.m. Worship.
Mon, Nov. 6: 1:30 p.m. Ekelund WELCA.
Tue, Nov. 7: 9:00 a.m. Faith WELCA.
Nov. 8: Wednesday School; 6:30 Confirmation meeting at Faith. 7:00 p.m. Class.

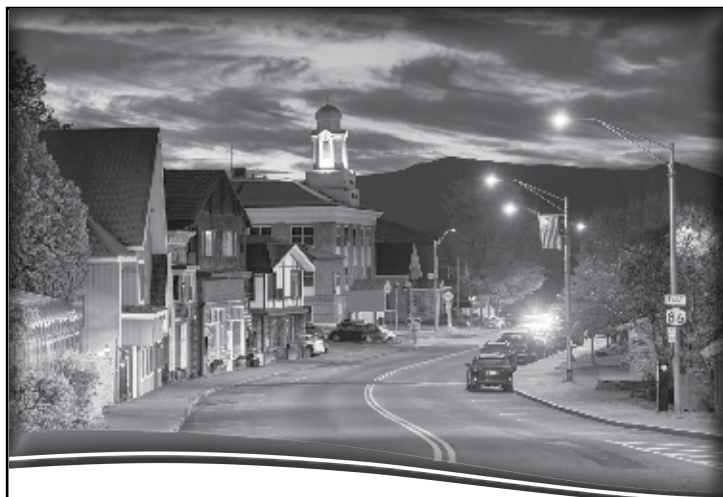
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Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Wed, Nov. 1: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 6:30 p.m. Vespers. 7:00 p.m. LYS.
Sat, Nov. 4: No Service at Mt. Olive.
Sun, Nov. 5: Nazareth: 8:45 a.m. SS, 9:45 a.m. Worship. Oak Park: 11 a.m. Worship.
Wed, Nov. 8: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 6:30 p.m. Vespers. 7:00 p.m. LYS.
Find services and past sermons at www.facebook.com/clearwaterlutheranparish

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Jarred LeBon, Pastor
Tyler Stynsberg, Assoc. Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Sundays: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School. 10:00 a.m. Worship.
Tuesdays: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions.
Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Wed, Nov. 1: 6:00 p.m. 7th & 8th grade confirmation at Lund.
Sun, Nov. 5: 9:00 a.m. Service at Lund. 10:30 a.m. Service at Bethany.

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

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T.H.E. Bus is available for anyone. There are no age or income guidelines. However, children under the age of four must be accompanied by an adult and children under the age of one must be secured in an infant seat.
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Every 1st, 3rd, & 5th Wednesday - Fargo/Moorhead.
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If you are interested in becoming a reporter for the Red Lake County Herald, please give Richards Publishing a call at 218-487-5225 and ask for Dick or Corrine.

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Daylight Saving Time Ends November 5th

City of Oklee Notice

Garbage will be picked up on the streets starting on November 6th.



Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial Update

The President of the United States has issued a proclamation to lower the flag of the United States in honor of victims of the recent tragedy in Maine. The Student Senate, under the direction of Mr. Huie, has been responsible for lowering flags at the Oklee Veterans' Memorial and will do so once again. The flags at the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial were lowered on October 26th and raised on October 30th.

A Proclamation on Honoring the Victims of the Tragedy in Lewiston, Maine

As a mark of respect for the victims of the senseless acts of violence perpetrated on October 25, 2023, in Lewiston, Maine, by the authority vested in me as President of the United States by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, I hereby order that the flag of the United States shall be flown at half-staff at the White House and upon all public buildings and grounds, at all military posts and naval stations, and on all naval vessels of the Federal Government in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States and its Territories and possessions until sunset, October 30, 2023

American Legion Auxiliary Plans Bingo Bake

The ever popular American Legion Auxiliary Bingo Bake which is traditionally held the night before the deer season



OHS Class of 1973 Reunion 1st row: Joani Jensen Marquis, Denise Lundeen Disrud, Carol Paradis Saga, Bonnie Lambert Paquin, Debbie Vettleson DuChamp. **Row 2:** Marilyn Bachand Marsh, Mary Paquin Bergman, Mary Jo Carriere Mugaas, Char Berberich Gagner, Connie Nelson Lundeen, Lora Laniel Johnson. **Row 3:** Greg Whalen, Dan Champagne, Gerri Radniecki Rustan, Rita Berberich Fenner, Linda Bergerson Godtland, Steve Cyr, Mark Berberich, Kelly Lundeen, Reid Fore, Barb Klasen Arveson. **Back row:** Steve Linder, Jim Reinbold, Dale Cote, Jim Fournier.

