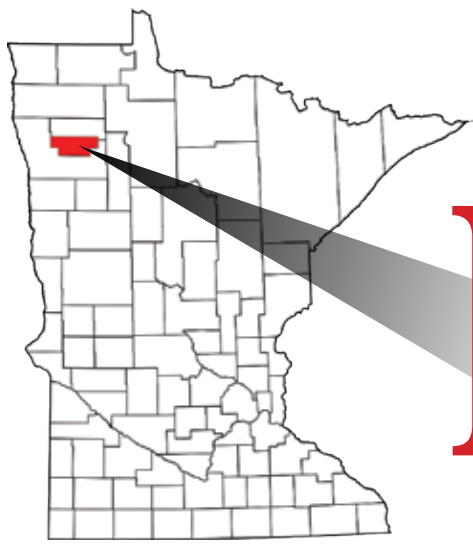




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Wednesday, November 15, 2023

American Legion Veteran's Day Program



The Color Guard Advancing the Colors at the beginning of the Veteran's Day Program that was held on Friday, November 10th at RLCC High School.

On Friday, November 10th, the American Legion Post 159 held an Veterans Day Program at Red Lake County Central High School in the gymnasium. The program started at 10 a.m. and the public was also invited to attend. The first couple of rows were reserved for community members and veterans. Right before the program began, an announcement went out to all classrooms for the students to report to the gymnasium. Once everyone was seated the Sargent at Arms, Brian

Bjerklie, called for the color guard to advance the colors. The Pledge of Allegiance was spoken by all and the Red Lake County Central High School Choir sang "Star Spangled Banner." Bjerklie welcomed everyone to the program. Father Brian Kujawa from St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church gave the invocation. "The Best Day on Earth: A Veteran's Day Tribute" by Johanna Fuchs was read by Lily Hager. A vocal selection of music was provided by the

RLCC Choir singing "Veterans Day." The speaker for the program was introduced by Bjerklie. Dr. Michael Mortenson, is a doctor at the VA in Fargo, ND, working with an integrative care program that aims to improve the health of veterans by treating the whole person. He served as a non-commissioned officer in the U.S. Marine Corps until 1993 and then enrolled in the Doctor of Chiropractic program at Northwestern Health Sciences University in 1996.



Sargent in Arms, Brian Bjerklie called for the Colors to be advanced to begin the Veteran's Program.



Dr. Michael Mortenson gave a very powerful speech at the Veteran's Day program.

Mortenson was supposed to be the speaker last year, but due to weather it was canceled. He stated that he had written a speech last year and decided he needed something different. And half way up to Oklee from Fargo, he again changed his mind to speak about a few of

his patients and he gave a very powerful speech about four lives he has had the pleasure of helping through the VA Chiropractic program in Fargo. Mortenson's message was about how sometimes the pain is caused by physical pain that you can see and feel, but there is sometimes a pain that no one can see and those patients should not be forgotten and need care also. A poem, "The Noble and the Brave" by Joanna Fuchs, was read by Carly Vetteson.

Bjerklie extend thanks to Red Lake Electric Association, for the grant of \$500 for the purchase of an electronic trumpet. Thanks to the many people who voluntarily round up their monthly bills, make this program possible. Taps was played (with the new trumpet) by Jan Dulka after a moment of silence. Brian Bjerklie thanked everyone for attending and asked for the Colors to be retired.



Father Brian Kujawa gave the Invocation prayer at the beginning of the program.



Lily Hager read the poem "The Best Day on Earth: A Veteran's Day Tribute" by Joanna Fuchs.



Carly Vetteson read the poem "The Noble and the Brave" Joanna Fuchs.



Jan Dulka played "Taps" on the new electronic trumpet, purchased with a grant from RLEA in Red Lake Falls.

It's Winter Hazard Awareness Week November 13 - 17

ALERTS AND WARNINGS
We are fortunate to live in an age and country where our technology can now communicate with us almost anywhere and give us advanced warnings of impending hazards or other important information. Knowing where and how you can receive the warnings and what to do when you get them can mean the difference between life and death. Learn how you can use the digital world to be in the know during severe weather season.

Smartphones

- Program "in case of emergency" (ICE) contacts into your cell phone.
- Make sure you receive alerts and warnings and ensure the notifications are turned on. In an emergency, authorities may use the Emergency Alert System (EAS) to send Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEAs). The notification will sound just like Amber Alerts.
- Save your family's emergency meeting spot in your cell phone's map app as a favorite location.