Now Taking Tree Orders for Spring 2024

Red Lake County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) is taking tree orders now for springs' tree planting season. Anyone interested in purchasing trees from the Red Lake County SWCD should have their order in by November 30, 2023. Tree order forms are available at our office, on our website www.redlakecount.org

ty.org on the front page or we can mail you a form. The SWCD office is in the basement of the MN Wheat Grower's Building south of Red Lake Falls. If you are interested in placing a tree order, for 2024 springs' tree planting season, please call the Red Lake County SWCD office at (218) 253-2593.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

Oklee Senior Meals (LSS Meals) are available for Home Delivery, Monday-Friday. Please call Cathy or Carolyn at the RLF LSS Kitchen the day before, by 12 noon at 218-253-4454.

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Mon: Nov. 6: Liver or Pepper Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Bread/Margarine, Fresh Fruit, Low Fat Milk.

Tue: Nov. 7: Sausage & Biscuit w/Gravy, Roasted Potatoes, Cinn. Apple Slices, Dessert, Low Fat Milk.

Wed: Nov. 8: BBQ Chicken, AuGratin Potatoes, Peas, Bread/Margarine, Dessert, Low Fat Milk.

Thu: Nov. 9: Roasted Turkey w/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Dinner Roll, Dessert, Low Fat Milk.

Fri: Nov. 10: Pork Loin, Yams, Broccoli, Bread/Margarine, Dessert, Low Fat Milk.

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RLCC Menus

November 6 - 10

Oklee

Monday: Breakfast: Egg, Cheese & Sausage Biscuit, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Chicken Pot Pie w/ Biscuit, Yogurt, Vegetable, Fruit, and Milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Bagel w/Cream Cheese, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Ham Patty, Potato, Vegetable, Fruit, and Milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Muffin, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Taco in a Bag or Soft Shell, Refried Beans, Spanish Rice, Fruit, and Milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Apple Turnover, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Corn Dog, Macaroni & Cheese, Vegetable, Fruit, and Milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Turkey Dinner, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Dinner Roll, Pumpkin Pie Pudding, Vegetable, Fruit, and Milk.

Plummer

Monday: Breakfast: Waffles, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Hamburger Hotdish, Garlic Toast, Green Beans, Fruit, and Milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Sausage, Egg Patty, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Diced Chicken w/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Dinner Roll, Fruit, and Milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Granola Yogurt Parfait, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Sloppy Joe w/Bun, Baked Beans, Corn on the Cob, Fruit, and Milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Boild Egg, Cheese Stick, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Bosco Sticks, Marinara Sauce, Carrots w/Ranch, Cake, Fruit, and Milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Long John, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Turkey & Ham Subs, Cheese-Toppings, Pickles, Chips, Cucumbers w/

RLCC Sports Schedules

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

RLCC Mustangs

Girls Volleyball

Fri, Nov 3:

Girls Varsity Section
Finals TBD Away vs. Multiple Schools

Cross Country

Sat, Nov 4:

Boys V/JV/JH State
Tournament TBD TBA
Girls V/JV/JH State
Tournament TBD TBA

Teachers Mr. Huie, Mr. Strutz, Mr. Paskvan, and Mr. Nelson compare notes on the next project for the Day of Caring.



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New arrivals in the region include "Lidia's: From Our Family's Table to Yours" by Lidia Bastianich, "Build the Life You Want: The Art and Science of Getting Happier" by Arthur C. Brooks; "This Indian Kid: A Native American Memoir" by Eddie Chuculate, "We Are Not Alone: the Extraordinary History of UFOs and Aliens Invading Our Hopes, Fears, and Fantasies" by Marc Hartzman, "The Oceans and the Stars: A Sea Story, A War Story, A Love Story" by Mark Helprin, "Skinnytaste Simple: Easy, Healthy Recipes Using 7 Ingredients or Fewer" by Gina Homolka, "Hitchcock's Blondes: The Unforgettable

RLC Moves On

The 2023 Section 8A football play-offs started Tuesday night as the Red Lake County Rebels would open up with a home game versus Red Lake. The Rebels came into the game with a 6-2 record.

After recovering an opening fumble, the Rebels went right to work. A quick pass out to Jacob Harmoning got things going before a John Powers touchdown run gave RLC a 7-0 lead.

The Warriors would strike back quickly on a 70 yard touchdown pass, the PAT failed and the Rebels led 7-6.

The next offensive possession saw a quick pass to Ashtin Fredrickson to set up a Ben Gullingsrud touchdown run to put RLC up 14-6.

From there, the defense took over forcing the Warriors into many turnovers and end of possession drives. RLC would push the lead to 21-6 with a long Brock Seeger run. Both Owen Chervestad and Thoren Thronson would add scores to make the game 35-6.

The young Warriors would not give in as they would score on another long pass to cut the lead to 35-12 at halftime.

Much of the second half was played by the RLC reserves as running time came into play. Theo Tydlacka would add a touchdown for the Rebels and Kegan Schmitz would add 2 field goals en route to the RLC 48-12 win.

With the win the Rebels move to 7-2 on the season and will travel to Ada to take on Ada-Borup West on Saturday, October 28th. The Cougars beat the Rebels 20-8 during the season.

Brian Remick
Head Football Coach-Red Lake County Rebels

Rebel Football Season Ends

The 2023 Red Lake County Rebel football season came to an end on October 28th with a 38-15 loss to Ada-Borup West. The 2023 Rebels finished the season with a (7-3) record, another successful, winning season for the program.

The Rebels would open the season with 4 straight wins. Beating Walker-H-A 44-6 to open the season, then winning versus Red Lake (60-0), LP-A (34-16) and Menahga (42-6) put RLC at 4-0. After falling to Mahnomen-Waubun 30-8, the Rebels moved to 5-1 with a 47-14 win over Bagley.

RLC would end the regular season losing to ABW 20-8 and beating PCW 26-14 before entering play-offs. In the section play-offs, the Rebels beat Red Lake 48-12 before falling to ABW.

The 38 players on the team this year should promise, dedication and effort throughout the season. The 2 seniors Ashtin Fredrickson and John Powers showed leadership and Rebel Pride in leading the 2023 Rebels and will be missed as they graduate.

Brian Remick
Head Football Coach-Red Lake County Rebels

RLCC go to Career Expo



Sophomores attended the Northern Valley Area Career Expo at the Alerus Center. Areas included Computer Programming, Engineering, Cosmetology/Esthetician, Industrial Tech, Marketing/Advertising, Pre-Health/Science, Nursing, Social Work, Accounting/Finance, Agriculture, Education, Diesel Mechanic, Electrician, Fisheries/Wildlife, Law Enforcement, Mental Health, PT/OT, Athletic Trainer. It was a very informative day for the students.



RLCC Students help out many on Day of Caring



Junior High students posing for their job well done after raking, window washing, and fixing Christmas decorations in Brooks.



Trying to a headstand in the leaves at Plummer. Have to have some fun also!

RLCC Students of the Month



Congratulations to September Student of the Month recipients Paul Malwitz, for Senior High and Graceyn Kvsager for Junior High.

Paul Malwitz is the son of Tracy Malwitz and Ben Malwitz. Paul works at Dollar General in Red Lake Falls when he's not in school. Paul is currently Mr. Steven Strutz's Technology assistant. He helps Mr. Strutz maintain computers and helps students when he can. Teachers picked Paul because he is responsible, respectful, and resourceful! He surprised us when he became the seniors' secret weapon during the tug-of-war against the juniors during homecoming. Paul led the seniors to the championship and received a standing ovation. The teachers also said they will miss Paul's easygoing nature and great sense of humor when he

graduates this spring.