- Download the FEMA app to access disaster preparedness tips, look for open shelters and Disaster Recovery Centers, and report damages.
- In an emergency, keep phone calls brief to help reduce network congestion.
- Conserve your battery by reducing screen brightness, placing your phone in airplane mode, and closing unused apps.

Tablets/Computers
Save important documents (such as financial, medical and personal records) in a password-protected cloud or a secure flash drive.

Create a family emergency plan and a family communication plan to record how you will contact one another and how you will respond in different situations.

Make sure to share this document with family members, friends and co-workers.

Bookmark important websites:

Winter Weather
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A few of the Red Lake County Central High School choir members sang "Star Spangled Banner" directed by Krista Bernstein.

State Flag And Seal Designs Available for Public Viewing

Approximately 2,600 design submissions now available online

ST. PAUL, Minn (November 9, 2023) – What do Minnesotans think the next state flag and seal should look like? The public is now invited to see for themselves! Approximately 2,600 designs were submitted to the State Emblems Redesign Commission during a one-month period; qualifying submissions are now available online.

Minnesota state flag designs make up about 85% of the submissions. Those are available to view at <https://serc.mnhs.org/flags>.

Minnesota state seal designs make up approximately 15% of submissions. Those are available to view at <https://serc.mnhs.org/seals>.

Both links have also been added to the State Emblems Redesign Commission website (www.mnhs.org/serc)

Later this month, the Commission will select five submissions for each the new state seal and state flag. The Commission will select one design (or a modified version) to be utilized as the basis for each emblem.

The State Emblems Redesign Commission was established in the 2023 legislative session to develop and adopt a new design for the official state seal and a new design for the official state flag no later than January 1, 2024.

As outlined in state legislation, the Minnesota Historical Society is providing administrative support to the State Emblems Redesign Commission.

About the Minnesota Historical Society

The Minnesota Historical Society is a non-profit educational and cultural institution established in 1849. MNHS collects, preserves and tells the story of Minnesota's past through museum exhibits, libraries and collections, historic sites, educational programs, and book publishing. Using the power of history to transform lives, MNHS preserves our past, shares our state's stories, and connects people with history.



Kline Nelson, son of Brent and Megan Nelson, shot this nice buck during the recent youth hunt.



The Hendrickson girls got a couple deer during the early youth hunt. Natalee (left) got a really nice buck, Lola (right) was hunting for the first time and got a little doe. They are the daughters of Richard and Jami Hendrickson.



Church News

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Wed, Nov. 15: 7:00 p.m. Confirmation Family Night.
Sun, Nov. 19: 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.
Tue, Nov. 21: 7:00 p.m. Mutual Ministry meeting.
Wed, Nov. 22: No Confirmation.
Sermons are on GVTEL Channel 35 (10 am Sunday & 1 pm Wednesday), 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. 19: 9 a.m. Worship at Immanuel. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Bethany (RLF). 7p.m. Worship at Ebenezer.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Nov. 15: Wednesday School; 6:30 Confirmation meeting at Faith. 7:00 p.m. Class.
Sun, Nov. 19: Bethany: 8:00 a.m. Worship, 9:00 a.m. SS; Faith: 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:30 a.m. SS; Ekelund: 11:00 a.m. Worship. Fish Fry following service. 4:00 p.m. Pastor/Parish Committee at Faith.
Wed, Nov. 22: No Wed School. No Confirmation.

Tri-Valley Public Transportation

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.

Curb-to-curb services is available. Allowing for a safe and convenient method of transportation. All of our buses are handicapped accessible and lift-equipped. All of our drivers are trained and certified.

To reserve a seat, please call one business day prior to the scheduled trip - 1-800-201-3432.

For Polk, Red Lake and Clearwater County stops:
Every Monday - Grand Forks.

Every 2nd Tuesday - Mahanomen.

Every 4th Tuesday - Thief River Falls

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

Every 2nd & 4th Friday - Bemidji.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseth
Wed, Nov. 15: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 6:30 p.m. Vespers. 7:00 p.m. LYS.
Sat, Nov. 18: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.

Sun, Nov. 19: St. Petri: 8:00 a.m. Nazareth: 8:45 a.m. SS, 9:45 a.m. Worship. Oak Park: 10 a.m. SS, 11 a.m. Worship.
Wed, Nov. 22: 5:00 p.m. Mt. Olive Worship. 7:00 p.m. Oak Park Worship.

Thu, Nov. 23: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri. 9:45 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
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. 15: 2 p.m. Sand Valley Ladies Aid. No Confirmation. 7:00 p.m. Parish Board.
Sun, Nov. 19: No Morning Services. 9:00 a.m. SS at Sand Valley. 5:00 p.m. Parishwide Thanksgiving Service & Potluck at Lund.
Wed, Nov. 22: No Confirmation.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston
Seth Johnson,
Sundays: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School. 10:00 a.m. Worship Service.
Wednesday Evening: 6:30 p.m. Kids, High School & Adult programs.

Services will continue to be live-streamed on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/bethelfosston>) as an alternative to attending in person.

Oklee Office Hours

This coming week, will be in the office on Thursday, November 16 from 10 a.m. till 4 p.m. and on Monday, November 20 from 10 a.m. till 2 p.m.

If you need get a hold of me when I not in the office, please call 612-840-9401 or email me at: okleeherald@gmail.com.

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Winter Weather

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- Minnesota Department of Public Safety-Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

- Twin Cities National Weather Service.

- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

- After a disaster, use text messaging, email or social media instead of making voice calls for non-emergency communication.

- Text Messaging, Email and Social Media

- Receive text message updates from FEMA. Receive monthly preparedness tips by texting PREPARE to 43362 (4FEMA).

- Text messaging and the internet often work when voice service isn't available. Minnesota now has Text-to-911 service statewide, so that will be an option to request help.

- Subscribe to email alerts from your local National Weather Service office for the latest advisories, watches and warnings.

- Follow public safety agencies and organizations on social media. They will communicate life-saving information in an emergency.

- During a disaster, pay attention to the hashtags that public safety agencies and organizations use in social media posts. Use those same hashtags so public safety can respond accordingly.

- Use social media channels to let family and friends know you are safe.

Personal Weather Alerts

Learn how and where to subscribe and receive immediate personal weather alerts on your communications devices, along with Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) on your cell phone.

Siren Activation Information - Learn how sirens are activated and why.

Types of Warnings - Know the difference between a watch and a warning.

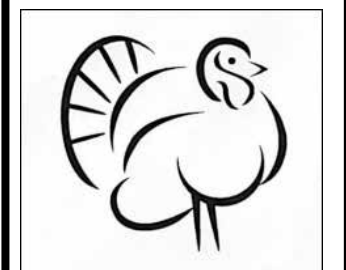
Weather Warning Terms
The National Weather Service uses the words "advisory", "watch" and "warning" to alert you to potentially dangerous weather. Understanding these terms and knowing how to react can be a life saver.

Advisory

An advisory is issued when a hazardous weather or hydrologic event is occurring, imminent or likely. Advisories are for less serious conditions than warnings that cause significant inconvenience and if caution is not exercised, could lead to situations that may threaten life or property.

Watch

A watch means weather conditions are favorable for dangerous weather to occur. In other words, a "watch" means watch out for what the weather could do, and be ready to act



Plummer Residents Please Note:

Due to the Thanksgiving Day Holiday garbage will be picked up in the early afternoon on Wednesday, November 22nd.

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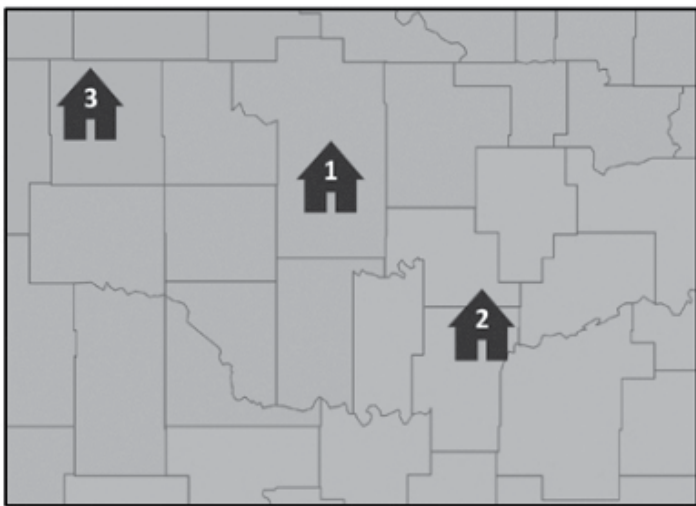
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The Day Before Potatoes Donna Fossum

5 lbs potatoes
6 oz cream cheese
1 cup sour cream
onions, salt & pepper, garlic salt to taste
2 Tbsp butter

Boil potatoes and mash. Mix all other ingredients with potatoes. Put in casserole and refrigerate. Heat the next day at 350 degrees for 30-40 minutes.