Graceyn Kvsager is the Junior High recipient for Student of the Month. Graceyn's parents are Amber and Ben Kvsager. Graceyn has a little sister Brynle. Graceyn is in volleyball, basketball, and softball. Her favorite class is English because she likes learning how writing can influence everyday life. Graceyn has two dogs, and her mom is her hero. Every day, she looks forward to seeing her friends. Graceyn loves to shop and spend time with her family. Graceyn was nominated for Student of the Month because she has a great work ethic and always pays attention to detail. Graceyn does her best to be kind to everyone in the classroom and ensure everyone is comfortable.

Congratulations to Paul and Graceyn

Olivia Benson and Annessa Auginash-Kingbird stop their hard work for a quick pose in Plummer.



Olivia Benson and Annessa Auginash-Kingbird stop their hard work for a quick pose in Plummer.



Seniors Maverick Nelson, Dylan Gerardy, Ella Moen, Natalie Baker, Kya Morinville, and Sydney Fougner show off their hard work in Oklee.



Students stop at Mrs. Sandra Tougas's house in Oklee for hot chocolate. Shown are Everett Svendsen, Abraham Sepulveda, and Oliver Russillo.



Alyssa Morinville and Isabella Brekke are washing windows at the Brooks Senior Homes.

Oklee School History



What happened in the 40's?

By Eric W. Mickelson
On September 1, 1939, WW2 began with the invasion of Poland by Germany. Of course with the bombing of Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, the United States also got involved. In the spring of 1942 Rationing Program began limiting the amount of gas, food and clothing consumers could purchase. I hold deep respect for not only the soldiers by those on the homefront in WW2. Many sacrifices were made that I am sure will never be matched again in the history of the United States.

Starting in the fall of 1939 for the 1939-1940 Oklee school class offerings included type-writing, bookkeeping, citizenship, physics, geometry, world history, English, American History, geography, and Social Studies. The school staff now consisted of 8 members in grades 1-12. The band had 25 students and bleachers were built in the hall by Al Riel to be used for basketball games. This reminded my of elementary basketball. We practiced in the hall!

As time past in the early forties Chester Township School #234 consolidated with Oklee followed by District #11 at Garnes and #33 at Mayfield. It was also decided to rent the Hall from the Commercial Club at a flat rate of \$125 for six and a half months from October 15th of 1943 to May 1st, 1944. By the 1945-46 school year it was decided 4 more teachers needed to be added to the staff.

More districts consolidated with the school from Red Lake a Polk counties. The school district encompassed 86,615 acres. These consolidations made it financially possible to add new additions to the school. The building which was constructed to the east provided 5 elementary classrooms. Bert Riel and Ray Lindquist supervised the construction of the building.

In the 1947-48 school year the Oklee Bobcats opened their first football season at Sportsman Park with a 6 man football team. John Wilson was the first coach! During this year the wage scale for bus drivers was set for \$80 per month. In 1948-49 the enrollment was 416 students in grades 1-12.

The last graduating class of the 40's, the class of 1949 included Orlyn Anderson, Harold Cyr, Vernon Cyr, Norma Distad, Elizabeth Gibeau, Vivian Gordon, Muriel Haugan, Orlando Hofstad, Gerald Hortsman, June Johnson, Otto Kvasager, Genevieve Lynch, Marian Plante, Fern Qualley, Kenneth Rolandson, Dornell Runestad, and Richard Sordahl. I am sure many locals recognize many of these names as many spent much or all of their lives in the Oklee area.

I love history and I hope you like a little walk through the history of our school! We will try drum up some more for next time!

Photo of Class of 48-49 Courtesy of Oklee Historical Society.

Bonny's Bits

While I was gone last week, the first snow appeared in the area. Yuk! But I guess it is that time of year.