Winter Storm Products

- Winter Storm Warning**
Snow, sleet, or ice expected! Take Action! Confidence is high that a winter storm will produce heavy snow, sleet or freezing rain and cause significant impacts.
- Winter Storm Watch**
Snow, sleet, or ice possible! Be prepared. Confidence is medium that a winter storm could produce heavy snow, sleet, or freezing rain and cause significant impacts.
- Winter Weather Advisory**
Wintry weather expected. Exercise caution. Light amounts of wintry precipitation or patchy blowing snow will cause slick conditions and could affect travel if precautions are not taken.

NOAA

Warnings

For severe thunderstorms, tornadoes and flash floods, a warning means the weather event is imminent or occurring somewhere in the defined warning area and that people need to take shelter as soon as possible.

Outdoor tornado warnings are normally given by sirens. People indoors should listen to radios, TV or Weather Radio warnings to find out the latest information. Depending on local policy, other types of weather warnings may also broadcast via sirens. Check with local emergency management officials to learn about local siren activations.

A winter storm warning means it's not safe to travel or venture outside. If traveling,

head for the nearest shelter.

How Alerts Are Issued

Before watches and warnings are issued, the National Weather Service, private forecasters, newspapers, radio and television normally try to alert the public to potential weather dangers.

Forecasters may begin issuing bulletins on winter storms up to three or four days before a storm hits.

But forecasters can't issue alerts for the danger of severe thunderstorms, tornadoes and flash floods that far ahead. Usually, the NWS Storm Prediction Center sends out alerts the day before dangerous weather is likely. Most television weathercasters highlight these alerts on the evening news the day before threatening weather.

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.redlakecounty.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.

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On the afternoon of 11/03/23, Michael Todd Bilbrey (28) of Saint Johns, FL was cited for speeding on Hwy. #32 north of Red Lake Falls.

In the early morning hours of 11/04/23, William Edward Johnson (43) of Crookston was cited for speeding on Main Ave. in Red Lake Falls.

In the early morning hours of 11/04/23, a Red Lake County deputy stopped a vehicle for unsafe and illegal driving conduct on Main Ave. in Red Lake Falls. It was discovered, the driver, Tamara Ann Sandness (63) of Red Lake Falls was intoxicated. She was arrested, booked for gross misdemeanor DWI, and was released from custody later that same morning.

On the morning of 11/04/23, a Red Lake Falls resident called law enforcement to remove an individual from their property. The involved parties knew each other, but the property owner did not

want the other person to be there. No crimes had been committed so the responding deputy took the trespassed person to the Sheriff's Office, and they were picked up by a family member.

On the evening of 11/07/23, Mark Steven Johnson (61) of Erskine was cited for speeding on CR. #5 in Oklee.

On the evening of 11/07/23, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report of an individual who was possibly drugged by another person, without consent. That report is still under investigation.

In the early morning hours of 11/08/23, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report of a suspicious vehicle driving around the Oaks Trailer Court in Red Lake Falls. A Red Lake County deputy responded and located the suspect vehicle parked at a residence. There was no evidence of any criminal activity, and no further action was taken.

On the morning of 11/08/23, the Dollar General Store in Red Lake Falls reported that they believed they were given a counterfeit \$100 bill. A Red Lake County deputy conducted an investigation and found that the bill was legitimate. No crimes were committed, and no further action was taken.

Mitch Bernstein, Red Lake County Sheriff: 11/10/23



November 16th

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RLCC Menus

November 20 - 24

Oklee

Monday: Breakfast: Raspberry Flips, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Pizza, Quesadilla or Cheesy Bread, Lettuce Salad, Fresh Veggies, Fruit, and Milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Waffle, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Pulled Pork or BBQ Chicken w/WG Bun, Baked Beans, Chips, Fruit, and Milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Donut, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Chicken Patty, Curley Fries, Veggies, Fruit, and Milk.

Thursday & Friday: Thanksgiving - No School

Plummer

Monday: Breakfast: Pop Tart, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Chili, Crackers, Cheese Sandwich, Corn, Fruit, and Milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Donut, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Chicken Strips, Fries, Steamed Carrots, Fruit, and Milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Pancake/Sausage on a Stick, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Tot Cho's, Toppings, Celery Sticks, Rice Krispy Bar, Fruit, and Milk.

Thursday & Friday: Thanksgiving - No School.

Poems read at Veteran's Day Program

The Best on Earth: A Veterans Day tribute

By Joanna Fuchs, read by Lily Hager

They earn the title "veteran" and more;

They earn our deep respect and admiration;

That they are special no one can ignore.

They sacrificed the comforts we enjoy;

The list is long of all the things they gave.

Our veterans are extraordinary people;

They're loyal, dedicated, true and brave.

When terror and invasion were real threats,

They showed us they could handle any storm.

We owe our freedoms and our very lives

To our veterans, who served in uniform.

Our veterans should be celebrities;

They're exceptional; no other group compares.

We're grateful for the many things they've done;

They're always in our hearts and in our prayers.

We owe our veterans support and friendship;

Let no one ever question what they're worth.

These men and women served us and our country,

Our veterans — the very best on earth

The Noble and the Brave

By Joanna Fuchs, read by Carly Vetteson

When America had an urgent need,

These brave ones raised a hand;

No hesitation held them back;

They were proud to take a stand.

They left their friends and family;

They gave up normal life;

To serve their country and their God,

They plowed into the strife.

They fought for freedom and for peace

On strange and foreign shores;

Some lost new friends; some lost their lives

In long and brutal wars.

Other veterans answered a call

To support the ones who fought;

Their country had requirements for

The essential skills they brought.

We salute every one of them,

The noble and the brave,

The ones still with us here today,

And those who rest in a grave.

So here's to our country's heroes;

They're a cut above the rest;

Let's give the honor that is due

To our country's very best.

RLCC Riverwatch group out testing water quality in the area



Mr. Paul Nelson, Riverwatch advisor, supervises the team members.



Abraham, Caden, and Peyton put river samples from the Van Doren into the Secchi Tube to observe water clarity.



Abraham Sepulveda, Timothy Torgerson, Peyton O'Neill, Ruben Osborn, Leif Vasend, and Caden Lee.

New Para at RLCC High School



Haven Lundeen is a new RLCC High School Paraprofessional.

By Kathryn Snsky and Rylee Gerardy

Haven Lundeen is a new Red Lake County Central High School Paraprofessional.

She graduated from the RLCC High School in 2007. Her favorite teacher was Mr. Baron, who taught English.

While in high school, she played volleyball, basketball, and softball. Her favorite classes in high school were math and science.

Ms. Lundeen has a son and a daughter. Her son's name is Tracer, and he is in second grade. Her daughter's name is Parker, and she's in Pre-K.

Students and staff at RLCCHS enjoy having Ms. Lundeen in the classroom. Ms. Lundeen was previously at Red Lake County Central Elementary and moved over to the high school this Fall.



NOVEMBER 15



Ciara Mitzner and Leif Vasend cleaning the instruments at the end of the day's work.



Ruben Osborn and Peyton O'Neill are doing the tape-down: they are measuring the height of the bridge to the top of the water

Public Health Points

Fire Safety

Don't let your holidays go up in smoke!

Winter is the season to put up a tree, light up the fireplace, or set out candles to decorate your holiday table. Unfortunately, candle fires are four times as likely to happen during the winter holidays. The kitchen is also a source of danger: cooking fires account for 72 percent of Thanksgiving Day fires.

Keep alert. Installing a smoke alarm on every level of your home cuts your risk of dying in a fire by half. Make sure to test alarms once a month and replace the batteries at least once a year.

Mind the stove. Keep pot holders, wooden utensils, food packaging, and towels away from the stove. Never leave the stove unattended, even for a few minutes – and turn off the burner if you leave the kitchen.

Blow it out. Make sure all candles, smoking materials, and fireplaces are properly extinguished before leaving the room or going to bed. Remember to unplug holiday lights too!

Carbon Monoxide (CO) Poisoning

Carbon monoxide (CO) is an odorless, colorless gas that kills without warning. It claims the lives of hundreds of people every year and makes thousands more ill. Many household items including gas- and oil-burning furnaces, portable generators, and charcoal grills produce this poison gas. Following these important steps can keep your family safe.

CO Detectors

Install battery-operated or

battery back-up CO detectors near every sleeping area in your home.

Check CO detectors regularly to be sure they are functioning properly.

Oil & Gas Furnaces

Have your furnace inspected every year.