On Sunday, there was lots of activity in Oklee for the Truck or Treat and the Halloween party. Even in the cold and snow, the kids and parents were out and about. Watch for photos next in the paper. There were some very creative trunks.

This week I will be in the office on Thursday or Friday, and of course on Monday to get the paper finished and off to the printers.

But remember, I'm always available by email or my cell phone. And you can leave me a message on the office phone. I do listen to them.

Have a great week and wish for a few more days of warm!!

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 Falls, and you need to order a day or two before the day you plan on having a meal. **Note: Please call Red Lake Falls LSS Site** to order or cancel your meals from now on. Jo Lambert will no longer be taking the orders. Call Carolyn or Cathy at 218-263-4454 to order your meals.

SAIL Classes
SAIL exercise class are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10am in the Oklee Hall. It is FREE to join. Sign up at the Senior Site or call Jo Lambert at 218-796-4527 or Carol Kvasager at 218-201-0180.

Hours for Craft Shop
The Craft Shop is now open

again with the help of volunteers. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday the craft shop will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. But if it is not open and Bonny is in the Oklee Office, she can open for you.

Senior Potluck
The Potlucks are done for the season, with Thanksgiving and Christmas very busy times, and with the winter months of January & February for sure, to not hold the potlucks. So tentatively the potlucks will start in March or April of 2024 once again.

Dates To Remember
Wednesday: Cards at 1:30

p.m. If you would like to come play cards, come on down and join in.

Game Day: On the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month, plans are to have a game day. This could be Rummy-O, Checkers, or bring a game to the site.

Senior Site meetings will be at 9:30 a.m. on the 3rd Thursday of the month. The meeting will be October 19th. Please attend as it is important. Last month, we were unable to make any decisions due to lack of people at the meeting. To have a quorum, we have to have members attending.

Have a great week!

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

Amanda and Sean Roff, Evan, Lauren and Beckett of Delano, MN visited Arnie and Barb Schmitz over the weekend. We were blessed at St. Joseph's Church in Brooks to have Amanda play the Clavanova and her family helped with the singing.

Ultima Bank in Plummer has a new teller named Jalizah Helley. We welcome her as she gets to know the people of Plummer.

On Sunday evening, the 22nd, Anne Traxler, granddaughter Brielle Traxler, and Alice Jobe attended the concert at Lincoln High School in Thief River Falls. The name of the group was the Folk Legacy Trio. Two of the men had

been with the Kingston Trio. They have been touring a long time. They did songs from the Kingston Trip, Peter, Paul & Mary, and other groups. They had the audience participate in some songs. They were so fun and entertaining.

North Dakota got around a foot of snow Wednesday evening. Northwest Minnesota got snow. Some areas had no school or buses running two hours late.

Tuesday I did some raking, the rest will have to wait until spring. A few of my trees lost their leaves late.

Be careful out there, when you drive in the snow. Have a good week.

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

October 30, 2023
Barb Novak is very thankful for the people who visited, dropped off meals and have helped her and Jerome since her fall a few weeks ago.

May you have many blessings and joys in your life as a result of your kindness.

On October 20th Allen Sunday and Danny Gagner and their whole football team were inducted into the UND Football Hall of Fame. Deb and Randy Versdahl's daughters are the wives of Allen and Danny and so the whole family attended the football game that was

played to honor the inductees to the Hall of Fame. Tailgating was a family affair and the game was 41 to 17 UND won over NDSU of Fargo.

Becky Novak of Mankato came to visit Barb and Jerome Novak for the weekend.

We surely have evidence of the snow that is to come. The picturesque views are Christmas card perfect, but some limbs found it too heavy to withstand the weight.

This column is typed up courtesy of Becky Novak – because of Barb's broken arm.

Who's Dat?



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This week's photo is of a folks from the area.