Portable Generators

Never use a generator inside your home or garage, even if doors and windows are open.

Only use generators outside, more than 20 feet away from your home, doors, and windows.

Source: CDC

Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD)

SAD is a type of depression that happens during a certain season of the year—most often fall and winter.

There is no clear cause of SAD. Less sunlight and shorter days are thought to be linked to a chemical change in the brain and may be part of the cause of seasonal affective disorder (SAD). Melatonin, a sleep-related hormone, also may be linked to SAD.

In general, nearly everyone with depression has ongoing feelings of sadness, and may feel helpless, hopeless, and irritable.

SAD may be diagnosed after a careful mental health exam and medical history done by a psychiatrist or other mental health professional.

Depression is most often treated with light therapy, therapy, and in some cases antidepressants.

Source: JOHNS HOPKINS – Medicine

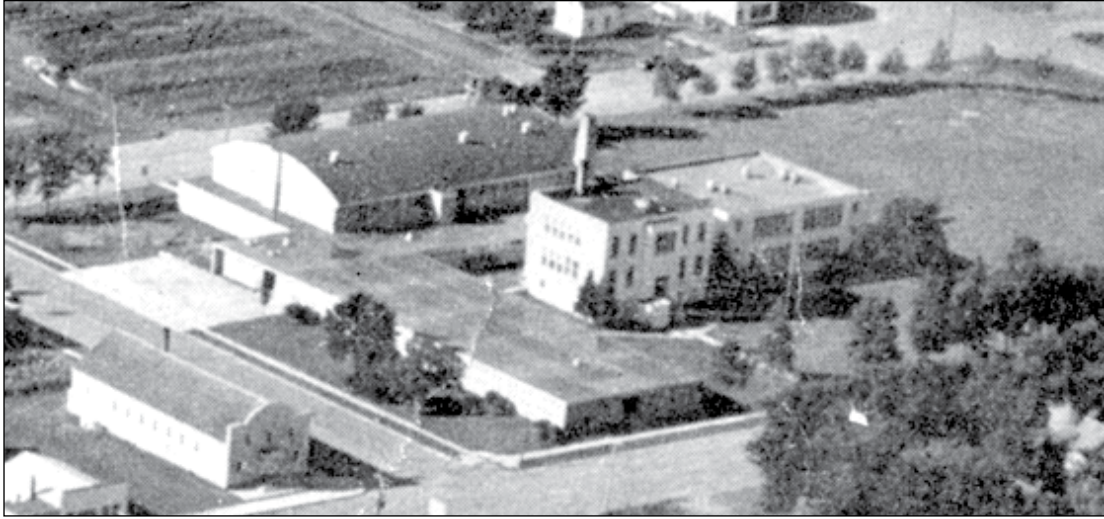
RLCC Girls Basketball Team fundraiser



Oklee Hall - Thursday, November 16
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

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Oklee School History



Oklee Public School with new gymnasium and elementary wing.

The 50s!!

By Eric W. Mickelson
Recently my wife had the music students in the Goodridge Choir do a report on musical genres. Some students chose Rock and Roll. Many interesting facts were shared with the class. One fact that resonated with many of the reports featuring Rock and Roll is the fact that the genre of Rock and Roll began in the 1950s in the United States. Rock and Roll was often described as a merger of country western music and rhythm and blues. Of course most of us know that one of the founding fathers of Rock and Roll, in fact known as the King of Rock and Roll, was Elvis Presley!
Well, the 1950s sort of started "Rocking" the Oklee School. On July 30, 1951 the school board entered into a contract with architects to draw

up plans for a new building project. On March 17th, 1952 a special election was held to borrow money and issue bonds for about \$300,000 for the construction of 10 elementary classrooms and a new gymnasium with locker rooms storage rooms, and a new heating unit and kitchen for the school lunch program.

Construction began in 1953 and was completed in 350 days. At this time the former elementary building was remodeled in to the Industrial Arts and Home Economics (later known as Family and Consumer Science). During the 1953-54 school year the first public performance in the Oklee School Auditorium was "The House of Vengeance" performed by the senior class and under the direction of Mrs. Coya Knutson!

During the 1955-56 school year the property across the highway was purchased for an athletic field. The land was purchased from Earl Swenson at a cost of \$800. The following year Oklee School District #1 became school district #627. It remained #627 until consolidating into the RLCC School district. As the decade came to a close Kindergarten Classes were offered for 4 weeks in May. Also drivers education was offered with Mr. Marvin Bronken instructing.