Last week's Who's Dat is of the Zion Ladies Aid - all in centennial costume in August of 1958. Top right to left: Mrs. Ed Nelso, Mrs. Jensen, Mrs. Ed Walhaug, Mrs. Grimm, Mrs. John Christenson, Mrs. Inga Melby, Mrs. Ramse (McIntosh), Mrs. E.O. Erickson, Miss Isabelle Erickson, Mrs. Ole Melby, Mrs. John Hanson, Mrs. Haugrem, Mrs. Lowell Sovde, Mrs. Horstman, Mrs. Herbert Bakke and Julie, Mrs. Ole Melby, Mrs. Alvin Jensen and Ludeen, Mrs. Jean Rolandson, Mrs. Parker Talge, Mrs. Lloyd Opdahl, Mrs. Saethre, Mrs. Thome Nelson, Mrs. Knute Rolandson, Mrs. Melvin Johnstons, Mrs. Owen O'Neill, Mrs. Andrew Bakke, Mrs. Omer Sundrud, Mrs. Joe Christianson, Mrs.

Melvin Johnson, Mrs. Richard Sletvold, and Margaret Grace Sathre.

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

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



Red Lake County Sheriff

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On 10/19/23, two separate criminal complaints were filed charging Jaye Allan Pyatte (31) of Red Lake Falls with various criminal charges. The first complaint charged him with felony stalking and gross misdemeanor harassment. That complaint alleges he engaged in behavior that caused another individual to fear for their safety. Mr. Pyatte followed, monitored, pursued, and made several phone calls and sent text messages that caused emotional distress to another. These acts occurred between May and August of 2023. The second complaint charges him with misdemeanor violation of an existing harassment/restraining order. This violation occurred on 10/13/23. Warrants were issued for his arrest, and he was arrested by Red Lake County law enforcement on the afternoon of 10/25/23. Mr. Pyatte appeared in Court in Red Lake Falls later the same day and the Judge ordered he be taken to jail. Mr. Pyatte was booked into jail in Crookston for these offenses and he remains in custody at the time of this release.

On 10/19/23, a formal criminal complaint was filed charging Kathi Sandra Russette-Larson (32) of Ogema with felony assault. The complaint alleges Ms. Larson struck another individual in the face with a rock, causing facial fractures. This incident occurred on 07/03/23 in Red Lake Falls Township. She will be summonsed to appear in Court in Red Lake Falls sometime in November of 2023.

On 10/19/23, a formal criminal complaint was filed charging Jeremy Matthew Gerardy (38) of Viking with a violation of an existing order for protection. The complaint alleges Mr. Gerardy violated this existing order on 07/22/23 and 07/23/23. He will be summonsed to appear in Court in Red Lake Falls sometime in November of 2023.

On the evening of 10/20/23, Lael Jean Erickson (31) of Red Lake Falls was cited for misdemeanor no proof of current

motor vehicle insurance on Main Ave. in Red Lake Falls.

On the evening of 10/20/23, an Oklee resident reported getting harassed, via cellphone, by another individual who resides in a different state. A Red Lake County law enforcement officer responded, and advice was given.

On the evening of 10/21/23, Miguel Angel Pacheco Murillo (21) of Montevideo, MN was cited for speeding on Main Ave. in Red Lake Falls.

On the evening of 10/21/23, a Red Lake County deputy was asked to assist a Gervais Township resident. They reported they had returned home, after being gone for some time, and their house lights were on. A deputy checked the residence, and all was okay.

On the evening of 10/21/23, a Red Lake Falls resident reported being harassed. Advice was given.

On the evening of 10/22/23, a Red Lake Falls resident reported a car driving on the snowmobile trail in Red Lake Falls near Riverside Park. That report is still under investigation.

On the morning of 10/23/23, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report that a county resident had been a victim of a fraudulent scam, and money had been taken out of their bank account. Their bank is aware of the issue, and they are handling the investigation.

On the afternoon of 10/23/23, a Red Lake County deputy spoke with an Oklee resident who felt they were being harassed by another individual. Advice was given.

On the afternoon of 10/23/23, a Red Lake Falls resident spoke with a deputy about trespassing an unwanted person from their residence. Advice was given.

Mitch Bernstein, Red Lake County Sheriff: 10/27/23
Due to lack of space, for full report, go to www.facebook.com/RedLakeCounty/

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