For many years the changes made in the fifties were a big part of the education of many students. The elementary wing, the "big" gym, the stage for plays and other programs. These are things many of us remember as part of our experience here at Good Old Oklee High!!

Senior Site News & Other Things

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

Monthly Meeting

On November 16th, the Oklee Senior Site will be holding their monthly meeting at 9:30 a.m. It is important for seniors to attend as we need a quorum to be able to vote on items discussed. If you want your input to be considered, please attend.

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 in and and enjoy some fun game time visiting with your fellow seniors.

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.

It was a very fun night for

all ages at the Bake Bingo. And it looks like there are more Bingo events in the works from different groups.

The RLCC Basketball Girls is having a Bingo night on Thursday, November 16th from 6:30 p.m. 8:30 p.m. And in the future, the Oklee Lutheran Youth Group is having Bingo in December.

Points to Ponder

Whenever something happens that makes you sad, ask yourself whether you'd still care about it when you're ninety.

Try not to take anything personally. No one thinks about you as much as you do.

"Never let your sense of morals prevent you from doing what is right." Isaac Asimov

Happiness is a choice and everything else is a matter of perspective.

Wait 24 hours before getting mad and reacting about anything. If it doesn't bother you in 24 hours time, it probably isn't important enough to get mad over.

Have a great week!

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

Tri River Pioneer met at the museum on Monday evening, the 6th at 7 p.m. They had a farm report and talked some

about the building project. also, they discussed plans for the Holiday Train which will be December 14th. Donation for the Food Shelf can be brought to the museum. A lunch at the museum consists of soup and sandwiches, hot cocoa and coffee will be served. Also in December the school kids from Mrs. Quick's class in Thief River Falls will tour and get popcorn.

The Plummer Legion was open for breakfast for the deer hunters on the 4th of November.

On Tuesday, November 7th, I attended the funeral for Renae Vedbraaten, sister to Arlan & Dale Brekke. It was nice to sit with the nurses who knew Renae and worked with her. A nice lunch was served in the basement following the service. This was at St. Bernard's in TRF.

On Thursday I met my sister Phyllis and nephew Mike Kukowski at Las Ranitas for Mexican food. It was an enjoyable visit.

Thursday morning on TV a man named Jared Leto climbed the Empire State building. The 86th floor is the observation station. I'm not sure if that is the top. Anyway, his mother waved to him on the 80th floor. He was very tired. All he wanted to do was sleep. He said it was much harder than he thought it would be.

On TV there was a bear who came on the porch steps and stole a package of food, forty-five dollars worth and came back later for the container of pop. I bet they won't have food delivered on the porch again, unless they are right there to pick it up.

Have a good week everyone!

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New adult nonfiction to appeal to a variety of interests includes "The Last Island: Discovery, Defiance, and the Most Elusive Tribe on Earth" by Adam Goodheart, author of 1861: The Civil War Awakening: "North Sentinel Island is home to a tribe believed to be the most isolated human community on earth whose people want to be left alone and will shoot deadly arrows at anyone who tries to come ashore; the island represents the last chapter in the Age of Discovery" the final holdout in a completely connected world.

In November 2018, a zealous American missionary was killed while attempting to visit this island in the Andaman Islands, a remote archipelago in the Indian Ocean. Twenty years before that, a young American historian & journalist named Adam Goodheart also traveled to the waters off North Sentinel. During his

time in the Andaman Islands he witnessed another isolated tribe emerge into modernity for the first time. Now, Goodheart has returned to the Andamans and tells the stories of others drawn to North Sentinel's mystery through the centuries, from imperial adventurers to modern-day anthropologists and narrates the tragic stories of other Andaman tribes' encounters with the outside world. And it shows how the web of modernity is drawing ever closer to the island's shores."

Also, "Make It Japanese: Simple Recipes for Everyone" by Rie McClenny: "Learn the building blocks of authentic Japanese home cooking with 85 satisfying, soulful, everyday recipes from the beloved BuzzFeed Tasty food personality;" and "10-Minute Decorating Ideas" by KariAnne Wood of This-tlewood Farms blog: Simple, stylish, and budget-friendly projects to refresh your home."

Who's Dat?



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This week's photo is of a generation photo taken in 1980's.

Last week's Who's Dat is of Vedo and Myrtle Plante. They raised 7 children. Darlane Fjerstad (deceased), Violet Cote, Virgel (deceased), David (deceased), Gloria Benedict, Joyce Cook (deceased) and Richard (deceased).

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.

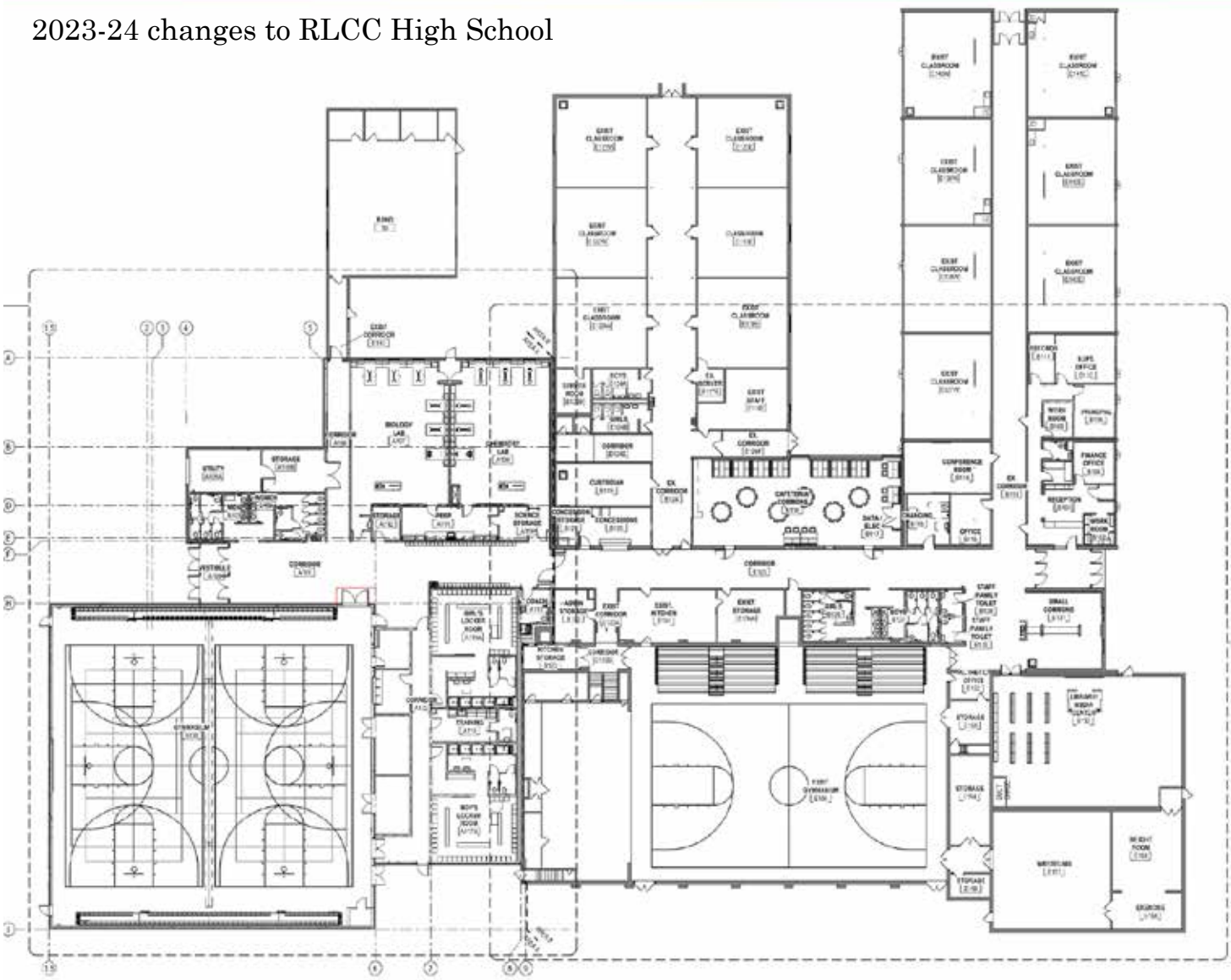
I am always in need of more photos - School days, church events, sports, etc. If you email a photo, please scan at 300 dpi (high quality) if you can.

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.



2023-24 changes to RLCC High School



Some people have been asking about the school project. This is a plan that has been sent to me. I don't know if it will show up very well. But if not, I have a copy of it in my office. I think it is exciting to see the changes that will make the school up-to-date and have new labs for science, better commons area in addition of the new gym and locker rooms.

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